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Town, county consider implementing asbestos abatement program

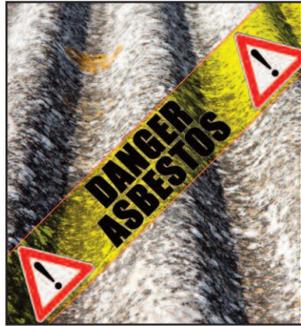
By JEN HILL
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RANGELY I Municipalities all over the nation are facing the problem of asbestos ridden buildings and homes. The high expense of abatement can leave these properties both unable to sell or to be renovated, often causing them to slowly become dilapidated and dangerous. Rangely, in cooperation with Rio Blanco County, is preparing their own plan for dealing with the issue.

More than a year ago the town of Rangely began discussing several tumble down, asbestos riddled homes in the community. Because of the asbestos contamination, tearing these buildings down is a very expensive and drawn out process. To research the issue further the town focused in on one particular 800 square foot home which had been condemned and is known to have asbestos. The estimate for the asbestos abatement came in at a startling \$52,000.

The high price of abatement spring boarded Rangely Town Planner Jocelyn Mullen into developing a potential solution. The plan includes an intergovernmental agreement between Rangely, Meeker and Rio Blanco County for the development of an "asbestos abatement team." The team would be comprised of town employees who would become certified to deal with the asbestos. The creation of the team is estimated to cost \$29,500—including labor, training and licensing costs. Rangely's estimated portion of that price is \$15,800. The town believes that if they can complete four asbestos abatements county wide per year the cost of each abatement could be reduced to approximately \$7,500 each.

One of the largest costs associated with abatement is the expense of hauling the asbestos materials to the Hayden landfill, which is currently the closest landfill approved to accept asbestos materials. The Hayden landfill charges by the "roll off" with the



number of "roll offs" depending on the job. Each "roll off" costs \$800. The total disposal estimate for the 800 square foot home previously mentioned is estimated to cost \$17,000. In response to the high disposal cost the County Commissioners are discussing the possibility of developing an in county disposal facility.

In a meeting in August, Mullen estimated that with the combination of local disposal and the ability to manage the project locally she believes the costs could be cut in half.

Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius is hopeful the plan will come to fruition and help, "get those eyesores out of town." He says there are at least two properties in Rangely that would be good candidates for abatement, plus numerous others county-wide.

Due to the serious nature of asbestos, abatement is a complicated process that is regulated by both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The practice requires a certified contractor, protective clothing and equipment, enclosure or isolation of dust, monitoring of exposure, proper waste containment and medical surveillance. In rural areas such as Rio Blanco County the price of abatement is even higher when the travel of the contractor is added in.

For now, the town and county plan to continue researching options.

They will hold a joint meeting on Nov. 13 to further discuss the possibility of upgrading the county landfill to accept asbestos, a project which Brixius describes as a "critical point" to the team.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring material, once heralded for its fire resistance, flexibility and tensile strength properties. Historically the use of asbestos dates back centuries, with the Greeks and Romans using it in candles and ancient Egyptians even incorporating the fibers into their embalming practices.

Beginning in the 1930s the U.S. military used asbestos materials extensively, especially in ship building. It also took off as a common ingredient in home building. In homes built prior to 1980 asbestos is commonly found in floor tiles, roofs, furnaces, plumbing, appliances, fireplaces, insulation and window caulking.

The (EPA) identifies six types of asbestos and while all are considered carcinogenic (or cancer causing), there are differences in their chemical compositions. Asbestos is not considered dangerous if the material is in good condition and undisturbed.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT...



These miniature versions of Beetlejuice and Lydia didn't win the costume contest at Pumpkins, Eats 'N Treats, but they still got a lot of attention from the crowd because they were just so cute. As always, the annual gathering, hosted by the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, was a mind-boggling display of costuming creativity for all ages. For more photos, check the Photo Galleries link on our website.

LEAH BOHLANDER PHOTO

Rangely Town Council increases funding for rec district

By JEN HILL
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RBC I The Rangely Town Council met last Tuesday where they heard updates from town departments and discussed recreation district funding increases.

The council unanimously approved a \$1,500 contribution from the Community Development Fund to go towards the Western Rio Blanco Recreation District's ChristmasFest. They also voted to increase the funding for Septemberfest and the Fourth of July events from \$1,000 per event to \$5,000 per event, totaling \$10,000 annually. Recreation District Executive Director Tim Webber discussed their plans for 2018 which include \$27,000 for two fireworks shows, one at

each event.

Town Manager Peter Brixius updated the council on the vacant building inspector position. Brixius is currently in discussions with Rio Blanco County to see if a partnership might be attainable. According to Brixius, the county is considering hiring an additional inspector and placing them in the western end of the county, which could make the partnership feasible. Brixius said, "It makes a lot of sense from an economic standpoint."

Brixius also discussed the town's raw water tank which is located near the CNCC campus. According to Brixius, the tank is mostly buried and very corroded, causing 70 spots on the tank to require recent repairs. The town plans to continue to address areas of concern and evaluate other options including further repairs or development of

a new tank.

Jeff LeBleu on the Public Works Department informed the council that the town hall renovation is approximately three weeks from completion. The department is also looking into providing some fencing around the chamber of commerce building. Additionally, they are installing new doors at the animal shelter to comply with state regulations which require steel doors.

Don Reed of the utilities department updated the council on the Water Treatment Plant rehabilitation, which he said is nearing completion. The building still needs new flooring and cabinets as well as a security system installed and landscaping work to be completed. The Waste Water Plant is finishing sludge removal and will likely have new liners installed in the coming year.

Meeker veterans share their stories in honor of Veterans Day

By DOC WATSON
Special to the Herald Times

Part One of Two

MEEKER I The Herald Times had the singular honor of sitting down with four of Meeker's military veterans to remember, reminisce, and reflect on their service and share those thoughts in this tribute to Veterans Day. This two-part story is dedicated to them and every other Meeker resident who has served, or is serving, in our armed forces.

Present for this interview on Saturday, Oct. 28 at our VFW post 5843 were: Army Sergeants Anthony Mazzola, who served during the Cold War and was called back for Operation Desert Storm; Rob Baughman, who served in Vietnam ("and a few other places," he added); and Brenda Culler, who served not only in Desert Storm but also in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The lone non-army veteran present was career Air Force Sergeant Wes Eubanks,

who also served during the Cold War and Desert Storm, but Granada and Panama as well.

What each of these veterans did in the military—their MOS (Military Occupational Specialty)—is as diverse as one can imagine. Mazzola was a tanker who was among the privileged to transition from the M60 to the M1 Abrams tank, which is considered the finest in the world by far, even the much touted Russian T-72.

"I started off as a driver, then a gunner and finally up to tank commander," he said. "When I was called back for Desert Storm in January of 1991, I ended up training reserve troops who had been out for quite awhile since I had only been out a few months. Because it was all over so quickly, I didn't actually make it over to the 'Sandbox,' but we were sure ready to roll."

Eubanks was a Technical Sergeant (TSgt), who was qualified to perform highly complex technical duties in addition to providing super-



Four Meeker veterans shared their stories with the Herald Times at our VFW post. From left: Anthony Mazzola, Wes Eubanks, Rob Baughman and Brenda Culler.

vision. He started out as a mechanic on the famed B-52 bomber for the equally famous Strategic Air Command (SAC). He then went on to work on tankers (refueling planes) but wanted more.

"I got tired of it," he said. "I wanted to go with the airplanes, so I cross-trained into flight engineer and did that for about 14 years." A flight engineer is a highly specialized member of an aircraft's flight crew who monitors and operates its complex aircraft systems. His past experience as a mechanic was an enormous help.

Baughman's MOS and experience is equally unique. During basic training at Fort Lewis—"the most miserable two months of my life," he said, which got a laugh from everyone—he "got real gung-ho and volunteered for airborne" but immediately thought better of that.

"So I went to MP (military police) school," he said. "Toward the end of MP school, they came around looking for dog handlers. Dog han-

dlers were exempt from KP, so they had me right there, but the downside was that being a dog handler was almost an automatic trip to Vietnam. I was a sentry dog handler there, so the only thing my dog was interested in was sniffing out bad guys. I also served at Fort Carson and in Germany, where I also did security work."

Brenda Culler joined the Army right out of high school to be a flight operations specialist, who handles all the financial records for the pilots. When she got to her first duty station, however, she became more than that, ending up as the payroll clerk for the whole post. But then lo and behold, because she is a tall female, she received cross-training to become an MP.

"I was the only female MP (for awhile), so every time there was a domestic (disturbance), a female shoplifter, some little chick trying to

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WEATHER



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Free Movie Matinee**
Monday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center multipurpose room. Adults 18-plus are invited to watch "Ghostbusters." Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Monday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

■ **Adult Open Gym** pickleball Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the MES gym. For 18 and older. Volleyball Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the MES gym. Adult open gym basketball Wednesdays from 7:30-9 in the MES gym. Call 878-3403 for details.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Nov. 13. We will be discussing "11/22/63" by Stephen King. All interested readers are

welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Storytime at the Rangely Regional Library** Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 1-9 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

■ **Mountain Valley Bank will be doing a "Lobby Blitz"** every Wednesday to provide customers with a one on one online banking and mobile banking mini course.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50-plus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Tootsie Care Day** for seniors will be on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 12-3 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. this month to accommodate Veterans Day activities.



COURTESY PHOTO
The Meeker United Methodist Church is collecting supplies for flood victims in Texas.

Local church continues collection for flood victims

By ELLENE MEECE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Many times when natural disasters hit, our hearts go out to the victims. We give our money and prayers and many times even try to get to the location to give assistance. But, then the days go by and their needs are not on the news any longer and we barely even notice that the situation is still very intense.

For instance, did you know that the victims of Hurricane Harvey in south Texas have years before recovery? Fortunately, Meeker United Methodist Church is on the ready to help those who have been victims of any natural disaster, famine and other catastrophes by being associated with the The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), a global humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church.

As stated in their constitution: "The purpose of UMCOR exists to assist United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need."

That's why when those of us who live in Meeker heard recently of the continued need in Texas, we began seriously putting together the specified UMCOR Flood Buckets to be a part of the solution. Everyone is invited to help us gather the specific items requested.

Each bucket contains cleaning items that have been proven to help with the task at hand. The items include:

- liquid laundry detergent (one 50 oz or two 25 oz bottles)
- liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz that can be mixed with water, no spray)
- dish soap (16-28 oz bottles)
- 50 clothespins
- clothesline (one 100 ft or two 50 ft)
- sponges (no cellulose sponges due to mold)
- 24 roll heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size)
- 18 cleaning wipes (hand-wipes or reusable wipes, no Terry cleaning towels)
- 1 can air freshener (aerosol or pump)
- 1 insect-repellent spray (6-14 oz aerosol or spray pump with protective cover)
- 2 pairs kitchen dish washing gloves

Any or all of these items may be purchased and delivered to Meeker United Methodist Church or to a box at the front of Watts Market. If the need is greater in any other part of the world, the supplies will go there as well.

Check out www.umcor.org.

DEATH NOTICES

Nicholas Cole Lancaster

A memorial service for Nicholas Cole Lancaster will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, at the Rangely High School gymnasium at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Dinosaur Cemetery for the family and close friends. An obituary will follow in next week's paper.

June Striegel

Funeral services for June Striegel will be held on Friday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rangely. Graveside service to follow. A full obituary will be included next week's paper.

Joe Sullivan

Long time Meeker resident Joe Sullivan, 98, passed away Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs. Services are being planned for Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., at the Meeker United Methodist Church. Full obituary expected next week.

Accidental death of infant

Herald Times Staff

RBC | A 4-month-old infant, Keeana Stewart, died of accidental asphyxiation near Trappers Lake last Thursday. The family, visiting from out of state, was on a hunting trip.

The infant's father called 911 at 9:26 p.m. and reported they found their infant daughter unresponsive after they laid her down to sleep.

Rio Blanco County Sheriff's

Office and Meeker Fire and Rescue responded to the camp site, located near mile marker 43 on County Road 8.

The infant was taken to Pioneers Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead shortly after midnight. An investigation by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office, county coroner and the District Attorney's office determined the cause of death was accidental asphyxiation.

St. James' Episcopal Church Annual
Fall Harvest Dinner

The St. James' Parish wishes to invite the community to the annual Fall Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale. We will be serving the traditional Thanksgiving fare; turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings!

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NEWS BRIEFS

Parenting classes start Nov. 7 in Meeker

MEEKER | Connections 4 Kids is hosting a six session series that will provide information to families on how to promote social-emotional development, understand problem behavior and how to address challenging behavior in young children. Dinner is provided at each class and child care is available with two days prior notice. Sessions will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker Elementary School. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 3. Please email Trish Snyder, parented@connections4kids.org or call 970-824-1081.

Craft and Gift Show this weekend

MEEKER | The annual Meeker craft and gift show will be held at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds this Friday and Saturday. Show times are 4-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, sponsored by the Ladies Social Club of Meeker. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday served by the Meeker Christian Ladies group.

CNCC holiday treats workshop

MEEKER | Register now for the Holiday Treats Workshop with Chef Karla on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Come join the fun from 6-9 p.m. at the Meeker High School FACS Room. Get ready to be inspired for a wonderful holiday season! For further information or to get on a class list, call 878-5227, email iris.franklin@cncc.edu, or stop by the CNCC Meeker Center located in the Riegel Building at 345 Sixth St. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Veterans Day activities in Meeker

MEEKER | There will be a meal for veterans hosted by Barone Middle School students at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9 with an assembly to follow. Additionally, the Meeker VFW Auxiliary would like to cordially invite the public to our Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be opened with our traditional Missing Man Table Ceremony at 290 Fourth St. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. If you have not seen these ceremonies before they are very neat and really give you something to think about on such a special day for all of our veterans. Please come and get your poppy and reflect on what our veterans have sacrificed for us.

Junior Range Call Royalty Try-outs

MEEKER | Horses not required. Must be 5-12 years old. Royalty Clinic Nov. 10 from 6-8 p.m., try-outs Nov. 18 starting at 9 a.m. All at the Meeker Fairgrounds. Call or text Lynn at 970-361-0960, Natalie at 970-942-3205, or Karolyn at 970-433-3250 for more information and to get an application.

