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Oktoberfest this weekend

By HT STAFF
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MEEKER | Oktoberfest celebrations span centuries, continents and cultures. This weekend, thanks to the hard work of the folks at Smoking River Brewing Co., the tradition is making its way to Meeker. Bavarian-inspired festivities are slated to kick off with a Volksmarch (more on that below) Friday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m., followed by Meeker's first annual Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.

Before we jump into the specifics of Meeker's very own celebration, let's head back to the year 1810. Ludwig I is prince of Bavaria, and is set to marry [Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen](#), who has just narrowly escaped marrying Napoleon (yes, that Napoleon.) They throw a massive wedding party and horse race Oct. 17, 1810, in a great big field, and everyone has so much fun they decide to make it an annual event.

This "Oktoberfest" was a bright spot in what would prove to be a troubled marriage, as Prince Ludwig turned out to be quite a womanizer, which eventually led to his downfall. Therese was so beloved that the country soured on Ludwig for his behavior, and he was eventually forced to abdicate his throne due to the political turmoil surrounding one of his mistresses, Lola Montez.

The green where the official Oktoberfest celebration is held every year, Theresienweise, is named in honor of Queen Therese, as well.

Ludwig I often suffers a case of mistaken identity with his wildly eccentric, terrified-of-dentists-and-obsessed-with-operas grandson, the "[Mad King](#)" [Ludwig II](#), who built several of Bavaria's most famous castles – including Neuschwanstein (the castle that inspired Disney) – and almost bankrupted the state in the process. Ludwig II was declared insane, forcefully removed from power, and three days later his body, and that of his personal psychiatrist, were found floating in Lake Starnberg.

The cause of Ludwig's death [remains a mystery](#) to this day. It was ruled a suicide, but conflicting testimony and sparse evidence cast doubt on the official version of the story. For instance, Ludwig's personal fisherman, Jakob Lidl, may have been recruited to help Ludwig escape. In his personal diary, Lidl wrote that Ludwig was shot in the back by assassins while climbing into his boat. The original of that diary, however, has mysteriously disappeared. To this day, King Ludwig's family have refused all calls to have the body exhumed for forensic analysis.

But anyway, back to Oktoberfest.

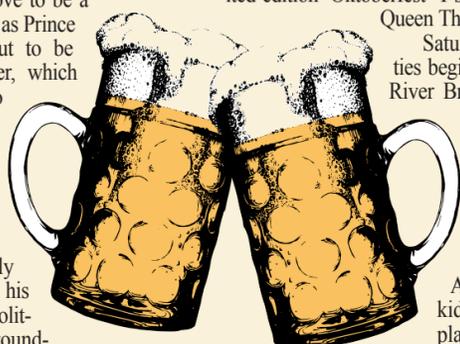
According to [the Bavarian State Library](#), Ludwig II wasn't that into Oktoberfest (he was too busy being eccentric and cultivating his pathological fear of dentists) and only attended five out of 18 celebrations that occurred during his reign. This changed the flavor of the event from an extravagant party honoring the nation's royalty to something more entertaining for the average Bavarian. Many of the traditions we associate with Oktoberfest today – competitions, tents, booths, rides and beer halls – blossomed during this time.

The event has expanded over the years with many spin-offs around the world – and

millions of gallons of beer – being enjoyed in late September and early October.

Smoking River co-owner Kristofer Borchard is excited to bring the fun of Oktoberfest to Meeker, in part to celebrate the German heritage of his family but also to "create more festivities for Meeker." The event coincides with the first weekend of rifle season.

First up will be the Volksmarch, which is basically an organized walk around town that includes snacks and brews. Head to the Meeker Cafe, 560 Main Street, starting at 4 p.m. Friday to purchase your stein and pick up your "passport." Make your way to Glou Glou at 317 E. Market St. no later than 6 p.m., then head to the Brewing Co. at 101 E. Market St. End the evening at Chippers, 285 6th St., with live music by Matt Holliday starting at 8 p.m. Enjoy Oktoberfest-themed food and drink at each establishment along the way, and be sure to get your passport stamped at each location for a chance to win a stein and a limited-edition Oktoberfest T-shirt featuring Queen Therese.



Saturday, festivities begin at Smoking River Brewing Co. at 3 p.m. Enjoy German-inspired beer, dancing, games and contests. Activities for kids will take place from 3-5 p.m.

If you're of the competitive nature, or just love beer, hot sausages and/or lederhosen, you can enter early bird contests starting at 3 p.m., or evening contests beginning at 6 p.m. Winners will get prizes including steins, growlers and limited-edition Oktoberfest T-shirts.

Contests will include a "stein hold" to see who can hold full mugs the longest, a stein race to test your agility, a yodeling contest, a costume contest and the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Oktoberfest, a hot curryworst challenge to see who can handle some of the hottest pepper-infused sausages around, beer pong and last but not least, a beer chug challenge, the winner of whom will face head brewer Tyler Frye.

Journalist Lucas Turner interviewed Frye this past week about the festivities and special Oktoberfest batch that will be served at the event. It is an amber lager that takes about six weeks to produce.

"Historically German culture is really significant to American craft brewing. There's a really strong kind of German and craft beer heritage in the U.S., and Oktoberfests is renowned for being THE beer festival. It's a great time to celebrate and a really cool thing to celebrate," Frye told the HT.

You can catch the [full interview](#) on our Facebook page [@ht.1885](#), or click the link below.

Cheers, or as the Bavarians say, *prost!*



The Rangely School District is seeking a yes vote on Issue 4A this November.

RSD asks for "BEST" decision

By KATIE KING
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely School District and Board of Education is asking the community to use their voices and make their "BEST" decision for the needs of the schools and students. Issue 4A on the November ballot asks voters to empower the Rangely RE-4 district to make a "financially prudent choice" to address critical facility improvements that will extend the lifespan of the district's buildings.

This year the District applied for the competitive BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) Grant which is funded by marijuana sales tax and requires matching funds through bonds from the District. The goal of the BEST grant is to construct new schools or renovate existing facilities in order to prioritize health, safety, and security issues in school buildings. RE-4 won the BEST grant funding in the amount of \$2.6 million for necessary improvements in HVAC, electrical and roofing in all of the district buildings but especially in the Junior/Senior High School, Parkview Elementary and the AG Shop. The specific top priorities for the District are student safety, HVAC, mechanical/electrical systems, drainage and roofing. Where there is a sentiment that the older schools were better built; time has taken its toll on them. The current buildings are now older than the previous buildings were when they were torn down in the 1980s. The district's buildings suffer from issues regarding sanitation lines, leaking roofs, sinking foundations, poor air filtration, and uneven heating/cooling. Rangely's schools serve as learning centers for children and they serve the community with adult athletic leagues. The rec center offers open gym programs in the school gyms up to a couple of times a week in the winter season.

The schools do not charge the recreation department for this use as the community should share its resources free for the benefit of its citizens, which Superintendent Matt Scoggins says is "as it should be." Rangely School Board President Sam Tolley agrees, stating, "Our schools serve as the center of the community, and the community at large gets to take advantage of this."

In addition to the BEST Grant, funding for buildings and major improvements for schools is generated through the issuance of bonds, like a loan. A property tax levy pays back the bonds over time. This is the specific issue registered voters will be voting on. In districts where funding isn't utilized, it is because the voters opt not to support grant funding. Of the 178 school districts in Colorado, 128 currently have bonds, including neighboring districts.

The combination of property taxes, bonds and the BEST grant will allow Rangely to address the Tier 1 recommendations in the master plan prepared by Wildan Performance Engineering and will extend the life of the existing buildings for 40 years. The master plan identified more than \$43 million in potential needs. The bond amount will be in the amount of \$26 million, will be repaid over a 20-year period, and covers approximately 9% of the most necessary costs. (The complete master plan and project updates can be viewed on the district's website.) In contrast, it would cost approximately \$110 million to build all new schools.

Superintendent Matt Scoggins said, "These numbers might look intimidating, but we need to ask ourselves what is most responsible."

"This is the compromise between the needs of the district and what the community can afford. It is tough times here in Rangely, this is a tough decision. We will pay some now or pay more later," said School Board President

Sam Tolley.

On June 15, 2021, the school board unanimously voted to participate in the November election regarding the bond necessary to supplement the BEST Grant, giving voters in the community the agency to decide how the district can and should move forward. The July school board meeting was turned into a work session in which the board toured the district's buildings with engineers to get a visual of what needs to be fixed. During the June, August and September school board meetings, all directors discussed the need for property tax levies with visuals and financial breakdowns created by Scoggins in as simple as possible formats. Due diligence toward transparency was applied.

"No one likes higher taxes," stated several school board directors, but they agreed the priority should be that students and faculty deserve safe buildings to learn and work in. Tolley noted as a small business owner that he didn't enjoy paying more in taxes than the next person but said, "the timing is right." At this time, borrowing costs for bonds remain at historic lows. Calculations show that the investment per \$100,000 of a home's actual value is \$6/month in a property tax increase. The median home value in Rangely is approximately \$188,392. The investment for a business of \$100,000 value equals \$24/month and for a business of \$500,000 value, the investment is approximately \$121/month.

In Colorado, the State funds the operating budgets for schools. This covers teacher and administrative salaries, supplies for classrooms, and typical bills associated with operating a building. In 2012, when Coloradans voted to approve marijuana sales, Colorado schools ranked 35th in school funding and voters were told marijuana sales tax revenue would fix most of the issues. Opinions on whether this has come to pass vary by district and depend on the efforts of local citizens and the officials who operate the local schools in the districts. While it does generate a substantial income and allows opportunities, especially for rural districts, the responsibility is left to local districts to advocate and compete to stay current. Marijuana tax dollars

55 COVID cases, six hospitalizations, 91% of state ICU beds occupied

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The weekly COVID-19 update from the county's not available as of press time, but the county's website indicates 55 new cases and six hospitalizations in the last 14 days. There are 11 cases recorded in the two school districts.

During an update to the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, RBC

Public Health Director Alice Harvey said the department reported 19 new positive cases on Monday and that most of those were symptomatic.

According to the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#), 91% of the state's Intensive Care Unit beds are occupied and 86% of the state's Acute Care Beds are occupied.

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Saturday: 50s/20s



Sunday: 60s/30s



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COUNTY BEAT



By **LUCAS TURNER**
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RBC | The following topics were covered at Tuesday's commissioner meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 cases have surged in Rio Blanco County and surrounding areas, stretching healthcare services thin. Public Health departments are feeling the squeeze too, including in Rio Blanco County. RBC Public Health Director Alice Harvey informed the board this week that her department staff was at full capacity testing, answering phone calls/emails and contact tracing new COVID-19 cases. To lighten the load, commissioners this week approved Harvey's request to hire an additional administrative staff member. The new position will be entirely grant funded. Harvey said COVID is

now circulating broadly in the community, which has led to an increase in hospitalizations locally. Part of a larger trend, smaller hospitals are having a hard time transferring critically ill patients to places that can care for them. Both Pioneers Medical Center and Rangely District Hospital are experiencing these challenges. RDH CEO Kyle Wren said Tuesday they have "a couple beds open still" and are implementing the Colorado Hospital Association's transport plan when they need to transfer patients to higher-care facilities.

INTEGRATED WATER INITIATIVE

Liz Chandler, coordinator of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for the ongoing White River Integrated Water Initiative (WRIWI) updated the board and community this week, sharing a general overview of

the committee's goals, progress, and future plans.

Emphasizing the broader importance of the White River to the local economy and community as a whole, Chandler described the initiative as "a community driven, stakeholder effort to find tangible things we can do to keep the river healthy, practical and useful." Examples of this include assessments to identify diversion/riparian projects that could improve fish habitat and develop new recreational opportunities, among other goals. The PAC consists of 16 members, representing various interests including municipal, recreational, agricultural and industrial. Following community engagement efforts, the PAC makes final decisions about the initiative, its goals, and strategies for

moving forward. Chandler encouraged community members to attend the next meeting on Nov. 9. The meeting will cover instream flows, and what Chandler described as "a dramatic push to keep water in rivers" by the state of Colorado. You can check upcoming meeting dates and read more about the initiative at <https://wrcd-dccd.colorado.gov/projects/white-river-integrated-water-initiative>.

REGULAR MEETING

RBC Commissioner Ty Gates gave kudos to Public Information and Program Manager Carly Thomson for leading efforts with the Colorado Department of Child Services to participate in a childcare center "design lab." A five-month process involving multiple entities will generate insights for planning and later applying for grants to fund the development of a childcare facility. The success was also highlighted during the Town

of Meeker Board Meeting by town Manager Mandi Etheridge.

The board discussed options to mitigate heckling and technical issues created by the existing conference call-in line for county board meetings. IT/Communications Director Trevor Nielson suggested using Google Meet for calls, which would allow staff to mute people who forget, and prevent music playing back from callers who put the meeting on hold. He noted this option would mean a different call number every week, and would also require callers to have a passcode to join. Nielsen said people who want to listen to the meeting and do not intend to participate or provide comments should be doing so by watching the live YouTube stream.

RBC Attorney Don Steerman pointed out that other entities have been returning to pre-COVID

rules for meetings, requiring in-person attendance for public comment. Commissioner Moyer said he supported the idea of in-person comment requirements to reduce anonymous heckling and other technical issues. Whether or not commissioners and other staff members would also be required to attend meetings in-person was not discussed.

The board approved various expenditures including final contractor settlements for dust control (\$9,440.13) and road striping (\$3,055.72), and a capital improvement grant of \$6,000 to the Rangely Cemetery District for a backup water pump.

Rio Blanco County's Board of Commissioners meet on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month. You can view the meetings live or in recorded form on the county's YouTube channel: youtube.com/channel/UCBicnhlMpb47zLNjN0FIg

Press release on hostile workplace investigation

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | On July 13, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County authorized the county attorney's office to contract with Employers Council to conduct an independent investigation into allegations made by six current or former employees of a hostile work environment.

A hostile work environment must meet legal criteria. According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), an environment can become hostile when the following occurs:

Unwelcome conduct, or harassment, based on race, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, age, disability or genetics, and the harassment is continued and long lasting, and it is severe enough that the environment becomes intimidating, offensive or abusive.

On or about Sept. 23, 2021, Employers Council provided a detailed report to County Attorney Donald L. Steerman regarding the investigation. The conclusion of the report states as following:

"Six current and former RBC employees perceive they have been subjected to a 'hostile work environment'

by the Board and/or other RBC employees. Five complaints did not assert any protected classification. One employee, (redacted) claims the Board took alleged action against her because of her political beliefs, but that is not a protected classification." (underline added for emphasis)

While the report addresses several allegations, it is important to note that the specific claim of a hostile work environment was not substan-

tiated by the investigation. At this time, the full report cannot be released either through the county attorney's office or a CORA request. This report is currently being held by the county attorney as an attorney work product.

Since there are items in the report that potentially could necessitate further investigation, or other agency response may be warranted, the report cannot be released at this time. Once these items have been addressed,

Steerman recommends that the report be redacted and released pursuant to the CORA statute.

During a special meeting held Oct. 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved a specific waiver of the attorney client privilege for the attorney to summarize the findings of the hostile workplace investigations. The full memo from County Attorney Donald L. Steerman to the Board can be reviewed at www.rbc.us.



Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table

is Seeking Applicants to fill Ten Vacancies

The following positions are available for re-election and/or new appointment on the Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Round Table:

Six At-Large Unaffiliated Representative Positions. Applicant must own adjudicated water rights and reside within the borders of the YWG Roundtable primarily Moffat, Rio Blanco or Routt County.

Green River Representative will represent the Green River Basin who owns an adjudicated water right from the Green River or its tributaries and resides in Colorado.

Three Non-Voting Out of Basin Positions for individuals/entities who reside outside the Basin but own water rights within the Basin.

The application must be submitted by Thursday, November 3rd, 2021. Applications will be for reviewed at the Round Table Meeting in Craig on Wednesday November 10.

For information and the application visit www.yampawhitegreen.com or contact: yampawhitegreen@gmail.com

Cold, COVID & Flu

With increased COVID cases and other viruses in the community, please do everything you can to prevent our elderly and other loved ones from catching any of these potentially deadly viruses.

Referring hospitals have been unable to accept transfers who need ICU care because their ICUs are full.

The following measures help protect others:

- Social distancing
- Hand washing
- Staying at home when you have any symptoms including mild cold symptoms
- Getting vaccines
- Covering your face and mask wearing when within 6 feet of others

► Please keep children home when they are sick. Including those with cold symptoms.

► Many viruses that present as colds in healthy children may be more severe in more vulnerable people. This includes COVID, Flu, RSV and even Rhinovirus (the common cold virus).

► Keep in mind that what may be mild for one person can hospitalize, or worsen another.



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Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

'TIS THE SEASON ...



NIKI TURNER PHOTOS
We may have gotten the first snow of the season Tuesday (bottom), but the only surefire way to tell if seasons are indeed changing is sheep moseying through town (top).

VACCINE CLINICS



COVID and flu vaccinations, including Moderna, Pfizer, regular and high dose flu shots, are now available.

