

THIS IS HALLOWEEN ...



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CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO
Everybody make a scene! Rio Blanco County put on their spookiest, silliest and most creative outfits for Halloween weekend. Above, the Granahan family won ERBM's Costume Contest for the best duo or group. Check out more photos from the event at ht1885.com



LOIS WHITE PHOTO
Unicorn sighting! Two Rangely churches — the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and New Creation Church — held "Trunk or Treat" events on Oct. 30.

Election 2021

Low voter turnout for off-year election

By CAITLIN WALKER
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Only 1,675 registered RBC voters cast their ballot this election season; they decided who will take seats on school boards (four in Meeker, three in Rangely) and whether the Rangely School District would receive a bond increase allowing them to apply for a BEST grant to fund facility improvements (they won't.)

RBC also voted in alignment with the rest of the state on an amendment and two propositions. Amendment 78 would have shifted the responsibility for certain revenue items to the legislature. Proposition 119 would have raised taxes on recreational marijuana and pulled funds from the Public Lands Trust for new after-school programs and tutoring options for under-served youth. Proposition 120 would have reduced property tax assessment rates, but only for certain property owners like multi-family properties and lodgings. Here's a breakdown of all of the unofficial results.

RBC voter turnout:

38.25%

Ballots cast: 1,675
Active voters: 4,379

Previous voter turnout:

2020: 85.56%

2019: 59%

2018: 69.3%

Local issues on the ballot this year

Meeker School District Election

Four open seats

- ✓ Ann Franklin (768)
- ✓ Bill deVergie* (620)
- ✓ Anthony Theos (588)
- ✓ Hanna Borchard (544)

- Laura Whiteman-Kendall* (518)
- Heather Sauls (263)
- Nick Smith (215)
- Sarah Grimes (210)
- Tonya Merz (174)
- Janae Sanders (126)
- Rachel Rust (97)
- Sabrina Fichter (96)

*incumbents

Rangely School District Election

Three open seats

- ✓ Jerry LeBleu (231)
- ✓ Jason Cox* (154)
- ✓ Casey Ducey* (147)

- Brad Casto - 136
- Cory Christian - 117
- Ron Granger - 114
- Jimmy Dillon - 74
- Casey Moran - 66

*incumbents

Ballot Issue 4A

Rangely School District Bond

Yes/For

44.33%

(176 votes)

✓ No/

Against

55.67%

(221 votes)

Statewide issues on the ballot this year

How the state voted:

AMENDMENT 78

Yes/For 43.73%
✓ No/Against 56.27%

PROPOSITION 119

Yes/For 45.59%
✓ No/Against 54.41%

PROPOSITION 120

Yes/For 43.29%
✓ No/Against 56.71%

How RBC voted:

AMENDMENT 78

Yes/For 45.64%
✓ No/Against 54.36%

PROPOSITION 119

Yes/For 38.20%
✓ No/Against 61.80%

PROPOSITION 120

Yes/For 40.51%
✓ No/Against 59.49%

COVID-19 cases spike in RBC

Special to the Herald Times

Rio Blanco County is seeing the highest spike in COVID-19 cases yet, with 50 active cases in Meeker and 53 active cases in Rangely. There have been 12 new hospitalizations in the last 14 days.

Hospital capacity continues to be a concern. 90% of acute care beds and 92% of ICU beds are in use statewide. In the Northwest Region, which encompasses Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Garfield and Mesa counties, 54 of 59 ICU beds are in use (92%). 80% of those currently hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated.

Rio Blanco County has the sixth-lowest vaccination rate in the state; 45.5% of adults 18+ have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

► VACCINES

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines and flu shots are available. All insurance accepted.

• WALK-IN CLINICS

MEEKER: Thursdays, 12-5:30 p.m., Meeker Public Health Office (200 Main St.)

RANGELY: Thursdays, 12-5:30 p.m., Rangely Public Health Office (101 E. Main St.)

• DRIVE-THROUGH CLINICS

MEEKER: Mondays (2nd and 4th), 4:30-6 p.m., RBC Fairgrounds

RANGELY: Thursdays (2nd and 4th), 4:30-6 p.m., parking lot at library and public health

• OTHER CLINICS

Pioneers Medical Center Walk-In Clinic: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. (Johnson & Johnson and Moderna)

WHAT ABOUT BOOSTERS?

Boosters doses of Moderna and Pfizer are available at all clinics and are now available for the following groups:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ with underlying medical condition
- Age 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- Age 18+ who live in high-risk settings

COVID PEDIATRIC DOSES

Vaccines are currently available to the general public ages 12+. Pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year olds are anticipated next week. Details to come.

► COVID-19 TESTING

Testing is recommended if you have symptoms like fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, a new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Testing is also recommended if you have been exposed to a known case, even if you don't have symptoms. You should get tested 5-7 days after exposure, or as soon as possible if you start to feel sick.

In Rio Blanco County, testing is available as follows:

IN MEEKER:

- Monday-Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Thursdays ONLY from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rapid tests are not available on Thursdays)

IN RANGELY:

- Monday-Thursday from 1 to 12 p.m.
- WEDNESDAYS ONLY from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rapid tests are not available on Wednesdays)
- Fridays by appointment only

HOME TESTS:

Please see the following link for information about Colorado's at-home testing program: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home>

COVID CASES

AS OF NOV. 2, 2021

MEEKER: 50
RANGELY: 53
HOSPITALIZED: 12

RBC VACCINATION RATE (12+)

ONE DOSE: 41.9%
TWO DOSES: 37.2%

RBC VACCINATION RATE (18+)

ONE DOSE: 45.5%
TWO DOSES: 40.8%

RBC VACCINATION RATES (65+)

ONE DOSE: 75.5%
TWO DOSES: 68.8%
*****65+ ELIGIBLE FOR BOOSTER SHOT*****

NW REGION ICU BEDS IN USE: 92%

(54 OF 59 BEDS IN USE)

STATE ICU BEDS IN USE: 92%

(1,492 OF 1,626 BEDS IN USE)

► MORE INFO



rbc.us/282/Public-Health



covid19.colorado.gov

Meeker Public Health:
970-878-9520

Rangely Public Health:
970-878-9525

Rangely Main Street receives \$53K grant

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

TREAD, Rangely's Main Street Program, and the Town of Rangely, are excited to announce they received a Main Street Open for Business (MSOB) grant in the amount of \$53,126.

Rangely was one of 13 communities in the state of Colorado to receive MSOB grant funds. MSOB supports facade improvements and energy efficiency projects for businesses in the state's traditional downtowns with funding set aside by Senate Bill 21-252 for the Colorado Main Street program. The initiative is designed to increase sales and revenue for rehabilitated buildings, reduce energy consumption and lower utility bills, and create jobs while retaining existing ones.

Rangely became a Main Street community in August of 2020. The Main Street Board consists of an executive director, five board members and four advisors.



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Saturday: 60s/30s



Sunday: 60s/40s



Don't forget to FALL BACK!



Say goodbye to late sunsets and hello to sweater weather. Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 2 a.m.

COUNTY BEAT

Budget discussions continue at RBC

By **LUCAS TURNER**
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Editor's Note: Numbers listed in this article are based on the latest proposed budget available at rbc.us and may not reflect recent changes or adjustments to estimated 2021 revenues and expenditures. This article also does not cover all the department budget meetings that have taken place so far. The HT will continue to update numbers and report on proposed budget changes as the process continues.

Rio Blanco County staff and officials face a multi-million dollar deficit in the county's operating budget once again. Last year restructuring efforts and various cuts helped balance an operating revenue shortage of approximately \$2.5 million. The 2022 budget deficit is projected around the same amount, and could wind up being more or less depending on a variety of factors. Revenue reductions are primarily related to assessed valuation reductions, which declined by 8.7% compared to 2021. Aside from examples

like the closure of the jail, major cuts have not yet been proposed to county department budgets, personnel, discretionary grant allocations or otherwise, though cuts are expected in coming weeks.

Thus far RBC Commissioners Ty Gates and Gary Moyer along with Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth and HR Director Laura Smith have been reviewing budgets with individual department heads, staff and elected officials to get a general overview. These preliminary budget workshops can be viewed in their entirety on the county's YouTube page.

According to Commissioner Moyer, department heads/officials will be asked for input on potential cuts to arrive at a balanced budget for 2022. Final decisions on cuts, budget increases and fund re-allocations will be made by the Board of Commissioners.

Proposed operating expenditures for 2022 are \$26,385,650 — up nearly \$1.4 million from 2021 expenditures. Operating revenue projections meanwhile are up by about \$154K.

Despite near county-wide increases in items like supplies, travel/training, fleet management and others, most departments/special districts are propos-

ing near flat budgets, with some increasing or decreasing slightly. Generally speaking, most increases are due to expected cost increases for things like data services/support, supplies, fleet/travel related costs, increases to insurance premiums and other line items that increase every year. In many instances these expected cost increases are offset by existing proposed cuts as well as revenue increases from grants and other sources.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The District Attorney for the 9th Judicial District is one example of an exception to the "flat budget" proposals, with Chief Judge James Berkely Boyd requesting a 22% increase to the district court's overall budget, or about a \$64K increase for Rio Blanco County, which shares the cost with Garfield and Pitkin Counties. Judge Boyd noted that Garfield County Commissioners had already agreed to increase their contribution and planned to pay for the increase with federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. He pitched the increase by explaining a "pent-up" need to increase public attorney salaries. "The team is suffering overload, overwork and we offer moderate pay. So I had to take some action this year and be proactive to try to get our salaries up and get

our folks some help," said Boyd. He emphasized that public attorneys often take on twice as many cases as their private counterparts, and for less pay. He corroborated the concept by noting a recent attempt to hire an RBC-based attorney, efforts he said fell through when an interested candidate could not justify cost-of-living expenses given relatively low wage offerings/high workloads for public attorneys compared to their private counterparts. Boyd said proposed increases to the budget would hopefully help future recruitment efforts for an RBC-based attorney.

During the DA budget workshop Commissioner Moyer said something he repeated in many workshops to follow: "It will be hard to justify an increase in one spot when we're cutting in other places." Both commissioners Moyer and Gates acknowledged the need for salary increases for 9th Judicial District attorneys and discussed potential ways to fund the increase.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The closure of the jail and subsequent transition to housing inmates in Moffat County so far represents one of the most significant cuts to proposed 2022 operating expenditures. As proposed, the closure will save the county approximately \$230-290K compared to estimated/actual costs for 2021, a number which is expected to go up in 2023 and beyond. Sheriff Anthony Mazzola also noted the potential for new revenue generation via the Justice Center Building, which represents a significant capital investment for the county. One example would be to utilize the jail as a specialized training center for detentions operations, live-fire exercises and

more.

The center's total budget for 2021 (about \$1.07 million) will be cut down to \$228K in 2022. The majority of the \$842K decrease comes from employee wage and benefit reductions as some justice center employees lose their jobs, while others transition to admin/patrol. Expenditures listed under the justice center for 2022 include \$181K for direct costs associated with housing inmates in Moffat County and up to \$46K to pay any remaining accrued leave/benefits to employees.

Offsetting those cost savings are increases to patrol and administrative expenditures, which are mostly associated with an increase of full-time staff. The office will add three patrol officers and one administrative/records staff position. Combined with more broad salary adjustments, the total increase to patrol and admin wages/benefits for 2022 is \$431K. Other increases are for professional services data support (\$10K) a increased yearly cost associated with new patrol laptops funded by federal COVID relief, uniforms/clothing (\$2,500), firearm supplies (\$1,500), general supplies (\$30-45K) which includes money for training/POST academy, and fleet management (\$55K) for estimated mileage costs on three additional patrol vehicles.

Said vehicles are listed under "new projects" and are expected to cost around \$180K, though acquisition of new vehicles is still in the air due to global chip shortages and other supply chain issues. During the budget meeting, Sheriff Mazzola also noted that two existing vehicles need to be replaced.