Coal Creek School art exhibit

MEEKER | There will be an art exhibit and open house at the Coal Creek School on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5-8 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The art exhibit will feature a diverse body of original artwork by Mary "Maym" Strang Cunningham, local artist and rancher; food and holiday cheer; live music by Casserole Beans on Friday and local musicians on Saturday; and printmaking demonstrations. In addition, on Friday and Saturday, sheep herds will be trailing past the school in the early afternoon. For more information, call Maym Cunningham at 970-465-6495 or Ellen Nieslanik at 970-210-1125. The school is located at 617 CR 6 in Meeker.

WREA's phone number incorrect in book

MEEKER | For the second year in a row, the Dex Century Link Steamboat Springs/Craig/Meeker phone book has listed the wrong phone number for White River Electric Association. WREA's phone number remains 970-878-5041. DEX has listed 970-878-3586 for the second year in a row. Due to Century Link's error, WREA activated the listed phone number; so if a member calls 970-878-3586 it will ring through to WREA. WREA apologizes for this inconvenience and encourages members to continue using the WREA main number at 970-878-5041. WREA notified DEX last year of the error, requested that the error be corrected and has already called again to notify them of this year's error. WREA will continue to work to assist Dex Century Link in their efforts to correct this situation. Please call 970-878-5041 if you have any questions.

Merriam retires after 17 years with sheriff's office

By **DOC WATSON**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola and some 50 friends and law enforcement colleagues attended a retirement party on Friday, Oct. 27 for Lt. Deby Merriam, detentions commander, who is retiring after 17 years of service to our county.

"It gives me pleasure to acknowledge Deb and what she has done for the citizens of this county," Mazzola said. "One of the things our jail is known for is taking care of the inmates, no matter what they did, and I have seen the time, effort and care she gave the inmates."

In appreciation for her service to our county, Mazzola presented Merriam with a commemorative plaque. What makes it very special is a coveted item mounted at the top of the plaque, a key to the old jail.

"It's an honor for me to give this to you for your service to Rio Blanco County. Thank you," he said.

With a little crack in her voice, Merriam thanked everyone in attendance. "As hard as some days were here,

there were rewards," she said. "Without my extremely good helpers through the years, I never could have done the job. I just hope I've made a difference somewhere to somebody. Every once in awhile you get one that comes back and says, 'If it hadn't been for you . . .' and [I'm relieved that] I did something right."

Merriam is anything but "retired." One attendee was overheard saying, "She never stops." Indeed, she also works as a respiratory therapist at Pioneers Medical Center.

But she is also concerned about the future for law enforcement personnel, such as her replacement, newly promoted Lt. Jeremy Muxlow. "Times are changing," she said. "These people who are coming up behind me have a lot rougher row to hoe because all the laws the judges, the DAs, the jails and the sheriff's office have to conform to makes it harder."

"Time will go on, and nothing is irreplaceable," she concluded. "But in my heart you are all irreplaceable, and I thank you."



DOC WATSON PHOTO
Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola presents a commemorative plaque to Deby Merriam for her 17 years of service to our county. A very "coveted item" is clearly in view mounted at the top of the plaque, a key to the old jail.

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Random thoughts this week

By NIKI TURNER
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After that they're out of our hands. If your paper isn't showing up in a timely fashion, please call your local post office and let them know something is awry with their delivery.

I learn so much from digging through the archive copies every week. Not just about history or our communities, but about the newspaper business and how it's conducted. So much has changed in the world, but some things remain the same.

In 1888, just four years after the paper's birth, founding editor and publisher James Lytle wrote a scathing indictment of individuals who were stealing their neighbor's subscriptions and (literally) riding away with them. We don't see a lot of that now, since our subscriptions are mailed, but we do still experience newspaper theft.

My parents had to call on the services of the Aspen Police Department more than once to deal with serial newspaper thieves raiding racks and not paying for papers. In Aspen. Seriously. Like they couldn't afford a newspaper.

In a painful flashback, we've had substantial thefts from the racks at Watt's and the post office in Meeker during the last two weeks.

Newspaper racks—unlike almost anything else in our modern world—are on an honor system. You insert

papers are taken to the post office in Meeker here every Thursday before 6 a.m., as always, hand-labeled and stuffed with this week's inserts.

your quarters, you withdraw one paper, you close the rack. You don't take five, or 10 or 20. At least not if you're an honorable person. If you take more than one, that's stealing... petty theft... the same as shoplifting or any other kind of thievery. Is that really the kind of person you are? I hope not. I'm hoping the thief is an ignorant out-of-towner with no scruples, not someone who lives here, because I believe better of our community than that.

Don't forget, this weekend we get to "turn back time." The switch to daylight standard time demands turning back the clock one hour on Saturday evening. It's my biannual reminder that time is nothing more than an artificial social construct.

Good luck to the Cowboy football and volleyball teams, and the Rangely Panther volleyball teams!

I should know better. Whenever I find myself falling into a cranky, judgmental, critical mindset about other people's mistakes or bad attitudes I should know I am in imminent danger of making grave errors myself. Sometimes I catch myself in time, sometimes I don't. The last two weeks were a "don't." Call it karma, call it retribution, call it paybacks, call it whatever you want... it's a real thing. Some lessons, unfortunately, are harder than others to learn. May this serve as a warning for me, and for any of our readers subject to the same shortcoming.

I'm struggling with covering the "hard news" we encounter occasionally here in our county. Some folks want the down and dirty details. Back in the day (I hate that phrase) we named every DUI offender and went into detail on crimes and fires and arrests. Our neighboring papers cover that information in their counties. Do we need to do the same? And if we do, how should we go about it? I have no desire to traumatize grieving families or humiliate residents who have made a grievous error in judgment. So, as a local newspaper, how do we address the "hard news" in a way that doesn't glorify or capitalize on it?

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GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

Faith communities play a vital role in improving overall health

By JULIE DRAKE
Special to the Herald Times



Julie Drake

RBC I spent some time visiting with faith community leaders in both Meeker and Rangely this past month. Yes, voluntarily stepping into potentially contentious discussions. The reason: my strong belief that faith communities are the single most untapped resource in our communities to improve health.

I didn't tell the faith leaders what to believe; they didn't tell me what to do. Instead we politely discussed "what is going on in our communities," shared resources, shared information and observations. We are working on many of the same projects, just sometimes scared to collaborate for fear of someone yelling "foul" and pointing out "separation of church and state."

Yes, there were some uncomfortable and thought provoking moments in the discussions. We all come from different frames of reference, different upbringings, different political bents and varied theological beliefs. But we could all agree that improving the human condition and the need for more love and less hate is a commonality. Making the world a better place with less pain and tragedy is what we all seek. I learned about things like "yellow ribbon campaigns," a local hippotherapy project (use of horses in ther-

apeutic ways) and various youth ministries in our county. I shared research and facts about poverty, need for local foster care homes, disease prevalence and substance abuse issues.

A current and emerging concept in behavioral/mental health communities is the thought that the opposite of depression is not happiness, but rather it is "vitality." The opposite of addiction is not just sobriety but also "connections and relationships" with others. Who better to be a collaborative partner to improve mental health than the various faith communities in our nation? Faith communities are generally vested in improving family vitality, helping others and teaching concepts of love of neighbor. Separation of church and state is commonly misinterpreted and thus logical collaborations never happen. I can't wait to meet and motivate more faith leaders in the coming months. Their help is important and needed to improve the health and well-being of our county.

Julie Drake is the Public Health Director for Rio Blanco County.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Horizons grateful for Lions Club generosity

Dear Editor:

I wanted to express a most sincere and public thank you to the Meeker Lions Club. The Lions Club members have always gone above and beyond to serve our community and provide amazing opportunities that would otherwise be out-of-reach in our rural setting.

Recently, the Lions Club made a significant donation to Horizons Child and Family Services toward the purchase and maintenance of a LENA (Language Environment Analysis) device. A LENA device is a small recorder that allows Horizons' therapists to track how much language is used in a child's home and then generate a report that can be shared with parents. The LENA device measures how many words are used, the number of turns taken while talking, the sounds used by the child, and other valuable information about the language environment in a home. This information is then used to help shape the type of therapy that a child receives and motivate parents to increase the amount and quality of language that a child hears.

During the Lions Club meeting, members Dale Smith and Joy Clymer also offered free internet to Horizons to help offset some of the costs associated with having a Horizons office in Meeker. Never did I imagine the

amazing generosity that would be on display that evening!

Without the generous donation from the Meeker Lions, Horizons would not have been able to purchase this incredible tool. The LENA will have an enormous impact on children, their families and our community. Thank you again to the men and women of the Meeker Lions Club!

Natasha Clatterbaugh
Speech Language Pathologist
Horizons Child and Family Services

Thanks to White River Electric

Dear Editor:

I intended getting this letter to the editor in last week's paper, but my computer is in an email battle with me, so although it looked like I had sent it; somewhere out there in the ozone drifting through space is my original thank you letter. I sincerely apologize to WREA for not getting this letter sent in a timely fashion.

For those who have noticed the flag had not been flying during the early part of last week, the halyard rope was simply not large enough to withstand all the high winds we have had, and finally let go. The pole does not have any means to replace the rope without some outside help. I made a late request last Wednesday afternoon to White River Electric to see if there might be a time when they could schedule a hi-lift bucket

truck to help us replace the rope. They graciously said they would be there at eight o'clock the very next morning, which they were, on the dot! Tanner manned the bucket, the rope was strung through the top pulley in short order, and the flags are flying proudly once again. It is absolutely amazing the tremendous amount of service to our community provided by White River Electric. We offer our heartfelt thanks from the American Legion, VFW, and VFW Auxiliary.

Mike M. Brennan
Commander
Meeker American Legion Post 0074

Appreciation for Rangely's support of Parkview's "A Night at Hogwarts"

Dear Editor:

To the amazing community of Rangely: I wanted to tell the people of Rangely how wonderful you are for being so supportive of Parkview Elementary's "A Night At Hogwarts."

This was started five years ago as a way to promote literacy and raise money for the classrooms. It has turned into an amazing night but not without the help and support from many. We have people like Rodger Polley (Hagrid) who appears in the corridors with Fang, his dog, Norm Hall and his family who bring the Hogwart's Express, Kelsey Goddard of Snappy Photography who took pictures all night, Kaylee Mecham, Ashley and Kyle Stewart, who volunteer to help simply because they love the story of Harry Potter, Amorette and the Rangely Library staff who are there to support the love of reading, Katelyn Carlson and her friends, Tim Baughman, Dave and Chelsey Parker who come from Dinosaur and LaPoint bringing their amazing reptiles to the Forbidden Forest. Bill Ekstrom and the 4-H Extension office staff, Oakley Hopkins, who brought a load of amazing heirloom pumpkins to add to our props, Kris Herrera and Sarah Wagner who contributed their creative talents and Jessica Kruger and her college students along with some high school students help keep everything running smoothly.

We had donations from businesses such as: True Value, White River Market, Smith's in Vernal and City

Market in Fruita. Last but not least are the teachers, staff and administrators, along with their husbands, wives and children, who put their time and effort in making it a fantastic evening. It could not happen without all of you! And a huge thank you to our school secretary, Cheri Smith, who does an amazing job behind the scenes getting things ordered and keeping every thing moving in the right direction. We could have never imagined what this little event would turn into five years later, but we are incredibly grateful to everyone and the support our magical night receives.

Thank you Rangely!
Vicki Douglas

Book Fair thanks

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the community members, parents and students that supported the Meeker Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair last week. The funds that we raised will be used to purchase a great selection of library books and technology teaching supplies, and to supplement classroom libraries.

I would also like to recognize the volunteers that helped with the book fair: Karen Clapper-Curry, Gina Zielinske, Ellene Meece, Amy Tupy, Sonya Garcia, Natalie Harvey, Brett Smithers, Katie Day, Suzan Pelloni and Shana Holliday. Last but not least, coach/teacher Samantha Gomey and her eighth grade basketball boys helped set up and take down the book fair which saved me countless hours and an enormous amount of energy. I really appreciate each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Ann Franklin
School Librarian

Grateful to Chevron for its donation

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Town of Rangely I would like to sincerely thank Chevron North America; Nick Moschetti, operations superintendent; and Cary Baird with Chevron government and public affairs for their continued support of activities, safety and educational initiatives within the Rangely Police Department, not to mention the many entities throughout our county and community that also benefit from Chevron's generosity.

This year's donation to the Town of Rangely of \$4,000 comes at a perfect time for the town's police department considering the many activities and training needs and the revenue limitations that we have been experiencing from year to year.

Chevron has been a true citizen of Rangely in every sense of the word and we appreciate not only their considerate donations, but the contribution of time and service the so many of their employees have provided to this community.

Sincerely,
Joseph Nielsen
Mayor of Rangely

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GUEST COLUMN: HEALTH

Domestic violence: What you can do to help

By **TERESIA REED**
Special to the Herald Times

Part Four of Four

RBC I If you recognize yourself or someone you know as being in an abusive relationship, reach out now. There is help available. No one should live in fear of the person they love. If you're hesitating—telling yourself that it's none of your business, you might be wrong, or the person might not want to talk about it—keep in mind that expressing your concern will let the person know that you care and may even save his or her life.

Talk to the person in private and let him or her know that you're concerned. Point out the things you've noticed that make you worried. Tell the person that you're there, whenever he or she feels ready to talk. Reassure the person that you'll keep whatever is said between the two of you, and let him or her know that you'll help in any way you can.

Remember, abusers are very good at controlling and manipulating their victims. People who have been emotionally abused or battered are depressed, drained, scared, ashamed, and confused. They need help to get out, yet they've often been isolated from their family and friends. By picking up on the warning signs and offering support, you can help them escape an abusive situation and begin healing. (Source: *NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*)

Here are some ways to help a friend who is being abused:

- Set up a time to talk. Try to make sure you have privacy and won't be distracted or interrupted.

- Let your friend know you're concerned about her safety. Be honest. Tell her about times when you were worried about her. Help her see that what she's going through is not right. Let her know you want to help.

- Be supportive. Listen to your friend. Keep in mind that it may be very hard for her to talk about the abuse. Tell her that she is not alone, and that people want to help.