IN MEEKER:

Every Thursday from 12-5:30pm, and every 2nd and 4th Monday drive through at the Fairgrounds from 4:30-6pm

IN RANGELY:

Every Thursday from 12-5:30pm

COVID boosters available to qualifying individuals per current guidelines at time of event.

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY for these services. For special accommodations or appointment times for flu or other vaccines, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. Walk-in flu shots are welcomed but limited based on nursing staff availability.



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NEWS NOTES

MACC art school

MEEKER | Thursday Art School, hosted by the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council, is back! Kids ages 5-14 can attend every other Thursday for fun projects and a snack! Art schools are scheduled for Oct. 14 and 28, and Nov 4 and 11 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Avenue. Cost is \$10 per child. Visit meekerartsandculture.org for more info.

4-H happenings

RBC | The 4-H Open House for Meeker will be Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., New Exhibit Hall, RBC Fairgrounds. Free popcorn and balloons! Come see what 4-H is all about! Hogwarts will be Oct. 30, 5-9 p.m., green 4-H Building, food and games. Free STEM activities for the kids in the old and new exhibit halls.

Library book club

MEEKER | The Meeker Public Library book club will be reading "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller. We will discuss the book on Monday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Suicide prevention and awareness training

MEEKER | Learn about QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer—the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide—at a free training event Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road. Just as people trained in CPR at the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. Called 970-756-8500 or 970-878-7417 with questions.

Candy donations for Wing parade

MEEKER | The Walbridge Wing is seeking donations of candy for the outdoor costume parade in the Wing courtyard on Oct. 30 from 2-3 p.m. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Wing between now and Oct. 30. Weather permitting, come and join us.

CORRECTION

Last week's letter to the editor from County Assessor Renae Nielson was published in error, as it was from 2018. An email glitch sent the email with the letter as if it was new and we didn't catch it. Our apologies for any confusion caused.

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TRICKS 'N TREATS ...



The graveyard has been sleeping—it's time to wake up all the goblins, witches and ghosts to join us in bringing back trick-or-treating at Halloween. Come join us at our house (the Ruperts), 208 Hillcrest Circle in Rangely on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 6-9 p.m. to visit with friends and enjoy free homemade doughnuts, hot cocoa and other treats.

COURTESY PHOTO

Octoberfest OF VALUES



10 oz. Food Club Green or Red
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Garlic Rolls, Breadsticks or
Texas Toast
\$2.29



12 oz. Food Club Original Hickory Smoked
Bacon
\$4.99

GROCERY

24, 2-30.5 oz. Folgers	COFFEE	\$6.49
12 oz. Starbucks	COFFEE	\$6.49
10 ct. Starbucks	K CUPS	\$6.49
15.25-16.25 oz. Betty Crocker	CAKE MIXES	99¢
18.3-19.9 oz. Betty Crocker	BROWNIE MIX	99¢
12-16 oz. Betty Crocker	FROSTING	\$1.79
24 oz. Pace	PICANTE SAUCE	\$2.79
10-12 oz. Nestle	BAKING CHIPS	\$2.99
0.6-6 oz. Jello Pudding or	GELATIN MIX	2 for \$3

FROZEN

2 ct.	HOT POCKETS	2 for \$4
16 oz. Ben & Jerry's	ICE CREAM	\$2.99
10 ct. Eggo	WAFFLES	2 for \$5

DAIRY

10 oz. CaciQ Rancho	QUESO FRESCO	\$2.59
128 oz. Sunny D	PUNCH	2 for \$5
6 oz. Yoplait	YOGURT	10 for \$6
16.3 oz. Pillsbury Grands	BISCUITS	3 for \$5
4.5 oz. Noosa	LIL TUBS	5 for \$5
32 oz. Wide Awake Italian	SWEET CREME	\$2.49
16/20 oz.	GOGURT	\$3.99
32 oz. Mountain High	YOGURT	\$2.99
32 oz. Cache Valley	SHREDDED CHEESE	\$6.99

MEAT

Beef Sirloin	TIP ROAST	\$4.49/lb.
Boneless Pork	LOIN CHOPS	\$2.99/lb.
16 oz. Bar-S	JUMBO FRANKS	4 for \$5

PRODUCE

Fresh Whole	PINEAPPLE	77¢/lb.
Ripe	AVOCADOS	\$1.88
Fresh	LIMES	3 for \$1
Bunch	CILANTRO	2 for \$1
Jalapeño	PEPPERS	99¢/lb.
Ripe	MANGOS	\$1.29
Celery	HEARTS	2 for \$3
1 lb. Earthbound Organic	SALADS	\$5.99
Crisp	CUCUMBERS	59¢
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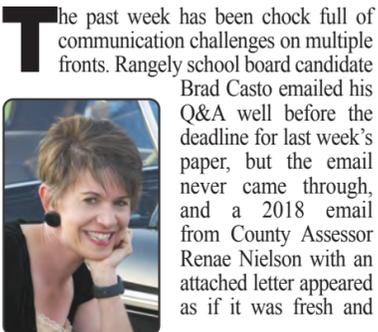
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Mercury in retrograde: does it mean anything?

By **NIKI TURNER**
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The past week has been chock full of communication challenges on multiple fronts. Rangely school board candidate Brad Casto emailed his Q&A well before the deadline for last week's paper, but the email never came through, and a 2018 email from County Assessor Renae Nielson with an attached letter appeared as if it was fresh and new (and we published it, by mistake). At least one bundle of papers had half of page 5 blacked out (if you got one like that we're glad to replace it with a good copy). A print order arrived missing almost half the order. Our copier unexpectedly ran out of toner cartridges with no replacement on hand. Toss in some personal communication issues and it's been an interesting week.

We're pointing fingers at "Mercury in retrograde," an astronomical phenomenon that occurs about three times every year and appears to cause just the kind of glitches we've been experiencing. Is there any validity to the theory? Some say yes, some say no. Placing blame on a planet is kind of like invoking

Murphy's Law... it provides a reason for things that seemingly have no reason, and that give us a little comfort. It might just be the power of suggestion at work, making us notice things around us and categorizing them under a planetary blip. Whatever it is, I'll be glad when this particular round comes to an end on Oct. 18.

Does it matter, either way, if a planet is to blame? Not really. We still have to deal with the challenges that arise. We've all got little superstitions we cling to, whether it's a "lucky

shirt" we always wear when our favorite team is playing or old wives' tales about the weather. If having some kind of explanation — even if it's just superstition — makes us feel a little less distraught, what's the harm? In fact, it might be beneficial... blaming a faraway planet over which we have no control is a lot better than losing our tempers and attacking the people around us (over which we also have no control, but it's easier to take out our frustrations on something or someone we can see).

KAYE'S CORNER

Census results

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



MEEKER I The 2020 census data has been reported recently and I wondered what we can learn, especially at the county level. These results could still be corrected, but I doubt if any huge changes occur, so here goes. My primary source is www.worldpopulationreview.com.

Last year was the 24th year of census reporting since it started in 1790. The census is undertaken every 10 years and is the key factor in apportionment at the U.S. House of Representatives and re-districting at the state level. We are learning more about the upcoming political changes at the state and national level that others are reporting.

You can parse and interpret all the data (and there is plenty of it) in many ways. I encourage you to look at various sources and decide for yourself. Following are a few of my findings and reactions.

Rio Blanco County's population declined by -0.9 percent (about 1 percent) in the past 10 years. At the last census in 2010 our county contained 6318 residents. Now the count is 6312. Our overall population seems quite stable. If you prefer a no growth status, this is good news. If you were hoping for more people, that's not happening.

Way back in 1900, reportedly 1690 folks lived in the county. Between 1940 and 1950 our population soared by 60%. The Rangely oil field brought in many, many people to the county during that time. Perhaps part of that surge was also a result of WWII ending and relocation of our military personnel from their service destinations. Land was plentiful then and the west was a new, intriguing part of the country. 97% of us were born in the United States and 53% in Colorado. Many locals didn't stray far from their birthplace. Who would want to leave Colorado anyway?

Given how much fundraising effort is committed to higher education scholarships in our local communities, perhaps it is because we have many residents with sound educations.

Around 6% of our population have graduate level educational degrees, 27% attended college, 10% finished an associate degree and 16% received a bachelor's degree. 31% are high school graduates. These stats are highest educational level attained.

The census results also honor our local veterans, 525 of them in RBC who served during the Vietnam, WW II, two Gulf Wars, and Korean wars. Thank you for marching at every parade, helping our veterans, and providing a military honor guard at funerals. We are grateful for your past and present service.

I am less happy to read that annual income in our county is \$50,443 for males and \$29,327 for females. That is a huge discrepancy in the "equal work, equal pay" battle. The male/female adult population in RBC is about 50/50.

Our county includes 973 seniors. As our American population ages, consideration of approaches to best care for our elders is a looming topic. Our young workforce needs reliable jobs and affordable housing while our seniors need affordable health care and assistance with aging issues.

The census results alert us to many topics and potential changes in our community and country. If interested, review the data and see what it tells you. What surprises you? What do you see for the future with current trends? How can we manage our lives and community in response? Just search for census results online and you'll find many sites that provide census results.



The changes in the season are upon us with the switch from brilliant fall colors to early season snow. Congratulations to Meeker High School for a fantastic Homecoming Parade last week which honored America's heroes in healthcare, law enforcement, and the military. Its an exciting time for all of Meeker's fall athletic teams. Great job and good luck as you head to post season play!

WREA is looking forward to Meeker's Pumpkin Eats & Treats at the RBC Courthouse on Saturday October 30th. Halloween celebrations begin at the Courthouse at 3 pm with the Costume Parade at 4:30 pm. WREA will be there in our Old Orange Truck handing out glowsticks! Daylight savings is also right around the corner on Sunday November 7th.

Don't forget electric rebate options at <https://wrea.org/rebates> as you wrap up fall chores and look ahead to winter. WREA has received several recent inquiries about rooftop solar and WREA's Net Metering policy. The WREA Net Metering Policy and Application can be found at <https://wrea.org/net-metering>. Please call WREA if you have any questions about solar in general or WREA's Net Metering policy. Please also check out WREA's White River Solar leasing program at <https://wrea.org/solar>. The White River Solar leasing program is an easy way to access local solar without the upfront costs of rooftop installation.

WREA is excited to share a yummy recipe for White Chicken Chili from Town of Meeker Administrator Mandi Etheridge and a delicious Pumpkin Bread Rolls with Cinnamon Butter from Meeker High School's second year culinary students in the Baking & Pastry Class taught by Brenda Mullins-Hummel.

Happy Halloween and Enjoy this wonderful Fall Season.



CROCKPOT WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

By Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge

- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped into 1" cubes
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 (15 oz) cans Cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped mild green chilis
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- ½ yellow onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

Spray slow cooker with cooking spray. Add diced chicken, beans, chili, garlic, onion, and cumin. Pour vegetable broth over the top. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 hours or on LOW for 6-8 hours. One hour prior to serving, whisk butter, flour and milk together and pour into slow cooker, stirring gently to incorporate. Place lid back on slow cooker to finish cooking time. Sprinkle with chopped cilantro before serving.

PUMPKIN BREAD ROLLS WITH CINNAMON BUTTER

From the MHS Second Year Culinary Class taught by Brenda Mullins-Hummel; recipe by Tessa Arias

- For the bread:**
- 1 packet (2 1/4 teaspoons) instant yeast
- 1 cup whole milk, scalded and cooled to lukewarm
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 2 large eggs, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- Sliced pecan pieces, for the "stems"
- For the butter:**
- 1 stick unsalted butter, room temp
- 1/4 cup (31 grams) powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup (84 grams) honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

For the bread rolls:

1. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the dough hook, stir yeast, milk, sugar, butter, pumpkin, one egg, and salt until well combined. Gradually add the flour and knead on medium-low speed until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl. Turn off the mixer and let the dough rest for 3 to 5 minutes. Continue to knead the dough on medium-low speed for another 5 minutes, or until the dough is soft and smooth. If it seems too sticky, add more flour, 1 tablespoon at a time.
2. Transfer the dough to a large greased bowl. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise until doubled in size, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.
3. Punch the dough down and turn it out onto a lightly floured work surface. Divide the dough into 15 equal pieces and shape into balls. Use the palm of your hand to flatten each ball slightly. With a paring knife, cut 8 slices around each ball, being careful not to slice all the way into the center, to make the pumpkin shape. Cover and let rise until doubled in size, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.
4. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350°F. Using the wooden end of a small utensil or your finger to poke an indentation in the center of each roll to create a space for the "stem." In a small bowl beat the remaining egg with 2 teaspoons of water and brush all over the rolls. Bake the rolls for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Place a sliced pecan piece into the indentation of each roll.

For the cinnamon butter:

1. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat the butter for 30 seconds, or until pale in color. Add the powdered sugar, honey, and cinnamon and beat until well combined, light, and fluffy, about 1 to 2 minutes. Serve immediately or store, covered, in the fridge for up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.
2. Serve the rolls warm with the cinnamon butter



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LOOSE ENDS

Putting up memories

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



Dolly Viscardi

MEEKER I As the weekend trips into the high country to see the sight of the fall colors come to an end, spotting a friend's kitchen counter collection of glass canning jars brought me up short. I felt a little guilty about not continuing an annual tradition. I was even a little wistful about all the years I spent with family and good friends putting up a wide array of summer produce. Most years, the canning jars were filled with peaches and pears. When we discovered that we could get plum tomatoes, (enough for 90 quarts), the time and effort it took to get it all done seemed to double. We did not mind, as the end result got us through the long, cold, winter

Now, for us at least, that tradition has ended. We always loved the finished product, which made it more than worth the effort. The process, starting from the preparation to the end with all that tasty looking fruit spread out on the counters left me feeling accomplished and efficient.

That last word could never have been used to describe any of my efforts at home. While I felt good about my accomplishments in my work, I never felt that way at home. Physical activities hardly ever made me proud, unless I was part of a group effort. I was never offended when my principal wrote on my yearly teaching evaluation that I was "deceptively organized" It was from that point on that I realized it was the perfect description.

During a teaching day, things would seem to fly off the shelves and of the

cupboards transforming the classroom's neat and tidy appearance to a mess. The years I spent working from home, I found that chaos and clutter were a real problem. I did not have enough time to clean everything up before everyone came home. I was a big believer in playing with my children first. So if I was trying to accomplish anything in the kitchen, I made sure I had friends and family pitching in with me.

My best childhood memories brought me back to my grandfather's kitchen in the fall. He put up two kinds of cherries, apricots, peaches, and pears yearly. He harvested the vegetables from his garden and took me and my siblings out to pick the fruit from a local orchard.

He was a mathematician and civil engineer by training, as well as an excellent baker and cook by choice. He demonstrated how to use a methodical scientific process of food preparation, each time he let us watch him put all of the produce up for the year.

The words to describe that process were the very same I encountered when I moved here.

Want to make a run to the Junction with me to get my peaches. I will be putting 'em up later if you want to help."

Even though I am not putting up loads of produce to take out of the cupboard, I have put up enough memories that keep me going through a long, cold winter.

Meeker trustees approve budget

By **LUCAS TURNER**
lucas@ht1885.com

MEEKER I Meeker trustees approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 during their regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 5. Major line items under "systems development" in the general fund total just under \$1.9 million, and include \$250K for phase two of Circle Park, as well as money to construct sidewalks on School Street, and on Fifth/Market streets to Circle Park.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Program are also ongoing funding items under "systems development."

Water fund projects and improvements planned in 2022 total \$855,040 and include a software upgrade at the water loadout and a water line replacement on Garfield between Third and School streets. Town Clerk Lisa Cook noted that the water line replacement cost (\$566,040) will be offset by American Rescue Plan funds.

Departmental budget items include 2% raises for cost of living and a 2% increase in health insurance costs, salary adjustments for employees, and \$47,500

toward a new "community development" staff position. A public hearing for final adoption of the budget is set for Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

MORE CIRCLE PARK

Town board members and staff also met with ERBM Director Sean VonRoenn to discuss the second phase of improvements at Circle Park. Based on an estimate from 2020, VonRoenn said the total for phase two of the project is about \$1.2 million and includes modifications to a stretch of river both in-stream and along the bank, additional pathways and river access points, vegetation, new parking spots and more.

The Town of Meeker and ERBM's Board of Directors have each budgeted \$250,000 towards the project and are working in collaboration to pursue additional grant funding.

With a goal of starting construction later next summer, both Town and Rec District boards/staff are on a tight schedule to draft grant proposals. With a funding gap of at least \$700K, Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge noted that the project isn't feasible without grant funding.

Collaborative efforts will focus on one smaller grant proposal with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources for about \$150-200K, and another grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for about \$600K.

Before any grant applications go out, the groups must begin the Army Corps of Engineers permitting process which starts with wetlands delineation/aquatic resources inventory. The proposed cost for said work is \$7,000. Trustees budgeted around \$13K in the 2021 budget year to contribute towards engineering/study

work on the overall project, but that work has not taken place yet. VonRoenn noted more substantial engineering work will be necessary in future stages of the permitting process.