ONGOING BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Major expenditures not listed under operating expenses are listed under "new projects" and include major equipment replacements/upgrades, capital improvements and other items. Some examples are:

- cover tarp deployment system (\$50K), motor grader (\$400K) and asphalt zipper machine (\$300K) for the Landfill/Road and Bridge (\$50K)
- CAD upgrades (\$266K) and 2-3 new patrol vehicles (\$180K) for the Sheriff's Office
- firewall replacement (\$150K), fiber-splicing van (\$42K) network/billing/ticket management system (\$255K) and associated data support (\$111K) for IT/Communications
- Incode cloud hosting services (\$14.8K) for Budget & Finance
- Meeker airport fuel farm replacement/upgrade (\$750K), Rangely Fuel Dispenser (\$31K), Columbine Park restoration (\$38K) and various other items for Facilities

New project costs total \$2,594,948 and are not all guaranteed approval by the board. Some costs are carry-over from 2021 projects, and others could be funded via grants or transfers from accrued fund balances/reserves. Commissioners have indicated that they will prioritize critical needs for new projects.

Total fund balances for the county in 2022 are \$73,662,515 for all funds including governmental (\$56.9 million) up \$457K, enterprise (\$9.5 million) up \$76K, and internal service (\$7.2 million) down \$263K.

Recall effort in court

Special to the Herald Times

The effort to recall sitting commissioner Gary Moyer has entered the court system, further delaying a decision on whether the recall effort will go to a public vote anytime soon. In September 2021, Matt Scott filed a district court civil case against Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell.

Court documents state the case "challenges the Statement of Sufficiency erroneously issued by the Clerk for a petition to recall Gary Moyer as Rio Blanco County Commissioner, District 1 and a complaint for violation of the plaintiff's "due process rights under the Colorado and United States Constitutions." The case is scheduled for a "setting" hearing on Nov. 18 by telephone, according to the 9th Judicial District Court docket.

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 seldom used and basketball hoops. Thank you for your cooperation!

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SEEDLING TREE PROGRAM

The White River Conservation District's Annual Tree Sales Program is underway.

Please visit <https://www.whiterivercd.com/tree-sales.html>, call 970-878-9838 or email whiterivercd@gmail.com for more information.

Light the Lights

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation

For the past 13 years Meeker has celebrated community and Christmas by lighting up the trees downtown at the Courthouse. We all enjoy the Tree Lighting Event for many reasons and it is a cherished tradition we share as a community.

Pioneers Healthcare Foundation has seen an increased need for community services such as Meals on Wheels, Cancer Screenings & Scholarships. This year, we dedicate our Light Bulb Campaign to support programs that make a difference to so many of our community members.

With each light bulb you purchase, you can name a family member or friend and/or honor those serving in the military who cannot be home for the holidays.

To make a donation online or print off a donation form, please visit our website:

Click here to visit the website.

Please list your loved ones names in the comments box located at the bottom of the online and printable donation form. Names will be placed on a banner displayed on the courthouse lawn throughout the holiday season.

Please note that due to the production time of the banner, donations made after 11/15 may not reflect names.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

STILL HAPPENING VIA PHONE!

Wednesday
Nov. 10, 2021
2 to 3 p.m.

A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will be featured on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meeker Public Library. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders.

PLEASE CALL 970.878.5911 TO BE ADDED TO THE SIGN UP SHEET

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, November 10th
at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be a Hybrid Meeting
In person at Craig CNCC Room 175
Online information is on the website
Yampawhitegreen.com

If you have Public Comment, please email yampawhitegreen@gmail.com.

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NEWS NOTES

Water PAC meeting

MEEKER | The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Rio Blanco Fire Protection Building in Meeker from 6-8 p.m. A virtual link or call-in number will be provided upon request. Please email

liz.districts@gmail.com to request a link for the virtual meeting. The PAC will hear a presentation from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, BLM, CPW, and the Colorado Water Trust on the proposed instream flows on the White River. The purpose of the meeting is to understand the program and begin to understand the potential impacts the program could have on the White River. The PAC will also hear the report from the four public input meetings and consider the recommendations made by the public.

Annual veterans lunch at BMS

MEEKER | Veterans and their families are invited to lunch at Barone Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 11 by the BMS Student Council. Lunch will be provided by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Lunch at XX a.m. will be followed by a flag ceremony at approximately 12:20 p.m. and then student council members will interview veterans in front of the student body.

4-H happenings

RBC | 4-H enrollment for 2021-2022 is now open. Visit <https://v2.4honline.com> to register.

DWR to host meeting on draft measurement rules

RBC | The Division of Water Resources (DWR) will conduct a Measurement Rules Stakeholders Meeting virtually by Zoom on Nov. 15, 2021, from 6-8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to present an update of the draft Measurement Rules for Water Division 6 and gather initial feedback and comment. DWR conducted in-person stakeholder meetings during October 2021 in Steamboat Springs, Oak Creek, Rangely, Meeker, Walden and Craig. DWR invites participants from those meetings, as well as those who have not been to a meeting, to attend. The latest draft of the Division 6 Measurement Rules and Fact Sheet can be viewed at DWR's Division 6 Measurement Rulemaking website: <https://bit.ly/3wi7h-jc>

To join the Meeting, go to: <https://bit.ly/2ZLzZNs>
Meeting ID: 871 7090 8928
Passcode: 2Ha4ZE
Or dial in:
1-253-215-8782 or
1-346-248-7799
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Passcode: 684872

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DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE ...



Just like a wildflower, Tarrah and Josh Patch's quaint little floral shop that sprouted out of a crack in the wall at 101 South White Ave. back on Oct. 24, 2021, has sprouted a mural. The mural is an anniversary gift of sorts for the shop and will be finished in the near future.

ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

<p>18 pk. Food Club Large Eggs \$1.49</p>	<p>24 oz. Food Club Sour Cream 2 for \$3</p>	<p>16.5 oz. Food Club Cake Mix 99¢</p>																																																																																																																																							
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

But does it help?

By NIKI TURNER
editor@ht1885.com

Oh, the name-calling and the slurs and the coded messages coming from both sides of the street... It's a way to vent, to release some of that pent-up frustration and anger and

dissatisfaction we've got bottled up inside. Sometimes it's a bit humorous, sometimes it's crass and tacky. It's almost always a simplistic generalization of a complex, multi-layered issue. But that's beside the point.

We're all granted a

finite number of days, an exhaustible supply of energy that is either sapped slowly from us over decades, or can be snatched away in a heartbeat's time. And we're spending some of that precious time doing what? Making snarky posts on social media and writing

hateful letters or emails?

I, too, am sorely tempted to burn up my life battery on those tasks. However, I've lately caught myself thinking "but does it help?" when I want to strike back with an "eye for an eye" response. The answer, in almost every instance, is no, it won't help. It may even make things worse.

Have a civil conversation with any reasonably rational person about the state of the world and you'll probably

find yourself in agreement that most everything is a giant mess no matter which team flag you've unfurled. And yet instead of finding ways to fix the mess, we sit in the middle of it and start throwing things at each other. It reminds me of my grandkids when I tell them to clean up the playroom. No one picks up a toy to put



it away, they just look at each other and whine, "he's not helping!" and nothing is getting done. Sound familiar?

I think there are better ways to choose how we use our time, and ways to vent that are healthier for all involved. It may not be the easy way, but the easy way rarely produces the best results.

LOOSE ENDS

Sorry, not sorry

BY DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

"May I speak to Janet?"
"You have the wrong number, sorry."
"Well, while I have you on the phone ... blah, blah, blah."
"Important issues in your ..."
I didn't wait to hear the rest of the spiel. I hung up; well, I tried to hang up to shut off the unwelcome, unsolicited opinions. I could hear the drone of the voice as I struggled to find the button.

The name of a new book forthcoming by a celebrity came to me and I realized it was one of those all-purpose responses that people seemed to blurt out on most every occasion: sorry, not sorry. The sarcasm usually oozes from every syllable, although I was aware that the actor was not using it in that manner. She had spent most of her career as a social activist and she was sincerely taking ownership of her choice to make a difference in the public arena. I could understand why she chose it. She could have explained it away with a glib remark but she was serious.

Now after this Election Day, I think that

phrase can be used by both Jane and John Q citizen for the stand they take, in order that they can best serve their community. Locally our school board election generated a lot of interest and the candidates all believed that their platform was the best for the community. If their willingness to put themselves out in the public eye was based on their sincere interest in



Dolly Viscardi

ensuring the best education representing our community, then it was great that they joined the fray.

There were just four seats open on the Meeker School Board, so I was surprised to see the number of candidates who decided to run. Even now that the election is over and the results are in, I applaud all of them for being willing to take a more active part in the education of our children. I hope that when they are asked why they spent so much time and energy in entering a race that might prove to be unsuccessful, they feel comfortable saying "Sorry, not sorry."

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KAYE'S CORNER

Christmas cards

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

Admittedly, I am old fashioned when it comes to Christmas cards. I love receiving them and I enjoy sending them. I include a chatty letter with the year's highlights, adhere Christmas stamps, and start planning early.

One of my annual goals is to have our Christmas card design and an updated list of recipients well underway by Halloween. Many of our recipients move frequently, so address changes seem to always be a challenge.

The actual cards may not be sent until December but if I get the card plans underway early, I can turn my attention to gifts, decorating, and entertaining and baking a few holiday treats.

In days gone by, I used to craft homemade cards combining my scrapbooking skills with Jay's art. These were definitely one-of-a-kind cards that some people kept for a long time. However, the cutting, pasting, and labor-intensive effort became too much.

I've migrated to the more current process of designing online that can create a very professional result. It's easy to upload photos of your family and adventures. Those online services

provide many templates that you can customize and if you're early, you'll receive a purchase discount coupon.

This year I'm experimenting with a postcard instead of the traditional cards that open since that seems to be the trend. My vendor, Vista Print, also offers free proofs and design service for simple assistance.

I'm happy to report that upon request, the graphic designer I was chatting with looked at the photos and adjusted the lighting which I truly appreciate. Many photos do not look the same comparing my computer screen, my printer, or professionally printed output.

Why do I go to all this trouble? I have been asking myself that question too.

One of my holiday joys is receiving cards from those from afar and especially people I only connect with via Christmas cards. I enjoy reading about their families, travels, joys, and even woes.

Cards are a way of transporting us through time and distance, celebrating the holidays in a basic way, and staying in touch via snail mail that few of us receive these days.



Kaye Sullivan

We send cards across the country from San Mateo, California to Medford, Oregon to Minneapolis, Minnesota to Leelanau, Michigan to Norfolk, Virginia to Dartmouth, Massachusetts and onto Bonita Springs, FL and Galveston, TX and all our Colorado friends. It feels like a nationwide connection even if it is just my joy.

I hope our cards are a simple gift I can give to others. Reaching out to far flung family and friends sends a message of "thinking of you." I sent a Christmas card to my widowed Aunt Margaret who lived in a retirement home for many years. I knew she was lonely despite great care and a loving family.

After her death, her kids sent me a packet of Christmas cards, birth announcements, wedding invitations, birthday notes and similar that I had sent her. That was a stunning reminder that old fashioned communications can still mean a tremendous amount to recipients.

I intend to keep up this tradition and hope it brings a bit of joy to others.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Veterans welcome at BMS lunch Nov. 11

Dear Editor:

The Barone Middle School Student Council Activities Committee would like to serve our local veterans lunch at BMS on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021. The lunch will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce. The committee will help serve the lunch. On that day, after the veterans and BMS have had their lunch, we are planning to have a Pep Rally where the veterans can do their flag ceremony. Following the ceremony, at approximately 12:20 p.m., we will have the veterans split into different individual groups who will be interviewed by the student council members in front of our BMS student body, which will hopefully include them discussing their experiences as a veteran. All veterans and their family members are welcome.