- Offer specific help. You might say you are willing to just listen, to help her with childcare, or to provide transportation, for example.

- Don't place shame, blame, or guilt on your friend. Don't say, "You just need to leave." Instead, say something like, "I get scared thinking about what might happen to you." Tell her you understand that her situation is very difficult.

- Help her make a safety plan. Safety planning includes picking a place to go and packing important items.

- Encourage your friend to talk to someone who can help. Offer to help her find a local domestic violence agency. Offer to go with her to the agency, the police, or court.

- Use the available resources. There are resources to help and support you.

In Meeker: Call Safehouse 970-878-3131. In Rangely, call Rangely Victim Services at 970-629-9691. In the U.S.: Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233

- If your friend decides to stay, continue to be supportive. Your friend may decide to stay in the relationship, or she may leave and then go back many times. It may be hard for you to understand, but people stay in abusive relationships for many reasons. Be supportive, no matter what your friend decides to do.

- Encourage your friend to do things outside of the relationship. It's important for her to see friends and family.

- If your friend decides to leave, continue to offer support. Even though the relationship was abusive, she may feel sad and lonely once it is over. She also may need help getting services from agencies or community groups.

Keep in mind that you can't "rescue" your friend. She has to be the one to decide it's time to get help. Support her no matter what her decision.

Compiled by Teresia Reed, M.Ed., Safehouse First Responder, Office Manager at Grant Mortuary, Victim Advocate and Grief Recovery Specialist with the Grief Recovery Institute.

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GUEST COLUMN: ACROSS THE STREET

Some school districts creatively solving challenges

By **JOYCE RANKIN**
Special to the Herald Times



Joyce Rankin

RBC I Teacher shortage, continuing education, parent participation, technology, and students unqualified to satisfy workforce needs. These are just some of the challenges our public schools face. In September I toured southwest Colorado and found some school superintendent's creatively solving some of their district's many challenges.

We continue to hear about the need for higher teacher's salaries and teacher housing in order to hire and retain the best educators. Although we already have very dedicated teachers, many when asked say that you can't raise a family on a teacher's salary. Some taxpayers say that the amount of time off for teachers (fall, winter and spring breaks; holidays and summer vacations) with many on four-day work weeks, is an unfair comparison with year round occupations. One west slope district superintendent was creative in solving his need for 15 teachers. He hosted a booth at a popular job fair and 115 teachers attended. He then hired the 15 he needed. Openings are now posted on his district website.

Another innovative solution for retaining teachers involved two elementary teachers planning on taking pregnancy/child leave. When the superintendent joined with a local preschool program and implemented the Teddy Bear Infant and Toddler Program at the school site, both teachers enrolled their children and continued to teach.

Only 10 percent of parents were participating in secondary school parent-teacher conferences in one western Colorado school district. The superintendent set up a program called Student Led Conferences. Students take the lead in the conference. They also direct their coursework, interests, accomplishments and challenges and share them with their parents/teachers at the conference.

The same school has four diploma pathways: science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), academic, honors and technical/vocational. Students choosing the honors pathway must, among other requirements, earn

a combined score of 1150 or above on the 11th grade Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). The average score in the state in 2017 was 1014.

Two other districts have focused their attention on career education. One program in Cortez has the back half of an ambulance built into the classroom to give students a real "hands on" approach to emergency training situations. In Montrose, the entire school district emphasizes STEM learning. Students are given opportunities to work with aerospace firms on the eastern side of the mountains.

At the end of my trip I was proud to join Superintendent Mike Epright, of the West End School District (Nucla, Naturita, Bedrock and Paradox), in their community picnic celebrating the transition off of the

"turnaround clock" for one of their schools. The school exited from Turnaround, or the lowest performance rating, to a Performance or the highest rating. More than 200 teachers, students and parents joined with the community to celebrate their achievement.

These are a few of the remarkable programs being offered at schools in Colorado's southwest. For some, difficult challenges have become incredible opportunities.

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Joyce Rankin represents the 3rd Congressional District on the State Board of Education. She is also a Legislative Assistant for Representative Bob Rankin.

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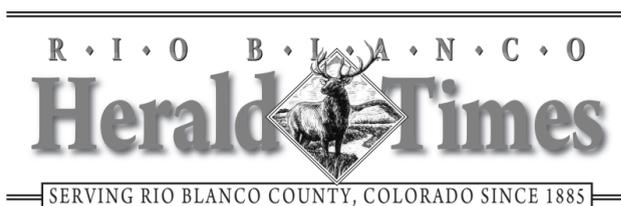
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The Significance of the Rainbow (2)

By **Dr. J. D. Watson**
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I do set my bow in the cloud . . . (Gen. 9:13-16)



Dr. J.D. Watson

WHILE Noah saw the rainbow after the storm, and Ezekiel saw the rainbow during the storm, we see one other time when the bow appeared. Third, we see it before the storm, as revealed in the New Testament. Like Ezekiel, the Apostle John had a vision of the throne of God in heaven and wrote, "And he that sat [on the throne] was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about

the throne, in sight like unto an emerald" (Rev. 4:3). The Greek behind rainbow is *iris*, which appears only here and in 10:1 and was used from the time of Homer for rainbow. In Classical Greek it refers to any bright halo surrounding an object, including the iris of the eye and the circle around the "eyes" of the peacock's feathers. This is, of course, the origin of our English word "iris" because of the numerous colors found among this family's 200-300 species of flowers.

Again like Ezekiel, John sees a rainbow encircling God's throne, announcing the completeness and perfection of God. This multi-colored bow is dominated by a soothing emerald green. As a symbol, then, of peace and God's faithfulness to His promises, this bow assures John before the coming horrendous judgments even start that there will be peace when it's all over.

Dear Christian Friend, all this reminds us that God is always faithful to His promises. Whether we see the rainbow before, during, or after the storm of trial, we are always assured of "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, [which] shall keep [our] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7).

In case we are tempted to think that God has made

only a few promises, consider a moment just how many He really has made. We think first of what Peter calls "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Pet. 1:4), which are all the salvation promises in Christ, such as: spiritual life (Rom. 8:9-13), resurrection life (Jn. 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:21-23), the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:6; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-8; Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:13), abundant grace (Jn. 10:10; Rom. 5:15, 20; Eph. 1:7), joy (Ps. 132:16; Gal. 5:22), strength (Ps. 18:32; Is. 40:29-31), forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9); guidance (Jn. 16:13), help (Is. 41:10, 13-14), instruction (Pss. 32:8; 34:11), wisdom (Prov. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:17-18; Jas. 1:5; 3:17), prayer (Prov. 15:29; 1 Jn. 5:14), provision (Matt. 6:33; Phil. 4:19), victory (1 Cor. 10:13), heaven (Jn. 14:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:13), eternal rewards (1 Tim. 4:8; Jas. 1:12), and the list goes on.

Second, however, in addition to all those and many more, prophecies and covenants are also promises, which adds hundreds more to the total. It has been calculated, in fact, that there are some 7,487 promises that God has made to man (see Herbert Lockyer's *All the Promises of the Bible* [Zondervan, 1962], p. 10). From the first promise (Gen. 3:15) to the last (Rev. 22:20), we can be absolutely assured that "he is faithful that promised" (Heb. 10:23).

Scriptures for Study: Take some time to read the verses cited today and rejoice in the promises of God.

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AN UPRIVER OUTING...



Sherry Jordan and Doris Welle were treated to a trip upriver and a special picnic, complete with candles and tablecloth, by photographer Jack Mohnhaupt and his girlfriend last weekend. From all appearances, the two ladies had a wonderful time.

Return to daylight standard time Sunday: Turn back your clocks and change your driving habits

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Nov. 5 marks the end of daylight saving time, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds motorists to be particularly cautious to avoid wildlife-related accidents on our roads as daylight hours get shorter.

"The fall time change happens to be right in line with peak mating season for some of our wildlife, especially deer. Bears are also still actively looking for food and the calories needed before hibernation," said Crystal Chick, CPW area wildlife manager. "Animals are on the move this time of year, most actively between dawn and dusk. With shorter daylight hours, that makes wildlife harder to see right when people are making their daily commutes."

The Colorado Department of Transportation sees an average of 3,300 reported wildlife collisions each year, and notes more car accidents involving wildlife occur in November than in any other month. According to the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, the average property damage costs from animal-vehicle collisions is over \$3,400.

The following precautions are good advice all year long, but particularly at and around the change back to daylight standard time:

Slow down. Swerving at high speeds increases the danger of an accident. Moderate speeds maintain a dri-

ver's reaction time and allow an appropriate response to animals on or near roads.

Stay alert, particularly while driving between dusk and dawn. This is when deer and other common wildlife are most active and more likely to be crossing roadways.

Scan ahead and watch for movement and shining eyes along roadsides. If you see one animal, you should expect it will be accompanied by others.

Obey traffic signs, particularly wildlife warning signs. Though incidents can happen anywhere, transportation authorities attempt to reduce the number of incidents by posting signage and lowering speeds in areas where wildlife are active.

When animals are seen on or near the road, slow down or stop, honk the horn and/or flash headlights. This warns the animal to avoid the road and alerts other drivers to the potential hazard.

Always wear seat belts. Unfortunately, not every collision is avoidable, and the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration states that the risk of serious injury and death in a crash is reduced by half when seat belts are worn.

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VETERANS: Shared experiences

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get on post because she wants to be with her boyfriend or whatever, I had to do the female police thing," she said.

After serving on that post, Fort Stewart in Georgia—affectionately called "Fort Swampy"—for two and half years, and then serving in Japan, Culler was discharged and started college, only to be recalled for Desert Storm with a National Guard unit.

"We did EPW (Enemy Prisoner of War) camps. They surrendered in what seemed like the gazillions. We would load them onto a semi-truck or two, along with a Humvee with a

machine gun."

Once back at the camps, they separated the prisoners into categories, such as injured, possible threat, children, and so forth, for the purpose of gathering intelligence.

It was during one of those times that Culler had a close call. Some prisoners who were suspected of being Republican Guard started rioting because they thought they were being taken somewhere else to be punished. In response, Saudi Arabian soldiers started firing into the crowd, unaware that there were eight Americans in there. While the rest dove under the vehicles for cover, one MP, Ken Culler, Jr.—yes, Brenda's eventual husband—got

them to stop and received a Bronze Star.

"We were battle buddies in Desert Storm, reconnected via Facebook in late 2013 and have been married since June 2014," she recalled.

After returning home and going back to work at the sheriff's office, from which she received much help in readjusting, Culler remained in the Reserves and was deployed yet again for Iraqi Freedom.

"The day I landed in Iraq was the day they caught Saddam Hussein, so I take credit for that," she said, soliciting the intended laugh from the group.

This time she helped set up a dis-

patch center so that any soldier could dial 9911 on their cell phone and get Culler at the emergency call center for help. After returning home in 2005, she went back yet again but this time as a civilian contractor doing the same job until 2011.

In part two of this story, we will learn more about combat experiences, medals and citations and how military service affected our veterans.

A memorable moment to this point, however, was the attitude of these four veterans concerning every person who serves, whether they saw combat or not. They all agreed that every person has a vital role, whether they deploy or are at home providing support.

ASBESTOS: Abatement costs could be reduced

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However, it quickly becomes hazardous once the material has been damaged, causing fibers to be released into the air where they can be inhaled.

According to the EPA, asbestos exposure is commonly related to three major health concerns; lung

cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis, a non-cancerous disease of the lungs. Mesothelioma, the disease most regularly associated with asbestos, is a rare form of cancer, typically found in the lining of the lungs, chest, abdomen and heart. Symptoms of these diseases often take many years to develop and are considered difficult to identify.

When the negative health impacts of asbestos exposure were discovered lawsuits were filed quickly and numerous, with approximately 9,000 companies identified as asbestos defendants in 2015. The EPA claims that more than 100 companies have filed for bankruptcy citing asbestos litigation claims.

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Rodger Polley (aka Hagrid) and his trusty pet Fang greet attendees.

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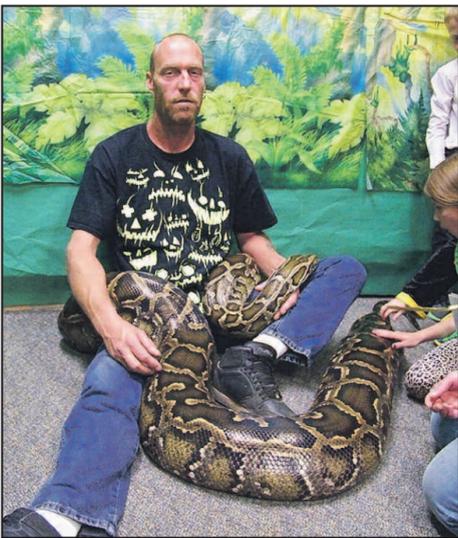
The Sorting Hat considers house placement.



The Wiley family came in full Hogwarts gear.



Slytherins mascot was well-represented.



The slithering python was certainly a hit among Hogwarts visitors.



Students hard at work in the physics lab.



Professor Trelawney smiles with a snake.

4-H Councils, CSU Extension host first annual 'Night at Hogwarts'



Dawn Jastrem (and her bowtruckle) raised funds for the 4-H garden club.

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This young lady tried her hand at Dobby's Sock Sorting booth.



Natosha Clatterbaugh helped this young wizard find his perfect wand match at Ollivander's Wand Shop.



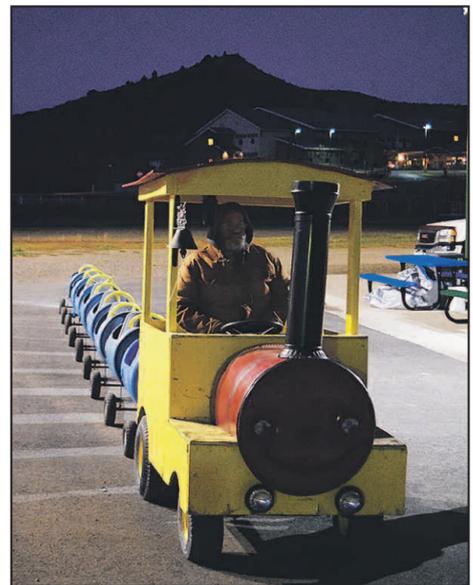
Competitive 20 minute Quidditch matches were played throughout the night.