Meeker Trustee Chris Lockwood questioned if the proposed cost could increase after engineering work is completed, stating "what if hydrology dictates it will cost significantly more?" Various trustees shared concerns over ballooning costs, noting how both entities won't be able to renege on completion of the project once construction is underway. Trustee Travis Day suggested drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between entities to clearly define who is responsible for managing the project day-to-day, who the fiscal agent will be, and other minutiae. In addition to drafting the proposed MOU for consideration as a future business item, Etheridge suggested establishing a sub-committee of board members and staff from both groups to oversee details of the project moving forward.

Noting how phase one of Circle Park improvements exceeded the proposed budget, Day said he's not comfortable with the recreation district managing phase two, and suggested someone with construction experience be appointed to manage the project. Other board members agreed it would be smart to hire an outside consultant for the task.

Meeker Trustees and ERBM Directors will have a joint agenda item to finalize the proposed MOU on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. You can review proposed details of phase two of the circle park project at erbmrec.com/circleparkphase2

VETERAN'S CORNER

By **WESLEY EUBANKS**
Special to the Herald Times

When the trooper asks for your license, registration and proof of insurance: If HB 127 is signed by the President you will be required by law to have these for your personal firearm. Penalties [Section 924(a)]: up to \$150,000 and 25 years in prison.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/127>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Dr. Sullivan

Dear Editor:

Rangely is a great place to live for many reasons. One of the best is our local veterinarian, Dr. Shannon Sullivan. She is kind, caring and compassionate during good appointments and the rougher ones as well. Thank you Dr. Sullivan for all that you do.

Sincerely,
Dusty Moreno
Rangely



BIG NEWS!

We are happy and excited to announce our new partner to the business, Amber Herrick!

She and her husband bought a home, and they have lived in Meeker for a year now. She loves our little town, our community, and the Meeker way of life.

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Mass on Mondays & Tuesdays: 7 a.m.
Confession: 30 minutes before every Mass

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October 11th - 29th
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Daily Giveaways Monday - Friday
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--- WEDNESDAY ---
Oct. 20
6 p.m. registration
6:30 p.m. start

Meeker Elementary School

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Oct. 15-20, 2021

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MONDAY • OCT. 18
Cheeseburger with bun, potato casserole, asparagus, pears

TUESDAY • OCT. 19
BBQ pork w/ bun, pasta vegetable salad, banana, orange juice, cookie

WEDNESDAY • OCT. 20
Swedish meatballs, spaghetti noodles, spinach, mandarin oranges

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Applications for this funding are a short two-page document. Complete applications will be approved on a first come, first served, basis pending funding availability that has been secured through grants. The respective district board will review and make the final decisions on application approval at monthly board meetings.

To apply for this funding assistance, please contact the Districts' office at 970-878-9838.



White River
Conservation District



Douglas Creek
Conservation District

White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts
970-878-9838

OBITUARIES

Patricia Ann Hejl

March 23, 1935 ~ Oct. 5, 2021



Pat Hejl

Patricia Ann Hejl passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, 2021, surrounded by her family. Pat was born on March 23, 1935, in Grand Junction, Colorado. She attended Grand Junction High School and graduated in 1953. She relocated to Rangely, Colorado, with her parents, Willard and Grace Noel. There she met “the handsomest man” she had ever seen, Frank Hejl, whom she married in 1957, and together they raised their five boys. Pat and Frank were always involved in their community and made many lifelong friends and great memories in Rangely.

and garden, bringing beautiful flowers and vegetables to life each year. She enjoyed adding more yard ornaments each spring. Pat used her talents as an artist to paint rocks, flower pots, and furniture. She was also a skilled quilter and enjoyed making baby blankets for all her great-grandchildren in anticipation of their arrivals. She spent the last years of her life close to her sons and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed yard-sale-ing and visiting with friends and family, passing on her wisdom and advice. She was a true matriarch and will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her and loving her.

Pat was part of a long line of strong, opinionated women. She could always be counted on to tell it like it is. Frank was the love of her life, and they kept each other in line and always supported one another through life’s ups and downs. After leaving Rangely, they happily made a home on Lake Mohave outside of Bullhead City, Arizona. They spent time working on their home, gambling, traveling in their motorhome, and enjoying visits with their grandchildren until Frank passed away in 2000.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Grace Noel; her husband, Frank Hejl; and one son, Frank Hejl, Jr. She is survived by two brothers, Gary (Cindy) Noel and Marvin (Becky) Noel; four sons, Steve Hejl, Scott (Angie) Hejl; Kieth (Annette) Hejl; and Kent (Janet) Hejl; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pat most recently lived in Grand Junction, where she enjoyed working in her courtyard

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Rangely Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Elk’s Lodge. In lieu of flowers, Pat’s family requests that donations be made in her name to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

David Linton Justus

July 31, 1938 ~ Oct. 6, 2021



David Justus

We are so sad to announce the passing of a wonderful man. He was kind, dependable and fiercely loyal to his family and friends, and will be fondly remembered by everyone who knew him. He was our rock. David Linton Justus passed away peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 6, 2021.

David had very good luck selling his carved lamps in a shop in Cody, so he and his wife moved there. Such fun he had exploring all the places in Cody and the surrounding area. He was involved in the Cody Senior Center and became a volunteer there, where he and his wife went often to have lunch, play bingo and socialize. In 2017, his daughter moved to the Cody area also. This made him happy that his family was together again.

David was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, on July 31, 1938, to Coy and Pauline Justus, the second of four children. While in grade school, the family moved to Craig, Colorado, and then to Rangely, Colorado, where he spent most of his adult life. He went to work for Moon Lake Electric while still in high school, and many years later retired from there. Rangely, with so many friends and family, plus the easy access to hunting, four-wheeling and many outdoor activities suited him perfectly.

David is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanette; children Julie, Mike (Jodee); sister Jimmye (Bill), brothers John (Lavella) and Steve (Joni); two grandchildren Nicole (Chris) and Logan (Tracy); two grandchildren by marriage, Whitney and Jonathan; three great-grandchildren and Evie, his little neighbor who calls him Grandpa, and many family members.

He was very artistic and creative. Through his lifetime he had too many hobbies to list – from archery to woodworking. His friends fondly remember him as “Grizz” or “Winchester.” He was a member of the Jaycees and the Elks Club and helped with many charities through these organizations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a nephew and brother-in-law.

In 2011, he was ready for a new adventure. He had always loved the western atmosphere of Cody Wyoming, where he vacationed every year. His son lived in Cody, and David

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. As he wished, his ashes will be scattered on the mountain of his favorite hunting grounds.

“...think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...for nothing loved is ever lost, and he was loved so much.” ~ Ellen Brenneman

DEATH NOTICE

Bruce “Woody” Wood

Oct. 3, 2021

Bruce “Woody” Wood, of Craig, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at his home. A graveside service will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at Craig Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Craig VFW Post.

MEEKER

OKTOBERFEST

THIS WEEKEND!

VOLKSMARCH
FRIDAY, OCT. 15, 4 P.M.

- Buy your steins and pick up your passports at Meeker Cafe starting at 4 p.m.
- Make your way to Glou Glou no later than 6 p.m.
- From there: head to Smoking River Brewing Co.
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Rangely, Meeker School board candidates Q&A, continued

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Further responses from school district board candidates are printed below.

RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT: BRAD CASTO

How long have you lived in the school district and what is your personal experience with the district (eg. currently have kids enrolled, had kids previously enrolled, you attended school in this district yourself, etc.)?



Brad Casto

I have lived in the school district since 1995 and attended school here from 1995-2001. I currently have two children in our school district.

What education, work experience, and other board service do you have that qualifies you for this position?

I graduated from Rangely High School in 2001 and attended CNCC for a degree in small business management. My wife and I purchased the local NAPA store in 2005 that we currently run today. I served many years on the Rangely Town Council and the RDA/RDC boards. I also was on the Moon Lake Electric Association board for nine years. I am currently on my second year for the Rangely District Hospital board.

What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time and what are your ideas for addressing it?

I believe that there are numerous issues facing our district at this time. The most concerning issue for me is the lack of education due to unsafe and disruptive behaviors in our classrooms. I believe that this can be overcome by holding staff accountable and really digging into what the problem is and not being afraid to ask hard questions and finding a real solution.

How would you define your philosophy on public education?

Public education is the most invaluable resource that we can give the future generations.

What are your personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board?

I want to make sure that all children and staff in our district are getting the support they need. Our children need an education to be successful in life. The staff needs to have the support and accountability in place to do that.

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT: JANA SANDERS

How long have you lived in the school district and what is your personal experience with the district (eg. currently have kids enrolled, had kids previously enrolled, you attended school in this district yourself, etc.)?

I have lived in Meeker for the last twelve years with

my family. My four children are currently enrolled in the school district. Our oldest is a sophomore at the high school and our second is a freshman. Our third child is attending the middle school and our youngest is in fifth grade at the elementary school. My husband and I have both spent time volunteering in the classroom as well as attending field trips with our kids. We are grateful to be involved with the schools and value the relationships we have with the teachers.

What education, work experience, and other board service do you have that qualifies you for this position?

I have been a part of the DAC (District Accountability Committee) for the school district for the last three years and I am currently serving as the vice president. Previously I have served as the president and vice president of the PTO at the elementary school. The most valuable experience I have comes from my time being a substitute teacher for the school district over the last three years. I have really enjoyed my time in the classroom. It has created opportunities for me to better understand public education from many different points of view. Teachers are blessed people with hearts of gold. They spend just as much time with our kids as we do. We need to support them so they can feel encouraged as they do their important job. The children are eager to learn and it is such a joy to see them understand a new concept. I was in Kindergarten this last week cheering them on as they read new words. There were high fives and joy in their eyes with each success. I would love to keep that excitement for learning all the way through high school and into college.

What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing the local school district at this time and what are your ideas for addressing it?

I don't know if I can pick one issue that is most pressing. There are a lot of responsibilities the school district has to manage. There are finances, hiring great teachers and administrators, academics, state regulations, parent involvement and much more. At the center of each of these issues are the students. We cannot become distracted by the issues and forget to recognize how our decisions affect the children. We could spend more time trying to understand the needs of the students through their voice, the voice of a parent or the voice of a teacher. As we seek to understand we will be better equipped to make these important decisions.

How would you define your philosophy on public education?

I am grateful for public education. It provides many opportunities for our children. I feel that public education has changed for the better in many ways over the years. I still think there is room for more growth as

we take time to get to know the needs of our students individually.

What are your personal reasons for seeking a seat on this board?

I am hoping to serve on this board to create a unity between the community and the school district. Together we can make this a great district.



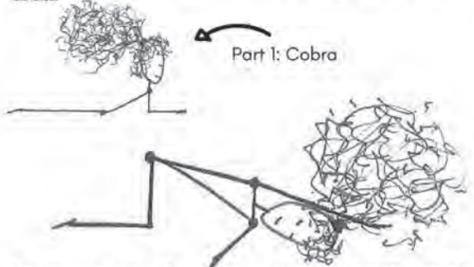
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First Steps To Every Pose

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



This pose is called Thread the Needle and is the second in a three part series that encourages more space through your chest and shoulders.

To come into Thread the Needle make your way onto your hands and knees. With an inhale reach your left arm high to the sky, then with your exhale thread your left arm under your chest and right arm as you bring your left shoulder down to the ground. Now, extend your right arm out in-front of you and allow your hips to relax back towards your heels as much as is comfortable.

Breathe deeply into the space between your shoulders for around five breaths then return to your hands and knees before repeating on the other side.

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“Breakthrough cases mean the vaccine is not effective.”

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Breakthrough cases are expected with **all** vaccines. Here are the statistics of some common vaccines:

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- **Polio:** 90% effective with 2 doses, 99+% effective with 3 doses
- **Chickenpox:** 98% effective with two doses

So far, COVID-19 vaccines are proving to be 79-95% effective at completely preventing infection, and the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are 96% effective at preventing hospitalization in people age 65-74.

Although breakthrough cases can occur, COVID-19 vaccines are proving very safe and effective, just like other common vaccines.

COVID and flu vaccinations, including Moderna, Pfizer, regular and high dose flu shots, are now available.

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Panthers take down Eagles in HoCo win

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Panthers celebrated Homecoming with a 62-18 dismantling of the Gilpin County Eagles. The Panthers made it interesting in the first quarter giving up two touchdowns while still scoring four, before settling in and giving the home crowd a decisive victory. Stat leaders for the game included Zane Varner with 45 yards rushing and three rushing touchdowns; Keihlan Myers led the team with 99 rushing yards, 68 of which came from a kickoff return that resulted in him scoring one touchdown; Alex Black ran for 21 yards and scored a touchdown in the third quarter, and Kobey

Chism who rushed for 71 yards and also ran one in in the second quarter. The Panthers total rushing yards were 302 and averaged 14.7 yards per carry, plus 44 yards receiving all culminated in the 62-18 point victory.

Defensively the tackling leaders included Varner with seven, and Timothy Scoggins, Wyatt Wiley, and Black each with six. They held the Eagles to 263 total yards and no extra point conversions.

This week the Panthers travel to Soroco for a Friday game, and then return home for the final two regular season games.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO
The Panthers bested Gilpin County 62-18.



Cowboys defeat Miners 30-13, tied for first in league

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys hosted the North Fork Miners for their 2021 Homecoming game. According to the consensus rankings, that meant number 11 was hosting number eight and it was slated to be a game to determine the Western Slope League Championship.

"It was an exciting game," commented head coach Shane Phelan, "a total team effort."

The Cowboys fought their way to a 30-13 win, starting it with a 40-yard field goal by John Hampton Hightower. The Miners were unable to make up the difference as the Cowboys kept pulling away. At the half the score was 10-7, another six points in the third by the Cowboys went unanswered, 14 more in the fourth and the Miners added to their score late in the fourth quarter but were unable to make their conversion.

"Our running game was working well so we stuck to it," commented Phelan.

Turner ran 256 yards and had three touchdowns, Porter Hossack



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO
The Cowboys running game helped the team secure a win for

ran for 25 yards, and Connor Blunt ran for 14 and one touchdown.

"Overall I was really pleased with the kids, and thought the kids did great on special teams," said Phelan.

North Fork has one of the top kick returners in the state, Mordechai White, and the Cowboys were able to shut them down.

"Defense and offense played well

and were able to win the turnover battle," commented Phelan.

Carter Neff of the Miners had been racking up double digit tackles each game and was in the top 10 of all tacklers in all classes in the state, and the Cowboys offense was able to block him and keep him to only having seven.

For turnovers, Elijah LeBlanc

caused a defensive fumble, but the Miners had two, picked up by Zack Eskelson and Judd Harvey and for interceptions both Blunt and Trinden Powell picked up another.

The Cowboys racked up a lot of tackles, leading was Eskelson with 17, LeBlanc and Turner each had 14, and Zach Simonsen had 12.

"This is the type of effort we need against high quality teams like North Fork," said Phelan.

The team now looks forward to undefeated Gunnison. These two teams met last year for the first time possibly ever. The Cowboys came away with a 48-0 win.

This year Gunnison is 7-0 and still has a relatively new coaching staff with "a lot of enthusiasm and have had a heck of a season thus far. And hopefully we can slow them down a little," wrapped up Phelan.

Right now Gunnison and Meeker are tied for the first spot in the Western Slope League Championship as they remain the only undefeated teams in league play. This game has league championship implications. The game is slated to kick off earlier than usual, 6 p.m. in Gunnison.

Rangely runners head to regionals Oct. 22

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely middle school cross country team had its last meet of the season this past weekend. They had the opportunity to run in Aspen in the Chris Severy Invitational. This race is known to be a challenging race, not only is it hilly it is also a 2.4 mile course.

The girls started first. Tylee Fielder took 19th place with a time of 22:06. Next in line for the girls was Taya Wren with a time of 24:33. Rachel Elder took third on the girls team with a time of 26:12. Sydney Webster, who hasn't been able to run for the last couple of weeks, finished the

race with Sammie Granger. Webster had a time of 29:28 while Granger had a time of 29:29 respectively. As a team the girls were able to take fifth overall.

For the boys team of two, Jay Nickson ran a 20:53 and Matthew Morgan ran a 24:37.

"I am super proud of each of the runners. Aspen is a course where you dread running but afterwards you are proud that you conquered the race," said head coach Beth Scoggins.

"It was a pleasure to coach the middle school runners this year. They all were a lot of fun and worked hard. I hope to see all of them back next year."

The Rangely High School cross country team

found themselves in complete opposites from last week as they raced in Aspen at the Chris Severy invitational. Last week a course that was flat and fast to a course that was hilly, rough terrain and they had to deal with cold and wet weather. This week the goal was to race well and not worry about time. For most of the athletes this was the first time on this course.

Mary Scoggins met the goal well. She had one of her best races of the year on the course. She worked with another girl as they raced throughout the course. Mary completed the course in 23:09 and took sixth place overall. Hayley Burr and Macy Morgan were the other two runners for the

girls. Burr had a good race and as usual had an amazing finish, she had a time of 31:27. Morgan had a time of 34:14, which isn't too bad for the first time racing this course.

Andrew Dorris found himself out front of the crowd for the first part of the race but the hills were a little more challenging than he expected. He took 12th place and had a great time of 21:24.

"It is fun to see him take off so fast. He is going out to win the race," coach Scoggins said.