Sincerely,
Nick Gates
BMS Student Council
Meeker

Climate update

Dear Editor:

It's interesting to re-read the earliest comprehensive climate forecast (Hansen, 1988), based on the climate models of the 1980. The forecasts have turned out spot on: rising greenhouse gas concentrations heat the atmosphere and the oceans causing increased frequency of extreme weather events and regional ecosystem disruption. Over the intervening three decades since the Hansen/GISS report, we've witnessed the actual events: sea level rise, melting ice caps, torrential downpours, fiercer hurricanes, increased numbers of heat-related deaths, drought, disruption of food supplies, prolonged wildfire seasons with more extreme fires, air so thick with smoke you can't breathe. And more.

Improved climate models of recent years indicate it's getting worse faster than Hansen's team anticipated (IPCC, 2021). We are on the verge of ecosystem collapse affecting countries all around the world (Swiss Re Group, 2020; IPBES, 2019). If we had implemented

policies back in the 1980s to address the problems, it would have been a whole lot easier and less costly to fix them. Now it's really hard and it's really expensive.

Expensive no matter which way it turns out. If we finally get around to addressing the problems, it's going to cost a lot. Restructuring the energy grid is expensive. Re-training displaced workers into a new sustainable energy economy is expensive. Dealing with the hundreds of billions of dollars in damages already inherent in the changed climate regime is expensive. On the other hand, if we don't address the climate problem, we lose the ecosystem services that keep us alive. Soils. Watersheds. Oxygen from the rainforests, etc.

At this point, there's no hope of solving the climate crisis without global collective action. Individuals recycling plastic won't do the job (though that's still important, too). What's required is dedicated effort by governments and by the major energy corporations to build a sustainable energy economy, weaned off of fossil fuels. We have the technology. It's getting more efficient. Its cost is now competitive with the fossil fuels and getting more affordable each year.

The good news is that we've succeeded in solving global environmental problems before. We know it can be done. The Nixon Administration was instrumental in establishing the first global environmental protocols. One outcome, the Montreal Protocol in 1987, set the framework to stop stratospheric ozone depletion and restore the ozone layer, which protects Earth's living creatures from ultraviolet radiation. The ozone layer is recovering thanks to dedicated global collective action. On the national scale, regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency, also established by the Nixon Administration, restored the Great Lakes and rivers of the upper Midwest. Without that national effort, those waters would still be toxic sludge.

The COP26 meeting this week in Glasgow (the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change) may be humankind's last best

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CNCC CORNER

CNCC enters 60th year

By DR. LISA JONES
CNCC President

This fall has been busy with some exciting events and opportunities at CNCC, and it's not over yet!

On Oct. 13, 2021, CNCC closed out its 59th year and started its journey forward to the 60th year. In January of 1961, construction of what was then an extension campus of Mesa College began in Rangely, Colorado. Dr. William A. Medesy was named Dean of Rangely College and within months, he began hiring new staff and faculty and construction continued with community support. Every weekend for months, church groups and individual members of the community headed to the hills to collect rocks that now make up CNCC's distinguishing campus features in Rangely.

Over the next 12 months, we will identify a few times to reflect on the past 59 years, pointing out how they defined who we are as CNCC today. Next fall, we will host an event, open to all members of the CNCC community (family members of years past and present), to celebrate and look ahead to the next 60 years. We would love to hear from you. Please go to our Facebook page; we would love to know your favorite memory, how CNCC helped define your career today, or what you hope will never change about CNCC going into the

next 60 years.

CNCC joined 12 other state community colleges last month to explore ways to provide greater opportunities, services, and support for adult learners. This was a daylong event with the first part of the day spent hearing from adult learners and looking at data to understand current needs and obstacles. For the second part of the day, CNCC discussed workforce needs with Craig community leaders and ways to better align course offerings and support for adult learners.

CNCC will host the Scenic West Regional Volleyball tournament this Friday and Saturday (November 5-6) for the first time in the college's history. Six teams from around the conference will converge in Hefley Gym in Rangely to compete for the conference title and a shot to play in the national tournament. With three of the six teams already ranked nationally in the top 10 it will be an exciting weekend of highflying action. CNCC volleyball teams kicks off the tournament with play at 10 a.m. against Snow College.



Dr. Lisa Jones

CONSERVATION CORNER

Ag irrigators cite multiple needs, challenges

By Phil Brink, Consulting Coordinator, Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water NetWORK

Irrigation technology has continued to advance over the decades, however, in many watersheds – including the White River – some of the irrigation infrastructure is not in fully functional condition. In fact, some of the infrastructure is a century old or more and needs repair or replacement. The Colorado Water Plan includes goals of supporting healthy watersheds, robust recreation and tourism, vibrant and sustainable cities, and viable and productive agriculture. Improving irrigation system components – especially surface water systems – can benefit other water interests.

CCA's Ag Water NetWORK surveyed Colorado agricultural producers to better understand their irrigation infrastructure challenges and needs. Some of the key findings were:

- The greatest on-farm irrigation needs are efficiency upgrades and improved control of infrastructural delivery components to the field edge or across the field. Other needs included well or pump improvements, field leveling and more labor – or, alternatively, automation to replace labor.
- The greatest off-farm water delivery system needs were lining or piping of ditches to reduce seepage losses. Improvements to diversions structures, headgates and screens, storage structures, and measuring devices were also cited.
- Securing funding was viewed as the greatest challenge to making infrastructure improvements.
- Two-thirds of survey takers said one of the greatest threats to being able to irrigate in the future would be less water available due to rising temperatures and changing precipitation patterns. Forty percent cited non-water related issues, such as age, family situations, regulations, or economics as threats to their long term irrigation viability. Almost a third of producers expressed concern that lower basin or interstate compact calls could curtail irrigation water availability in the future.

The full report is available at www.agwaternet.org (click below to visit.)



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hope to prevent catastrophic climate change. Global leaders have to decide whether to tackle the hard problems. Meantime, with some local leadership from elected officials and industry, we can still do our part right here in Rio Blanco County. Eliminating methane leaks from the gas and oil fields is important. Training and new opportunities for displaced workers is important. Encouraging conscientious individual behavior is important. And planning for a changing climate in the White River Basin is important. All of those need to be done.

Dr. Bob Dorsett
Meeker

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The jail is closed, so what about the money?

Dear Editor:

Being fiscally responsible is quite a statement, coming from our conservative sheriff.

In closing the jail portion of the justice center, it is my understanding he would actually be cutting nearly \$1.2 million from the county budget. This would be a tremendous savings considering Rio Blanco County is roughly \$2.6 million short, this year, just like last year.

I was surprised by the sheriff's willingness to outsource the duties required of him by Colorado State Statute; which are to maintain/operate the county jail.

However, I can say that paying over a million dollars a year to watch an average of only five prisoners is not cost effective so if it saved the taxpayers anything near three quarters to a million dollars a year, I would stand behind this decision fully. However I can't stand behind what is

actually occurring according to what's being said and heard in the community.

If Sheriff Mazzola is trying to be "fiscally responsible" he's failing miserably. Sheriff Mazzola, you've already closed the jail, to the savings of nearly \$1.2 million dollars per year. However you state you only anticipate a first year's savings of \$200,000 and perhaps \$400,000 or double this amount in the next fiscal year. You are not telling the citizens of this county, the reasons you're projecting such low savings:

1. \$250,000 to Moffat County to hold our five (on average) prisoners
2. You're hiring three new deputies for patrol and to transport prisoners
 - a. (we only have five prisoners on average, how busy are the new hires actually going to be?)
3. You're hiring one new supervisor to keep an eye on these three new deputies,
 - a. (You have 7-8 patrol deputies, including the undersheriff, and at least two sergeants, so that leaves two sergeants to supervise three people each, can they not handle 1-3 more between them?)
4. You're hiring an additional office clerk, personal secretary or whatever the title or duty, why?
4. You've promised everyone pay raises. (Bold move when we're broke.)
5. Let's not forget the purchase of 3-4 new vehicles and their related equipment.
6. Let's not forget mileage, gas, damaged vehicles during bad weather and animal strikes.

So of the original budget, be it \$1 or \$1.2 million, you're going to save possibly \$200,000! Well yay you! In return you're going to cost the town of Rangely and Meeker severe increases in transporting prisoners since you're only going to transport prisoners arrested by the sheriff's office. This will cost the towns increased costs in overtime, vehicle expenses, wear and tear as well as vehicle damage repair from animal strikes or crashes during bad weather. You will not haul prisoners from the town of Rangely, nor from the town of Meeker, nor from any other agency, such as DOW. Unless they pay a fee to you which I bet is in the works, much like your big dispatch fee you forced on Meeker Fire and ambulance, Town Police, and so on. We know you, we know what you're capable of doing to others. Toss the liability and blame on others to protect your own assets.

So in fact you're hiring four new patrol staff members to transport however many people your agency arrests in a year, which isn't much, somehow

validating at least \$90,000 per deputy and even more for a supervisor, that's roughly \$400,000 not counting equipment, vehicles and training. New vehicles, fully equipped \$75,000 each = \$225,000. Training can be much less dependent on their skill level so for four people a meager \$10,000 a year should cover the basics.

The county will pay \$250,000 this first year for Moffat to house on average five people from Rio Blanco County, yet you yourself said the cost of housing and caring for prisoners are increasing every year, I think those costs will be passed onto Rio Blanco County in the future. Additionally there is increased mileage, wear and tear on the new vehicles and old ones which requires more money than normal.

So far we're up to \$885,000 and I haven't addressed the "pay raises" and new office clerk/personal secretary. Let's just round it to about \$925,000 per year to fund your new patrol/transport division, new office staff, etc... I'm not including fuel, repairs, maintenance, costs or that would probably eat all of the \$1,000,000-plus budget you saved by closing the jail.

My math may be off to some degree however I would project little if any savings at all for many years to come.

On top of this you're forcing all other tax based policing agencies in the county to transport arrestees much farther, encountering more hazards and bringing more liability to those agencies and the taxpayers as a whole.

Even if YOU save \$200,000 from your budget, the overall cost and liability to each town and their agencies have increased and the taxpayers will have to pay more of their hard stretched tax money in the long run with little or no real savings from your agency. This is bold of you after seeing how viciously you defended the dispatch center last year yet this year you abandon the primary duty of the elected sheriff with no real cost reductions and increased liability to every other agency as well as your own.

Repurposing \$1 million (out of \$1.2 million) is not a saving of significance and expanding your patrol staff by "four" is not fiscally responsible; and although you may desire a new office clerk, personal secretary or whatever; it is not a necessity?

You've moved money from here to there and promised everyone a pay raise on top of this. Not very fiscally responsible and I see it as the equivalent of Joe Biden's economics. "Bait and Switch"

This in a time when many citizens of this county are hard pressed to make ends meet at home and the county doesn't have the money to pay for all your new employees, equipment, expansions yet you try to sell it as a cost savings venture. This country is in dire need of conservative leadership, not Joe Biden Mathematics.

Sheriff, you are quoted by the paper when speaking of closing the jail: "As revenues continue to decline, how do you justify \$1 million in expenses?" Mazzola said by phone Tuesday.

Well I guess we're all waiting for your answer! How do you justify repurposing \$1 million while selling it as a savings to the county? Sheriff Mazzola we await your answer?

Roy Kinney
Rangely

Thanks from Lancaster family

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank the Panther football coaching staff — Ryan Wilkie, Keenan LeBleu and Mark Doolin — and the entire 2021 Panther football team for honoring Nick at the fourth annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Game. This year's game was made even more special as the Class of 1990 (Nick's class) and the Class of 1986 (Mike's class) incorporated the game into their class reunion plans. A huge thank you to Justyne Peters of Heifer Gang Clothing for designing and Sylvia Dembowski — owner of Get Your Stitch On — for making the hats, sweatshirts and T-shirts for the game and for generously donating a portion of all merchandise sales to the Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation four years in a row! You ladies always come up with the coolest swag! An extra thank you to Justyne Peters for the amazing game program that she created. Also, thanks to Jeff "Buck" LeBleu for being the voice of Panther football and delivering Nick's family's message. A special thanks to Gary and Kathy Staley of Sweetbriar for selling Bleed Green Lancaster #17 merchandise in their store. A final thank you to all the businesses, friends, family, extended family, classmates and Panther football fans who have donated to the Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation. The support and generosity of this community even when times are tough is truly astonishing!