"Magical" experiments and skits were part of the free STEM booth manned by the House of Ravenclaw.



Sorting Hat cupcakes were just one of the culinary delights available.



Cold weather didn't deter delighted boys and girls from taking a ride on Meeker's very own Hogwarts Express.

TRUNK OR TREAT...



Another successful year of the New Creation Trunk or Treat Party in Rangely, a safe place for kids to party and trick or treat. There were 12 cars involved and around 150 kids attended.

RENE HARDEN PHOTOS



This pink poodle was one of the costumed little ones at Trunk or Treat.



The biggest Batman of all time made an appearance at New Creation Church's annual Trunk or Treat on Monday, Oct. 30.

Utah air quality regulations could affect western RBC air quality

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

RBC The Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ) held a hearing on proposed new and amended regulations to modernize and improve the state's oversight of oil and gas operation emissions on Oct. 25 in Vernal, Utah. A previous hearing was held on these rules in Salt Lake City on Oct. 19.

The regulations, slated to take effect in January, will move Utah into a "permit by rule" system instead of the current "permit by permit" system. The rules will apply to new and modified oil and gas sources. They include changes for emission inventories, tank truck loading, registration, storage vessels, dehydrators, volatile organic compound controls, leak detection and repair and requirements for natural gas engines used on well sites.

Along with the west end of Rio Blanco County (RBC), the two eastern Utah counties of Duchesne and Uintah, just across the Colorado state line, have received F grades from the American Lung Association (ALA)

for ozone for the last few years on average. The Utah counties both have had much worse ozone conditions than RBC. In the three year period covered by the ALA Report: 2013-2015, RBC had six weighted average days of hazardous ozone while Uintah County had 34 and Duchesne County had 21. Both Utah counties are major centers of oil and gas production which produce known ozone-forming pollutants. The ozone events are also affected by adverse weather conditions and air inversions.

Colorado was represented last week by six western slope residents who testified in favor of the Utah effort. All the Coloradans were concerned about air quality impacts on the Rangely area as well as to the Dinosaur National Monument air shed and the Grand Valley. Five of the six were members of Citizens for Clean Air (CCA) from Grand Junction.

"High ozone levels are known to cause breathing difficulties in children and the elderly," said Kristin Winn, a member of the CCA group.

"We went to Vernal to support the DAQ's efforts to improve oversight of oil and gas operations. Such efforts can only help air quality in western Colorado." A representative from the Western Colorado Congress also testified in support of the new rules.

Ozone is a colorless gas composed of three oxygen atoms (O3). It occurs both in the Earth's upper atmosphere and at ground level. It can be good or bad, depending on where it is. Good ozone, according to the ALA, occurs six to 30 miles above the planet's surface where it forms a protective layer that shields us from most of the sun's harmful ultraviolet light. Bad ozone is near ground level and is formed when volatile organic compounds and nitrous oxide pollutants emitted by cars, power plants, industrial boilers, refineries, and chemical plants as well as oil and gas facilities react with heat and sunlight.

Ground level ozone can cause breathing difficulties, lung damage, increased asthma attacks, and pose a risk of early death from heart or lung disease. Especially vulnerable popu-

lations include the young, whose lungs are still developing, the elderly, people that already have lung problems like asthma, and people who are active outdoors.

Like Colorado, Utah has a split between rural and urbanized counties experiencing high ozone events. Utah's "Front Range" with ozone issues is the urbanized zone on the west flank of the Wasatch Mountains, roughly from Provo to north of Ogden. In Colorado, hazardous ozone levels have been identified in western RBC along with nine Front Range Colorado counties where automobile traffic is a considerable part of the problem.

The Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment organization has long asked for more stringent limits on air pollution in the state, claiming that there is "no safe level of air pollution" and that "any standard is arbitrary." They point out that some Americans are dying as much as a decade earlier than they would otherwise due to ozone exposure.

Dr. Karl Breitenbach, a Vernal physician who has practiced there

since 1987, testified in favor of the new regulations, citing health effects he sees in patients primarily in the winter months. He stressed the importance of required emissions inventories and inspection data being made available to the public. He was joined by fellow Vernal resident Tom Elder who expressed his gratitude to DAQ for this effort and said, "air quality is the number one quality of life issue in the Uintah Basin."

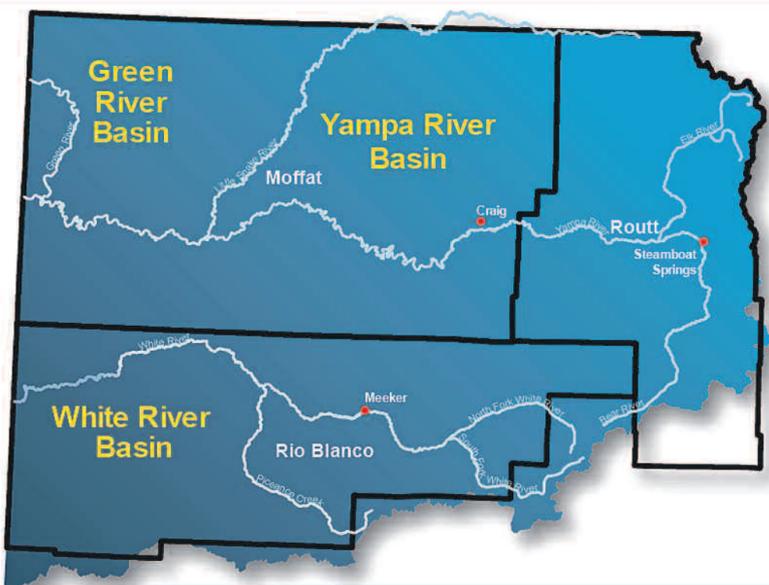
Retired Utah State University/Uintah Basin professor Virginia Exton also testified in favor of the new regulations and urged DAQ to have oil and gas operators capture any methane releases as well. "Flaring (the burn-off release of natural gas) really bothers me. That gas needs to be captured," she pleaded.

Only two commenters suggested any disagreement with the rules. Duane Shepherd, a gas field chemical vendor, said the rules were generally all right, but added that the companies he's dealt with, namely Anadarko, already do what the new rules ask. Josh Hershey, an engineer with EnerVest, an oil and gas compa-

ny, attempted to dismiss the importance of "air events" vs. cost, expressing concern about compliance expense.

At the SLC hearing the week before, Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Denver-based industry trade group, supported DAQ's new approach with some small tweaks. She stated, "I think we're getting to a good place where [the new rules] represent improvement for Utah air quality and better certainty for our oil and gas companies." Western Energy Alliance was previously known as the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States.

The rules will apply to some 12,300 crude oil and natural gas wells in Utah, the majority of which are in the Uintah Basin. Bill Stringer, a Uintah County Commissioner and member of the Utah Air Quality Board, served as the hearing officer in Vernal. Stringer is a retired manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Utah and Colorado.



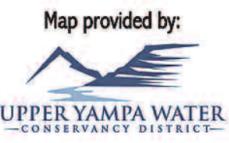
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It looks like its been a successful season for elk hunters.

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Nov. 14 final sight-in day at Meeker Sportsman's Club

MEEKER | Nov. 14 is the last sight-in day for the season at the Meeker Sportsman's Club. Hours are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per rifle to sight-in your own rifle or \$10 per rifle to have a Sportsman's Club member sight it in for you. Targets, spotters and coffee are provided. The range is located at 36684 Hwy. 13 approximately 4.5 miles south of Meeker. Watch for the big banner.

In addition, hunters taking advantage of the low-cost sight-in events have an opportunity to help the Meeker Sportsman's Club in return. The club is continuing their fundraising efforts toward the goal of purchasing the shooting range property. This shooting range is an important asset and resource to Meeker and the surrounding area.

Currently more than \$55,000 has been raised toward the \$175,000 needed to purchase the range property. Any contributions of funds toward this land purchase are welcome. The Meeker Sportsman's Club is a 501(c)3 entity so donations are tax deductible. For information on sight-in days or to make a contribution, call John Taylor 878-3456.

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The Rangely Panther volleyball team won second place in the district tournament and is headed to regionals this weekend in Dolores, Colo.

Rangely Panther volleyball take second at district tournament

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely volleyball traveled to Parachute for the district tournament last Friday and Saturday. Rangely went into the tournament as the No. 1 seed.

On Friday, Rangely played Hayden in their first pool play match up. Rangely played great and defeated Hayden in three sets: 25-16, 25-12 and 25-20. KK Fortunato led with 10 earned points, with Kassidee Brown and Sarah Connor contributing nine earned points each. Katelyn Brown led with 22 digs and Kassidee Brown added 15 digs. Katelyn Brown led with 11 kills, Sarah Connor added in seven kills, and Marlena Miller contributed another four kills.

Rangely's second pool play match up was against Hotchkiss. Rangely needed the win to move on to day two of the district tournament and that they did. Rangely beat Hotchkiss in three: 25-14, 25-16, and 25-12. Rangely had a great serving game against Hotchkiss. Halie Elam had 18 earned points, Katelyn Brown chipped in 16 earned points and Kassidee Brown contributed another 12 earned

points. Kassidee Brown moved the ball around to her hitters, Klaire Denny and Katelyn Brown both had six kills each, while Sarah Connor and KK Fortunato had four kills each. Very few balls hit the floor on defense. Katelyn Brown had 17 digs while Skylar Thacker added another 15 digs.

Rangely finished the first day of districts 2-0 and headed into the second day to face Paonia and Meeker to determine seeding for regionals.

Rangely met up with Paonia first on Saturday morning. Paonia was looking to come back, but Rangely played tough, getting the win in three: 25-18, 25-21 and 26-24. The match was a defensive game for the Panthers. Four players ended with double digits in digs, Katelyn Brown with 24, Kassidee Brown with 19, Skylar Thacker with 18 and Halie Elam added in another 16. Sarah Connor held tough at the net with five solo blocks and Marlena Miller with two solo blocks. Halie Elam led the team in earned points with 14 and Skylar Thacker added another 10 earned points. Offensively, Kassidee Brown moved the ball

around effectively again. Sarah Connor led with 17 kills, Marlena Miller added nine kills and Katelyn Brown contributed eight kills.

Rangely headed into their last match of the day to determine first and second place against Meeker. This was the third time the two teams have met up this season. Rangely came out of the gate, taking the first set 25-20. Meeker answered back taking the second set. Rangely struggled to get the offense going in the third and fourth set and couldn't get back on track. Meeker defeat Rangely in four: 25-20, 20-25, 14-25 and 12-25. Halie Elam led with seven earned points, Katelyn Brown added another six earned points and Sarah Connor added five earned points. Katelyn Brown ended the match with 23 digs, and Skylar Thacker added another 15 digs. Sarah Connor ended with 11 kills, with Marlena Miller added five kills.

Rangely ended their district weekend 3-1 for second place. They will travel to Dolores Nov. 4 to play in regionals against Dolores and Telluride. Games for the Panthers are at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Nov. 4.

Rangely's Scoggins earns sixth place at state meet

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Even though senior Patrick Scoggins was the only Rangely Panther running at the state cross country meet, it was exciting. Scoggins has worked hard all four years, running during the summer, running in all kinds of weather and even on vacations. He placed sixth overall for the 2A classification with 109 runners.

"I am really proud of Patrick and how hard he has worked over the last four years. We will miss him, he is a great role model for the young athletes," said cross country coach Beth Scoggins.

One of the exciting things about the cross country meet are the fans. Everywhere along the course there are fans cheering and yelling for everyone and anyone, no matter who is finishing. The fans are excited to see the top runners of the state running and finishing. The Filfreds, along with grandparents from Arkansas and big brother William and his wife Chelsea made the trip to Colorado Springs to watch Scoggins have an amazing finish. When he came into the stadium he was in eighth place



Patrick Scoggins wrapped up his senior year of cross country competition with a sixth place finish at the state competition in Colorado Springs.

and gaining on the next two runners. He found more energy from the crowd cheering and was able to pass the next two runners taking sixth place with a time of 16:55.

Another fun thing about this meet is getting the chance to run against the best in the state and catching up with friends that you don't see but a couple of times a year. Out of the top 10 placers five of them are seniors and have had the chance to run against each other all four years. Most of them are good friends and you saw them congratulating each other and talking about track season already and where they will be going after high school. Several of them exchanged team cross country t-shirts.

"One of the things that I love about cross country is how the athletes respect and encourage each other. You don't see that very often in other sports," said coach Scoggins.

Patrick Scoggins will continue to train for cross country since he will be heading down to the Nike Southwest Regional meet in Casa Grande, Ariz., on Nov. 18. It will have the best runners from Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico competing.

Cowboys start playoffs undefeated once again

Host Cornerstone Christian Academy Friday



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Meeker High School senior Trapper Merrifield, who leads the Cowboys with 32 receptions for 802 yards, including 12 for touchdowns, caught two passes against the Olathe Pirates, both for touchdowns, including one for 71 yards, in the final game of the regular season. Merrifield and the Cowboys will host the Cornerstone Christian Academy Bulldogs in Starbuck Stadium in the first round of the 1A 2017 Colorado State Football playoffs this Friday at 7 p.m.

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I For the second year in a row, the Meeker Cowboys enter the 1A Colorado State Football Championship playoffs undefeated in their quest to win the community's first-ever state football title after finishing as a runner-up last year. The Cowboys pounded the Olathe Pirates 52-21 in the final game of the regular season, earning the opportunity to host the Cornerstone Christian Academy Bulldogs in the first round of the playoffs Friday in Starbuck Stadium.

"This worked out a little better for our community, as they will get an opportunity to check out our football and volleyball programs in post-season play at home," Meeker head football coach Shane Phelan said about his team hosting a playoff game Friday. The recently crowned District champion Meeker volleyball team will host a Regional tournament Saturday.

The Cowboys only needed two plays from scrimmage to take a 14-8 lead against the Pirates in Starbuck Stadium last Friday, then Meeker scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 30-15 lead at halftime.

"Olathe is a good group of kids but our offense was able to put points on the scoreboard in outstanding fashion in the first half, then we kind of wore them down in the second half," coach Phelan said.

Meeker received the opening kick and senior quarterback Logan Hughes threw a screen pass to running back classmate Doak Mantle, who ran 60 yards for a touchdown then added the two point conversion to give his team an 8-0 lead less than a minute into the game.