Colton Noel was the second runner on the team. He finished the race in 23:45. Kevin Wren has been working hard in practice and making great gains

and ran a 24:02. The next three runners — Anthony Dorris, Joseph Adams and Fisher Winder — worked together throughout the race and finished within a couple seconds of each other. Anthony Dorris had a time of 24:21.1, while Adams had a time of 24:21.7 and Winder had a 24:25.

"It is fun to see them work together throughout the whole race," coach Scoggins commented. Justin Allred had a time of 27:14. As a team the boys took fifth place out of 10.

The team was set to run in Rifle on Wednesday, Oct. 13 with a meet at the Rifle golf course. It will be the last meet before regionals on Friday, Oct. 22.

Meeker XC runs at Aspen invitational

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker participated in the Chris Severy Invitational in Aspen on Saturday. Cool temperatures and intermittent sprinkles made the already tough course that much more difficult. The girls raced first, with Brighton Bair finishing in 20th place, in 25:18. Callie Stout ran the course in 37:36, for 77th place.

In the boys race, Eddie Drussell held off two competitors right to the finish to take 26th, in a time of 22:59. Gabe Smithers was our second to the line, and 34th, at 23:26. Wyatt Rollins managed the terrain in 24:28, 51st place, and Owen Hannemann was 63rd at 25:07.

"We certainly do not expect top times at Aspen, but the scenery is a worthy trade," said head coach Marty Casey.

Meeker was in Rifle on Wednesday, Oct. 13.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO
Rio Blanco County runners are preparing for the regional meet Oct. 22.

More wins for undefeated Meeker v-ball

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

MEEKER Homecoming week was very successful for Meeker High School volleyball with two more wins and a season which remains undefeated.

"It was another wonderful homecoming week," began head coach Greg Cravens. "With all the activities going on this week, the girls stayed focused when they were in the gym."

In their first matchup in history, the Cowboys defeated the North Fork Miners 3-0, winning the sets 25-18, 25-17 and 25-13.

"We worked on being better in out-of-system situations and serving," said Cravens. "North Fork was a good challenge for us because they are well coached and would be able to find holes in our defense."

Ainsley Selle was the only Cowboy with a block against the Miners, Savannah Mendenhall led in serving aces, Sarah Kracht, Aspen Merrifield and Emma Luce each had 16 digs, and offensively Luce had 28 kills.

"The girls did a great job of adjusting during the match and keeping the Miners from doing what they wanted to do," commented Cravens.

Saturday the Cowboys hosted the DeBeque Dragons for another



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

The lady Cowboys will head to Walden today and play an important league match against Olathe Friday. If they win, they will have a strong hold on the league title.

league game. The Cowboys dominated the court 25-6, 25-7 and 25-5.

"We were able to get everyone some playing time on Saturday against DeBeque," said Cravens. "It's always good for a team to get a shot of energy and that happened for us when we were able to see some new faces on the court."

This week's games began on Tuesday when Grand Valley came to Meeker, a game which was also a pink night out. The Cowboys won

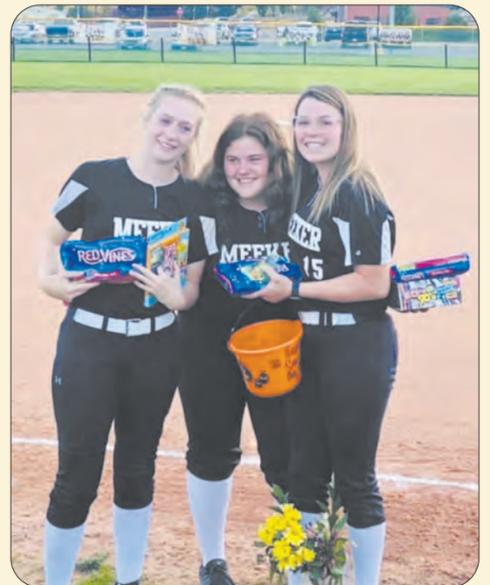
handily 3-0 beating the Cardinals 25-10, 25-11, 25-13.

"No time to relax, we have three matches this week," commented Cravens.

Thursday the team takes a quick trip to Walden to take on North Park and a very important league match against Olathe on Friday.

If the Cowboys can take care of business this week, they should have a strong hold on the league title.

SENIORS ...



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Softball wrapped up its season with two forfeits from Basalt. It was scheduled to be senior parents' night for Hailey Knowles, Mykala Wille and Macy Ridgeway (above) and in the spirit of the evening the team honored the girls with their parents and ended the evening with a fun game of kickball.

Final consensus rankings were released from CHSAA on Monday and the Meeker Cowboys were ranked 14th, which placed them in the 3A Region 7 bracket and hosted by University in Greeley. The first games in this bracket will be number three ranked University against number 30 Sierra followed by number 14 Meeker and number 19 Faith Christian.

If the Cowboys win their first game they will seal their spot in the top 16 teams and will make it to the state games.

Lady Panthers fight hard against Soroco, Manila

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY On Friday, Oct 8, Panther volleyball hosted the Soroco Rams for Homecoming. The JV team fought hard against the Rams, winning in three sets: 24-26, 25-21 and 15-6. Karlee Halcomb led Rangely's serving game with five aces and Lexi LeBleu was not far behind with three aces. Kaitlyn Cox led the team for kills with five. LeBleu, Miah Wren and Emmeree Wagner had two kills each. Kristiana Terry led the team with 14 digs followed closely behind by K. Halcomb with 10 digs.

Varsity struggled a little with the Soroco offense. The lady Panthers fought hard but fell to the Rams 3-0 (13-25, 16-25 and 19-25). Senior Aspen Low led the Panther offense with six kills and a serving ace. Junior Kyrak Phelps and freshman Miley Chism also had some success on offense with a few kills and aces each. Morgan Ellis racked up 12 assists as she moved the ball around to the hitters. On the defensive side, senior Adelynn Halcomb had 20 digs followed by Phelps and sophomore Emma Smith each with nine digs. Low ended the match with seven blocks.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the Panthers hosted Manila, Utah. The JV team beat Manila in two sets, 25-19 and 25-17. Terry led serving with five aces and LeBleu had four aces. LeBleu and Wren each had six kills and Wagner had three kills. LeBleu had three solo blocks. Terry had 21 digs and Wren was close behind with 12 digs.

Panther varsity also found success against the Manila Mustangs winning the match 3-0 (25-17, 25-11, and 25-8). Offense and defense were firing on all cylinders. Chism scored nine serving aces. Ellis ended the day with 19 assists and eight digs. She managed to move the ball around to many different attackers. Phelps led the attack with eight kills closely followed by Chism, Annika Cantrell, and Ashlynn Ducey each with six kills. Low led the front line of defense with five solo blocks. She was backed by A. Halcomb who ended the day with 30 digs.

The lady Panthers have another big weekend ahead hosting the West Grand Mustangs on Friday, Oct. 15 starting at 5 p.m. and traveling to Baggs, Wyoming, on Saturday.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Panther volleyball hosted the Soroco Rams for homecoming, with the JV team winning in three sets and the varsity team losing in three sets despite fighting hard.

RSD bond: continued

Continued from PAGE 1A

are dispersed into separate funds to support education. Of the excise tax revenue collected, 90% or \$40 million, whichever is greater, is credited to the Capital Construction Assistance Fund and funds the BEST grant with excess funds going to the Public School Fund. The Public School Fund offers funding available to CDE for various appropriations throughout subsequent fiscal years. Ten percent of the state's 15% retail tax is allocated to local governments and distributed according to the percentage of marijuana sales within the city and/or county boundaries. Rio Blanco County does not have any marijuana retailers within its limits and thus does not receive this funding. Other programs funded by marijuana tax revenue are distributed to the Colorado Department of Education including Early Literacy Competitive Grants, School Health Professional Grants, School Bullying Prevention and Education Grants, and Drop-Out Prevention Programs.

Several business owners offered their thoughts regarding the ballot measure. As businesses also pay property taxes, at a higher rate than private owners, they will carry the majority of the responsibility.

Rodger Polley, the owner of Rangely True Value, shares that he is not against the increase in taxes or the needs of the students, but feels cautious due to lack of transparency with government agencies and distrust with architects. He shares that with full disclosure vs. best picture, he is likely to support the school board on this issue. He hopes that the materials will be of long-lasting quality rather than aesthetics.

John and Sandy Payne of Giovanni's Italian Grill offered, "As business owners and community members, we will be voting 'Yes' in support of the Rangely School District Ballot Issue 4-A in the upcoming election on Nov. 2, 2021. We feel that the school's priorities listed in the letter sent by Rio Blanco County are essential to providing a safe school environment. While no one likes to increase their taxes, we believe this is a wise choice instead of building new buildings down the road."

Brad Casto, the owner of Napa Auto and candidate for the school board, stated that he is firmly against this issue due to previous tax increases in the last two years. He feels strongly that managing the behavior of the students is a higher priority.

Cary Baird from Chevron offered a neutral statement, "A good portion of Chevron's local taxes help support the Rangely schools. We want our employees and neighbors to have great schools because they are vital to the long-term vitality of a community and region. As a corporate community partner, though, we think voters should decide whether to raise more local taxes for schools."

Superintendent Matt Scoggins states, "This empowers the community to come together and exercise their right to use their voice for what they believe is best for our children." The November election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021.

MUSTANGS ...



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Meeker's pint-size players are faring quite well this football season. (Top) the third and fourth grade Mustangs team remains undefeated. (Bottom) fifth and sixth grade players lost to the Glenwood Springs Demons.

HOMECOMING 2021

Cowboy and Panther homecoming celebrations happened the same week this year. Here are some highlights from both ends of the county.



COURTESY PHOTO/TIFFANY JEHOEK CUTLINE

Pictured are King Chase Callahan (son of Sean and Kendra Duerr), Queen Aspen Merrifield (daughter of Brian and Patricia Merrifield), First Attendants Hadley Franklin (daughter of Bailey and Ann Franklin) and Liam Deming (son of Obie and Meredith Deming). Not pictured are second attendants Ellie Hossack (daughter of Kirk Hossack and Shawna Knez) and John Hampton Hightower (son of Mandi Etheridge and the late Jason Hightower.) Not pictures are crown bearers Sawyer & Hudson Hummel, sons of Chuck & Brenda Mullins-Hummel.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO/ROXIE FROMANG CUTLINE

2021 Panther homecoming royalty included freshman attendants Lillian Noel and Izaiah Moody, sophomore attendants Eva Jost and Landon Williams, junior attendants Isabelle Gilbert and Luis Quintana and pictured are senior attendants Norrah Patch and Alex Sanchez (left) and Adelynn Halcomb and Keihlin Myers (right). Center are king Timothy Scoggins and queen Hayley Burr, and crown bearers McKell Denny and Izaeah Gibson.



Bending homecoming traditions, the 2021 Rangely Panthers began their Homecoming Parade at 7 p.m., rather than the usual afternoon parade. The dark evening was the perfect setting for the Homecoming theme "Nightmare on Panther Way" and annual chili dinner and bonfire, which was very well attended.

ROXIE FROMANG/MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS



Meeker celebrated homecoming with a parade honoring heroes including the military and fire fighters (below), followed a pep rally and barbecue on the courthouse lawn.

TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTOS



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White River Alliance members rev up their chainsaws

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I White River Alliance Members Rev Up Their Chain Saws

White River Alliance members created a loud chainsaw concert as they got to work felling, girdling, and applying herbicide to the fast spreading and thirsty invasive Russian olive as they worked to clear these invasive trees from another property in Meeker starting behind the Vet Clinic.

One of the goals of the White River Alliance is to educate the community about this non-native species that is invading the pastures along the White River in the Meeker area, and to work with land owners to prevent its spread in our valuable river corridor. Shawn Welder, president of the White River Alliance says, "We appreciate the area landowners who are supporting our efforts to make progress on this goal. It is important to prevent Russian olive invasion so that cottonwoods, willows and other native riparian species can thrive, maintain a healthy plant community along the White River."

"These trees are hard to kill," said Welder, "and we are working to both educate the public and actually clear these aggressive invasive species from expanding their reach, thus bringing more attention to the matter."

The White River Alliance (WRA) held its September meeting and heard from Liz Chandler, the coordinator for the White River Integrated Management Initiative about the work they are doing on analyzing the riparian health along the White River from its headwaters to the Utah border, as well as evaluating various diversions and pumps along the river in concert with area landowners.

The WRA is also continuing its work on healthier pest management practices and researching what other communities in Colorado do to diminish the mosquito population while maintaining a healthy watershed and environment for the health of their citizens. Attendance at WRA meetings is open to the general public and speakers are generally invited each month to help members learn more about issues and best practices relating to rivers and watersheds.

<http://whiteriveralliance.net/>



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers included WRA President Shawn Welder, John and Mary Taylor (organizers), Bob Mosher, and (not pictured) Deirdre Macnab and Dr. Bob Dorsett.

Herald Times chosen for #newsCOnneeds fundraising campaign

PRESS RELEASE
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MEEKER I Twenty-six Colorado newsrooms including the *Herald Times* are poised to collectively raise more than a quarter-million dollars to strengthen and sustain their coverage of local governments, businesses, schools and communities—but they need your help.

Colorado Media Project and the Colorado News Collaborative are excited to announce the list of local newsrooms participating in the 2021 #newsCOnneeds year-end matching challenge. Between Nov. 30 ("Giving NewsDay") and Dec. 31, 2021, each newsroom below can earn up to \$5,000 from CMP, in a dollar-for-dollar match aimed at inspiring individual giving to support long-term sustainability of their public-service journalism—which informs and engages communities and strengthens civic engagement statewide. More details are here.

2021 is the fourth consecutive year that CMP is offering the matching grant challenge, which is modeled after the national NewsMatch campaign that helped non-profit newsrooms across the country raise a record-breaking \$47 million in 2020. This year's #newsCOnneeds challenge follows the successful 2020 state-level campaign, in which 24 CMP grantees collectively raised more than \$578,000 in the month of December.

Colorado's #newsCOnneeds matching challenge is unique in the nation, in that any locally owned, locally operated Colorado news organization that is regularly publishing nonpartisan local news may apply — regardless of business model or distribution method. While newsrooms are encouraged to direct their readers or listeners to their own contribution pages, a campaign landing page (thisisnewsconneeds.com) provides a unifying message and a single-point for campaign contributions, which are split equally among the participating newsrooms.

Want to shout out your favorite story or newsroom? Newsrooms, advocates and members of the public are encouraged to use a common hashtag (#newsCOnneeds) to spotlight some of the amazing journalism produced by local newsrooms in 2021, and to encourage others to give generously.

In addition to the grants, CMP will join COLab and News Revenue Hub in providing coaching, collateral and technical support to the following 26 members of the 2021 cohort:

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To learn more about the campaign or how to donate to the newsrooms participating in the 2021 #newsCOnneeds matching challenge, visit the campaign landing page, www.thisisnewsconneeds.com.

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Amendment 78 Legislative Authority for Spending State Money

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Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution and a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning money that the state receives, and, in connection therewith, requiring all money received by the state, including money provided to the state for a particular purpose, known as custodial money, to be subject to appropriation by the general assembly after a public hearing; repealing the authority to disburse money from the state treasury by any other means; requiring all custodial money to be deposited into the newly created custodial funds transparency fund and the earnings on those deposits to be transferred to the general fund; and allowing the state to retain and spend all custodial money and earnings and revenue on that custodial money as a voter-approved revenue change?

Text of Measure:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 33 of article V, **amend** section 33 as follows:

No moneys in the state treasury, NOR CUSTODIAL MONEYS, shall be disbursed ~~therefrom~~ by the treasurer except upon appropriations made by law, ~~or otherwise authorized by law~~; and any amount disbursed shall be substantiated by vouchers signed and approved in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-108, **amend** (5) as follows:

(5) If all or a portion of any money received by the attorney general and paid to the department of the treasury pursuant to subsection (2) of this section is custodial money, the attorney general shall direct the state treasurer in writing to place such custodial money in a separate account. ~~Any custodial money placed in a separate account pursuant to this subsection (5) is not subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly. A copy of the written direction to the state treasurer must be delivered to the joint budget committee. Such written direction must set forth the basis for the attorney general's determination that the money is custodial money and must specify the manner in which the money will be expended. Such written direction must be given to the state treasurer within thirty days after the date the money is paid to the department of the treasury. Any custodial money placed in a separate account pursuant to this subsection (5) must be expended only for the purposes for which the money has been provided. The department shall provide with its annual budget request an accounting of how custodial money has been or will be expended. For informational purposes, the expenditure of such money may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act.~~

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-201, **add 3(d)(e)(f) and (g)** as follows:

(3)(d) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, “CUSTODIAL MONEY” OR “CUSTODIAL FUNDS” MEANS MONEY RECEIVED BY THE STATE:

(I) THAT ORIGINATED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE STATE OF COLORADO;

(II) THAT IS AWARDED OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO THE STATE FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE;

(III) FOR WHICH THE STATE IS ACTING AS A CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE TO CARRY OUT THE PARTICULAR PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE MONEY HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

(E) CUSTODIAL FUND TRANSPARENCY FUND CREATED.