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Rangely Hospital Foundation awarded \$150,000 grant

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

The Rangely District Hospital Foundation (RDHF) received a \$150,000 Main Street Grant (Grant) for development of its North Park project. Applied for through the Town of Rangely's Main Street program, TREAD, Rangely Hospital Director Kyle Wren explained the grant "[is a] CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Grant," and added that "[t]he Town can now move forward with purchases and work on the park." The park's design will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to those with physical needs by creating adaptive pathways for safe walking, wheelchairs,

and walkers; and exercise and seating areas adapted to those with limited physical conditions so they can enjoy healthy exercise and a serene environment which includes a memorial garden, a gazebo and waterfall, a bird watching sanctuary, and a picnic area.

One stipulation of the grant is that 10% of the funds be raised through the RDHF. To date labor and equipment was donated to complete Site Preparation Task 1: removal of dead trees and stumps, leveling the ground, preparing the area for electric and waterline installation and measuring and marking the pathway and fence line. Additionally, RDA/RDC is donating time to manage the funds throughout the build-out, and the FY22

Revitalizing Main Streets Program Project Manager Molly Bly will assist in supervision. And to date, RDHF raised a few thousand dollars in proceeds from its community yard sale in June and golf tournament in September.

In keeping with the RDHF philosophy of supporting the community, Board President Bernie Rice said, "Our Foundation is partnering with local businesses to build this Park and already has contracted with Rangely's True Value Hardware to build the fence." Adjacent to the Eagle Crest Senior Living Center, work has begun on the fence. The foundation, hardscape, landscape and architectural tasks specified in the grant will

be ongoing as weather permits with a project end date of June 7, 2022.

The RDHF also received its 501(c)(3) designation, so donations are coming in for special features such as memorial benches, memory bricks, garden stones and legacy trees. Anonymous gifts will contribute toward funding landscaping, gazebo lights, and bird feeding stations.

When the Foundation was formed last year, the members promised to develop a trusting partnership with the community; thus, with the RDHF's focus on maintaining rural integrity and creating a healthy living environment, North Park will be an outdoor recreational park inviting to all.

Bennet introduces legislation to help rural hospitals

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet has introduced the Hospital Revitalization Act to support small hospitals across the country, especially in rural America, as they work to modernize aging facilities. This legislation would establish a program, including grants and loans, that eligible hospitals could apply for to help upgrade infrastructure and expand capacity.

"The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated an already existing strain on hospitals and the communities they serve, especially in rural areas," said Bennet. "Now more than ever, hospitals need support. I'm grateful to have worked with rural hospitals in Colorado to write this legislation, which will help eligible facilities upgrade their infrastructure and expand capacity so that they can better serve their communities and create jobs today and into the future."

"Since first discussing this issue with Senator Bennet's senior staff we have been heartened by their understanding of and appreciation for the challenges hospitals like ours face," said Kevin Stansbury, CEO of Lincoln Health Community Hospital in Hugo, Colorado. "Creating a system where safety net hospitals, who suffer financially due to factors beyond their control, have access to much needed capital for facility improvements, will have an outsized impact on access to care for millions of people in rural and other underserved areas. Thank you for working with us to bring this effort one step closer to reality."

"This proposal represents the type of bridge assistance that has historically often helped small and rural communities meet the needs of their communities," said Tom Rennell, Senior Vice President of Financial Policy and Data Analytics at the Colorado Hospital Association. "The delivery of rural health care is moving to outpatient and telehealth care and with this opportunity to update the outdated infrastructure needs of the hospitals and the communities they serve CHA believes care can be transformed for our smaller and isolated communities."

In 2019, over ten million people worked at hospitals, outpatient care

centers, and nursing care facilities alone. Hospitals across the country have faced challenges like aging physical facilities and economic instability for years. Now, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis has only made these obstacles worse. The Hospital Revitalization Act would support hospital maintenance, updates, and transformation to serve the current and future needs of their communities and spur

economic growth. To receive an award, hospitals must submit an application containing a community health needs assessment, a preliminary construction project plan, an energy resilience and efficiency plan, and an economic impact report on the area or region served.

To be considered eligible to receive an award, a hospital must meet the following criteria based on available data for 2017

through 2019:

- Had less than \$50,000,000 in net patient revenue or fewer than 50 beds;

- Had a negative total margin for 2 of the 3 years prior to 2020; and

- Had a public payer mix percentage that is at least 65% of net patient revenue from the Medicare or Medicaid program for each of the 3 years prior to 2020.

Before and during the COVID-19 crisis, Bennet

has worked in the Senate to support hospitals across the country, especially in rural areas where hospitals are vital to their communities. Earlier this month, Bennet joined a bipartisan letter urging HHS to follow the intent of Congress for provisions in the American Rescue Plan to support health providers, specifically \$8.5 billion in funding for rural healthcare providers. In July, Bennet and U.S. Senator Kevin

Cramer (R-N.D.) introduced the Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension Act, which would help ensure hospitals and providers have enough time to use their Provider Relief Funds, authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to provide their patients with exceptional care, as well as cover the costs of staff, critical projects, equipment, and other necessary expenses.

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2017	Nissan	Altima	4d Sedan 2.5L SV	63546	50,196	\$19,995
2017	Ram	1500 4WD REBEL	Crew Cab Rebel	63549	40,286	\$44,995
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Cowboy football conquers Vikings 47-0

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Cowboys wrapped up their final game of the regular season with a definitive win over the Center Vikings 47-0. The team spent six-plus hours traveling to the game, the longest trip of the season.

“Center is a long way from Meeker,” commented head coach Shane Phelan, “I was happy that our boys got off the bus and performed at a high level.”

The Meeker Cowboys dominated from the first quarter and with just a few minutes left in the second and a Cowboy turnover and score, the mercy rule took effect.

“Everyone got to play,” said Phelan, “a lot of players contributed in a variety of ways and I was happy with the overall team performance.”

The running clock in the second half meant the game only lasted another 24 minutes and the Cowboys achieved their third shutout of the year.

“Center had some big athletic kids, but it is also a young team and their quarterback is only a sophomore,” commented Cravens.

Center has also had a lot of turnover in just this year, with three head coaches. Their starting head coach was fired, the first interim coach fell ill, and during the Meeker game they had their third head coach of the season.

The Cowboys didn’t have to wait long to find out who their next opponent was going to be. Last week it was looking like

Yuma, but some movement in the polls when both Yuma and Wiggins lost last weekend, Holyoke moved into the number 11 spot and will once again be coming to Meeker for the first round of playoffs.

Kelton Turner led this week in rushing with 166 yards, for a total of 1377 in the regular season, and that included a reception with a 65 yard return. Casey Brink and Dagon Dade led in receiving yards with 30 and 22 respectively. Defensively Zack Eskelson had 14 tackles, Elijah Leblanc and Brendan Clatterbaugh each had eight to lead the Cowboys. Five Cowboys were in on sacks: Clatterbaugh, Hayden Shults, Teagan Sheridan, Judd Harvey, and Joe McKay; Shults also had a fumble recovery.

Scoring this week was Liam Deming, Porter Hossack, Jacob Blazon, and Dagon Dade each with one, Turner with three, and John Hampton Hightower with five PAT’s.

This will be the sixth time since 2014 that the Cowboys have taken on the Dragons, the Cowboys are ahead in the match-up 5-0 and are looking to extend the win streak to six.

“We are excited to get to play in front of a home crowd,” said Phelan. “Holyoke is a solid, tough team.”

Holyoke is in a tough league on the eastern slope with Limon, Wiggins, and a lot of teams that have made it to the playoffs this year.

“The Dragons have been in the big games all season against some of the best teams in the state,” commented Phelan. “They are effective with their



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

A six-plus hour bus ride didn’t phase the Cowboy football team, who shut out the Center Vikings 47-0. The team will play the Holyoke Dragons this Saturday at Starbuck Stadium at 1 p.m. (Top) #16 Connor Blunt makes a play.

passing game, the Sprague brothers, and that Sprague to Sprague connection has created a lot of yards.”

Holyoke is pretty even in rushing and passing, their quarterback, the youngest of the Spragues is also their number two rusher and tackler, he is number 2. The older of

the brothers, number 10, leads in receiving yards, rushing, and tackling. Other top performers for the Dragons are number 7 Legarreta who is third in rushing, number 9 Weber who is second in receiving and number 4 Mosenteen who is third in receiving and fourth in rushing.

With a win against the Dragons the Cowboys would travel to the winner of Gunnison versus Buena Vista. No matter the outcome of this game, the Cowboys will travel.

The Meeker/Holyoke showdown is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Starbuck Stadium.

Cowboy volleyball falls to Centauri

Regionals v. Mancos, Sanford start Friday at home

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

MEEKER I The Cowboys wrapped up their league play a week early so that they could compete in the Heart of the Rockies Volleyball Invitational in Buena Vista.

“We went 3-1 at a very good Buena Vista tournament and we got exactly what I was hoping for out of the tournament,” commented head coach Greg Cravens.

Meeker began their pool play against the 3A Middle Park, winning 2-0, the set scores were 25-21 and 25-12. The team turned around and played the very next game taking on Buena Vista and winning 2-0, 25-18 and 25-14.

“We had to adjust our line up for the weekend because of a stomach virus and we got the opportunity to play some younger players,” said Cravens. “I’m very proud of Grace Roberts and Reese Clatterbaugh’s performance this weekend, they stepped up when the team needed them.”

The team suffered its first loss of the season to 3A Centauri, in the third game of the tournament.

“Centauri played at a faster pace than we are used to seeing and it was good for the girls to play against them,” commented Cravens.

The Cowboys lost in two sets to Centauri, 23-25 and 10-25.

The loss to 2-1 record in their pool play meant the Cowboys then went on to play for third place against another 3A team.

“We always tell the girls that they need to be ready if ever called upon and these two played well for us,” said Cravens. “We also moved Ainsley out of her normal position and she provided us with some good offense from the outside position. We ended up third with a win against Bennett.”

Meeker went 2-0 against Bennet, winning 26-24 and 25-14.

The Cowboys will be hosting a regional for a three team pool of number 2 Meeker, number 35 Mancos, and number 23 Sanford. The Cowboys will begin facing off with Mancos first at 2 PM on Friday afternoon at Meeker High School. The next game will be Mancoa versus Sanford, and in the final game Meeker meets Sanford. The winner of these games will continue onto the state tournament in Colorado Springs next weekend. Games are scheduled for 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m., however they will proceed faster if the previous game ends earlier.



COURTESY PHOTO

Emma Luce had 75 kills, four aces, four blocks, 56 digs, and 20 serve receives at the Heart of the Rockies Volleyball Invitational tournament in Buena Vista.

PLAYER	KILLS	ACES	BLOCKS	DIGS	SERVE RECEIVE
S. Mendenhall	4	2		7	1
Tatum Kennedy	2	7		21	
Grace Roberts				29	4
Ellie Hossack		4		19	3
Sarah Kracht		1		48	52
Ainsley Selle	15		2	13	1
Nora Gianinetti	2		1	3	
Reese Clatterbaugh	6			5	1
Emma Luce	75	4	4	56	20

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RHS Panther football closes season with 46-0 win

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I In their final game of the season the Rangely Panthers beat the Hayden Tigers 46-0. The Panthers had a great second quarter where they scored 22 points. Keihlin Myers rushed for 114 yards, while Marsten Wagner had 102 all purpose yards that included a 63 yard punt return for a touchdown. Byron Mackay led the team with nine tackles, and Marsten Wagner had seven. Head Coach Ryan Wilkie added, "I'm really proud of this team and their grit; we got better each week." The Panthers just missed a playoff appearance, finishing one spot out of contention.



