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## HONORING SACRIFICE ...



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5843 presented arms on Veterans Day 2020 in Meeker. The Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Post 74 also participated in the presentation. The HT thanks our veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country.

LUCAS TURNER PHOTO

## The art of falconry

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**MEEKER** I Andy McBride is a 50-year expert in raptor handling and care, and he serves on the board of the California Hawking Club and the Bird of Prey Health Group. He speaks both nationally and internationally on subjects related to birds of prey. This week, in partnership with the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, McBride will give a presentation on The Art of Falconry.

"It's a totally consuming thing. A lot of people look at it as their church, when they're out flying with their birds. It's a whole different experience," he said. McBride first developed an interest in falconry at the age of 14, after his dad brought him along to house-sit for a friend who was a game warden.

"He had a Harris hawk, and a Red-tailed hawk,

**Andy McBride has 50 years of experience handling raptors like this Siberian goss-hawk. McBride will share his raptor expertise and his birds this Friday at the Old West Heritage Culture Center in Meeker from 7 to 8 p.m.**

LUCAS TURNER PHOTO



and that just totally enthralled me," McBride said. He was lucky enough to learn falconry from that same game warden.

Though the term "falconry" implies a specific species of birds, McBride explained that the broader practice extends beyond falcons. "Falconry is just hunting with raptors," he said. Raptors include species like owls, hawks, sparrows, falcons and even eagles, for those with a master class license.

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## Vietnam vet, family fighting a different kind of battle, 49 years later

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RANGELY** I One of our nation's many wars may be "over," but the battles rage on for our veterans and their families.

Bob and Gaila Bell are Rangely natives. Bob's (Robert) family tree in Rangely precedes the oil boom that put the town on the map, and Gaila's history traces back to a cattle ranch southeast of town. The two attended high school together, but didn't connect until after graduation, when Bob was home on leave from the U.S. Army and Gaila was working at the drive-in restaurant. A lover of travel, Bob's overseas experiences charmed the self-proclaimed "good girl," and ignited a romance. The couple was engaged and planning their wedding when Bob's assignment to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was interrupted by orders to ship out to Vietnam as a member of the 11th Armored Cavalry, a highly decorated U.S. Army regiment.

Bob spent 11 months in Vietnam; months he is reticent to talk about, even with his wife. He had 30 days left on his tour of duty when he was wounded.

"He was missing for a month," Gaila said. Injured, Bob survived in the jungle with fellow troops. The experience cost him some toes to

"jungle rot," a fairly common infection among U.S. troops serving in Vietnam, and a number of other injuries. Like most veterans, he downplays his service.

"My story is not unusual," Bob said.

Gaila, barely 20, drove to Oakland, California, to collect her wounded fiancé. She was unprepared for the war protesters throwing eggs as a GI walked her down the street. She was also unprepared for Bob's physical and mental condition.

"He still had open wounds when I picked him up. I remember his ears would bleed," she said. "I wasn't prepared to deal with his issues. We decided we wanted to wait to get married."

Bob returned home, as did many veterans, with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as well



COURTESY PHOTO

**The Bells bought a 428 Cobra Jet to celebrate Bob's homecoming from Vietnam. That afternoon, they were married in Denver by the justice of the peace.**

as physical injuries. Still engaged, Bob and Gaila each questioned whether they could face a future together. To satisfy his father and her mother, they "eloped" before a justice of the peace in Denver, with plans to obtain an annulment. Bob had heard about an encampment of veterans in the backcountry of Washington state and wanted to go there. "He loved isolation," Gaila said. They moved to Washington, with every intention of having their marriage annulled.

"We were there for two years, and then our son was born on June 27,

1972," Gaila said. The birth of their son Jerramie was a turning point. The family returned to Rangely and bought a place "down the river," Gaila said. Bob went to work as a contract welder for 20 years—"chasing pipelines"—and then went to work for Chevron.

"We lived very happily," Gaila said, "And then we started losing children."

### AGENT ORANGE

Bob said he remembers Agent Orange being sprayed over his unit. "We watched the leaves on the trees curl up and die." The chemical, created primarily by companies Monsanto and Dow Chemical, was supplied to the U.S. military and has since been connected to a number of illnesses and ailments in veterans who were exposed to the herbicide.

The Bells lost eight babies in late-term pregnancies. Their family doctor told them, "We have no explanation."

Years later, as a chemistry teacher at Rangely High School, Gaila researched Agent Orange and its impacts, and had conversations with other veterans' wives who had similar experiences.

"It's generational," she said. Their grandchildren, a son and daughter of Jerramie, who died in 2001 in a car accident, have experienced a

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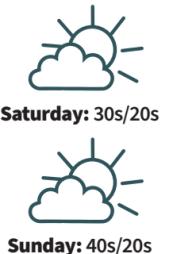
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Public Health Director Alice Harvey, geared up in personal protective equipment, tests a citizen for COVID-19. Drive-up testing is now available at public health in Meeker and in Rangely from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. CAITLIN WALKER PHOTO

## COVID-19 spreading in RBC

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** “We have seen evidence at this point of community spread,” Rio Blanco County Public Health Director Alice Harvey told community stakeholders Monday during a pandemic response meeting. “These are not isolated cases.”

Just prior to press time Wednesday, RBC Public Health released an urgent message, notifying residents of eight positive COVID tests in one day for Meeker and one for Rangely. Current case counts are below. Check <https://rbc.us/606/COVID-19-Updates> for the latest updates.

“It’s been brought in and now it’s in the community,” Harvey said. Some cases have been traced to visiting hunters, others to out-of-county recreational travel.

According to Harvey, the majority of the new cases were symptomatic and occurred in adults mostly between 30 and 60.