(I) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY A CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND. THE CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND SHALL RECEIVE ALL REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE STATE AS CUSTODIAL MONEYS. EARNINGS AND REVENUE FROM THE CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND. ALL OTHER MONEY REMAINING IN THE CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(II) IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, AND EACH

FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE THE CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS SPECIFIED BY LAW.

(III) MONEYS FROM THE CUSTODIAL FUNDS TRANSPARENCY FUND SHALL BE APPROPRIATED IN A PUBLIC HEARING WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

(F) REVENUE COLLECTED AS CUSTODIAL FUNDS, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS AT THE STATEWIDE ELECTION IN THE NOVEMBER 2021, TOGETHER WITH EARNINGS AND REVENUE, SHALL BE RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE STATE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL REVENUE, SPENDING, AND OTHER LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. All provisions of all sections shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

Proposition 119 Learning Enrichment and Academic Progress Program

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Ballot Title:

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED \$137,600,000 ANNUALLY ON RETAIL MARIJUANA SALES BY A CHANGE TO THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLORADO CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 17, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CHOSEN BY PARENTS; FUNDING THE PROGRAM BY INCREASING THE RETAIL MARIJUANA SALES TAX BY 5% BY 2024 AND REALLOCATING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS INCOME; AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE FOR PROGRAM FUNDING AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE; SPECIFYING THAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE TUTORING AND EXTRA INSTRUCTION IN SUBJECTS INCLUDING READING, MATH, SCIENCE, WRITING, MUSIC, AND ART, TARGETED SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND LEARNING DISABILITIES, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING, AND OTHER ACADEMIC OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES; AND PRIORITIZING PROGRAM FINANCIAL AID FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS?

Text of Measure:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 86.1 to title 22 as follows:

ARTICLE 86.1 LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS (LEAP) PROGRAM

22-86.1-101. Legislative declaration. THE VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FIND AND DECLARE THAT:

(1) OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE CRITICAL FOR ALL COLORADO CHILDREN AND YOUTH. THESE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, DURING PERIODS AND TIMEFRAMES OUTSIDE OF THEIR REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULES, PROVIDE ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC AND LIFE SKILLS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO THRIVE IN SCHOOL AND LIFE. THESE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH FOR ALL CHILDREN.

(2) THE INTENT OF THE VOTERS IN ENACTING THIS ARTICLE 86.1 IS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE LEARNING PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE ACCESS TO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF COLORADO'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH OUTSIDE OF THEIR REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULES. IT IS FURTHER INTENDED THAT SUCH PROGRAM WILL ALLOW FOR: TUTORING AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN CORE SUBJECT AREAS, INCLUDING READING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND WRITING; TARGETED SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND LEARNING DISABILITIES; ACCESS TO MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SERVICES; ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION; ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY FOR RURAL STUDENTS; AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE ACADEMIC OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES NO LONGER OFFERED IN MANY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: MUSIC, DANCE, ARTS, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING.

(3) CREATING THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM WILL ENSURE THAT THESE LEARNING EXPERIENCES ARE EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL COLORADO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND THAT FAMILIES WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND

RESPONSIBILITY TO CHOOSE PROGRAMS, EXPERIENCES, AND ACTIVITIES THAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE BEST FIT FOR THEIR CHILD OR YOUTH.

(4) ALL CHILDREN HAVE UNIQUE STRENGTHS, NEEDS, AND LEARNING STYLES. ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN THE CREATION AND PROVISION OF NEW AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES STATEWIDE WILL BENEFIT COLORADO'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND REINFORCE THE LEARNING THAT TAKES PLACE IN MANY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS.

(5) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE BENEFITS TO COLORADO COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING: SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS THAT WILL ACCRUE TO THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR IN-SCHOOL EDUCATORS; ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EDUCATORS AND PROVIDERS; AND INCREASED ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

(6) PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MONEY TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND ENSURES THAT THE ONGOING FINANCIAL COSTS OF THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM HAS MINIMAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

(7) BY APPLYING A STATE SALES TAX TO RETAIL MARIJUANA AND TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF REVENUES EARNED ON COLORADO'S SCHOOL TRUST LANDS TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, THE STATE WILL BE ABLE TO FUND THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM FOR COLORADO CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

22-86.1-102. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE COLORADO LEARNING AUTHORITY CREATED BY SECTION 22-86.1-103.

(2) “BOARD” MEANS THE COLORADO LEARNING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS CREATED BY SECTION 22-86.1-105.

(3) “ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH” MEANS A CHILD OR YOUTH WHO IS FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IN A QUALIFYING YEAR BUT WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND WHO RESIDES IN COLORADO AND IS, OR WILL BE, ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THE STATE.

(4) “LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM” OR “LEAP PROGRAM” OR “PROGRAM” MEANS THE LEARNING PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1.

(5) “LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FUND” OR “FUND” MEANS THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND CREATED BY SECTION 22-86.1-106.

(6) “LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER” MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.

(7)(a) “OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” OR “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” MEANS A PROGRAM, SERVICE, SYSTEM, ACTIVITY, MATERIALS, OR OTHER PURSUIT OR PURCHASE THAT PROVIDES SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH OUTSIDE OF NORMAL SCHOOL OPERATIONS.

(b) “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: TUTORING AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN CORE SUBJECT AREAS, INCLUDING READING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND WRITING; TARGETED SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND LEARNING DISABILITIES; ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION; CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING; OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE ACADEMIC OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES; AND REASONABLE AND NECESSARY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES TO COMPLETE OR PARTICIPATE IN A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

(c) “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” ALSO INCLUDES EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING, MENTORING, AND OTHER SERVICES THAT SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THEIR PURSUIT OF A HOLISTIC AND MEANINGFUL EDUCATION.

(d) “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE IN-SCHOOL INSTRUCTION, SERVICES, MATERIALS, CURRICULA, OR PROGRAMS PROVIDED AS PART OF A NORMAL COURSE OF STUDY CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STUDENT'S COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 22-33-104. “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAMS REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF DAY OR DAY OF THE WEEK THEY ARE OFFERED. “LEARNING OPPORTUNITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TUITION.

(8) “PARENT” MEANS A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STANDS IN LOCO PARENTIS OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH.

22-86.1-103. The learning enrichment and academic progress program and authority - establishment - purposes - powers. (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO LEARNING AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS IF IT WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A **TYPE 1** TRANSFER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE “ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1968,” ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 24. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER



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STATUTORY POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY, THE AUTHORITY MAY PERFORM ALL BUDGETING, PURCHASING, PLANNING, AND RELATED MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

(2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL AID ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN COLORADO TO BE USED FOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

(a) SEEK TO INCREASE ACCESS TO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH, ENSURE A BROAD DIVERSITY OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDERS, AND HELP PARENTS CHOOSE RESOURCES FOR THEIR CHILD OR YOUTH.

(b) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE PROVISION AND SELECTION OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS, CONSISTENT WITH AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS AND PURPOSES STATED IN SECTION 22-86.1-101, TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH. AN ALLOWABLE USE OF FINANCIAL AID INCLUDES REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH TO AND FROM LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT THE FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTED WILL BE NEW DOLLARS TO SPEND ON NEW SERVICES AND MUST NOT SUPPLANT EXISTING PUBLIC OR CHARITABLE FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

(c) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR PUBLICATION, SOLICITATION, RECEIPT, AND EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM POTENTIAL PROVIDERS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM. SUCH CRITERIA MUST MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER AND DIVERSITY OF PROVIDERS THAT PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH CAN CHOOSE, MUST ENABLE PARENTS TO EVALUATE THE PROVIDER ONCE SERVICES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS ARE ELIGIBLE AND ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

(d) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA TO CERTIFY PROVIDERS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM. IN THE INTEREST OF FACILITATING ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE BEHIND THEIR GRADE LEVEL, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRE-CERTIFY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND OTHER LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND CREATE A PROCESS TO ENSURE PRIORITY APPROVAL OF EDUCATORS AS QUALIFIED PROVIDERS. THE AUTHORITY IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PROVIDER. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN ELIGIBLE PROVIDER MUST INCLUDE BEING AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO AND CARRYING SUFFICIENT LIABILITY INSURANCE AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY MAY PROVIDE REASONABLE SUPPORT TO PROVIDERS TO ENSURE A BROAD REPRESENTATION OF PROVIDERS CAN MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3). IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE QUALIFIED PROVIDERS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THEIR CHILD OR YOUTH. THE AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES A QUALIFIED PROVIDER LOSES THEIR CERTIFICATION AND MAY BAN PROVIDERS WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN FRAUD OR OTHER SPECIOUS FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS PROGRAM, FROM PROVIDING SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

(e) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CHILD OR YOUTH SAFETY, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF RECENT BACKGROUND CHECKS PROVIDED THROUGH THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OR SIMILAR FEDERAL AGENCY FOR PROVIDERS WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

(f) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA TO ESTABLISH AND MANAGE FINANCIAL AID ON BEHALF OF PARENTS AND TO COMPENSATE APPROVED PROVIDERS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE USES SPECIFICALLY AND INDEPENDENTLY CHOSEN BY PARENTS AND PROVIDED TO AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH. THE FINANCIAL AID FUNDS MUST BE PROVIDED AND ADMINISTERED WITH THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM FINANCIAL AID AMOUNT PER ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

(I) IN DETERMINING THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRIORITIZE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OR YOUTH WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. WITHIN THE PRIORITIZED INCOME CATEGORY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, THE AUTHORITY MAY PLACE AN ADDITIONAL PRIORITY ON THOSE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH WHO ARE NOT PROFICIENT AT GRADE LEVEL IN READING, MATH, OR OTHER CORE ACADEMIC AREAS, OR WHO HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR EMOTIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES.

(II) IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022, THE AUTHORITY SHALL, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, DISTRIBUTE FINANCIAL AID FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

(III) IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTION FOR EACH PRIORITIZED ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM IS AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND MAY PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS TO NON-PRIORITIZED ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN AMOUNTS LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY MAY

CHOOSE TO HAVE ONE APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AID DISBURSAL PERIOD OR MORE THAN ONE. FOR EACH DISBURSAL PERIOD, THE AUTHORITY SHALL AWARD FINANCIAL AID AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FINANCIAL AID MUST BE DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH WHO RESIDE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(B) AFTER ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLDS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM HAVE RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID, THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISTRIBUTE FINANCIAL AID TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH WHO RESIDE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED AND LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(C) AFTER ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED AND LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM HAVE RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID, THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISTRIBUTE FINANCIAL AID TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH WHO RESIDE IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE AT OR ABOVE TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(IV) IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND IN SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH AND THE METHOD AND TIMING OF DISTRIBUTION.

(V) IN DETERMINING THE MANNER IN WHICH FAMILIES QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM, THE AUTHORITY SHOULD ENSURE SIMPLE AND EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE APPLICATION FORMS AND PROCESSES. THE AUTHORITY HAS CONTROL OVER WHEN AND HOW FINANCIAL AID IS DISTRIBUTED TO APPROVED PROVIDERS THAT THE PARENTS CHOOSE, SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. SUCH FINANCIAL AID MUST FURTHER BE PROVIDED AND ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH, ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH'S FAMILY, PROVIDER, OR LEARNING OPPORTUNITY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, COLOR, NATIVE LANGUAGE, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, MILITARY STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER VARIANCE, MARITAL STATUS, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY.

(g) CREATE MULTIPLE-YEAR FINANCIAL AID AS PRACTICABLE FOR LOW-INCOME ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL TO ENSURE THOSE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF FUNDING FOR A MINIMUM OF A THREE-YEAR PERIOD REGARDLESS OF CHANGES TO THE FAMILY'S INCOME LEVEL AND TO PROVIDE STABILITY FOR THOSE CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

(h) CREATE AND DEVELOP CRITERIA AND PROTOCOLS FOR ROLLOVER OF UNUSED FUNDS FOR EACH FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENT, FOR USE BY THE RECIPIENT IN ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM. ANY FINANCIAL AID OF A CHILD OR YOUTH WHO NO LONGER QUALIFIES AS AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH MUST REVERT BACK TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND. FINANCIAL AID FUNDS MAY ACCUMULATE FOR THREE YEARS, BUT UPON THE START OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF FUNDING, THE ENTIRETY OF THE FUNDS, EXCEPTING THE NEWLY AWARDED FOURTH-YEAR FUNDS, REVERT BACK TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND. AT THE TIME AN ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH REACHES THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, ANY REMAINING FINANCIAL AID FOR THAT CHILD OR YOUTH MUST REVERT BACK TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND.

(i) CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED, AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, ANNUAL INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITS OF THE AUTHORITY. SUCH AUDITS MUST BE CONDUCTED BY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NO LATER THAN JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. AS A COMPONENT OF THE AUDITS, THE AUDITOR SHALL SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PROVIDERS AND EVALUATE WHETHER THE FUNDS WERE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION. ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTHORITY MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY EVALUATOR TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF PROVIDERS. THE AUTHORITY SHALL REDACT ALL NAMES OF TAXPAYERS AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OR TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS BEFORE PUBLICLY RELEASING ANY AUDIT OR OTHER FINANCIAL REPORT.

(j) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN EVALUATION SYSTEM BY JANUARY 1, 2024, TO MEASURE THE IMPACTS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND TO ENSURE THAT LEARNING PROVIDERS ARE RATED BY QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE RESULTS. THIS SYSTEM MUST ALSO INCORPORATE PARENT AND YOUTH FEEDBACK AND RATINGS AND MUST BE PUBLICLY AND EASILY AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. AT A MINIMUM, THESE METRICS AND DATA MUST BE COLLECTED, ANALYZED, AND MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ANNUALLY. IN DESIGNING THE EVALUATION SYSTEM, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRIORITIZE:

(I) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RANGE OF IMPACT METRICS THAT MAY ENCOMPASS QUALITATIVE, QUANTITATIVE, SHORT-TERM, AND LONGITUDINAL DATA;

(II) THE INTEGRATION OF AUTHORITY-DEVELOPED DATA SYSTEMS WITH DATA SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES TO ASSESS FOR SHORT-TERM ACADEMIC IMPACT AND LONG-TERM LIFE OUTCOMES;

AND

(III) THE PROTECTION OF STUDENT AND FAMILY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

(4) IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE COLORADO LEARNING AUTHORITY HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES, SOME OR ALL OF WHICH MAY BE DELEGATED BY CONTRACT:

(a) ADMINISTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE PUBLICATION, SOLICITATION, RECEIPT, EVALUATION, AND SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS FROM POTENTIAL PROVIDERS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM TO WHICH PARENTS MAY DIRECT FINANCIAL AID;

(b) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY WITH APPROVED PROVIDERS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(c) DEVELOP, ESTABLISH, AND MANAGE A SYSTEM FOR RECEIPT, PROCESSING, AND EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH;

(d) ASSIST ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH, PARENTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NAVIGATING AND SELECTING AMONG AVAILABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES;

(e) PROVIDE TECHNICAL, PROGRAMMATIC, AND CAPACITY BUILDING EXPERTISE AND FUNDING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF PROVIDERS;

(f) ESTABLISH, MANAGE, AND DISTRIBUTE FINANCIAL AID FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH FUNDED BY THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FUND TO PAY APPROVED PROVIDERS OF APPROVED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES; AND

(g) PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, SUBJECT TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED AND DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY, FOR PURPOSES OF MONITORING AND TRACKING THE USE OF FINANCIAL AID BY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH AND APPROVED PROVIDER PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS.

(5) NO MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF MONEY FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND MAY BE SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN ANY FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2025. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW THE PERCENTAGE OF MONEY FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND THAT CAN BE SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE AS POSSIBLE.

(6) THE AUTHORITY IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., AND THE "COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS LAW", PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S.

(7)(a) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE LEARNING PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER THAT:

(I) PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO BENEFIT ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH ON BEHALF OF PARENTS WHO HAVE SPECIFICALLY AND INDEPENDENTLY CHOSEN A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY, NOT ANY PARTICULAR QUALIFIED PROVIDER;

(II) DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH, ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH'S FAMILY, OR PROVIDER'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION;

(III) ENSURES THAT THE PROGRAM DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY COURSES IN RELIGION OR THEOLOGY; AND

(IV) DOES NOT DENY ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH THE PROGRAM'S BENEFITS BASED ON THE RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF THE PROVIDER.

(b) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (7) GIVES ANY PERSON A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION.