1st Quarter		Team Totals		
	Score		Hayden	Rangely
24 yard run by #24 Keihlin Myers, 2-PT No Good	6-0	Total Offense	130	130
2nd Quarter		# of Plays	38	38
5 yard run by #20 Zane Varner, 2-PT pass by #24 Keihlin Myers to #34 Justin Cudo Good	14-0	Yards per Play	3.4	6.6
5 yard run by #24 Keihlin Myers, run by Keihlin Myers is Good	22-0	Passing	25	55
4 yard run by #20 Zane Varner, 2-PT No Good	28-0	Comp-Attempts	2 for 9	3 for 7
3rd Quarter		Yards per Play	12.5	18.3
38 yard run by #24 Keihlin Myers, 2-PT No Good	34-0	Rushing	105	195
66 yard punt return by #7 Marsten Wagner, 2-PT No Good	40-0	Attempts	29	31
4th Quarter		Yards per Play	3.6	6.3
9 yard run by #22 Kobey Chism, 2-PT No Good	46-0	Receiving	25	55
Hayden Score	46-6	Completions	2	3
		Yards per Play	12.5	18.3
		Penaltie-Yards	4 for 30	7 for 75
		Turnovers	1	0
		Punting Attempts-Distance	4-21.8 yard	1-34 yards
		Downs		
		1st Downs	7	15
		1st Downs-Rushing	4	12
		1st Downs-Passing	1	2
		1st Down-Penalties	2	1
		3rd Down Conversions	2/9 (22.2%)	3/8(37.5%)
		4th Down Conversions	0/4	1/2 50%

Passing Yards						
Player	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TDs	INTs	
#24 Keihlin Myers	5	2	40	0	0	0
#22 Kobey Chism	2	1	15	0	0	0

Specials				
Player	Punt Returns	Yards	AVG	TD
#7 Marsten Wagner	2	80	40	1

Rushing Yards					
Player	Attempts	Yards	AVG	TDs	
#20 Zane Varner	13	55	4.2	2	
#24 Keihlin Myers	11	114	10.4	3	
#88 Timothy Scoggins	1	0	0	0	
#22 Kobey Chism	5	25	5	1	
#38 Luis Quintana	1	1	1	0	

Receiving Yards					
Player	Receptions	Yards	AVG	TDs	
#34 Justin Cudo	1	33	33	0	
#7 Marsten Wagner	1	7	7	0	
#20 Zane Varner	1	15	15	0	

Defense					
Player	Tackles	Tackles for LOSS	INTs	TDs	
#88 Timothy Scoggins	2	1	0	0	
#20 Zane Varner	3	2	0	0	
#22 Kobey Chism	4	0	0	0	
#7 Marsten Wagner	7	1	0	0	
#53 Wyatt Wiley	5	2	0	0	
#34 Justin Cudo	3	0	0	0	
#36 Braxton Moore	6	0	0	0	
#52 Brent Cantrell	1	0	0	0	
#71 Byron Mackey	9	4	0	0	
#24 Keihlin Myers	5	0	0	0	

SOFTBALL BANQUET ...



HOLLY KNOWLES PHOTO

MHS softball held its banquet last week with awards for team members including Western Slope all conference honorable mentions for Regan Hafey, Ryann Mergelman, Macy Ridgeway and Brea Garcia; Western Slope All Conference awards for Mykayla Wiley and Hailey Knowles. In addition, Knowles and Wiley were also selected to the All State first team and will play in Arvada on Nov. 7 at the All State game.

Panther v-ball heading to regionals in Fowler

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Thursday, Oct. 28, the Panthers traveled to Hayden, Colorado, to take on the Tigers. The JV team beat the Tigers in two sets, 26-24 and 25-13. Karlee Halcomb had seven aces and 12 assists; Lexi LeBleu had one ace, six kills and one solo block; Miah Wren had two aces, five kills and 17 digs; Emma Winder had one ace, four kills and 10 digs; Emmeree Wagner had three kills and three solo blocks.

After the JV win, the varsity took the floor. The Panthers fought to get a rhythm going but just missed it, dropping to the Tigers in four sets. Miley Chism did a great job behind the service line earning 14 points, with Kaitlyn Cox adding in seven points with two aces. Aspen Low and Kyrar Phelps led the Panthers in kills with seven apiece. Defensively for the Panthers, Aspen Low had 10 blocks, with Adelynn Halcomb contributing 46 digs.

On Friday, Oct. 29, the Panthers hosted the Debeque Dragons. The Panthers won in three sets. The Panthers had the opportunity to play some younger players in the third set and those players stepped up. Kyrar Phelps led the Panthers in kills with seven, Kaitlyn Cox and Miley Chism led in aces with two apiece, and Adelynn Halcomb led with 31 digs on the match.

The Panther White Team struggled a little bit in their last game of the season against Plateau Valley on Saturday. They dropped the match 2-1. A few of the players did show some success on the offensive and defensive sides. Unfortunately, it was not enough to pull out the win. Jade Miller led the offense with one serving ace and five kills closely followed by Paola Munoz with four aces and four kills. Paola also earned 10 digs. Kenzie Satterly earned five

aces as well and 14 digs on defense. Senior Bailey Tucker led the defense with 26 digs. These athletes worked hard over the season. It'll be exciting to see them grow over the next few years.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Panthers hosted the Plateau Valley Cowboys. The JV team beat the Cowboys in two sets, 27-25 and 25-22. Karlee Halcomb had three aces and 28 assists; Kristiana Terry had 17 digs; Lexi LeBleu had two aces, seven kills and one solo block; Emma Winder had seven kills and 14 digs; Miah Wren had eight kills and 20 digs; Emmeree Wagner had five kills; Angalina Peck had one ace, one kill and 13 digs.

The last home game of the season for the Panthers resulted in amazing play and a win. The Panthers played very well and left it all out on the floor, winning in four sets. Adelynn Halcomb led the team in earned points behind the service line with 14 points and Aspen Low chipped in another nine points. Kaitlyn Cox did a great job moving the ball around to her hitters, that led to Aspen Low having 14 kills, Kyrar Phelps with eight kills and Ashlynn Ducey with six kills. Annika Cantrell led the Panthers in blocks with six, while Adelynn Halcomb helped defensively with 45 digs. The Panthers had great defense from Morgan Ellis and Emma Smith in the back row that helped with the win.

The Panthers will travel to Fowler for regionals where they are scheduled to play Fowler and Yuma on Friday, Nov. 5.

(Right) #5 Ashlynn Ducey had six kills during the last home game of the season, which the Panthers won. The team heads to Fowler for regionals tomorrow.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO



CROSS COUNTRY STATE RESULTS ARE ON PAGE 10

CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET

RHS boys, Scoggins run at state cross country meet

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I High School Article

The Rangely High School cross country team took the boys' team and Mary Scoggins to the state championship meet that was held on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Colorado Springs at the Norris Penrose Event Center.

The boys ran six boys as a team, they scored four and the other two runners displaced other teams runners. This was the second year in a row for the boys to make it to state. On the state team it was senior Colton Noel; juniors Andrew Dorris, Anthony Dorris, Fisher Winder and Kevin Wren; and freshman James Talbot. The boys placed 18th as a team.

Andrew Dorris was the number one runner for the team placing 54th with a time of 18:50. Colton Noel made his third appearance at the state meet finishing in 77th place with a time of 19:40. Talbot was the third runner on the team with a time of 20:26. Anthony Dorris and Wren were right together at the end with a time of 21:07 and 21:10. Fisher rounded

up the boys with a time of 22:08.

"It was a great year for the boys. They should be as tough next year since we will only be losing one senior, who was on the state team. We will definitely miss Colton with his leadership skills and sense of humor," said coach Beth Scoggins. "We will also be losing Joseph Adams who served as an alternate on the state team."

Mary Scoggins was the lone girl runner for the Panthers. She had a great race at the meet. She came in 13th with a time of 21:06.

"She ran strong and smart on the course. We couldn't have asked for more. She will definitely be missed next year. She is a great leader for the girls and boys team and provided a sense of direction for the team," said coach Scoggins.

The team will host their banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Several of the runners will be staying in shape and going to the Nike Southwest Regional Cross Country meet on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Tempe, Arizona. Be on the lookout for the team members on the basketball court and wrestling mat.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTOS

The Rangely Panthers cross country boys team—Colton Noel, Andrew Dorris, Anthony Dorris, Fisher Winder, Kevin Wren, and James Talbot—and Mary Scoggins all competed at the state meet last weekend in Colorado Springs.



BAIR AT STATE ...



Brighton Bair represented Meeker at the Colorado State Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 30. The 2A girls race started at 11 a.m., and Bair crossed the finish line 21 minutes and 59 seconds later, 19th place in a field of 128 runners. Bair got off to a good start and held her place early. She attacked the hills and chased down a number of competitors throughout the race. She charged through the arena to the finish line, still looking strong. "Brighton has been working hard all season for this, and it shows," said head coach Marty Casey. "I am so proud of her, and am already looking forward to her season next year!"

MATT SCOGGINS/MARTY CASEY PHOTOS



Don't forget to
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BACK!**

Say goodbye to late sunsets and
hello to sweater weather.

Daylight saving time ends
Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 2 a.m.

Fundraiser for Rangely Cemetery memorial wall

By **KATIE KING**
Special to the Herald Times

Ellen Boudreaux is hosting a fundraiser to build a memorial wall at Rangely Cemetery to honor folks who have been cremated.

Her vision is to raise enough money to place one or two granite walls or “tablets” in Rangely Cemetery where families can buy blocks to honor their loved ones. Each block is big enough to inscribe the person’s name, possibly their spouse/children’s names, and an epitaph. There will be approximately 33 blocks on each side of each tablet.

Ellen hopes to inspire the community to donate so that a section of the Rangely Cemetery can be dedicated for families to sit, visit and hold a space for their loved ones. In her vision, a bench under a shady tree next to the wall is the ideal design.

Currently in Rangely, there is no memorial for loved ones who are cremated. At Meeker Highland Cemetery, there are four memorial tablets surrounded by gardens in memory of those who do not have a formal burial site. Due to changing economic status and the costly expense of burials, more people are choosing cremation.

Each wall, including the granite slab and cement foundation, costs about \$20,000. Each block costs about \$300 and the engraving ranges from \$300-400. Boudreaux explained that the Rangely Cemetery Board doesn’t have funds for this type of project and for this vision to come to fruition, it will be dependent on citizens and surviving loved ones.

Those who wish to donate can donate directly to the Rangely Cemetery District bank account at the Bank of San Juans or mail to Rangely Cemetery District, P.O. Box 395, Rangely, Colorado, 81648.



KATIE KING PHOTO

Ellen Boudreaux is hoping to raise funds to install a memorial wall at Rangely Cemetery.