Olathe put together a long drive on its first possession, which ended with a touchdown and tied the game with five minutes to play in the first quarter.

"Olathe runs the single wing well and we were concerned about the run, as they mash it right at you," coach Phelan said.

After Olathe scored and kicked off to the Cowboys, Hughes handed the ball off to Mantle on Meeker's second play from scrimmage and Mantle scored again, this time from 65 yards.

Meeker continued its explosive offense, scoring in the

second quarter when Hughes connected with senior wide receiver Trapper Merrifield for a 71-yard touchdown, then Hughes added the two-point conversion, giving his team a 22-8 lead.

The Pirates would score again in the second quarter but Hughes connected with Merrifield again, this time for a 33-yard touchdown with Mantle scoring the two-point conversion, giving the Cowboys a 30-15 halftime lead.

Meeker's defense stepped up in the second half and stopped Olathe's first two possessions, while Meeker capitalized both times with touchdown runs from Jorgen Stagg, giving the Cowboys a 45-15 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Both teams scored in the fourth quarter, Meeker's coming on an unintended short kickoff, which freshman Jeremy Woodard came down with and returned for a touchdown.

The Cowboys scored seven more Touchdowns for Kris in the final game of the regular season, and went into the game having scored 14 touchdowns, giving them a total of 21 for the month of October.

Hughes finished the game with four completions, three of them for touchdowns and 168 yards. Mantle carried the ball five times for 96 yards and a rushing touchdown as well. Stagg rushed for two touchdowns and gained 54 yards on 13 carries. Merrifield caught two of Hughes' passes, both for touchdowns and 103 yards.

Tannen Kennedy led the team with 17 tackles on defense, Luis Villalpando was in on 15, Tevin Pelloni recorded 13, James Amick had 12 and Mantle finished with 10.

Coach Phelan said his team is "fairly healthy," adding "we are fortunate to have a lot of kids on our roster, so we have good depth on our team, something we hope to hang our hat on in the playoffs."

The Cowboys enter the state playoffs as the No. 2 seed and would play the winner of Crowley County and Limon if they beat the Bulldogs Friday, but Phelan is not looking past the first round.

"We play Cornerstone Christian Academy Friday and we'll see where the bracket takes us from there if we play well," coach Phelan said. "We are excited to be playing at home and encourage everyone to come support the Cowboys."

Meszaros, Beck compete at state cross country meet

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Meeker had two competitors in the state cross country meet on Saturday in Briar Meszaros and Matthew Beck. Meszaros ran against 105 other 2A girls from around the state and finished in 53rd place, with a time of 23:01. In the boys' 2A race, Matthew's time was 18:25, placing him 39th in a field of 109.

"Matthew had worked hard in the off-season, and really kept that drive going. It was great to see that effort pay off for a senior year trip to state," said coach Marty Casey.

"Briar had some good success her freshman year, but was out most of last year with an injury. She came back this year healthy, and with a goal for post-season competition, and she made that happen. Now that she has a taste for it, I am certain that she will be back next year," Casey said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Briar Meszaros ran against 105 other 2A girls at the state cross country meet and finished in 53rd place. Matthew Beck, a senior at MHS, earned 39th place in the boys' 2A state cross country race in a field of 109.



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In his first season as the head coach of Meeker's volleyball team, Greg Cravens coached the lady Cowboys to a district championship last Saturday in Parachute, earning his team the opportunity to host a regional tournament this Saturday on their home court in front of hometown fans. "I feel very lucky to take over such a good program that we get the chance to host regionals," coach Cravens said. Playing on the District championship are: (standing in back) Allison Moon, Brittney Adams, Julia Dinwiddie, Kolbi Franklin, Kirsten Brown, Natalie Simonsen, Sydnie Main, Caleigh Morlan and Michaela Jones. In front: Krissie Luce, Avery Watt, Kassie Luce, Addie Joy and Lila Klinglesmith. Meeker will play the Paonia Eagles for a third time in three weeks at 11 a.m., then play Ridgway at 2 p.m.

MHS volleyball wins district title, hosts regionals this weekend

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER 1 After losing the Western Slope League championship to its Rio Blanco County rival in the final match of the regular season, Meeker entered the district tournament as the No. 2 seed behind league champion Rangely, but when the two teams met for the district championship last Saturday, Meeker won the title and the opportunity to host a regional tournament this Saturday.

Meeker beat the Rams from South Routt County (Soroco) and West Grand last Friday to win their pool and play Paonia for a second week in a row, winning both times and advancing to the championship match against Rangely.

"What a great weekend for us," Meeker head coach Greg Cravens said. "I really think this is a tough league and we had to be good all weekend."

Meeker opened the district tournament with a win in three games against the Rams (25-20, 25-21 and 25-20), then needed four games to beat the Mustangs from West Grand. Meeker won the first two; 25-21 and

27-25, then lost the third game 21-25 before coming back to win the match and their pool with a 25-8 victory in the fourth game.

Both Rio Blanco County teams would beat Paonia in three games, setting up the third meeting between Meeker and Rangely with the Panthers winning the first two.

"To think we had to go back on Saturday and go against Paonia and Rangely again gave me nightmares Friday night," coach Cravens said. "The girls came ready to play Saturday and it was so exciting to watch. These girls have worked hard to become a team and everyone on the team has a role and they do it well."

"The consistent play from Krissie (Luce), Kassie (Luce), Lila (Klinglesmith), Michaela Jones and Avery (Watt), is something we can always rely and depend on but it was the play of Sydnie (Main), Julia (Dinwiddie) and Caleigh (Morlan), that was so great to see. To me, we proved to ourselves the level we can play at and now we need to see if we can maintain that level. Our two wins on Saturday to be against Paonia and Rangely made it so spe-

cial because we know they are both so good."

By winning the district tournament, the Cowboys will host Paonia and Ridgway in the regional tournament, playing Paonia at 11 a.m., then Ridgway at 2 p.m.

Rangely will play in Telluride against the host school at 11:30 a.m., then play Dolores, the San Juan Basin district champions, at 1 p.m.

The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the 2017 Colorado State Volleyball Championships, along with four spots open to the next best teams on the CHSAA RPI rankings.

"I feel very lucky to take over such a good program that we get the chance to host regionals," coach Cravens said. "This weekend is going to be another dog fight, as Ridgway is always a good team that makes it to state fairly consistently. Being asked to try to beat Paonia three weekends in a row is going to be a very hard task for any team. It was a goal for us this week and the girls fought to make it happen. We will have to be at our best again but that is why I love this time of year."

Panthers end football season with a win

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
bobby@theheraldtimes.com

RANGELY 1 The Rangely Panther football team ended its season with a 2-7 record, winning its first and last games of the season, the most recent a 12-6 win in Collbran against the Plateau Valley Cowboys. The game in Collbran was the final football game for seniors Dillon Goetz and Doug Dennison.

"We got off to a great start, with two rushing touchdowns in the first

half," Rangely head coach Paul Fortunato said.

Panther running backs Tytus Coombs and Devin Ramirez both scored touchdowns, Coombs in the first quarter and Ramirez in the second.

"We moved the ball well and controlled the clock in the second half but were unable to get into the end zone due to some costly penalties," coach Fortunato said. "The play of the game came with 2:30 left in the fourth, when we were able to recover

a fumble deep in their territory to seal the victory."

"This year was another year of growing pains for the Panthers," coach Fortunato said. "All the starters on both sides of the ball will return next year, which is promising. The Panthers played well in the last two weeks of the season and started clicking as a unit."

Rangely 8th grade basketball drops two to Meeker, Steamboat

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY 1 Last weekend the Rangely eighth grade boys' basketball team played against Steamboat and Meeker. Rangely had a few guys missing due to family obligations and injury.

"We were a bit off of our game against Meeker and lost 13-26. We were no match for Steamboat in the second game of the day," said coach Jessica Fortunato.

The boys played harder and shots seemed to drop but unfortunately still lost with a final score of 23-57. Rangely will travel to face North Park this Friday and then will travel to Craig on Saturday to play Hayden, West Grand and Craig.

Correction

MEEKER 1 In last week's edition we inadvertently titled the Barone Middle School volleyball team as the BMS basketball team. We regret the error.

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CNCC aviation team wins trophy, top pilot awards

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I In October, the CNCC National Intercollegiate Flying Team (NIFA) spent 10 days competing at the U.S. Air Force Academy with other colleges and universities in the region from Colorado, Utah and Montana.

"I am pleased to announce we finished second in the region behind the U.S. Air Force Academy and have received an invite to the national competition in May hosted by the University of Indiana. Our last trip to nationals was in 2014 and we finished second in the nation among two-year schools," said CNCC airport manager and chief flight instructor Jason Krueger.

During the course of the competition, CNCC did not have any disqualifications and earned its second safety trophy in four years.

"The judges were very happy with our team safety and organization throughout the week. Also, Will Drbohlav, our flight team captain, won the top pilot in the region award for the most points scored by one competitor during the competition. Will individually accrued 122 points, which was more than a quarter of all

our team points. He scored 7 more points than the top air force cadet, and Will is the first top pilot from CNCC since 2010," Krueger said. He also thanked the other coaches: Nathan Hardin, Kyle Baker and Steve Humann, calling them a "huge help in keeping the team headed in the right direction."

Final results for CNCC top 20 finishes:

- Regional Top Pilot**
Will Drbohlav—1st
122 total points
- Aircraft Preflight**
Matt Harwood—2nd
Isaac Sloan—9th
William Drbohlav—10th
- Aircraft Recognition**
Matt Harwood—9th
Daniel Quatrochi—11th
Gabriel Newby—19th
- Flight Computer**
Will Gruening—18th
- Flight Simulator**
Will Drbohlav—8th
Daniel Quatrochi—10th
Will Gruening—12th
- Message Drop**
Drop-master Hiro Maruyama—10th
Pilot Matt Harwood
Drop-master Echo Campbell—

- 12th
Pilot Sam Schroeder
Drop-master Isaac Sloan—15th
- Pilot Daniel Quatrochi
Drop-master Lexi Topoly—17th
- Pilot Kris Kauber
Aircraft Navigation
Pilot Will Drbohlav—4th
Navigator Kris Kauber
Pilot Will Gruening—5th
Navigator Matt Harwood
Pilot Isaac Sloan—13th
Navigator Daniel Quatrochi
- Power- Off Landings**
Will Drbohlav—5th
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Daniel Quatrochi—18th
Kris Kauber—19th
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Isaac Sloan—13th

HOPEWEST 'WICKED' GALA..



PAT TURNER PHOTOS
Pioneers Medical Center staff made off with the best group costume award as characters from the "Minions" movies.



Lions Club members made a rather shocking exit.



Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos provided live entertainment at the annual Hopewest 'Wicked' gala, a fundraiser for the hospice program.

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Life-Giving Leaves

Leaves are all around us on plants and trees. The job of leaves is to make food for plants. Animals and people eat many plants and leaves to stay alive. We breathe oxygen that leaves make. How much do you know about leaves? **Fill in these three puzzles to find out!**

Leaves:

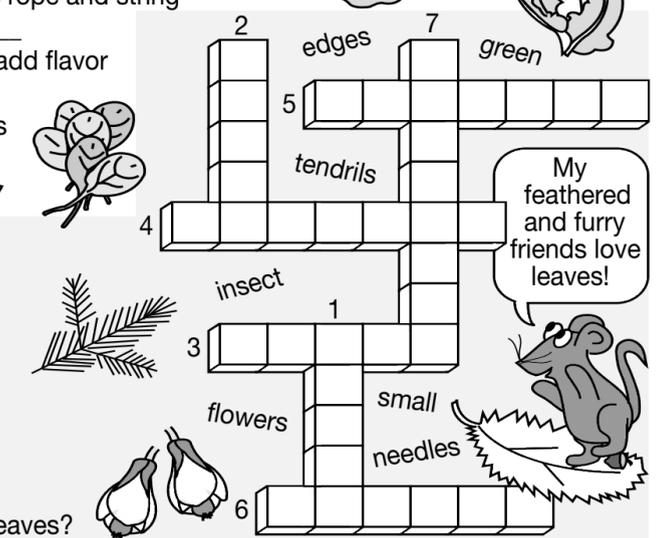
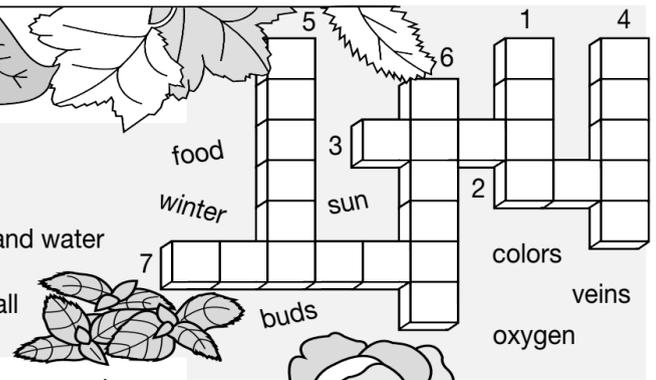
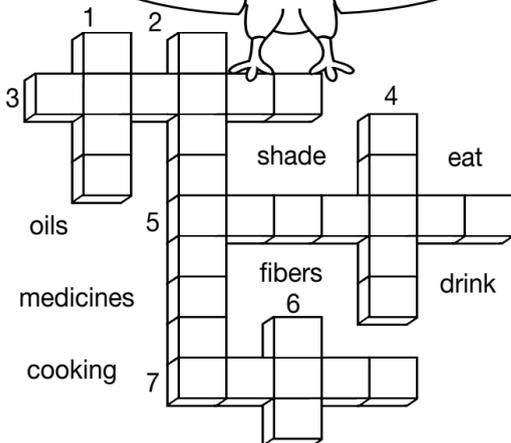
1. start as _____
2. face the _____ to catch its rays of light
3. make the _____ for plants and trees
4. have a network of _____ to carry food and water
5. give off _____
6. of many plants turn bright _____ in the fall
7. fall from many trees before _____

People:

1. use _____ from leaves of peppermint plants to flavor candy
2. get _____ from some leaves
3. take the long _____ from sisal plants to make rope and string
4. use leaves from the tea plant to make a _____
5. use bay, thyme, and sage leaves in _____ to add flavor
6. _____ leaves from cabbage, lettuce plants
7. cool off in the _____ of trees and their leaves

Do You Know That:

1. most leaves are _____?
2. leaves can be _____, large, flat, round, long or feathery?
3. leaves can have jagged or smooth _____?
4. parts of poinsettia plants may be red, white or pink and look like _____, but that they are leaves?
5. the _____ of pine trees are leaves?
6. the _____-catching parts of the Venus Flytrap are its leaves?
7. the climbing _____ of the garden pea are also leaves?