22-86.1-104. Additional powers of the Colorado learning authority. (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1, THE AUTHORITY HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

(a) TO ADOPT, HAVE, AND USE A SEAL AND TO ALTER THE SAME AT ITS PLEASURE;

(b) TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE 86.1 OR THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, EXECUTE ALL INSTRUMENTS, AND DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1;

(c) TO PURCHASE, LEASE, TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE, MORTGAGE, LEASE, SELL, AND DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN; AND TO PURCHASE, LEASE, TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN AND TO MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE, MORTGAGE, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH REAL PROPERTY, SO LONG AS SUCH TRANSACTIONS DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 22-86.1-103;

(d) TO ACQUIRE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND INSURANCE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1;

(e) TO CONTRACT FOR AND TO ACCEPT ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER AID IN ANY FORM FROM THE FEDERAL



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GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE AGENCY, OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AND TO COMPLY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1, WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF;

(f) TO FIX THE TIME AND PLACE OR PLACES AT WHICH ITS REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD;

(g) TO ADOPT AND FROM TIME TO TIME AMEND OR REPEAL BYLAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1;

(h) TO APPOINT A TREASURER OF THE BOARD AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE;

(i) TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SUCH AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ADVISERS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE NECESSARY IN ITS JUDGMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1, TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF SUCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND ADVISERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF ALL SUCH AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER PERSONS CONTRACTING WITH THE AUTHORITY;

(j) TO MAKE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE 86.1, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTRACTS WITH ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, STATE AGENCY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER ENTITY; AND

(k) TO HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND POWERS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO OR IMPLIED FROM THE SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1, WHICH SPECIFIC POWERS MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A LIMITATION UPON ANY POWER NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1.

22-86.1-105. Colorado learning authority - board of directors - powers and duties. (1) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND ANY STAFF OR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES HIRED BY THE AUTHORITY AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW. ANY STAFF HIRED BY THE AUTHORITY ARE EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THIS STATE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE XII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 24; EXCEPT THAT, ALL POSITIONS CLASSIFIED BY THE AUTHORITY AS PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE AUTHORITY ARE DECLARED TO BE EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE AND EXEMPT FROM THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM.

(2) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF NINE MEMBERS, NO MORE THAN FIVE OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. MEMBERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(a) MEMBERS OF THE INITIAL BOARD MUST BE APPOINTED BY JANUARY 15, 2022. IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL SEEK BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN START-UP ENTERPRISES AND DELIVERING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME CHILDREN, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPERTISE IN:

(I) E-COMMERCE OR PAYMENT SYSTEMS;

(II) CYBERSECURITY;

(III) ORGANIZATIONAL START-UP AND STRUCTURE;

(IV) NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE WITH SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES;

(V) EXPERIENCE IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE EDUCATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED, TO EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS;

(VI) CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY THAT CONNECTS PROVIDERS WITH CONSUMERS;

(VII) OVERSEEING USER-DIRECTED ACCOUNTS; AND

(VIII) DATABASE CREATION OR MANAGEMENT.

(b) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE INITIAL BOARD MUST BE A PARENT OF A CHILD WHO WOULD QUALIFY AS A PRIORITIZED ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUTH FOR THE PROGRAM.

(c) MEMBERS OF THE INITIAL BOARD SHALL SERVE A SINGLE TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(d) THE TERM OF ANY MEMBER APPOINTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025 EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2024. THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD FOR TERMS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025 BY SELECTING NEW BOARD MEMBERS FROM A LIST OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES GENERATED BY THE INITIAL BOARD THROUGH A PROCESS OPEN TO APPLICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ALL SUBSEQUENT NEW BOARD MEMBERS FROM A LIST OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES GENERATED BY THE THEN-EXISTING BOARD THROUGH A PROCESS OPEN TO APPLICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. EACH LIST MUST PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF THREE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSITION TO BE APPOINTED, OR SUCH LESSER NUMBER AS THERE ARE APPLICATIONS. AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF ONE RESIDENT OF EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE AND ONE OR TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT TO ENSURE AN ODD NUMBER OF

BOARD MEMBERS. AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD WHO IS FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT WHO IS UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

(II) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A FOCUS ON SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES; AND

(III) AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT WHO ARE UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

(e) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPOINTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025 SERVE FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS; EXCEPT THAT, MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM AN ODD-NUMBERED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS. AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY SERVE UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, AND MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

(3) AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE, THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ESTABLISH A LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AND A LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL TO:

(a) PROVIDE INPUT TO THE BOARD CONCERNING THE PROGRAM, ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF LEARNING PROVIDERS, FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTION, AND ALL OTHER MATTERS OF IMPLEMENTING THE LEARNING PROGRAM; AND

(b) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR PARENT REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD.

(4) MEMBERS OF THE ONGOING BOARD MAY NOT DURING THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE BE EMPLOYED BY OR CONTRACT WITH PERSONS THAT PROVIDE OR OFFER TO PROVIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(5) MEMBERS OF THE INITIAL AND ONGOING BOARDS MAY RECEIVE A PER DIEM OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ATTENDANCE AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR BASED ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND ARE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH MILEAGE AT THE RATE AT WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-317. A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO IS A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT CLAIM PER DIEM COMPENSATION, BUT MUST BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH MILEAGE AT THE RATE AT WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-317.

(6)(a) THE INITIAL AND ONGOING BOARDS MUST ALSO CONSIST OF FOUR NONVOTING MEMBERS, THREE OF WHOM ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD CHAIR AND ONE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

(b) THE NONVOTING MEMBERS MUST:

(I) BE FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE; AND

(II) BE ENROLLED IN AND ATTENDING A TRIBAL OR COLORADO JUNIOR HIGH, MIDDLE, OR HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING AN ONLINE OR CHARTER SCHOOL OR APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; BE PARTICIPATING IN A NONPUBLIC, HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; BE PARTICIPATING IN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION PROGRAM; OR HAVE OBTAINED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-33-102 (8.5).

(c) THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2022. NONVOTING MEMBERS SERVE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS, EXCEPT THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD CHAIR, TWO NONVOTING MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED TO THE BOARD WILL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR. NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY SERVE UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS. NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY RECEIVE A PER DIEM OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ATTENDANCE AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR BASED ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND ARE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH MILEAGE AT THE RATE AT WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-317.

(7) THE BOARD HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:

(a) TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;

(b) TO ESTABLISH AND OVERSEE THE PROGRAM CREATED BY THIS ARTICLE 86.1, ASSURING THAT AS MUCH FUNDING AS PRACTICABLE IS DEDICATED TO THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN OR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN FINDING AND SELECTING AVAILABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES;

(c) TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF EXPERT CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES;

(d) TO ELECT ONE DIRECTOR AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND ANOTHER DIRECTOR AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEM OF THE BOARD; AND

(e) TO PERFORM ALL SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 86.1.

22-86.1-106. Learning enrichment and academic progress fund - creation - crediting of money to fund - use of fund. (1) THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AUTHORITY AND CONSISTS OF ALL MONEY TRANSFERRED OR CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2), (3), AND (4) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 39-28.8-203(1)(c). ALL INTEREST AND INCOME EARNED ON THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND AND MUST NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER STATE FUND AT THE END OF ANY STATE FISCAL YEAR.

(2) THE AUTHORITY MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER REVENUE OR AID IN ANY FORM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE AGENCY, ANY OTHER PUBLIC SOURCE, ANY PRIVATE SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AND ANY SUCH MONETARY RECEIPTS MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND AND ANY SUCH IN-KIND RECEIPTS MUST BE APPLIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(3) AT THE END OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-1-116(1)(d). FOR THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR, AN AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUE EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUCH TRANSFERS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL REVENUE, SPENDING, AND OTHER LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW.

(4) AT THE END OF EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-1-116(1)(d). FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR AN AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH TRANSFER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL REVENUE, SPENDING, AND OTHER LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW.

(5) THE MONEY TRANSFERRED OR CREDITED TO THE FUND, INCLUDING ANY INCOME AND INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF SUCH MONEY, IS EXEMPT FROM ANY RESTRICTION ON SPENDING, REVENUE, OR APPROPRIATIONS, INCLUDING THE RESTRICTIONS OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW.

(6) THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 86.1.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, section 36-1-116, **amend** (1)(a)(II)(A) and (1)(b)(I); and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

36-1-116. Disposition of rentals, royalties, and timber sale proceeds. (1)(a)(II)(A) Except as provided in subsections (1)(a)(II)(B), and (1)(a)(II)(C), AND (1)(d), for the 2010-11 state fiscal year and each state fiscal year thereafter, the proceeds received by the state for the sale of timber on public school lands, lease payments and rental payments for said lands, rental payments for the use and occupation of the surface of said lands, and rentals or lease payments for sand, gravel, clay, stone, coal, oil, gas, geothermal resources, gold, silver, or other minerals on said lands other than proceeds, rentals, and payments allocated to the state land board trust administration fund pursuant to section 36-1-145(3) or credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund created in section 22-43.7-104(1), C.R.S., pursuant to section 22-43.7-104(2)(b)(I), C.R.S., shall be credited to the permanent school fund and shall become part of the principal of the permanent school fund.

(b)(I) Except for royalties and other payments allocated to the state land board trust administration fund pursuant to section 36-1-145(3) or credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund created in section 22-43.7-104(1), C.R.S., pursuant to section 22-43.7-104(2)(b)(I), C.R.S., except as provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b), and except as provided in paragraph PARAGRAPHS (c) AND (d) of this subsection (1), royalties and other payments for the depletion or extraction of a natural resource on said lands shall be credited to the permanent school fund.

(d)(I) FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, ANY AMOUNTS TO BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (1)(a)(II)(A) AND (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INSTEAD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-114.



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(II) BEGINNING WITH THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, ANY AMOUNTS TO BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (1)(a)(II)(A) AND (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION IN EXCESS OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS SHALL INSTEAD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-114.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-202, **amend** (1)(a)(I) and (1)(b) as follows:

39-28.8-202. Retail marijuana sales tax. (1)(a)(I)(A) In addition to the tax imposed pursuant to part 1 of article 26 of this title 39 and the sales tax imposed by a local government pursuant to title 29, 30, 31, or 32, but except as otherwise set forth in subsections (1)(a)(II) and (1)(a)(III) of this section, THERE IS IMPOSED UPON ALL SALES OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS BY A RETAILER A TAX AT RATES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I).

(B) Beginning January 1, 2014, and through June 30, 2017, there is imposed upon all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products by a retailer a tax at the rate of ten percent of the amount of the sale.

(C) Beginning July 1, 2017, there is imposed upon all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products by a retailer a tax at the rate of fifteen percent of the amount of the sale.

(D) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, THERE IS IMPOSED UPON ALL SALES OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS BY A RETAILER, IN ADDITION TO THE FIFTEEN PERCENT TAX IMPOSED BY SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)(C) OF THIS SECTION, A TAX OF THREE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE SALE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, A TAX OF FOUR PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE SALE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND A TAX OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE SALE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024.

(E) The tax imposed by this section is computed in accordance with schedules or forms prescribed by the executive director of the department; except that a retail marijuana store is not allowed to retain any portion of the retail marijuana sales tax collected pursuant to this part 2 to cover the expenses of collecting and remitting the tax. The executive director may promulgate rules to implement this section.

(b) The maximum tax rate that may be imposed pursuant to this section is fifteen percent PLUS THE APPLICABLE TAX RATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION. At any time on or after ~~January 1, 2014~~ JANUARY 1, 2022, the general assembly may, by a bill enacted by the general assembly and that becomes law:

(I) Establish a tax rate to be imposed pursuant to this subsection (1) that is lower than ~~fifteen percent of the sale of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products~~ SUCH MAXIMUM TAX RATE; OR

(II) After ~~establishing a tax rate that is lower than fifteen percent pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b)~~ LOWERING THE TAX RATE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, increase the tax rate to be imposed pursuant to this subsection (1); except that, in no event shall the general assembly increase the tax rate above ~~fifteen percent of the sale of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products~~ THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an increase in the tax rate pursuant to this subparagraph (II) shall not require voter approval subsequent to the voter approval required pursuant to part 4 of this article.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-203, **amend** (1)(a)(I) and (1)(b)(I.5) introductory portion and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

39-28.8-203. Disposition of collections – definitions. (1) The proceeds of all money collected from the retail marijuana sales tax are initially credited to the old age pension fund created in section 1 of article XXIV of the state constitution in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (f) of section 2 of article XXIV of the state constitution and thereafter are transferred to the general fund in accordance with section 7 of article XXIV of the state constitution. For each fiscal year in which a tax is collected pursuant to this part 2, an amount shall be appropriated or distributed from the general fund as follows:

(a)(I) Before July 1, 2017, an amount equal to fifteen percent of the gross retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department is apportioned to local governments. On and after July 1, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent of the gross retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department, EXCLUDING REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 39-28.8-202(1)(a)(I)(D), is apportioned to local governments. The city or town share is apportioned according to the percentage that retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department within the boundaries of the city or town bear to the total retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department. The county share is apportioned according to the percentage that retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department in the unincorporated area of the county bear to total retail marijuana sales tax revenue collected by the department.

(b)(I.5) On and after July 1, 2018, of the ninety percent of the gross retail marijuana sales tax revenue in the general fund remaining after the allocation to local governments required by subsection (1)(a)(I) of this section is made, AND EXCLUDING REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 39-28.8-202(1)(a)(I)(D), the state treasurer shall retain fifteen and fifty-six one-hundredths percent in the general fund for use for any lawful purpose and shall transfer from the general fund:

(c) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER MONTHLY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS FUND CREATED BY SECTION 22-86.1-106 ALL REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 39-28.8-202(1)(a)(I)(D).

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 39-28.8-204 as follows:

39-28.8-204. Revenue and spending limitations. (1) Notwithstanding any limitations on revenue, spending, or appropriations contained in section 20 of article X of the state constitution or any other provision of law, any revenues generated by the retail marijuana sales tax imposed pursuant to this part 2 as approved by the voters at the statewide election in November 2013, may be collected and spent as voter-approved revenue changes and shall not require voter approval subsequent to the voter approval required pursuant to part 4 of this article.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS ON REVENUE, SPENDING, OR APPROPRIATIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY REVENUES GENERATED BY THE ADDITIONAL RETAIL MARIJUANA SALES TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 39-28.8-202(1)(a)(I)(D), AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE STATEWIDE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2021, MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE.

Proposition 120 Property Tax Assessment Rate Reduction

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot

title will not appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning property tax reductions, and, in connection therewith, reducing property tax revenue by an estimated \$1.03 billion in 2023 and by comparable amounts thereafter by reducing the residential property tax assessment rate from 7.15% to 6.5% and reducing the property tax assessment rate for all other property, excluding producing mines and lands or leaseholds producing oil or gas, from 29% to 26.4% and allowing the state to annually retain and spend up to \$25 million of excess state revenue, if any, for state fiscal years 2022-23 through 2026-27 as a voter-approved revenue change to offset lost revenue resulting from the property tax rate reductions and to reimburse local governments for revenue lost due to the homestead exemptions for qualifying seniors and disabled veterans?

Text of Measure:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104 **amend** (1) as follows:

(1) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 the valuation for assessment of all taxable property in the state shall be twenty-nine percent, AND BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE STATE SHALL BE TWENTY-SIX AND FOUR-TENTHS PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE THEREOF AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, AND SUCH PERCENTAGE SHALL BE UNIFORMLY APPLIED, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO THE ACTUAL VALUE, SO DETERMINED, OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES AND SUBCLASSES OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE AUTHORITY LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX, AND ALL PROPERTY TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED AGAINST THE AGGREGATE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT RESULTING FROM THE APPLICATION OF SUCH PERCENTAGE. THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, PRODUCING MINES, AND LANDS OR LEASEHOLDS PRODUCING OIL OR GAS.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104.2 **amend** (3)(q) as follows:

39-1-104.2. Adjustment of residential rate - legislative declaration - definitions.

(3) (q) The ratio of valuation for assessment for residential real property is 7.15 percent of actual value for property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2019 and 6.5 PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE FOR PROPERTY TAX COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, until the next property tax year that the general assembly adjusts the ratio of valuation for assessment for residential real property.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3-207 **add** (6) as follows:

39-3-207. Reporting of exemptions—reimbursement to local governmental entities.

(6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFF-SETTING LOST REVENUE RESULTING FROM A REDUCTION IN PROPERTY TAX AND TO FUND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, IN FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 2027, THE STATE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN AND SPEND UP TO 25 MILLION PER YEAR IN REVENUE FOR WARRANTS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

- People who plant trees need monuments over their graves.
- It takes a vast amount of brains to be funny without being ridiculous.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

- It is said that there are about 5 hunters in the hills per one deer.
- Report came in Sunday evening that two had been killed in an auto-wreck on the Government Road just a mile from the Rio Blanco Hotel

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

- A 24 year old from Meeker, CO broke both legs and sustained injuries in an industrial accident, and had to be flown by helicopter from Pioneers hospital to Denver.
- Christo stood in Rifle Gap at midnight Saturday and cried as the wind ripped his “Valley Curtain” from its moorings and made a torn flag of defeat.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

- With public notice limited to a one-line item published in an obscure government computer database called the FM table, the Federal Communications commissions

revealed that it has granted a petition to reserve a frequency for a powerful FM radio station for Meeker.