Colorado Supreme Court approves final congressional plan

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

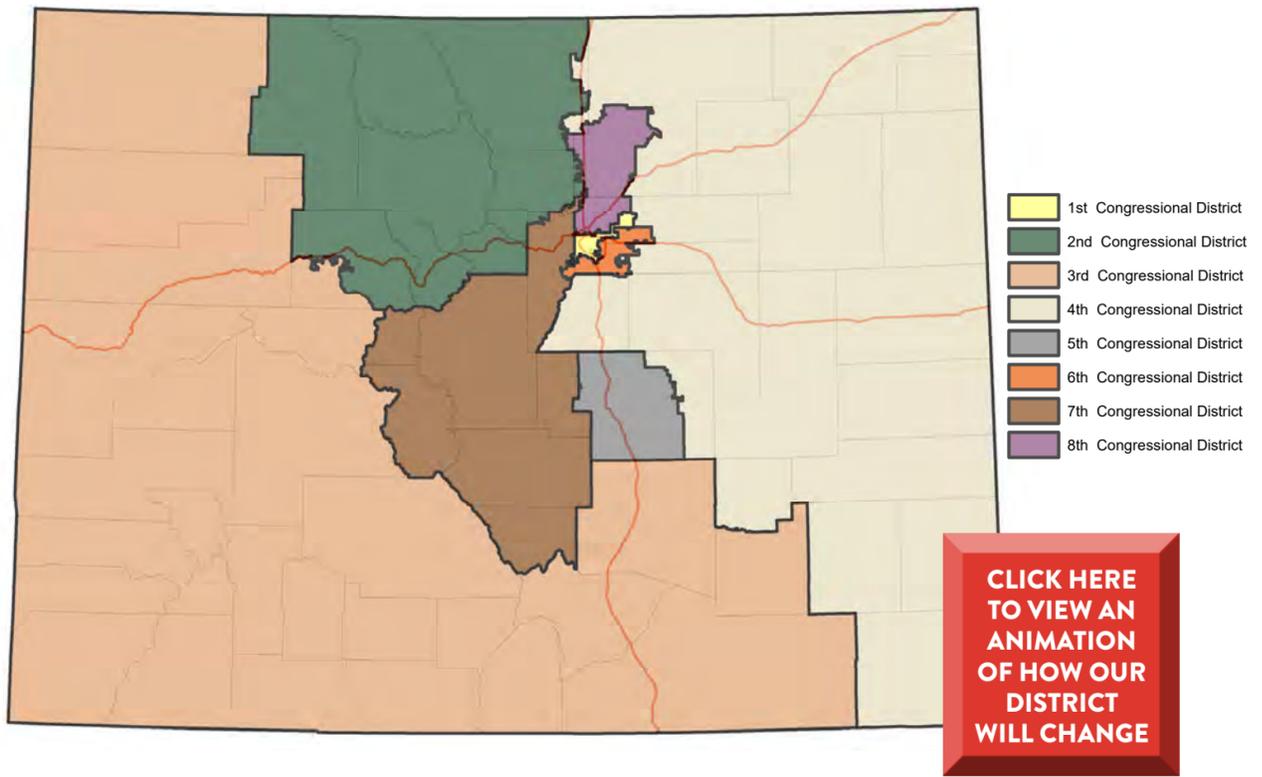
The Colorado Supreme Court unanimously approved the final approved congressional plan. The decision can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3mDXz7K>. According to the Colorado Constitution, the Court will file the approved plan with the Secretary of State no later than December 15, 2021.

“Receiving this approval from the Colorado Supreme Court reaffirms that this new redistricting process is a successful model that should set the standard for the rest of the country,” said Jessika Shipley, staff director of the Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions. “It took a lot of patience, dedication, and thoughtfulness from the commissioners, staff, and the public and we look forward to seeing how the new congressional districts bring positive support and representation to the people of Colorado.”

The Colorado Supreme Court has the deadline of November 15 to issue a ruling on the final approved state house and state senate plans.



Colorado Congressional Districts (Final Approved Plan)



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\$5 million for Rangely Renewable Energy Project included in U.S. Senate appropriations bill

Special to the Herald Times

U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper worked together to recommend inclusion of \$5 million in funding for the Rangely Renewable Energy Project in one of the Senate Appropriations Bills through the congressionally directed spending (CDS) process. The project would help make Rangely’s municipal facility energy self-sufficient through the use of solar and geothermal technologies. The project is included in the Senate committee versions of the spending bills. The budget bill needs to pass both the House and the Senate.

The project description, submitted to the committee, states: “Installation of Cogency solar power technology at three facilities in Rangely, CO (Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Recreation Center). Solar installation would make all three facilities energy self-sufficient.”

According to a press release from Sen. Hickenlooper’s office, “To qualify, CDS requests must be submitted by local governments or non-profits. Senators may then request inclusion of these projects in one of the 12 annual funding bills. Congress will now negotiate final appropriations bills — both the House and Senate will have to vote before they become

law and communities receive funding.”

“As we recover from the worst public health and economic crisis in a century, this funding will help meet the needs of Colorado communities across the state,” said Bennet in a press release. “From expanding access to health care to building affordable housing and creating good-paying jobs, these investments will help rebuild our economy to deliver opportunity to every Coloradan.”

“These projects will make a real difference in towns all across our state. Coloradans know best what their communities need, and Congress should do its best to listen,” Hickenlooper stated in his press release.

Apply for White River Nat’l Forest summer jobs

Special to the Herald Times

The time to apply for more than 150 temporary positions for the 2022 summer season on the White River National Forest is quickly approaching.

The application period runs Nov. 5-12 for temporary 2022 summer seasonal positions on the forest, including positions in customer service, recreation, wilderness, trails, wildland firefighting, equipment operator, forestry and biology.

“These temporary positions are open to people across the country, and we want to make sure local residents know about this great opportunity to work for their local forest,” said Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams.

Locations include Aspen, Carbondale, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Meeker, Minturn, Rifle and Silverthorne. Position starting and ending dates vary, but they cover the 2022 field season, typically April or May through September.

“We look for dedicated individuals from all walks of life and of all abilities to join our workforce,” Fitzwilliams said. “Temporary positions with the USDA Forest Service are a great way to gain valuable experience, work outdoors, and get exposure to different careers.”

FAST FACTS

- WHO:** White River National Forest
- WHAT:** Temporary summer seasonal positions
- WHEN:** April/May through September
- HOW TO APPLY:** Submit an application Nov. 5-12 at www.USAJOBS.gov

More information about positions on the White River National Forest is available at www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver or by calling 970-404-3163. Beginning Nov. 5, view the announcements and apply for the jobs on www.USAJOBS.gov. Information about seasonal jobs across the Rocky Mountain Region is available on www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs. Visit Tips for Applicants for help with the application process.

A number of summer internships for various recreation field crews are also available on the White River National Forest through the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. For more information, visit <https://www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org/internships>.

Town plans for spring election

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com

At the regular meeting Tuesday, Town of Meeker trustees approved a liquor license for the annual Meeker Chamber of Commerce dinner, to be held at the Hugas Building on Dec. 3.

Trustees also authorized a mail-in ballot election for April 2022.

“With the mail-in ballot, the [voter] participation rate has greatly increased over a polling place,” said Town Clerk Lisa Cook. “It’s also less expensive.”

Voters can still come to Town Hall to cast a ballot if they choose. Completed ballots can be returned to the front desk or dropbox at Town Hall, the dropbox at the courthouse, or mailed.

In addition, the board authorized Cook to appoint election judges and election personnel as needed. “Generally it ends up just being election judges,” Cook said.

Trustees approved a \$1,000 donation to Pioneers Healthcare Foundation for the annual Jingle Mingle event, this year to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1 in conjunction with the Parade of Lights. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the foundation’s work in the community. Trustees approved the 2022 holiday schedule for town staff, opting not to include the lat-

est Federal holiday—Juneteenth—at this time.

Town Manager Mandi Etheridge said they interviewed applicants to fill Kathy Sizemore’s position at the Meeker Police Department when she retires at the end of the year.

Etheridge also outlined additional insurance coverage for the police department called “medical benefits to detainees.” For an additional \$3,000 a year, the insurance rider will add coverage for individuals in custody. “If something happens — a car accident, or a seizure — while they [detainees] are in our custody between here and Craig, we will have medical coverage,” Etheridge explained.

Etheridge told the board two members of staff were out for a week due to COVID-related concerns. “We’re taking the necessary precautions,” she said.

Mayor Borchard said COVID numbers are “not getting better, it’s getting worse.”

Before adjourning to a workshop to further discuss Phase 2 of the Circle Park project, Trustee Wendy Gutierrez said VFW member Rob Baughman spoke with her about the possibility of naming the Circle Park Bridge and the 10th St. Bridge after two World War II veterans who passed away this year. The board will discuss the idea at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, BECAUSE COMMUNITY MATTERS.

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TROOPER TIPS

Buckle up the little ones

By MASTER TROOPER GARY CUTLER
Colorado State Patrol

I talk a lot about seatbelts and how they save lives, and that is true. Using your seatbelt is quite simple, you grab the strap, pull it over you and click the buckle. It makes sure you survive in a crash. But when it comes to securing your little ones in car seats, they are often installed improperly.

It's really no fault of parents that child safety seats are not as secure as they should be. Today's car seats are complicated. That is why there is help out there for any parents, grandparents, or guardians that have young ones that need car seats or booster installation assistance. If you are unsure that the car seat is secured properly you can call any of our State Patrol offices located throughout the state. We have trained Troopers available to assist you. There are also firemen that

are trained in installation as well.

There are several ways the seats may be secured in your car. To secure the base of the car seat you may use the seatbelt to secure it to the vehicle or there are metal hooks that work the same way. There are also top tethers to help the stability of the seat from being moved forward during a crash. You want the seat so it doesn't move around during a crash or hard braking. If any part of the installation confuses you, don't hesitate to call one of the experts to help.

Now that you have it installed here are the requirements for your children as to which seat will be best for them. Which car seat you use and how to use it depends on two primary factors: how old the child is and how much the child weighs.

When your child is less than 1 year old and less than 20 lbs., they should be in a rear-facing seat in the back seat only.



Ages 1-3 and less than 20 lbs. they should be in a rear facing seat. 20-40 lbs. can be in a rear or forward-facing seat. Experts now want the child to be in a rear facing seat as long as possible.

Ages 4-7 and 20-40 lbs. the child can be in a forward-facing seat or booster. Forty lbs. or more is the same rule.

Once your children are ages 8-15 and 40 lbs. or more they can move to a booster seat.

When looking at booster seats, make sure the shoulder belt crosses the shoulder and chest, not the neck. The lap belt must lie flat across the upper thighs, not the stomach.

As always, safe travels!

Wolf Creek gets \$330K grant

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

The Wolf Creek Reservoir has received a \$330,000 award from the Colorado River District to be used toward permitting, which is expected to cost around \$3 million.

Since 2013, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District has conducted planning work to design a water storage project within the White River basin. A 2014 con-

ditional water right for a 66,720 acre-foot reservoir was awarded to the project in January 2021 for the following beneficial uses: municipal, augmentation, mitigation of environmental impacts, hydroelectric power generation, recreation, piscatorial, and wildlife habitat. Colorado River District funding is intended to support an inclusive, collaborative permitting process supported by data and responsive to public feedback.

DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

• Habits of helplessness are the easiest to acquire and the hardest to discard.

• When a man is not to some extent under the influence of a woman he becomes either vicious or foolish, and sometimes both.

• Cold and blustery would be an average characterization of the weather during the week. In the early part it was very raw and cloudy, with occasional streaks of sunshine. Tuesday night the thermometer dropped to 3 above and an inch of ice formed, and yesterday morning it was 4 below. Last night was fully as cold, and today the sun is out strong and the atmosphere is clear and bracing.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

• County Commissioner Fred Nichols of the Rangely district attended (at his own expense) the late meeting of the County Commissioners Association, which was held at Grand Junction.

• Hallowe'en devilment was about as evident in Meeker this year as on former occasions. Much of it seems as on former

occasions to be of a malicious character, and there is a growing feeling of resentment against the wanton destruction of property.