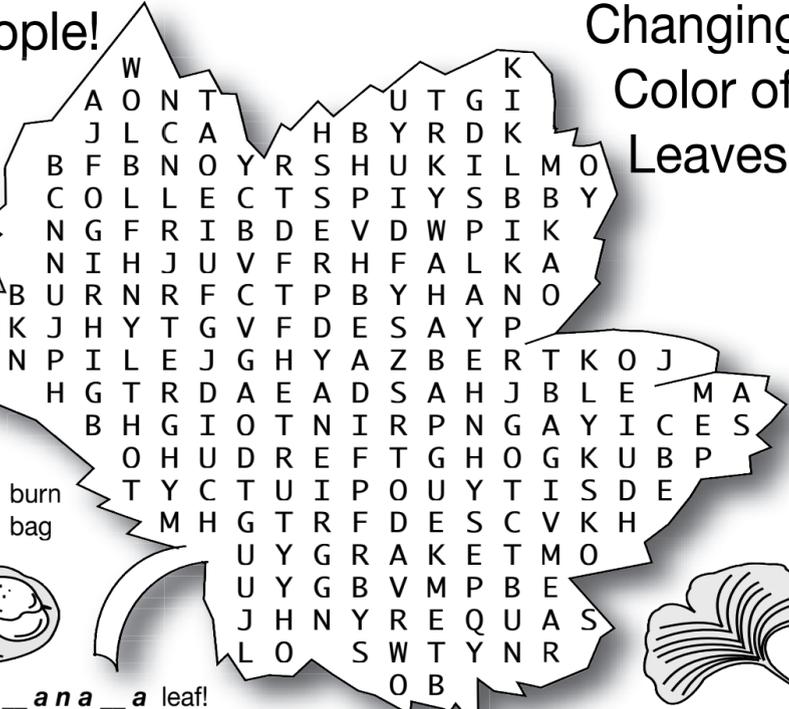
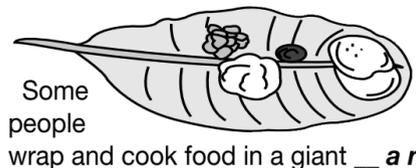


Leaves and People!

People drive or hike for miles to look at the beautiful, bright colors of fall foliage. Leaves swirling and floating through the air can even move some people to write poetry about them!

Find and circle these things that people do to and with leaves:

- collect pile press rake burn
display rub print blow bag

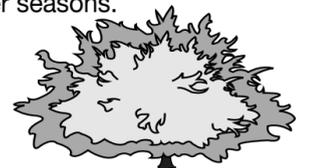


Changing Color of Leaves

Do you know much about leaves—why they 'turn' colors in the fall and, finally, float to the ground? **Read all of these statements carefully. Then decide the order in which they happen. Number them 1 to 5.**

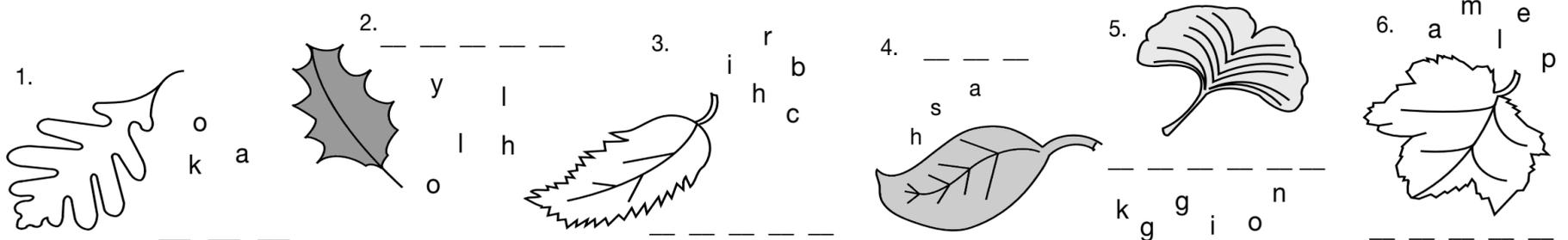
- When all the chlorophyll is drained from the leaf, the tree drops the leaf to the ground.
- Then, as the days get shorter and colder, the chemical chlorophyll stops producing food.
- The chlorophyll begins draining from the leaf.
- The remaining chemicals give the leaf the yellows, oranges and reds that you see in the fall.
- 1** In the Spring, a leaf grows and fills with the chemical chlorophyll, which makes the leaf appear 'green.'
- The chlorophyll uses sunlight to make food for the tree throughout the warmer seasons.

This fun-shaped leaf of the lovely ginkgo tree in Japan turns bright yellow in the fall.



What Kind of Tree is It?

When you are playing in a park or hiking in a forest, it is fun to try to tell what kinds of trees are around you. The height and width of a tree, its coloring, bark and the shape of its leaves all give you clues as to the kind of tree it is. **Study the shapes of these leaves for a few minutes. Color them in. Then unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the names of the trees.**



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The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago
 ■ Through the Tom Scott agency, Ed Wolcott has sold his Mesa farm to Arthur Amick.
 ■ If you want to hear a good one, have Mayor Simms tell you that Kansas beer story.
 ■ Due to the ample measures taken by Town Marshal Clinard and the determination of town authorities to prosecute, there was no Halloween devilry in Meeker last Wednesday night. This is the first time in years that the town has been free from property destruction and is as it should be.
 ■ On Wednesday, Robert K. Potter received a telephone message from Fairfield, Conn., from his wife's sister, who is now enroute here as fast as she can make railway connections. On the following day, Mr. Potter also received inquiry over the phone, from his father in New York, as to his wife's condition. These two cases stand as the longest "long distance" phoning into Meeker. Mrs. Maggie Watson Moog was the operator at this end of the line.
 ■ Silver is climbing again.
 ■ Prof. Victor Zeigler of Colorado School of Mines, and one of the noted geologists of the West, spent a few days here last week, examining our oil shale. The professor examined the formation east of Meeker and the White River field 20 miles west of town. In due time his findings will be made public.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago
 ■ A 22-year-old Rifle woman owes her life to the persistence and determination of two Rio Blanco County law officers, who found her lying unconscious in the snow in a rugged mountain country some 50 miles west of Meeker about 2:30 a.m. Monday morning.
 ■ The arrival of little Shannon Kay McKee, born Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 a.m. at Pioneers Hospital is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKee, She weighed 5 pounds and 3 ounces and at birth measured 19 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McKee, all of Meeker.
 ■ Last winter the legislature passed a bill instructing the Colorado State Highway Department to close a road if it is not fit for travel or to require the use of chains or snow tires on mountain passes or other dangerous winter roads under penalty of law.
 ■ "It's too hot"—"dust is six inches deep on the roads"—"the game is too high"—"the woods are too noisy"—are the main complaints heard from hunters as the fifth day of the 1967 Colorado big game season came to a close.
The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago
 ■ Opening arguments began Wednesday in the trial of Rio Blanco County rancher and former state representative Nick Theos, accused of ordering and employee,

Jesus Garcia Rascon to poison a deer carcass to kill coyotes.
 ■ The snowstorm which began last weekend kept White River Electric Assoc. maintenance crews busy restoring power in its service area. All available WREA personnel were dispatched early Oct. 31, to respond to 27 separate incidents of electric service interruption.
 ■ Bruce Posey, 31, has a shot at the big time, but he needs a little help from his neighbors to make it. Posey has been invited to perform in the Starborn Jamboree, a Nashville Show to be held at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15.
Rangely Times — 50 years ago
 ■ Six hunters have died as the 1967 Colorado hunting season reaches the midway mark.
 ■ Daily we read of violence and disorder in the cities of our country. Daily we read of reversal by federal courts of lower courts findings of violations of local ordinances and state laws. The civil right of every one of our citizens is at state. Literally thousands of our fellow citizens, both white and black, are stockpiling arms in anticipation of a racial conflagration. This, to us, means that many have lost faith—both in the concepts of this country and in the ability of our civil authorities to control violence.
 ■ The third annual Christmas fair will be held Nov. 6-7 at Kilowatt Korner.

■ Cpl. Alan Mobley, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zandy Mobley, arrived last week for a visit with his parents who now live in Meeker.
 ■ Construction is now well underway on the foundation for the new fire department building, located a half block north of Main Street on Broadway. Excavation for the work is almost completed and the concrete should be poured within the next week.
 ■ Coach Bill McDaniel and his cross-country team finished in 11th place at the state meet Saturday with runner Jim Sommerville placing fifth in the state with a time of 10:47.
 ■ The 1967 Rangely High School annual was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hahn, associated with the Rangely schools since 1958.
 ■ The Rangely Jaycee-ettes had a successful community Spook Party recently with lots of ghosts and goblins out. About 100 children were present to enjoy games of all kinds, stories and records. Games played included bobbing for apples, dart game, bubble gum contest, balloon race and marshmallow game. A short skit was presented by Carol Hazlewood, witch, and Kleo Hayes, scarecrow. One dollar prizes went to first prize winners Angie Wells and Vincent. Debra Bacon won second prize.
Rangely Times — 25 years ago
 ■ The proposed motel on the north

side of East Main Street between Betway Food Store and Professional Touch will include 48 units, plus managers' units. Initially, however, only 40 units will be built. The units will be modular, built in Utah, and similar in design to the Escalante Trail Motel. In comparison, the Hi-Way 64 Motel had 30 units.
 ■ Rangely's precincts bucked the national and statewide trend, showing the most support for the Bush/Quayle ticket. Ben Nighorse Campbell will be the first Native American serving in the U.S. Senate. The four gambling amendments were overwhelmingly defeated statewide with Rangely voters agreeing on all of them except Amendment No. 3 which would have affected Dinosaur.
 ■ There are 17 new professional people in the Rangely Public Schools and 15 of these are certified teachers. Of these, slightly more than half (8) come from the south or near south (Oklahoma).
 ■ Jan Heilmann was selected by random drawing from among the many hard working Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the honor of VIPS-of-the-Month for October. She has put in many hours as an aide at noon recess and in the Writing to Read Lab at the Elementary School. As her reward, she received a box of chocolates and a rose from the Flowersmith/Exchange.



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TOWN OF DINOSAUR
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 14 day of November, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dinosaur Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado, the Dinosaur Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following described petition for the annexation of certain territory to the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, for the purpose of determining and finding whether the area proposed to be annexed as the "Pronghorn Annexation" meets the applicable requirements of the Colorado Constitution and the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, and is considered eligible for annexation.
 PETITION FOR ANNEXATION
 PRONGHORN ANNEXATION
 TO: TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
 RE: PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION FOR THE PRONGHORN ANNEXATION TO THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO.
 The undersigned Petitioner, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 31-12-101, et. Seq., CRS., the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, hereby petitions the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado ("Town") for annexation to the Town of the land described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Property"), which is currently in the County of Moffat, State of Colorado. The Petitioner further states to the Town Council of the Town as follows:
 1. That it is desirable and necessary that the Property be annexed to the Town.
 2. That the Property meets the requirements of Sections 31-12-104 and 31-12-105, C.R.S. in that: A. Not less than one-sixth (1/6th) of the perimeter of the Property is contiguous with the Town.
 B. A community of interest exists between the Property and the Town; the Property is urban or will be urbanized in the near future; and the Property is integrated with or is capable of being integrated with the Town.
 C. The petitioner, Pronghorn at Kannah Creek, LLC, is the owner of 100% of the Property, and hereby consents to the establishment of the boundaries of this territory as shown on the annexation plat submitted herewith.
 D. The Property is not presently part of any incorporated city, city and county, or town; nor have annexation proceedings been commenced for the annexation to another municipality of part or all of the Property; nor has any election for annexation of the Property or substantially the same territory to the Town, been held within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition.
 E. The annexation of the Property will not result in the detachment of area from any school district and the attachment of the same to another school district.
 F. The annexation of the Property will not have the effect of extending the boundary of the Town more than three (3) miles in any direction from any point of the Town's boundary in any one (1) year.
 G. If a portion of a platted street or alley is to be annexed, the entire width of said street or alley is included within the Property.
 H. Reasonable access shall not be denied to landowners, owners of an easement, or the owners of a franchise, adjoining any platted street or alley annexed by the Town but not bounded on both sides by the Town.
 I. The requirement of C.R.S. Sections 31-12-105 exist or have been met.
 J. Petitioner reserves the right to withdraw this Petition at any time prior to the Town's final approval of the annexation [OPTIONAL WITH APPLICANT]
 THEREFORE, PETITIONER RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS that the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado approve the annexation of The Property pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, as amended.
 EXECUTED this 3rd day of October, 2017
 "EXHIBIT A"
 A parcel of land situated in Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 103 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, and in Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 103 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, all in Moffat County, Colorado, being described as follows:

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Commencing at the SW corner of Said Section 7 and considering the South line of the SW1/4 of said Section 7 to bear N89°56'37"E and all bearings contained herein to be relative thereto: thence N00°14'54"E 179.24 feet; thence S78°00'00"E 569.40 feet; Thence S30°30'33"E 162.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S78°00'00"E 2604.57 feet along the South line of a parcel of land described in RECEPTION #20072466 in the records of Moffat County, Colo.; thence N04°29'48"E 2027.70 feet along the East line of said parcel (RECEPTION #20072466) to the Southeast corner of LOLLAR SUBDIVISION Filing #2; thence continuing N04°29'48"E 805.64 feet along the East line of LOLLAR SUBDIVISION Filing #2 to the South ROW of Colorado State Highway 40; thence S82°02'13"E 662.51 feet along the South ROW Line of Highway 40 to the Northwest corner of a parcel of land described at RECEPTION # 2005L6680 in the records of Moffat County, Colorado; thence S01°30'00"W 793.00 feet along the West line of said parcel; thence S15°37'58"W 1544.42 feet along the west line of said parcel; thence N89°56'28"E 229.01 feet along the South line of said parcel to an existing fence line; thence S27°27'03"W 774.25 feet along said fence line; thence S89°59'11"W 3026.06 feet to the East line of a parcel of land described in RECEPTION # 20072466; thence along said East line of said parcel (RECEPTION # 20072466) N12°00'00"E 793.60 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 The above described parcel contains 70.69 Acres as described.
 Any person may appear at such hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be considered by the Town Council.
 TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO
 By: Tamara Long, Town Clerk
 Publish: October 19 & 26, November 2 & 9, 2017
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