- It is fire prevention week, and a group of Meeker volunteer firefighters visited Meeker Elementary to present some fire safety tips and gave the children a ride through town on the fire truck.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

- Rarely a day passes that someone doesn't comment to us about the many changes along Main Street and the local downtown clean up effort by local businesses to upgrade and improve Rangely's downtown. An attractive new front was put up and painted on mainstreet for Continental Emsco.
- The Rio Blanco Chariot association will start its chariot racing season on November 7.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

- CNCC students poured themselves into Sumo suits for a little wrestling action during
- CNCC's All Nighter Weekend event is in conjunction with Alcohol Awareness month.
- Due to moderating fire conditions throughout Rio Blanco County, the fire restriction order is being lifted by Rio Blanco County by BLM officials.

We've picked our pumpkins and will...

...get them ready to light up the night.

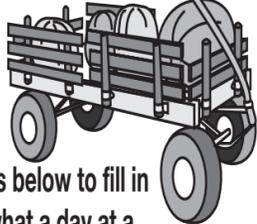
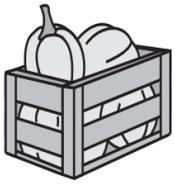
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Kids: color stuff in!

Pumpkin Festival!



animals

rolling

Jack-O'-Lanterns

light

CANDY APPLES

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with what a day at a Pumpkin Festival might include!

1. Start the day at the pumpkin pancake _____.
2. Choose a pumpkin from a bin – carve it, pop in a _____ and find a special place for it on the bleachers.
3. Bounce around on a hayride or glide on a train to take in the _____.
4. Look at the giant pumpkins and guess which _____ the most!
5. Wander by _____ booths to get ideas and buy a handmade item.
6. Walk past the food _____ to choose a treat that looks and smells delicious.
7. Join in the great pumpkin cook-off by preparing a recipe or tasting a new _____.
8. What _____ will you climb onto in the amusements section?
9. Cheer for a favorite entrant in the pie-eating _____.
10. Rest for a bit and listen to the live _____ on the stage.
11. Choose a number for your rubber bird in the duck _____.
12. Join the crowd in the zombie walk or costume _____.
13. Find the "bowling alley" and score by _____ pumpkins to knock down bowling pins.
14. Think of a character or design to have _____ on your face at the face-decorating table.
15. Pet and feed various _____ in the petting zoo.
16. Watch _____ like fire dancing or stilt walking.
17. Admire antique or fancy _____ at the car show.
18. Find your way through the corn or obstacle _____.
19. When it's dark, wander along the stands and enjoy the lighted, grinning _____.
20. Join in the pumpkin derby dump, where people race to _____ up at the end of the pumpkin fest.



contest

breakfast

weighs

10 views

2 ride

1 acts

8

15 trucks

autos

3

19

4

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5 painted

craft

6 race

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parade

music

clean

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Pumpkin Bowling Maze Fun

To find your way to the area for the Pumpkin Bowling

Enter there or here.

Zombie Walk & Costume Parade

People are arriving for the zombie walk & parade.

Fill in the blanks to name each character:

So your hayride gets to lead the parade. Nice!

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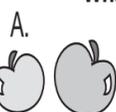
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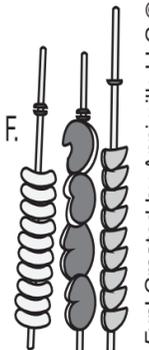
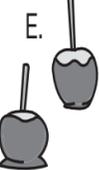
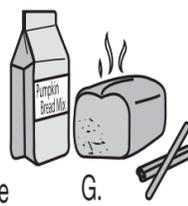
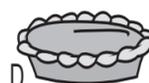


Treats and Eats at the Pumpkin Festival!

What's what? Draw a line from each description to the food or treat.



1. creamy pumpkin pie tamales
2. BBQ meat skewers
3. sweet candy apples
4. pumpkin doughnuts
5. fresh apples
6. award-winning pumpkin bread and mixes
7. Grandma's perfect apple pie
8. famous spicy pumpkin pie



2020 DELINQUENT TAX LIST • RIO BLANCO COUNTY

PAYMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE THE TAX LIEN SALE DATE OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MUST BE CERTIFIED FUNDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL, ACCORDING TO LAW, OFFER AT PUBLIC SALE, AT THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, LOCATED IN THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 555 MAIN STREET, IN MEEKER, COLORADO, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021, AND SUCCEEDING DAYS COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM OF SAID DAY, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, MINERALS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND MOBILE HOMES SITUATED IN SAID COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO ON WHICH THE TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2020 (PAYABLE IN 2021) HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, AS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO PAY SAID TAX BELOW WITH INTEREST AND PENALTIES, AND WILL DELIVER TO THE PURCHASER A CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE AS PROVIDED BY LAW:

1. AMICK, JIM DUANE & S: 30 T: 1N R: 92W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$497.55	29. MAGOR, RICHARD FRANCIS IV S: 12 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$64.64	R2204858	55. SULLIVAN, NANCY L. S: 29 T: 1S R: 91W NWSNW LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$411.73	R0501205	83. BINDLEY, MAE BELLE CROOK S: 19 T: 3N R: 91W .48500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$47.39	N5500038	109. HEMMING, KAREN SUE S: 23 T: 1N R: 93W .250000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.36	N5500313	135. MAGOR, RICHARD FRANCIS, IV S: 23 T: 1S R: 92W .100000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$38.06	N5500334
2. AMICK, JIM DUANE & S: 29 T: 1N R: 92W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$337.32	30. MAGOR, RICHARD FRANCIS IV S: 24 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$64.64	R2204857	56. TIMBERG, BRUCE Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 072 Lot: 9 & 10 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$561.83	R0102846	84. BINDLEY, MAYBELL CROOK S: 12 T: 2N R: 98 .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$43.27	N5500659	110. HENRY, ROBERT E. & BETTY JANE S: 21 T: 1N R: 90W .250000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.70 Prior Lien	N5501173	136. MCKENZIE, DORIS S: 29 T: 1N R: 92W .003968 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.89	N5502093
3. BARNEY, DEBRA M. S: 2 T: 1S R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$442.00	31. MAIN STREET COFFEE HOUSE, INC. Subd: HILDENBRANDT Block: 2 Lot: 11 & 12 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$2,006.14	R1003226	57. TROUT, LUKAS W. Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 107 Lot: 9 & 10 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$295.60	R0100220	85. BINDLEY, MAYBELLE CROOK Tract: 52 S: 12 T: 2N R: 98W .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$53.66	N5500119	111. HERMAN, MARY E. S: 30 T: 1N R: 92W .013888 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$35.77	N5500993	137. MCKENZIE, DORIS S: 30 T: 1N R: 92W .013888 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$35.77	N5502097
4. BARNEY, DEBRA M. Subd: BARNEY MINOR Lot: 2 S: 2 T: 1S R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$80.54	32. MASS, PHILLIP E. & ROBERTA Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 001 Lot: 7 AND: - Lot: 8 AND: - Lot: 8 AND: - Lot: 9 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$2,285.26	R0102195	58. TROUT, LUKAS W. Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 107 Lot: 11 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$85.89	R0109342	86. BLOCH, ROBERT D. Tract: 37 S: 7 T: 2N R: 94W .093800 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$61.55	N5503454	112. HERMAN, MARY E. S: 29 T: 1N R: 92W .003968 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.36	N5500003	138. MCKENZIE, DORIS MARCELLE S: 29 T: 1N R: 92W .0357143 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$39.84	N5500243
5. BATTRICK, WILLIAM & SANDY S: 30 T: 3N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$600.33	33. R0103888 MATHYS, MARC Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 074 Lot: 9 A 10 SUBLT 2, MEEKER TOWNHOUSES 3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$128.58	R0102195	59. VON TROTHA, SUSAN S: 12 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59 Prior Lien	R2204844	87. BOARD OF REGENTS UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS S: 17 T: 2N R: 102W .052084 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$44.55	N5503224	113. HEWITT, RUTH S: 22 T: 3N R: 91 .166666 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$35.38 Prior Lien	N5501324	139. MILLER CREEK RANCH, INC. S: 23 T: 2S R: 93W .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.89	N5503301
6. BAUER, JERRY & LUCILLE E. S: 21 T: 1S R: 91W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$100.94	34. MATHYS, MARC Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 074 Lot: 9 A 10 SUBLT 2, MEEKER TOWNHOUSES #3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$127.35	R0103665	60. VON TROTHA, SUSAN S: 24 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59 Prior Lien	R2204843	88. BOTTOM, ARMETTIA Tract: 112 S: 34 T: 1N R: 94W .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67 Prior Lien	N5501332	114. JOHNSON, MERTEN S: 2 T: 2N R: 98W .003847 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.68	N5503695	140. MORSE, MARY L. MESSENGER S: 1 T: 2S R: 93W .500000 INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67	N5500363
7. BRENTON, RICHARD Subd: CHASE Block: A Lot: 12 SUBLT 4 RANGELY TOWNHOUSES II LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$323.03	35. MATHYS, MARC Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 074 Lot: 9 A 10 SUBLT 3, MEEKER TOWNHOUSES 3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$127.95	R0103665	61. VON TROTHA, SUSAN S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59 Prior Lien	R1203058	89. BRADSHAW, BETTY S: 2 T: 2N R: 98 .050000 (20% OF 250000) MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.04	N5503683	115. K4 ENERGY TRUST S: 31 T: 3N R: 99 .166667 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$84.87	N5501127	141. MURDOCK, CLAIR N. S: 4 T: 2N R: 100 .250000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$38.02 Prior Lien	N5500363
8. BRENTON, RICHARD D. Subd: WHITE ADDITION Block: K Lot: 001-10 & 011 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$390.36	36. MCDANIEL, CHRISTOPHER S: 32 T: 2S R: 101W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$560.64	R1204027	62. WALLER, STEVEN LEE & Subd: FOURTEEN MILE Lot: 10 S: 5 T: 3S R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$1,153.48	R0704321	90. BRADSHAW, BETTY S: 2 T: 2N R: 98W .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.49	N5501456	116. KELLER, K&J FAMILY TRUST S: 30 T: 1S R: 92 .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.19	N5501763	142. MYERS, RUTH S: 19 T: 1N R: 93W .000667 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5503173
9. BRENTON, RICHARD D. Subd: WHITE Block: D Lot: 1, 2, 3 & 4, 5, 6. Subd: WHITE Block: E Lot: 22 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$3,029.59	37. MCKENZIE, R.W. & SHERYL S: 28 T: 1N R: 90 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$704.46	R0103695	63. WARNER, BETTY MARIE, ET AL S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.80 Prior Lien	R1200265	91. BRADSHAW, BETTY Tract: 41 S: 22 T: 1N R: 91W .003906 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5500404	117. KELLER, K&J FAMILY TRUST S: 25 T: 1N R: 93 .100000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67	N5501366	143. N5503373 NAY, CLAUDE A. (LIFE ESTATE) S: 22 T: 1N R: 92W .250000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$41.58	N5500744
10. CASTILLO, FRANCISCO RUIZ Subd: HILDENBRANDT ADDITION Block: 12 Lot: 1, 2 & 3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$93.09	38. MCPHERSON, JOYCE A. Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 097 Lot: 1, 2, & 3 N 50 FEET OF ALL MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$158.73	R0101920	64. WARNER, BETTY MARIE, ET AL S: 24 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.80 Prior Lien	R2204839	92. BROWN, DEBORAH KELLER S: 14 T: 2S R: 93W .100000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67	N5501354	118. KELLER, K&J FAMILY TRUST S: 14 T: 2S R: 93 .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$34.45	N5501355	144. NAY, CLAUDE A. (LIFE ESTATE) S: 25 T: 1N R: 92 .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.36	N5501589
11. CLOCK, C. FRANK & S: 1 T: 1S R: 94W N1/2 LOTS 2&3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$238.10	39. MCPHERSON, MICHAEL J. Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 97 Lot: 4 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$632.59	R0104384	65. WARNER, BETTY MARIE, ET AL S: 12 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.80 Prior Lien	R2204840	93. BROWN, DEBORAH KELLER S: 30 T: 1S R: 92W .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.19	N5503115	119. KENDALL, MIKE S. S: 33 T: 2N R: 101W .013889 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$33.26	N5508154	145. NORELL, KENNETH EYER S: 19 T: 2S R: 98W .083333 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5508171
12. DICKERSON, MARTHA L. S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59 Prior Lien	40. NAY, CLAUDE A. (LIFE ESTATE) S: 25 T: 1N R: 92 SSWW S: 26 T: 1N R: 92 SENE LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$471.09	R0302060	66. WATSON, BRETT JAMES IMPROVEMENTS ONLY LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$343.51	R0509503	94. BROWN, DEBORAH KELLER S: 14 T: 2S R: 93W .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$40.60	N5503116	120. KENNEY, CHARLES A. S: 27 T: 1N R: 92W .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$48.28	N5500302	146. NORTHROP, BONNIE L. & DARY R. S: 20 T: 1N R: 93W .050000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N0308032
13. DICKERSON, MARTHA L. S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.78 Prior Lien	41. PARKER, VICTOR S: 19 T: 2S R: 94W HUMBERT REES PROP. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$375.61	R0700660	67. WHITESIDE, STEVEN L. S: 1 T: 2N R: 88W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$940.20	R0604081	95. BURKDOLL, CORA LEA S: 3 T: 1N R: 102W .055556 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.95	N5503116	121. KNUEVEN, JAMES H. S: 18 T: 2N R: 94 .0013605 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5501994	147. N0308036 NORTHROP, BONNIE L. & DARY R. S: 17 T: 1S R: 91W .025000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5501589
14. DICKERSON, MARTHA L. S: 24 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.78 Prior Lien	42. PARKER, VICTOR S: 24 T: 2S R: 95 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$132.10	R0704348	68. WILCZEK, LOIS ANN Subd: CALVAT Lot: 55 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$55.27	R1000190	96. CAMERON, MARY W. S: 20 T: 3N R: 95W .002778 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5502032	122. KOONCE, BETH S: 29 T: 1N R: 93W .000555 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N0308120	148. NORTHROP, BONNIE L. & DARY R. S: 21 T: 3N R: 95W .017000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$33.14	N0608040
15. DICKERSON, MARTHA L. S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.78 Prior Lien	43. PARKER, VICTOR T: 2S R: 94W SWSW OF SECTION 29 & NWNW OF SECTION 32 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$38.48	R0704299	69. WILLIS REAL ESTATE INV., LLC Subd: CALVAT Lot: 26 T 30 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$2,146.06 Prior Lien	R1001165	97. CROW, MARY ANN SIMS S: 30 T: 2N R: 95W .002778 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5501794	123. LASLEY, GREGORY L. S: 34 T: 1N R: 94W .167000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67 Prior Lien	N5503641	149. OSPITAL, PETE S: 1 T: 4S R: 95W .166666 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.04	N5501585
16. GEER, LUKE D. & ERIN R. Subd: GEER/THACKER MINOR Lot: 2 FKA LA MESA BLOCK 6 LOT 5 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$902.47	44. PERRY INVESTMENTS INC. Subd: CALVAT Lot: 21 & 22 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$1,965.31	R1000765	70. ZM PROPERTIES, LLC Subd: SAGEWOOD WEST Block: 4 Lot: 2, 3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$874.48	R1003335	98. DECKER, STANLEY, JR. S: 34 T: 2N R: 94W .005208 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5501607	124. LAWRENCE, GEORGE A. S: 34 T: 2N R: 94 .012500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5501500	150. PREAS, ROBERT HUGH TRUST, BARTLETT, KATHERINE LEE (PREAS)& LEVINSON, HILARY S: 21 T: 2S R: 101 .016191 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.31	N5501736
17. HIGH VOLTAGE HOLDINGS, LLC Tract: 3028 S: 32 T: 2N R: 101W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$1,117.94	45. PERRY INVESTMENTS INC. Subd: CALVAT Lot: 51 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$409.27	R1000760	71. SCHMIDT, T, EARL E. & IRENE B. Subd: SOUTH Block: D Lot: PTN OF 2 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.85	R1003335	99. DYE, THOMAS PAUL, JR. S: 3 T: 1S R: 94 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5501408	125. LEWIS, RICHARD L. (ESTATE OF) S: 24 T: 3N R: 93 .082500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$33.60 Prior Lien	N5503537	151. RULE, CHRISTOPHER JAY S: 20 T: 1S R: 94W .015625 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.89	N5501736
18. HIGH VOLTAGE HOLDINGS, LLC S: 19 T: 1N R: 103 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$949.63	46. RICHARDSON, JAMES C. & JLEAH L. S: 2 T: 1S R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$302.85	R0504367	72. WARD, SHIRLIE S: 12 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59	R2204841	100. FINDLAY, LORRAINE S: 28 T: 1S R: 92W .062500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$34.03	N5501008	126. LINKE, R W LLC S: 35 T: 1S R: 99 .312515 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$53.62	N5501575	152. SLACK, MILLER J. S: 27 T: 3N R: 99 .450000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$38.65	N5500776
19. HIGH VOLTAGE HOLDINGS, LLC S: 24 T: 1N R: 104 LOT 4 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$480.76	47. RIO BLANCO ENTERPRISES, LLC S: 18 T: 1N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$65.24	R1404838	73. WARD, SHIRLIE S: 24 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59	R1203059	101. FRANDSON, ZELDA J. S: 20 T: 1N R: 93W .016666 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5501742	127. LINKE, R W LLC, ET AL S: 10 T: 1S R: 98W .030371 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.06	N5503250	153. STINES-ROSS, SUSAN RAE; SIMMONS, ROBERT S: 32 T: 1N R: 94 .0240964 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$37.55	N5500926
20. HOWLAND, DEBORAH W. TRUST Subd: WHITE SUBD, RE-SUBD OF LOTS 6-12 BLK A Block: A Lot: 12B LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$361.06	48. RUSHER, D. WADE RANGELY ANNEX S: 1 T: 1N R: 102W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$711.12	R1103060	74. WARD, SHIRLIE S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.59	R0500813	102. FRITZLAN, THOMAS J. Tract: 45 S: 33 T: 2N R: 97W .0178572 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$33.60	N5501616	128. LINKE, R W LLC, ET AL. S: 35 T: 2N R: 98W .007594 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5503249	154. TREMBLY, HOMER S: 34 T: 1N R: 94 .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.67	N5500934
21. JACKSON, DANNY S. & Subd: STANOLIND ADDITION Block: A Lot: 16 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$688.39	49. SHELTON, PAUL KEVIN Subd: SHELTON MINOR 285132 Lot: 1 S: 18 T: 2N R: 94 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$1,070.84	R0304599	75. ALLEN, A.A., ET AL. S: 31 T: 2N R: 94 .5000 MIN. INT. S: 30 T: 2N R: 94 .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$54.55	N5503236	103. GOFF, BARBARA ANN S: 34 T: 2N R: 94W .003472 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47 Prior Lien	N5501616	129. LINKE, R W LLC, ET AL. S: 35 T: 2N R: 98W .0625 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.70	N5503251	155. WALLIS, BRIAN W.; FARNSWORTH, SONYA E. S: 2 T: 2N R: 100W .050000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.95	N5500203
22. JBR CORPORATION Subd: POOLE & PILCHER #1 REPLAT Lot: 1 S: 5 T: 1N R: 101W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$2,355.60	50. SHEPPARD, LISA J. S: 1 T: 1N R: 102W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$2,095.96	R1201436	76. AMICK, LETICIA S: 28 T: 1N R: 92W .003572 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.89 Prior Lien	N5503649	104. GOSSARD, GLORIA REVOCABLE TRUST S: 20 T: 3N R: 93W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$45.61 Prior Lien	N5501890	130. LIVINGSTON, LEWIS E. S: 12 T: 2N R: 98W .062500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.04	N5500730	156. W. V. KRUGER, LLC S: 23 T: 3N R: 90W .535714 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$33.14	N5500308
23. KATSOCK, MAXCY G. Subd: CITY OF MEEKER Block: 097 Lot: 14 & 15 SUBLT 3 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$132.65	51. SHERMAN, JOSEPH E. Subd: HILLCREST Lot: 21 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$113.49	R1100205	77. BABCOCK, JOHN L. S: 28 T: 3N R: 86 .014286 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.68 Prior Lien	N5500813	105. GRAND VALLEY MINERALS CO., LLC S: 11 T: 1S R: 97 .249999 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$35.60	N5501813	131. LIVINGSTON, LEWIS E. S: 12 T: 2N R: 98W .0625 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$36.70	N5500322	157. WALLIS, BRIAN W.; FARNSWORTH, SONYA E. S: 2 T: 2N R: 100W .050000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5501777
24. LANE, BRENT N. S: 12 T: 1N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$552.04	52. SOUTHERN, DANNY RAY & Subd: DE MONTMOLLIN MINOR Lot: 1 S: 30 T: 2N R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$228.35	R0304775	78. BARNEY, LAURA BEARD S: 31 T: 3N R: 99 .333333 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$54.93	N5500610	106. GRAND VALLEY MINERALS CO., LLC S: 30 T: 1S R: 99W .656250 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$146.69	N5501940	132. LIVINGSTON, LEWIS E. S: 7 T: 1S R: 91 .125000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$42.00	N5500323	158. WASHINGTON, JAMES S: 20 T: 2N R: 95W .000695 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5508167
25. LAWRENCE, MARK A. Subd: LITTLE RANCHO ESTATES Lot: 4 S: 16 T: 2S R: 94W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$644.93	53. SP 1111 SUNSET, LLC Subd: ELK CREEK PUD Lot: 31 S: 24 T: 1S R: 92W LOT 31 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$34.92	0304646	79. BAY MINERALS, LLC S: 27 T: 3N R: 98W .006481 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.68	N1508138	107. HARLOW, IRIS S: 25 T: 3N R: 91 .025000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.36	N5501940	133. LIVINGSTON, LEWIS E. S: 5 T: 1S R: 91W .250000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$57.69	N5503120	159. CAMERON, MARY W. S: 30 T: 2N R: 95W .02778 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N5501786
26. LLOYD, KATE Subd: PARK NORTH MOBILE HOME Lot: 37 & 24 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$444.84	54. STEWART, KYLE J. & ASHLEY A. Subd: PARK NORTH MOBILE HOME Lot: 9 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$62.82	R1003238	80. BAY MINERALS, LLC S: 4 T: 2N R: 95W .002871 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$30.47	N0308128	108. HARP, RUSSELL S: 29 T: 1N R: 94W .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$31.78	N5500233	134. LORENTZEN, J.P. & MAE S: 4 T: 1S R: 93W .500000 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$39.41	N5500330		
27. LUCERO, GARY Subd: CALVAT Lot: 85 LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$283.72			81. BAY MINERALS, LLC S: 30 T: 2N R: 95W .003260 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$32.25							
28. MAGOR, RICHARD FRANCIS IV S: 13 T: 2N R: 103W LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$64.64			82. BINDLEY, MAE BELLE S: 23 T: 1N R: 95W .062500 MIN. INT. LEGAL UPON REQUEST Total Due: \$34.03							