• Everybody is commenting favorably on the good bread the Meeker Bakery is turning out. It is more like homemade bread — there is something to it. It will be still better as the large 100-loaf oven gets warmed up. Mr. Valenta is also turning out everything found in a first class city bakery. Sample his goods.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

• Mrs. Chris (Suzanne) Halandras has been selected as one of the judges for Miss Rodeo America contest, a national event to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

• Miss Toni Mangus was named queen and Tom Brumback king at the Meeker Homecoming dance Friday night. The queen's attendants were Miss Mardy Cook and Miss Kelly Watson.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

• Humphrey the Camel has a new home in Palisade. His owner, Dick Watt, sold the Meeker Feed Barn and moved to Palisade, taking Humphrey with him. There have been a lot of colorful tales about the camel but, according to research by our intern Alan Cogswell, a fellow by the name of Tom Moore brought Humphrey to the Meeker area in 1980. The critter was mean and wild: it chased the horses and spit at people. Moore finally tamed him, and he eventually gave children rides at the ranch where he lived. When the ranch was sold to millionaire Bricklin, Humphrey went with it. Bricklin didn't want the camel, and sold him to

a California man, and the California man gave it to Watt, who has had it ever since.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

• A Michigan hunter has the honor of killing the largest buck this fall in northwestern Colorado Philip Colton of Durand, Michigan, hunting with his 14-year-old son Tim, shot an 11-point buck on opening day in the Blue Mountain area. Colton killed the big buck, which weighed at least 240 pounds and measured 32-7/8" across the points, 45 minutes after the season opened.

• A committee of environmentalists, government and industrial representatives is embarking on a \$715,000 methodical study of four environmental questions raised by the promise of oil shale development on Colorado's Western Slope.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

• Rio Blanco County plans to upgrade its recreational zone regulations, hoping that it will create some controlled economic development at the Kenney Reservoir, Marvine and Buford areas. The county planner hopes that recreational zone developments will propagate economic development in other areas of the county.

• Former Fire Chief Jeremy Lancaster moved from Rangely recently, leaving the chief's position vacant for the second time this year. Mike Cushman, who was the assistant fire chief, filled Lancaster's vacancy, who had filled a vacancy left by Boyd Milsaps earlier this year.

THE STRIP #79

THE STRIP from SLEEPY CAT YOGI SHOP For Balance & Strength: Part 1

- First Steps To Every Pose
1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine, stand, sit, or lay flat.
 2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
 3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.

This movement is called Standing Knee Pulls and is the first in a three part series that encourages balance and strength.



To begin, stand tall with your feet at hips-width distance apart. Next, you will shift your weight onto your right leg as you lift your left knee up and towards your chest. Wrap your arms around your left leg and pull it snugly into your torso, release and repeat on the other side.

Move side to side until you have done between five to ten repetitions with each leg.

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- ACROSS
1. Repeating word on South Pacific map
 5. Bro's sibling
 8. Dashboard abbr.
 11. Fusses
 12. *Basketball slam
 13. Go "Boo!"
 15. Boisterous play

16. Upper hand
17. Part of mortise joint
18. *Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
20. "The Famous Five"
- children's writer Blyton
21. *Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
22. "Mares eat ____" or

- "does eat ____," sing.
23. One who covers in silver, e.g.
26. Figure
30. Be ill
31. Part of "panther"
34. Capital of Latvia
35. Like helium
37. Quilting party
38. Analyze
39. Dehydrated
40. Litter of piglets
42. Down Under bird
43. a.k.a. aardvark
45. Provincial governor in ancient Persia
47. Argo propeller
48. Subway in Paris
50. Conclusion starter
52. *Made basket (2 words)
56. Not a soul
57. Like animal near extinction
58. Greek sandwich
59. Bandages
60. Arabian bigwig
61. Answer to "Shall we?"
62. Bar offering
63. *It sends a basketball game to overtime
64. Highland tongue
- DOWN
1. Vomit
2. Sensory input
3. It wasn't built in a day
4. Characteristic to consider
5. Traditional scarf/headdress
6. Brick of precious metal
7. Place at an angle
8. Indian princess
9. Circus trainer's poker
10. '80s band " ____ At Work"
12. Remove antlers
13. Titanic propeller
14. *Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
19. Halloween option
22. Not their
23. 1/100th of a rupee
24. Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
25. Warning
26. ____-do-well
27. Part of a stair
28. Old World lizard
29. *Fast-break ____
32. Skier's aid
33. Part of H.M.S.
36. *Reward after missed shot
38. *Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
40. Away's partner
41. Stable worker
44. Relieves
46. On/off type of switch
48. * ____ Hurricanes
49. Creepy
50. Work very hard
51. Use a whetstone
52. Worry without necessity
53. Deed hearing
54. A in A&E Network
55. *The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
56. *Professional basketball league

Answers on
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

When we paint, we like to mix...



Kids: color stuff in!



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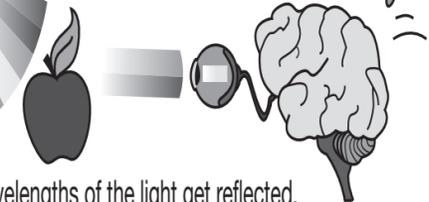
When I went to the circus, I noticed that the main acts were highlighted with colored lights. The lighting crew used spotlights and color to attract the audience's attention, drawing our eyes to where the action was. By doing this they also drew our attention *away* from workers in the shadows who were setting up props and doing other jobs. We all focused on what *they* wanted us to see.

Colors in the Spotlight!



How Do We See Color?

When an object - in this case, an apple - is exposed to sunlight, it absorbs some parts (wavelengths) of the light, *but not all*.

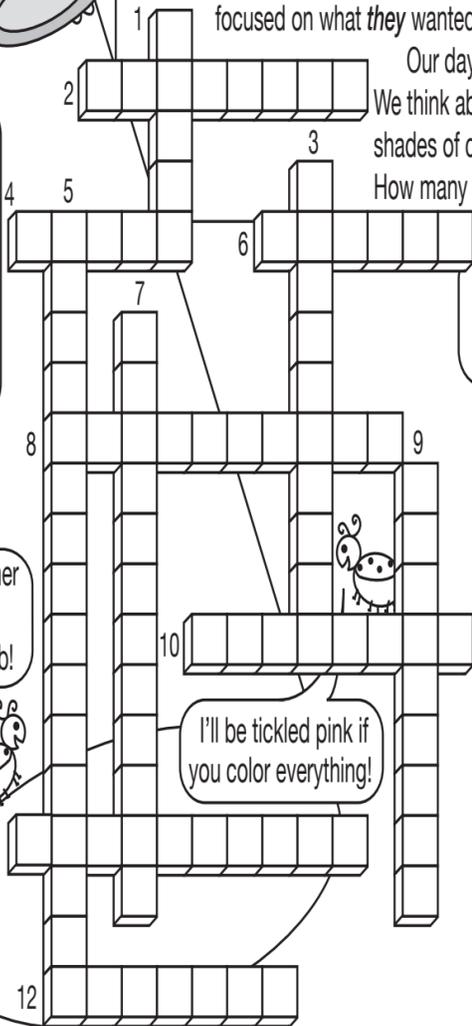


Some of the wavelengths of the light get reflected. When we look at the apple, this reflected light strikes millions of special cells (cones) in our eyes. The information from the cones is sent to our brains, which tell us that the apple is a lovely *red*!

It's a bit of a red-letter day when you get to be in the spotlight!

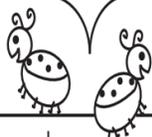
My gardener has a true green thumb!

I'll be tickled pink if you color everything!



Our days are filled with color. We think about and use different shades of colors for many things. How many colors can you name?

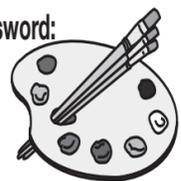
Ladybugs can be yellow, orange or red with black spots!



- codes
- teams
- decoration
- countries
- signals
- beauty
- directions
- camouflage
- optical illusions
- temperatures
- feelings
- painting

Read the clues to fill in the "colorful" crossword:

1. players wear the colors of their _____
2. red roses = love, expressing our _____
3. to make things look nice: materials for clothes or home; jewelry
4. on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
5. to trick the eye, in printing
6. flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
7. red = hot, blue = cool
8. to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
9. red, white and blue, for flags or emblems
10. an artistic work hung on the wall
11. flashing yellow arrow on the road, pointing the way
12. white flag = a wish to surrender

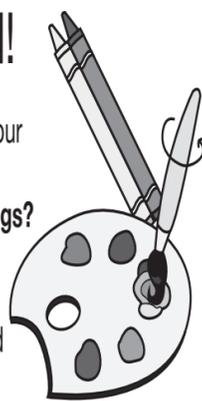


I go to a white elephant sale once in a blue moon.

Words That Color Our World!

We use the names and images of colors to express our feelings and ideas. We give colors meanings! **Can you match these expressions to their "true blue" meanings?**

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| 1. show a <u>green</u> - eyed monster | A. feel sad |
| 2. a <u>black</u> cloud over one's head | B. be a coward |
| 3. have a <u>yellow</u> streak | C. be jealous |
| 4. see <u>red</u> | D. have a big problem |
| 5. feel <u>blue</u> | E. become very angry |
| 6. have a heart of <u>gold</u> | F. be a kind person |

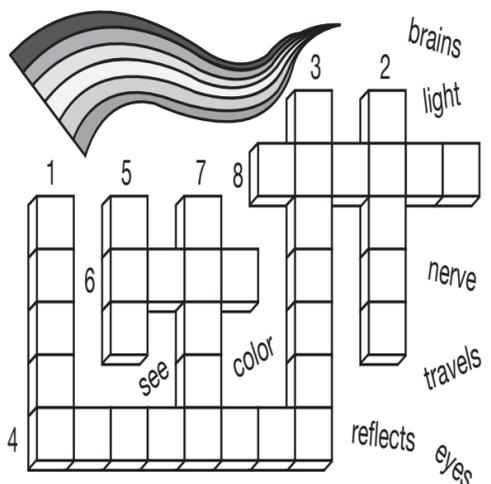


The Science of Seeing Color

Color is wonderful! But, how do we see color?

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle!

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| 1. Do you know how we are able to see _____? | 5. We _____ the wavelengths of light that are bounced off. |
| 2. It all has to do with _____ and how our eyes see it. | 6. They enter our _____, which have cells shaped like rods and cones that can sense the light. |
| 3. Light _____ in tiny bits and different size wavelengths. | 7. This information is sent out the back of our eyes, along the optic _____ to our brains. |
| 4. When we look at an object, its surface bounces or _____ some wavelengths of light and not others. | 8. Our _____ tell us that the grass is green or the sky is blue! |



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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. put an agreement in <u>black and white</u> | A. only see the good things |
| 2. <u>blue-ribbon</u> pie | B. the very best |
| 3. get the <u>green</u> light | C. be very pale from a scare, illness |
| 4. see the world through <u>rose-colored</u> glasses | D. write it down |
| 5. be in the <u>red</u> | E. be in debt |
| 6. as <u>white</u> as a ghost | F. be able to start something |



Let's Mix It Up!



The three primary colors are red, blue and yellow. If you have red, blue and yellow paints, you can combine them in different amounts to make almost any color. **Which colors do you think you can make if you mix the colors on the left below? Draw a line to the color on the right:**

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. blue + yellow = | A. orange |
| 2. red + blue = | B. pink |
| 3. yellow + red = | C. green |
| 4. red + white = | D. purple |

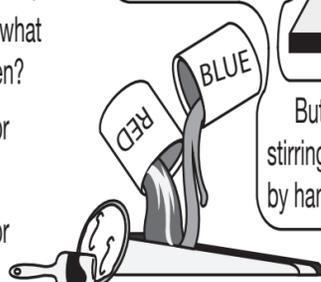
If you add white paint to another color of paint, what do you think will happen?

- The paint color will lighten.
- The paint color will darken.

I often use my computer to draw. My programs let me select the mix of colors that I want.



But, I still love stirring up paints by hand.