Cedar Ridges Golf Course in Rangely is selling 7 Yamaha Golf Carts. Carts will be sold via sealed bid. Minimum bid is \$1600. Please submit bids to WRB Recreation Center no later than Dec. 1st. Please include name, phone #, and bid amount. For more information or to view carts please contact Cedar Ridges at 970.675.8403.
 Published: November 2, 9 & 16, 2017
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2018; a copy of such proposed budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District to be held at the Fire Hall, 115 Nichols Street, Rangely, CO on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Any interested elector of such Rangely Rural Fire Protection District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
 Publish: October 26, 2017 and November 2, 2017
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Regional Library District Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2018; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. Such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Regional Library District to be held at Rangely Regional Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
 Any interested elector of such Rangely Regional Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
 Publish : November 2, & 9, 2017
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Notice of Proposed Budget
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District (dba Pioneers Medical Center) Board of Directors for the budget year 2018.
 A budget hearing for the proposed 2018 budget has been scheduled for November 16th, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Board Conference room at Pioneers Medical Center, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 at which time it will be considered by the Board of Directors for adoption.
 A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, where the same is open for public inspection.
 Any interested elector of the District may file or register any objections and/or protest to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the Board of Directors.
 Board of Directors
 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District
 By Karolyn Michalewicz, Secretary
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MEEKER CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AGENDA November 9th, 2017 @ 8:30am BOARD ROOM 265 County Road Meeker Highland Cemetery
 1. Call to Order
 2. Additions or changes to Agenda
 3. Approval of October 5th Minutes & Sign
 4. Public Comments
 5. OLD BUSINESS
 6. NEW BUSINESS
 A. Review of SDA conference
 B. CEBT Insurance
 C. Manager Report
 D. Office Manager Report
 7. Present & Approve Bills & Deeds
 8. Open Flagpole bids and award
 9. Open Board Discussion
 10. Adjourn
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TOWN OF MEEKER 2018 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2017
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Town of Meeker for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 has been submitted to the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 345 Market Street, where it is available for public inspection beginning October 5, 2017 during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., it is also available on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption by the Board of Trustees during a Public Hearing scheduled November 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board of Trustees regular meeting, at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado. The public is invited to attend the public hearing.
 Any elector of the Town of Meeker has a right to file or register his protest with the Town of Meeker prior to the time of the adoption of the budget by the Town of Meeker.
 Town of Meeker
 Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SEALED BID FOR SALE OF FLAGPOLE
 The Meeker Cemetery District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a 45ft aluminum flagpole. The sale of the flagpole shall be awarded, at the discretion of the Meeker Cemetery District, to the bidder submitting a bid in accordance with the terms outline below and providing the best value to the cemetery.
 1. For the purchaser of the flagpole in 'as in' condition, used and damaged, without any warranty by the Seller as to its condition, value or usefulness for any purpose.
 2. For the purchaser of the flagpole to assume all responsibility for removal of the flagpole off the cemetery property.
 3. For the purchaser to pay the cost with cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to the Meeker Highland Cemetery; Bids shall be delivered in writing, signed by the bidder and enclosed in a sealed envelope to the Meeker Highland Cemetery, 'SEALED BID TO PURCHASE FLAGPOLE.' Bids must be received before Noon on Wednesday November 8th 2017 and any bid received after that time will not be considered.
 Cemetery board members will publicly open, read and tabulate the bids at the Meeker Highland Cemetery board room 265 County Rd 4. Meeker CO 81641, Thursday November 9th during regular board meeting.
 Bidders may contact the Cemetery office manager at 970.878.5013 for clarifications and questions.
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TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday November 7, 2017 7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
 I. Call to Order
 A. Pledge of Allegiance
 B. Roll Call
 II. Approval of the Agenda
 III. Approval of the Previous Minutes
 IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
 V. Public Participation
 This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.
 VI. Discussion: Range Call Concert 2018 Ute Park- Dawn Pozorski
 VII. A. New Business:
 1. Bid award "Meeker Water Supply Improvements 2017" project
 2. Resolution #07-2017, a resolution authorizing the April 3, 2018 Town Regular Election be conducted as a Mail Ballot Election, appointing the Town Clerk as the DEO, and establishing a voting precinct in the Town
 3. Resolution #08-2017, a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to appoint Election Judges and additional election personnel for the Regular Municipal Town Election of April 3, 2018
 4. Resolution #09-2017, a resolution supporting the re-authorization of lottery proceeds by the Colorado General Assembly in 2018 according to the Constitutional, voter-approved formula: 50% Great Outdoors Colorado, 40% Conservation Trust Fund, and 10% Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 B. Public Hearing:
 1. Request from "Hops & Grapes, LLC" for renewal of a Tavern License located at 723 Market Street
 2. Request from DACIA, INC dba "Mexican House" for a Liquor or 3.2 Percent Beer License renewal
 VIII. Mayor's remarks
 IX. Town Manager's Reports
 X. Town Attorney's Report
 XI. Adjournment
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to Approve the partial release of coal exploration bonds submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. for Notice of Intent No.(s) X-2007-230-00, X-2008-230-01, X-2008-230-02, X-2011-230-03, and X-2013-230-04. The bonds were submitted to cover reclamation costs of exploration drill holes in Moffat County. An inspection showed that all disturbances associated with the project have been adequately reclaimed.
 The legal description for the project is: Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 34, 35 Township 3 North, Range 101 West, Sections 24, 25, Township 3 North, Range 102 West, Section 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, Township 2 North, Range 100 West Sections 12, 13, 14, 24, Township 2 North, Range 101 West.
 Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by this proposed decision may submit written comments, or a written request for an adjudicatory hearing before the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, to the Division at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. Such comments should be submitted within 30 days of the second publication of this notice.
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ERBM NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT – Hudspeth
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2017, that final settlement will be made by Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641, with Hudspeth & Associates, Inc., hereinafter called the "Contractor", for and on account of the contract for the Meeker Town Park Renovation.
 1. Any and all persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations who have any unpaid claim against the said project, for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender or other supplies used or consumed by said Contractor or any of his subcontractors in or about the performance of such work, may at any time up to and including said time of such final settlement, file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim.
 2. Any and all such claims shall be filed with the ERBM Executive Director, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641.
 3. Failure on the part of a creditor to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve ERBM from any and all liability for such claim.
 Dated October 31st, 2017
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TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017
 Gross Salaries, \$9,331.73
 PERA, Monthly contributions, \$2,019.59
 CO Dept of Revenue, \$265.00
 IRS, FWT/Med, \$1,005.62
 Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$316.57
 Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$2,012.21
 Rangely Trash Svc, Trash svc, \$82.00
 Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00
 Caselle, Inc, Support, \$340.00

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Rio Blanco Herald Times, Ordinances, disbursements, \$120.50
 LR Gateway Svcs LLC, Gas, \$465.25
 Sands Law Office, LLC, Prof svcs, \$1997.00
 WestWater Engineering, Prof svcs, \$1,036.06
 Lizard Analytical Lab LLC, Wastewater tests, \$40.00
 FedEx, Postage, \$72.27
 Walmart, Toner & cable, \$62.42
 Rangely True Value, Packing tape, \$9.49
 City of Grand Jct, Wastewater test, \$153.00
 Zions, Wood, recorder charts, training & motel, \$867.56
 SGS Accutest, Water tests, \$303.50
 Core & Main, Meter parts, \$180.22
 R. Blakley, Bleach, \$87.67
 TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$20,787.66
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 As the snow season approaches, please remove everything from the street, such as trailers parked along the curb or in cul-de-sacs, vehicles that are not used all of the time and basketball hoops. We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (970)878-5344.
 Scott Meszaros,
 Town Administrator
 Russell Overton,
 Public Works Superintendent
 Published: November 2, 9 & 16, 2017
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT November 8, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado
 1. Call to order
 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes
 4. Public Comments
 5. New Business
 A. Sewer Main Problems – Pine Street
 6. Old Business
 A. Wastewater Plant and Collections System Assessment
 B. Plant Manager Report
 C. Office Manager Report
 7. Attorney
 8. Board
 A. Reports
 B. Delinquent Accounts
 C. Approve Current Bills
 D. Budget
 9. Adjourn
 This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
 Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
 265 8th Street.
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The following advertisements have been submitted to the Rio Blanco Herald Times for publication. According to the Better Business Bureau, the primary responsibility for truthful and non-deceptive advertings rests with the advertiser. Before responding to unsubstantiated claims by sending money to unfamiliar companies, call the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-564-0371 for information.
All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VFW, American Legion, and their Auxiliaries will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM at 290 4th St. For further information call (970) 878-5326.

ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Owners! You can now renew your Colorado OHV registrations on line at: www.parks.state.co.us

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

The Rangely Food Bank is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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



The Rio Blanco Herald Times accepts all major credit cards. You can fax your classified ad or subscription to (970)878-4016 or email to: debbie@theheraldtimes.com

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

Looking for female roommate to help out with rent and utilities and weekends with cooking and laundry. Call for interview. 970-260-8758

Veterans Service Offices

Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker, 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely, 878-9695 office, 875-2669 home.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part Time Positions

- Lifeguards
 - Will Train and Certify
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 - Will work with school schedule
- Housekeeper
 - Work up to 30 hours per week
 - \$13.06 - \$17.32/hr

For details and an application, go to www.meekerrecdistrict.com or 101 Ute Road, Meeker CO. 970-878-7417

EOE

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- Patient Care Technician
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- Cook/Food Service Tech
- LPN or RN - Wing LTC
- Patient Care Tech - Acute/ED
- Radiologic/Ultrasound Tech
- RN - Acute/ED - Nights
- Laboratory MLT or MLS
- Occupational Therapist
- Laundry Tech

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

Pioneers Medical Center
Phone: (970) 878-9247 Fax: (970) 878-2835
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

School Bus

Route/Activity/Substitute Driver

Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking individuals to drive a school bus route and activity trips beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. While it is preferred that applicants hold a current CDL Class B P2S license, the district will train approved applicants in obtaining this license.

For job requirements, details and an application, please visit Meeker.k12.co.us or Meeker School District Administration, 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO.

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

ADA/EOE

970-878-9040

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

Rangely Victim Services

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

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church ((207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE

November 2017

NOTE: Please schedule out-of-town appointments before 2:00 PM and call-in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. 970-878-9368 or Cell# 970-456-7701. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:

- 11/2 ~ Bus in town
- 11/3 ~ Bus in town Grand Jct.
- 11/4 ~ No Bus
- 11/5 ~ AM Bus
- 11/6 ~ Bus in town
- 11/7 ~ Bus in town
- 11/8 ~ Bus in town *Foot Clinic*
- 11/9 ~ Bus in town Rifle
- 11/10 ~ Bus in town
- 11/11 ~ No Bus
- 11/12 ~ AM Bus
- 11/13 ~ Bus in town
- 11/14 ~ Bus in town
- 11/15 ~ Bus in town BP Clinic
- 11/16 ~ Bus in town Grand Jct. Medical

AUCTIONS

Antique-Catering-Decorations & Gun Auction

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 AM
225 South 2nd St., Grand Junction, Colorado

Old & modern guns, ammo, 45 pieces of antique furniture of all kinds, crocks, clocks, glassware, pictures, indian blankets, primitives, saddles, 3 10' sections heavy metal shelving, cast iron, jewelry, fake plants, craft items, bedding, jars, sea shells, scarecrows, 3 tier fountain, party decorations and more.

For more information call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577 Must see www.wcpauction.com "Call us about a sale for you" 11/2-11/9

ELDERCARE SERVICES

Western Slope In Home Care is a locally owned and licensed home care agency providing non-medical services, such as light housekeeping, personal care, errands and transportation to the Elderly Blind or Disabled. We are here to help anywhere from a couple hours a week to 24hrs a day. Call us at 970-878-7008 or visit us at www.westernslopehomecare.com 10/26-11/2

FARM & RANCH

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1961 Ford 861 42h gas tractor, runs well, near new rear tires, photos available, \$2500 OBO 970-261-8139 11/2-11/16

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GUNS

Savage 110 rifle with AccuTrigger in .223. Synthetic stock, Simmons 3x9 scope, and attached adjustable bipod. \$400 OBO. 970-404-1238

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Part-Time Caregivers Wanted Western Slope In Home Care is a locally owned and licensed home care company providing non-

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

medical services for seniors and others with special needs, in Rio Blanco, Garfield, Moffat, and Routt county. We are an equal opportunity employer. Must be 18yrs old or older, have reliable and insured car, good driving record, valid Colorado Drivers license. We conduct background and reference checks. 1 year of experience, past or present CNA is a plus, but not required. We do our own training. Compensation starts at \$10/hr to apply call 970-878-7008 or go online at www.westernslopehomecare.com 10/26-11/2



CNCC, Rangely Campus, has an opening for the Director of Human Resources. This position is responsible for the recruitment, retention, HR compliance of Federal and State laws, EEO, Title 9 and several other responsibilities. For a complete job description, minimum qualifications, and directions for applying, please visit: cncc.edu/employment. Review of applications will begin November 27, 2017. CNCC is an equal opportunity employer. For more information contact: Donna Secules 970-824-1136 10/26-11/23

Experienced Diesel / Heavy Equipment Mechanic

MSG Ready Mix is now hiring a FT experienced, self-starting diesel mechanic. Must have own tools and CDL A license with a clean MVR. Drug testing required. Full benefits include excellent pay, weekly paycheck, paid holidays, health insurance and retirement savings program available. Email resume to Katie@msgreadymix.com

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Multi-state power pole inspector. Full time outdoor work. Flexible hours/days. Extensive travel required. RV & ATV strongly recommended. Good physical condition. We train. Advancement opp. Stable company w/ innovative software & equipment. Great pay program. Send resume to debbie@sundance-PPI.com 10/26-11/2

Transportation Maintenance Worker I - Temporary Positions

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) - Hayden, Meeker, Yampa, Granby, Winter Park, Walden, Hot Sulphur, Kremmling, CO

Salary: \$16.52 - \$23.49 per hour depending on location.