160. N5503645
DONDI, DEE ANN
S: 28 T: 1N R: 92W
.007144 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$32.25

161. N5501640
INGENTHRONE, BETTY
S: 3 T: 2N R: 89W
.0014286 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.38

162. N5503572
WARNICK, SHANNON
S: 17 T: 1N R: 93W
.002222 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

163. N5501785
WASHINGTON, KERRY N.
S: 30 T: 2N R: 95
.002778 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

164. N5500581
WILLEY, FRANCIS J.
S: 29 T: 1S R: 93
.0041667 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

165. N5500585
WILLEY, LEO E. & JANE E.,
TRUSTEES
S: 29 T: 1S R: 93
.0041667 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

166. N5500586
WILLEY, PAUL E. ESTATE
S: 29 T: 1S R: 93
.0041667 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

167. N5502041
ZW LAND & INVESTMENTS, INC.
S: 20 T: 3N R: 95W
.001390 MIN. INT.
LEGAL UPON REQUEST
Total Due: \$30.47

ABOVE IS THE PRINTED LIST OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN FOR DELINQUENT

TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020. BY REMITTING PAYMENT IN CERTIFIED FUNDS TO THE COUNTY TREASURER BEFORE THE LIEN SALE, THE OWNER CAN STOP THE SALE OF A TAX LIEN AGAINST HIS PROPERTY. COLORADO STATE STATUTE 39-11-104, PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT FROM STATES SUCH LIST AND NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED 3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. THE PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT IS PREREQUISITE TO VALID TREASURER'S DEED. NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO THIS LIST

AND NOTICE. A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. REDEMPTION INTEREST FOR 2019 CERTIFICATES IS 9%. REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT BUYING THE PROPERTY. YOU ARE BUYING A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY. BUYER BEWARE—YOU ARE PURCHASING THE LIEN AT YOUR OWN RISK.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.
RHONNA WALDREF,

TREASURER
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
P O BOX G
MEEKER, CO 81641

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEREBY ANNOUNCE AN INVITATION FOR BIDS
for the
MEEKER AND RANGELY AIRPORTS
AVIATION LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

Bids should be mailed to the Board of Commissioners, Rio Blanco County, Attention: Vicky Edwards, PO BOX 599, Meeker, CO 81641, or hand delivered to the Commissioner's Office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641 no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021. All envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked "AIRPORT BIDS".

Bid opening will be held at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioners Hearing Room in Meeker, CO 81641 on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. Published: October 14 and 21, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND PERSONS HOLDING INTEREST

Whiting Petroleum Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (WOGC), having acquired by merger with Equity Oil Company all of the operational rights and obligations for certain oil/gas well locations, is presently engaged in the reclamation of abandoned and/or dormant well facilities in the Rangely, CO area, within the following described parcel of land, to wit:

US Patent Number 672456 : (Rangely #7 placer mining claim) comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 31 in Township 2 North of Range 102 West of the 6 th P.M.; U.S. Patent Number 899208 : (Rangely #10) comprising the East half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 25 in Township 2 North of Range 103 West of the 6 th P.M.; being part of Parcel #1385-361-00-003.

All persons or entities claiming a right, title, or interest in the above described lands, together with tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, are invited to consult with a representative of WOGC regarding the reclamation actions being planned. Please contact Roy Moore at 435-896-3353 for additional information. Published: September 23, 30, October 7 and 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
2021 Land Use Regulation Amendments OTHR-0001-21. Rio Blanco County is seeking to update the Land Use Regulations (LUR) to recognize the new FEMA FIRM Maps that will be adopted on December 2nd, 2021. 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: October 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

FREDERICK LEVI BAYLES, 791 10TH STREET, LOTS 18 AND 19, PINYON PARK SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 5, 1977 AS RECEPTION NO. 178573, TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO, IS REQUESTING A 3 FT VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED 10 FT SIDE YARD SETBACK AND A 14 FT VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED 25 FT FRONT YARD SETBACK TO CONSTRUCT A 11 FT X 17 FT ATTACHED GARAGE TO THE EXISTING HOME. THE MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER COLORADO, TO

AGENDAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Rio Blanco County Annex Building
17497 Hwy 64
Rangely, CO 81648
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/18/6/Board-Of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. *Work Sessions for October 19 are scheduled to begin at 1:15 PM at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely.* Thank you. Published: October 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, October 19 th, 2021
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting
Town Hall
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

CONSIDER THE APPLICATION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, MEEKER, CO 81641, PRIOR OR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE MEEKER TOWN HALL OR BY TELEPHONE (970) 878-4970, DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. Published: October 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 455 Main Street, P.O. Box 1150
Meeker, CO 81641
Court Telephone: (970) 878-5622

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO: In the interests of: A.F. Minor Child and Concerning: JENNIFER FRENCH and DAVID LEE POLLARD, Parental Respondents and JERRY STEWART Special Respondent STEERMAN LAW OFFICES, ATTORNEYS FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Donald Steerman #23402 Johanna Borchard, #44587 P.O. Box 599, 200 Main St. Suite 200 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-8151 Fax: (970) 878-5731

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO: TO THE ABOVE-NAMED FATHER, DAVID LEE POLLARD, and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS OF THE MINOR CHILD, A.F. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the People of the State of Colorado has filed a Motion to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationship between Parental Respondent David Lee Pollard and the Child A.F. and that Hearing on the Motion has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the Court has set said Motions for hearing on the 7th day of December, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County District Court, Meeker, Colorado. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED failure to file and answer or to appear within thirty-five days after service and, in the case of an alleged father, failure to file a claim of paternity within thirty-five days after service may likely result in termination of the parent's or alleged parent's parental rights to the minor. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the parent or alleged parent whose rights are to be terminated that such person has the right to waive his or her right to appear and contest and that failure to appear and contest may likely result in termination of the parent's or the alleged parent's parental rights to the minor. Proof of giving the notice shall be filed with the court before the petition is heard.

Pursuant to the Colorado Children's Code you have the right to request legal representation for this hearing if you are not already represented by counsel. If you are without sufficient financial means, you may request appointment of counsel by the Court. You also have the right, if you are indigent, to have the Court appoint, at no expense to you, one expert witness of your own choosing at any hearing on the termination of your parent-child legal relationship. A copy of the Motion may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that your parental rights may be terminated by this action.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO BE AND APPEAR BEFORE THIS COURT AT SAID TIME. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ALL HEARINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED VIA THE COURT'S WEBEX ONLINE SYSTEM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT TO OBTAIN CALL-IN INFORMATION.

If you fail to appear or answer, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Motion without further notice. Dated this 11th day of October, 2021. STEERMAN LAW OFFICES s/ Johanna Borchard Johanna Borchard, #44587 Published: October 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DOUGLAS R. TUTTLE al/k/a Douglas Tuttle al/k/a Doug Tuttle Case Number: 21PR30010 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to: District Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado P.O. Box 1150 455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641 on or before February 14, 2022,* or the claims may be forever barred. Jenna H. Keller, Esq. KELLER LAW, LLC Attorneys for Personal Representative 584 Yampa Avenue Craig, CO 81625 Published: October 14, 21 and 28, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Town of Dinosaur for the ensuing year 2022; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be held at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, in Dinosaur Colorado, on October 12, 2021. Any interested elector of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: October 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT for the ensuing year of 2022. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT, where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT to be held at 265 Eighth Street, Meeker, Colorado on December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Any interested elector of such MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: October 14, 21 and 28, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF RANGELY NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET (Pursuant to 29-1-106(1), C.R.S.)

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Town of Rangely for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 will be submitted to the Town of Rangely, Board of Trustees, Rio Blanco County, Colorado October 12, 2021 (C.R.S. 29-1-105) and will be filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 209 E Main, Rangely, Colorado, where it is available for public inspections beginning October 15, 2021 during regular business hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The Board of Trustees will hold a number of work sessions on the budget which are open to the public. The adoption of the budget will take place during a Public Hearing scheduled December 14, 2021. The public is invited to attend the public hearing. Any interested elector of the Town of Rangely may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto with the Town of Rangely prior to the time of the final adoption of budget by the Town of Rangely. Marybel Cox, Town Clerk/Treasurer Publish: Oct 7 & Oct 14, 2020 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the Y2022 proposed budget for the General Fund, Capital Expenditure Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Public Health Agency Fund, Human Services Fund, Capital Improvement Plan Fund, American Rescue Plan Fund, Use Tax Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Solid Waste Landfill Fund, Weed and Pest Control Fund, Communications Fund, Piceance Creek Pest Control District, Lower White River Pest Control District, Fairfield Complex Fund, Central Service Fund, Fleet Management Fund, Contingent Fund, and the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund has been filed in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado and the County Clerk and Recorder office, Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days. Such proposed budgets will be considered at public hearings of the Board of County Commissioners starting the week of October 18, 2021. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor-Commissioners Meeting Room, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. A final public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor-Commissioners Meeting Room, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Any interested elector within such County may inspect the proposed budgets and file or register any objections hereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budgets. The proposed budget is also available for review on the County's website: www.rbc.us If you require special accommodations for the hearing, please call the Commissioners' office at 970-878-9431 seven days in advance of the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made. RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS s/Gary Moyer Published: October 14 and 21, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Meeker Sanitation District Accounts Payable September 30, 2021

Total Payroll, \$19,872.99 Quickbooks Payroll Svc. Direct Deposit Fee, \$32.25 Federal Tax Withholding, \$2,092.00 Social Security Withholding, \$3,437.04 Medicare Withholding, \$806.64 PERA Retirement, \$6,485.90 U.S. Postal Service: Postage, \$347.11 CEBT: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Ins., \$13,834.09 Karl Casias: PERA 401K reimbursement, \$405.00 Mtn. Valley Bank: Merchant Srv. Fees, \$89.30 State Tax Withholding: 3rd Qtr. \$3,435.00 Colorado State Treasurer: 3rd Qtr. Unempl. Ins., \$278.47 US Treasury: 3rd Qtr., \$12.00 Atmos Energy: Natural Gas Svc., \$124.30 Karl Casias: Mileage for soil samples, \$270.48 Century Link: Phone srv., \$359.07 Cimarron Telecom: Broadband, \$155.00 CO Analytical Lab: Soil testing, \$719.00 CO CPA Services: Software Consulting, \$27.50 CO SD Prop. & Liability Pool: Building Ins., \$377.00 Ducey's Electric: Refeed Pumps, \$6,900.00 Employers Council: Annual HR Support, \$1,500.00 First Bankcard Visa: Adobe, Lodging & Meals, \$2,772.07 Meeker Sanitation District Petty Cash: Replenish, \$60.67 Mid-American Resrch. Chem. CO.: Misc. supplies, Root Killer, \$3,758.30 Networking of the Rockies: Microsoft Office Annual Renewal, \$5,100.00 Orkin: Pest Control, \$238.00 Overton Recycling: Trash srv., \$306.00 Pyle Barker Fire & Safety: Fire extinguisher inspection, \$311.00 RBC Fleet Management: Fuel, \$134.78 Samuelson's True Value Hardware: Misc. supplies, \$16.15 Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$28.65 Union Telephone: Cell Phone Svc., \$216.76 USGS: Annual water monitoring program, \$1,695.00 Utility Notification Center: Line Locates, \$21.12 Watt's: Misc. Supplies, \$23.45 White River Distributing: Bottled Water, \$27.00 WREA: Electric Svc., \$6,900.87 Total Accounts Payable: \$83,169.96 Published: October 14, 2021 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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