AGENDAS

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Work Session and Special Board Meeting
Barone Middle School, Starbuck Stadium, and 555 Garfield St Meeker, CO 81641
November 8, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Community members wishing to observe the meeting may use the following link: <https://meet.ooe.ole.com/xiv-nyht-rv1>
Work Session:
1. Construction project - Site Walk (Barone Middle School followed by Starbuck Stadium)
Remainder of work session and special board meeting to occur at the Meeker School District Administration Building (555 Garfield St.), immediately the construction site walk.
Special Board Meeting
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Amack will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
Recognition of Outgoing BOE Members Oath of Office and Confidentiality. Affidavit for Incoming BOE Members Election of BOE Officers and Committee.
Appointments: (all offices are 2-year terms)
1. BOE Officer: President
2. BOE Officer: Vice President
3. BOE Officer: Secretary/Treasurer
4. Appointment: BOCES Board Representatives
5. Appointment: DAC Representative
6. Appointment: MEF Representative

Special Meeting Adjournment Work Session (cont.):
1. Construction projects update
a. Overall construction budget
b. Emergency BEST Grant for BMS air quality improvements
c. HEPA filtration systems grant
2. Final Policy Edits
a. CASB Recommended Policy Updates
b. GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R - Personnel Hiring Policies
c. GDD - Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
3. COVID-19 Update/Discussion - **Current Protocols**
4. FY22 Budget
a. Staff Leave / Substitute Incentives
b. CEAT Dividend
5. Extracurricular Activity Cancellation Protocol
6. Community guidance regarding public comment at BOE meetings
7. Items introduced by board members
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnHlMpB47tZL_NjNOFlg
Tentative Agenda November 9, 2021

1. 11:00 a.m. Call to order:
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Changes to the November 9, 2021 Agenda
1)
2)
C. **Move to approve the November 9, 2021 Agenda including any changes**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA for November 9, 2021**
A. **Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.**
B. Payroll Management Reports for October 29, 2021.
C. Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021.
3. **BUSINESS**
A. Move to approve/deny a Letter of Support to the Colorado Water Conservation Board supporting the Town of Meeker and Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Parks District's efforts to complete Circle Park Phase II design, engineering and future developments.
B. Move to approve/deny a Letter of Support to Great Outdoors Colorado supporting the Town of Meeker and Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Parks District's efforts to complete Circle Park Phase II design, engineering and future developments.
4. **BID AWARDS**
5. **MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**
A. Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax for Rio Blanco County.
B. Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax for Rio Blanco County Lodging Tax - Rangely.
C. Move to approve/deny a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Revenue for Control of Confidential Data Concerning Sales and Use Tax for Rio Blanco County Lodging Tax - Meeker.
D. Move to approve/deny a Trust Subscription Agreement and Application for Medical Expense Reimbursement Coverage with American Fidelity Assurance Company.
E. Move to approve/deny a Service Exchange Agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Section 125 Plan Administrative Services, Enrollment and Support.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
A. Move to approve/deny Resolution No.

2021-22, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Cancelling Uncollectible Delinquent Taxes on Account No. R0509503.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
A. Road & Bridge Report - Scott Marsh
B. Public Comment
C. County Commissioners Updates
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 10, 2021
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 8 th 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. USGS Water Sampling Agreement
6. Old Business
A. Plant Manager Report
B. Office Manager Report
7. Attorney
8. B oard
A. Reports
B. Delinquent Accounts
C. Approve Current Bills
9. Adjourn
This agenda is subject to change without further notice.
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.
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entitled Floodplain Management and Section 261, Entitled Standards for Floodplains and Floodways, of the Rangely Municipal Code of the Town of Rangely, Colorado and replacing it with Title 15, 15.42 Titled Floodplain Management and Standards.
The first reading of this Emergency Ordinance was on October 12, 2021, and the second and final reading will be on November 9th, 2021, and will be in effective immediately to facilitate that the Town of Rangely meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements by December 2, 2021, to avoid suspension from the National Flood Insurance Program. All interested citizens and groups are invited review and read the Ordinance in its entirety at 209 E. Main, Rangely, Co 81648 By: Marybel Cox, Town Clerk
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BUDGET NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TOWN OF MEEKER 2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2021
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Town of Meeker for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 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 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 16, 2021, 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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of the Rangely Regional Library District to be held at Rangely Regional Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on Monday, November 8, 2021 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.
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and Park District, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 611 S. Stanolind Avenue, Rangely CO, on December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Any interested elector of such Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Jennifer Noel
Administrative Assistant
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NOTICE OF BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Meeker Cemetery Board for the ensuing year of 2022. A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of Meeker Cemetery District, where the same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Meeker Cemetery Board to be held at 265 County Road 4 on December 9, 2021, 8:30am. Any interested director of Meeker Cemetery District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Donna M Stewart, Deceased Case No.: 21PR13
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before March 01, 2022, or said claims may be forever barred. Lynda Cady, Personal Representative 8101 County Road 2 Rangely, Colorado 81648
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Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year 2022; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Western Rio Blanco and Metropolitan Recreation

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 2022; 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 15, 2021 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.
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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:
2021 Land Use Regulation Amendments OTHR-0001-21. Rio Blanco County is required to update the Land Use Regulations (LUR) to recognize the new FEMA FIRM Maps that will be adopted on December 2nd, 2021
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Estate of SHIRLEY RENE FLIEGEL also known as SHIRLEY R. FLIEGEL and SHIRLEY FLIEGEL, Deceased
Case No.: 21 PR 30005
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before December 31, 2021, or said claims may be forever barred.
Attorney for Personal Representative
F. Joseph Fennessy #10477
PO Box 1518
Meeker, Colorado 81641
Phone: (970)878-4783 Fax (970)878-5494
joe@fennessylaw.com
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NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING TOWN OF RANGELY ORDINANCE 697-2021
An Emergency Ordinance 697-2021 an Ordinance repealing Title 15, 15.40

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ERBM- Meeker Recreation Center (MRC) Natorium Dehumidification System Replacement
A Public Works Project
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
101 Ute Road Meeker, Colorado 81641
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM"), a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the Dehumidification System Replacement Project located at Meeker Recreation Center 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado. Contractors must submit their bid proposals before 5pm on Friday, December 3, 2021, at ERBM's administrative office located at

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AGENDAS

Town of Rangely
November 9, 2021 - 7:00pm
Agenda
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
ANDY SHAFFER, Mayor
Trey Robie, Mayor Pro Tem
don davidson, trustee
Luke Geer, Trustee
Tim webber, Trustee
Alisa Granger, Trustee
Keely Ellis, Trustee
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021, Town Council Meeting
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
a. Second and Final reading of Emergency Ordinance 697-2021 an Ordinance repealing Title 15, 15.40 entitled Floodplain Management, Section 261, Entitled Standards for Floodplains and Floodways, of the Rangely Municipal Code of the Town of Rangely, Colorado and replacing it with Title 15, 15.42 Titled Floodplain Management and Standards.
Committee/Board Meetings
RBC Commissioner Reports
Council Reports
12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
a. Don Reed
13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
14. Old Business
15. New Business
a. Discussion and action to approve the

October Check Register
b. a. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2021-05 appointing Heather E. Cannon, Attorney at Law as the Town of Rangely Municipal Attorney
c. Discussion and action to approve the Town of Rangely proclamation of National Apprenticeship Week November 15th – 21st, 2021
d. Discussion and action to approve the Special Event Permit for Rangely BPOE for the Charly Ball Nov 20th -21st.
e. Discussion and action to approve the renewal of the liquor license for BPOE Lodge 1907
f. Discussion and action to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Nichols Store.
g. Discussion and action to approve the Town of Rangely becoming a partner with the Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office regarding the MOU of the North Rangely Open Area effects to Cultural Landscape 5RB.7591 in Rio Blanco County, Co
h. Discussion and action to approve the annual agreement with USGS to continue the water-quality sampling program.
i. Discussion and action to approve Emergency Ordinance 697-2021 an Ordinance repealing Title 15, 15.40 entitled Floodplain Management, Section 261, Entitled Standards for Floodplains and Floodways, of the Rangely Municipal Code of the Town of Rangely, Colorado and replacing it with Title 15, 15.42 Titled Floodplain Management and Standards
Informational Items
a. The Special Olympics Polar Plunge Nov 13th, 10am
b. Elks Charly Ball Nov 20th

c. RBC Covid Update
Board Vacancies
a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy
b. Community Garden Board Vacancies
18. Scheduled Announcements
a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Nov 1, 2021, at 6:00 pm.
b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 8th, 2021, at 5:00 pm
c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 8th, 2021, at 7:00 pm
d. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 11th, 2021, at 6:00 pm
e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 15th, 2021, at 7:00 pm
f. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 16th, 2021, at 12:00 noon
g. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Nov 16th, 2021, at 6:15 pm
h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 16th, 2021, at 11:00 am
i. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 18th, 2021, at 7:30 am
j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 18th, 2021, at 12:00 noon
k. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Nov 25th, 2021, at 6:00 pm
l. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 24th, 2021, at 6:00 pm
m. Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the January 2022 at 9:30 am
19. Adjournment
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Please visit www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570 ADA/EOE

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Employment Opportunities
District
• Food Service Cook
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Meeker High School
• Head Track Coach

ADA/EOE
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For details and an application, please visit our website at meeker.k12.co.us/domain/10 or Meeker School District Administration at 555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO
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TREASURER'S DEED

NOTICE
REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
TO: Every person in actual possession or occupancy of the hereinafter described real property, lot or premises, and to the person in whose name the same was taxed or specially assessed, and to all persons having an interest or title of record in or to the said premises and to whom it may concern, and more especially to:
EQUITY OIL COMPANY C/O BRENT MARCHANT
EQUITY OIL COMPANY
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION C/O CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
CACTUS RANCH INVESTMENTS
RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER
You and each of you are notified that on **NOVEMBER 15, 2017**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **CACTUS RANCH INVESTMENTS LLC.**, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:
A parcel of land in Lot 9, S: 6, T: 1N, R 101W of the 6th P.M., being part of C.E. 1179 bounded by a line described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Lot 9 (said point being the Northeast corner of a Tract of land conveyed by deed recorded in Book 180, Page 417) from whence corner No 4 of said C.E. 1179 bears S0°05'E, 1115.1 feet more or less; Thence S89°54'40"W, 448.10 feet along the North line of said tract conveyed by deed recorded in Book 180 at Page 417 to the Northwest corner of said tract; Thence S0°05'40"E, 907.84 feet along the West line of the tract conveyed by deed recorded in Book 180 at Page 417 to an intersection with Northerly Right of way line of Highway 64; Thence Southwesterly along said northerly Right of way line a distance of 521.28 feet to the Southeast corner of a tract of land conveyed by deed recorded in Book 135 at Page 293;
Thence N0°05'40"W, 1415.30 feet along the East line of said tract conveyed by deed recorded in Book 135 at Page 293 to the Northeast corner of said tract;
Thence N89°55'00"W, 362.76 feet along North line of said tract conveyed by deed recorded in Book 135 at Page 293 to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 9;
Thence N0°05'00"W, 219.10 feet along West line of said Lot 9 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; Thence S89°49'45", 1319.97 feet along the North line said Lot 9 to the Northeast corner of said Lot 9; Thence S0°05'E, 609.76 feet along the East line of said Lot 9 to the point of beginning.
And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **CACTUS RANCH INVESTMENTS LLC.**, by the said County Treasurer.
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2016**;
That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **EQUITY OIL COMPANY**, for said year **2016**;
That on **AUGUST 6, 2021**, said **CACTUS RANCH INVESTMENTS LLC.**, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property;
That at 10:00 A.M. on **FEBRUARY 22, 2022**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **CACTUS RANCH INVESTMENTS LLC.**, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Tax Lien Sale Date: **NOVEMBER 15, 2017**
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **NOVEMBER 15, 2020**
Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **FEBRUARY 22, 2022**
Redemption Period expires **FEBRUARY 22, 2022, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M.

Schedule	TLSC #	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
R1200881	2017-00017	6,800	EQUITY OIL COMPANY

Witness my hand this **25TH** day of **OCTOBER**, A.D. 2021.
/S/ Rhonna Waldref, Treasurer, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
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