To obtain an application, please call 970-826-5160 or 970-724-9685, stop by 260 Ranney Street in Craig or 32156 Hwy 40 in Kremmling. To see a complete job description and apply on line visit: <http://www.colorado.gov/jobs>

EOE 11/2-11/9



CNCC, Rangely Campus, has an opening for a Staff Accountant. This position is responsible for the accounts payable process, asset management process, assisting the Controller and Accounting Coordinator, and several other responsibilities. For a complete job description, minimum qualifications, and directions for applying, please visit: cncc.edu/employment. Review of applications will begin immediately. CNCC is an equal opportunity employer. For more information contact: Donna Secules 970-824-1136 10/26-11/23

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Communications Lead Technician
- Communications Technician
- Landfill Manager
- Relief Dispatcher
- Planner I

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

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Employment Opportunities

Meeker School District

- School Bus Driver
- Meeker Elementary School
- Paraprofessional

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

COMBINED NOTICE - RESTART - MAILING
CRS §38-38-109(2)(b)(II) FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 17-11

Republished to restart foreclosure stayed by bankruptcy and reset sale date.
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On August 23, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.
Original Grantor(s) JEREMY A BOE and MICHELLE A BOE
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.
May 06, 2016
Rio Blanco
May 13, 2016
312310
\$142,930.00
\$142,508.18

Original Beneficiary(ies) Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO: LOT 3, BLOCK F, SOUTH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED DECEMBER 29, 1955 AS RECEPTION NO. 97332, TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 121 FOOTHILL DRIVE, RANGELY, CO 81648.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/20/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;
- A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;
- IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
- IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor P.O. Box 4503
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DATE: 08/24/2017
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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Attorney File # 17-014637_FC01
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HELP WANTED: GENERAL



Auto Technician to work in the shop. Pay rate based on experience. Contact Northwest Auto for more information 970-878-5026 or email resume to office@nwautogmc.net

We are hiring an Operations Technician II (job req 90501) in Rangely, Colo. You must live within 15 miles. To learn more and apply: www.williams.com/careers 10/5-11/2

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HOMES: MEEKER

1012 Cleveland. 3 BDR/1 3/4 BA, living room, family room, over 2200 square foot, large fenced, 15,000 square foot corner lot, \$149,900. Call Tom Tucker Realty at 970-231-0411.

FOR SALE 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern, \$70,000. (970)756-0718 or (970) 878-4629. 10/12-11/9

HOMES: RANGELY

3 bedroom 1500 square foot home, very liveable and priced right at \$55,000. 970-640-2393.

LAND/LOTS

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

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RENTALS: MEEKER

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

Commercial office space available in Hugus Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

AVAILABLE NOW: retail space in the center of Meeker at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Includes over 5000 square feet and loading dock in the alley. This former general store has Main Street display, windows, an antique ceiling, freight elevator, built-in cupboards and 1910 era show cases. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595/month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

Furnished 2 BDR/1BA includes internet. \$600 per month plus deposit. No pets. Call 970-260-8844 or 970-942-3673

3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath townhouse. \$750/month, water & sewer included. references required. 970-878-5858

RENTALS: MEEKER

3 BDR Townhouse, W/D, water & sewer paid, \$650 mo + \$750 damage deposit. Avail 9/10. 970-878-4572

Available now in Meeker. Large home. 3 bd, bonus room, 2 bath, fenced yard, Pets on approval. Storage. Close to schools and shopping. Call Mike at 970-629-8866. 11/2

RENTALS: RANGELY

House - 2 BDR upstairs, 3 rooms downstairs, central heat/ac, fenced yard, 1 car garage. 970-629-3605

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex - Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, acre lot, heated garage, fiber and trash paid. dog allowed, \$960/month, first/last and security deposit. 970-629-5634.

3 BDR, 1 BA, 1500 sq.ft., 2 car garage, large fenced back yard, extra storage available. 1 year lease, deposit, references., \$800 per month. 970-640-2393

RENTALS: RANGELY

FOR: 3 slideout 5th wheel, accomodates single or couple, nice permanent setting in RV park. lease, \$550 mo., utilities paid, deposit, references required. 970-629-1314

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Managers: Dana & Debbie Harvey
(970)675-2259 (970)216-0138

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MEEKER: 100 County Rd 15 Intersection of Hwy 13 & County Rd 15 Saturdays in November starting Nov 4-Nov 25th, 9 AM - 5 PM every Saturday All types of misc equipment, pumps, household items, furniture, consignment & commission sales welcome. For more info contact Randy 970-433-1448 11/2-11/9

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7:30 a.m., Wendli's

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Moffat County - Elk Springs 1.280 +/- Acres, Game Unit 10. \$960,000

Meeker
13247 Rd. 8 - 3BD/2BA Home, 2 Garages, Horse Property. \$399,000
1163 Rd. 53 - 4BD/3BA Cabin in Morapos Creek. REDUCED! \$395,000
585 Cleveland St. - 3.806 SQFT, 3 BD/3.5 BA, private yard. \$389,000
1164 Hill St. - 3BD/2BA, Central Air, Garage, Fenced Yard. \$212,000
76 Meath Dr. - UNDER CONTRACT!
454 Rimrock Dr. - SOLD!
1021 Main St. - UNDER CONTRACT!
217 County Rd. 75 - 4BD/1BA Vacation Cabin. \$187,000
1140 Cleveland St. - 100% Remodeled Duplex, 2BD/2BA per Side. \$\$\$ Producer! \$170,000
1058 Sage Ct. - Completely Remodeled Cottage 1BD, 1BA, Large Lot. REDUCED! \$129,000

Craig
Yoleta Lane - East of Craig, 40 Acres. \$85,000

Vacant Land
TBD E. Market St. - 7.46 Vacant Acres at the Intersection of HWY 13 & Rd 8. \$249,000
345 Cleveland St. - 2.28 Acres. Potential for 12 Building Lots. \$216,000.
1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Commercial Lot. \$149,900
County Rd. 10 - UNDER CONTRACT!

HELLO November

BROOKS REALTY
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(970)878-5858
Laurie J. Brooks Owner/Broker

- ◆ NEW! 1032 Jennifer Dr. — Opportunities are unlimited for this great building with lots of paved parking! Over 4800 sq. ft. of interior space, fenced yard on south side, handicap accessible state of the art fire suppression system. Trees, landscaped and ready for your new business. \$480,000.
- ◆ NEW! 18,775 SF Lot on Robert Street — Great view and building site with plenty of room to build your dream home. Water and sewer taps in place! \$38,000.
- ◆ White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64 Lot 12 — 35 acres with White River frontage, private fishing area, 3 phase electrical in place. \$225,000.
- ◆ 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home. \$149,500. SOLD!

Meeker Realty LLC (970) 878-5165
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Cindy Welle, Broker - Owner
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- ◆ NEW LISTING! 1157 Garfield - Cute home on beautiful 22,500 SF site, trees & privacy .. \$96,500
- ◆ 375 3rd Street - Ranch style home with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on corner lot ... \$162,500
- ◆ 1135 Michael Circle - Newer home, views and close to walking trails and park - 2 story home, open concept living. Move in ready \$239,500

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- *780 11th St. - 3 BR, 2 BA freshly upgraded bi-level home. Fenced back yard, storage shed. REDUCED! \$189,900.
- *960 7th St. - 2 lots at north edge of town. Nice big home, 3-4 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement, family room, living room, decks, views, 2 car attached garage. Steel siding & roof. \$225,000. SALE PENDING!
- *1070 Laurie Circle - 3 BR, 2 BA, single level home. Attached garage, fenced back yard. \$129,000.
- *871 10th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home. Family room, living room, fireplace, garage, shed, deck, views. \$225,000.
- *223 Main St. - Full quarter block near downtown. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Plus three 1 BR, 1 BA fully equipped rental cabins, big garage, storage sheds, lots of trees and space. REDUCED! \$349,000.
- *112 Main St. - Historic 2 story, 3 BR brick home on large corner lot plus a small cottage for Mom. REDUCED! \$209,000.
- *125 Main St. - Lg corner lot with an impeccable 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 story home. Living room, dining room, family room, large covered back patio, oversized 3 car garage, 2 kennels, beautiful yard. \$319,000. SALE PENDING!

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- *2610 CR 33- 3 Acres 7 miles west. Very private. 4 BR, 3 BA home, basement & views. REDUCED! \$245,000.
- *CR 14- 5 Acres bordering country land with river. Heavily treed, cabin sites, Crooks Creek water rights. \$68,000.
- *12924 CR 8- 5 Acres with River, great fishing. Vacant land, good building site, 13 miles upriver, awesome views. \$149,000.
- *8432 CR 15- 7.5 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through with great fishing, water well, pasture. \$175,000.
- *8432 CR 15- 18 Acres, 10 miles NE of Meeker. Great home site with a creek flowing through, great fishing and hunting, good pasture. \$185,000.
- *5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- *CR 8- 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000. REDUCED!
- *Little Beaver Estates- 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11 - \$95,000.
- *100 acres- 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- *109 Market St.- 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store REDUCED! \$200,000.

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- *3 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. \$180,000 for all 3, or sold separately.
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 673 Rose St. Craig** - Freshly remodeled 3BD/1BA home with hardwood floors. Great floor plan with ample storage. Pet-friendly yard with a dog walk. Outdoor speakers for entertaining. Price Reduced: \$173,400
- NEW 9 E. Main St.** - Cute log home on a large corner lot, hardwood floors. \$85,000 UNDER CONTRACT!
- NEW 482 12th St.** - 2BD/1.5BA, two-story townhouse with open living room and kitchen floor plan. \$47,500
- NEW 264 9th St.** - Well-kept mobile home, 2BD/1BA, on its own 5,500 sq ft lot. Fenced back yard with mature trees. \$43,000
- NEW 780 5th St.** - Spacious corner lot with 4BD/2BA home. Two separate living spaces, complete with their own kitchens. Live in one, rent the other, or just rent both. \$158,000
- NEW 880 Main St.** - One-and-a-half story, 4BD/2BA home with oversized 9,500 sq ft lot. A small cabin sits just off the alley and is a great rental. \$155,000
- NEW 264 9th St.** - Well-kept mobile home, 2BD/1BA, on its own 5,500 sq ft lot. Fenced back yard with mature trees. \$43,000
- NEW 1010 Hill St.** - This 2BD/1BA, 736 sq ft home on a corner lot is the perfect rental or starter home. An additional 240 sq ft apartment sits behind the home with St. access. \$139,000
- NEW 873 Market St.** - Own Market St. frontage and enjoy this 3BD/1BA, 1,202 sq ft home. A 525 sq ft utility shed sits behind the home with alley access. \$119,000
- NEW 893 Market St.** - This 2BD/1BA, 1,504 sq ft home, on a corner lot, with Market St. frontage has immense potential. Live in the home or rent it out as an income property. \$127,000
- 959 Garfield St.** - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. 1 yr. Home Warranty Available. Price Reduced: \$252,500
- 855 5th St.** - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000
- 767 12th St.** - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000
- FAST SALE 945 & 975 Cleveland St.** - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. Price Reduced: \$50,000
- RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**
- NEW 1083 Boulder Dr., Craig** - Beautiful Log Cabin in Wilderness Ranches. Newer cabin furnished. Log furniture. Turn key. Includes a transport trailer for your elk, deer, and antelope. Very nice! \$169,900
- 73209 Hwy 64** - 11.02 acres in Lions Canyon. This 5BD/2BA home includes a heated shop, multiple outbuildings, a domestic well, full surveillance security, and a large home safe. Price Reduced: \$375,000
- NEW 55775 Hwy. 318, Maybell, CO** - 3BD/2.75BA home with 8.68 ac and Yampa River frontage. Large barn, and multiple outbuildings. Price Reduced: \$122,000
- 1400 Flag Creek Dr.** - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$459,900
- 346 N. Cross L Dr.** - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: \$269,900 UNDER CONTRACT!
- RANCH PROPERTY**
- NEW 281± Acre Ranch** - This 281± acre property features a solar-powered well and adjoins BLM on two sides. Perfect for building a dream home or cabin getaway. Enjoy the wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation this property provides. The possibilities are endless. Dry land grazing. \$422,000
- River Ranch on Yampa:** 63322 W Hwy. 40 - 128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft metal barn. Price Reduced from \$1,250,000 to \$998,000

Baker's Peak Vista Ranch: 2113 County Road 70, Craig - 506± acres with 10cfs water rights, gravity flow. Several outbuildings and a domestic well in place. BLM and State land on three sides. Elk, mule deer and pronghorn. \$1,300,000

Four Springs Ranch: 60401 US Hwy 40 - 343.98± acres with Yampa River frontage, water rights, and beautiful pastures. Ranch house, barn, equipment shed, numerous buildings and corrals. Great Ranch set-up in the perfect location. \$1,250,000

VACANT LAND

- 2 lots in Sage Hills** - Two beautiful view lots in prestigious Sage Hills. Very motivated sellers. \$30,000 each or both \$58,000
- 10 Acre Lot on Strawberry Patch Rd.** - Includes storage building and fencing. A clean property in the country with great potential. \$68,500
- Two 5 Acre Lots on Strawberry Patch Rd.** - Ponds, fenced and electricity. Really nice. \$56,500 each
- NEW 100 Acres off Hwy. 13**, south of Meeker - Nice rangeland located near Mile Marker 24 on the west side of Hwy 13. Close to Meeker and Rifle. \$99,000
- 37 Vacant Lots** - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.
- 459 Cross L Dr.** - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. Price Reduced: \$69,500
- 49 Acre Lot** - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24. Price Reduced: \$45,000
- 50 Acre Lot** - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for \$55,000
- 2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13**, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000
- 2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd.** - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

- NEW 206 Brontosaurus (Hwy 40), Dinosaur, CO** - \$155,000

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