Of those 16, three individuals required hospital care. Two patients had been discharged and one was reportedly in ICU at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs.

The sudden rise in cases and confirmation of community spread

prompted the health department to host a drive-through testing clinic Saturday and will continue the drive-up testing daily instead of testing by appointment. Harvey said public health is doing about 20 tests per day, and both hospitals are also providing testing.

While local hospitals are not at capacity, some regional hospitals—where local patients requiring more intensive treatment for the virus would be transported—have reported they are either approaching capacity or having trouble maintaining staffing levels due to quarantine or illness. According to a report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, “Colorado has now reached the greatest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations we have had to date, exceeding our peak in April. We reached this even faster than the modeling predicted. If the epidemic curve is not bent, Colorado could surpass intensive care unit (ICU) capacity in late December instead of January. If contacts increase over the holidays (for example, due to gatherings between multiple households), surge capacity could be required in mid-December, unless transmission is reduced.”

As of Monday, RBC is in mitigation status and has three weeks to bring the number of new cases down. If virus transmission is not reduced, the county will return to Safer At Home status.

Asked about the impact of visiting hunters on local case counts, Harvey said, “We’re seeing very low compliance from hunters in terms of mask-wearing and social distancing, but our community also we’re seeing very low compliance rates. So a hunter is going to come into a store and see no one locally wearing a mask, they’re not going to either. We’re expecting that, given the low compliance levels with people in the community following those recommendations.”

The “light at the end of the tunnel” is news that Colorado is expected to receive its first vaccine shipments at the end of January or early February that will be distributed to local hospitals and public health agencies. The first vaccine shipments will be designated for critical workers, residents of long term care facilities and high risk populations.

“We do have plans in place for mass vaccinations. Our flu shot clinics this year have been overwhelmingly successful,” Harvey said.

## County road signs stolen

PRESS RELEASE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Several Rio Blanco County road signs have been stolen in the Rangely area. At least 10 missing signs have been reported in the last week.

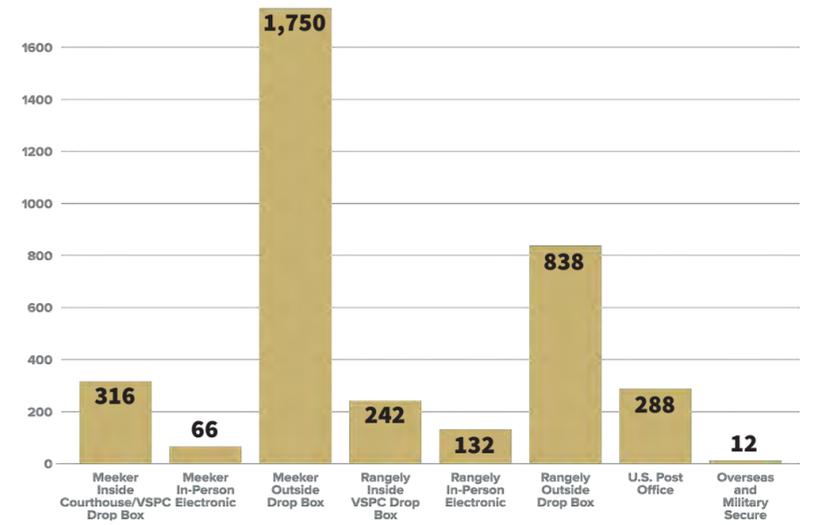
While this may seem like a harmless prank, these missing signs create major traffic hazards, especially at night. The county urges those responsible to stop stealing these signs and reminds them if a crash

occurs because of a stolen sign, they could face charges connected to the crash as well as the theft.

County crews are replacing the signs at a cost of more than \$100 each including materials, labor and vehicle; a cost Rio Blanco County taxpayers get stuck with.

The county is asking the public’s help to report any information about these incidents. If you have any knowledge about the people responsible, please call the Sheriff’s Office at 970-878-9600.

### RIO BLANCO COUNTY VOTING METHODS, 2020 ELECTION



Here are the methods RBC voters used to cast 3,690 ballots this year, with the outside drop box being the preferred method in Meeker and Rangely. Total voter turnout was 79.7%, not 81.22% as we reported from preliminary numbers last week.

### CLARIFICATION

**RBC I** Attorney Caitlin McHugh of Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP in Denver, requested clarification on last week’s press release from the plaintiff’s attorney about the outcome of the lawsuit filed by several members of the Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association (plaintiff) against Elk Creek Operations, William Wheeler and YZ Ranch (defendants). In a statement sent to the HT, McHugh addressed the claims made against YZ Ranch.

“Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association brought claims seeking \$31 million dollars against YZ Ranch alleging breach of a fishing lease. Following a 12-day jury trial, and two days of deliberations, on Oct. 28, 2020, the eight member Rio Blanco County jury rejected the Association’s claims. The jury found no breach of contract. The jury found there was a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing but found that there were only nominal damages of \$1.

The Association also asked the Court to issue an injunction limiting the YZ Ranch’s ability to limit fishing on the ranch. The Court denied the Association’s request stating, ‘Plaintiff did not succeed on the merits in the claim against YZ Ranch for breach of the fishing lease. Therefore, the request for a preliminary injunction is denied.’”

According to the jury’s verdict form, Elk Creek Operations was found to have breached the management agreement with damages of \$872,013.19, but did not improperly use the Association’s funds to pay attorneys’ fees. In claims against William Wheeler, the jury found that the plaintiff proved its claim of breach of fiduciary duty with damages of \$144,000.

# It’s on us to Stop the Spread.

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### RIO BLANCO COUNTY COVID-19 STATS AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020

ACTIVE CASES

23

TOTAL CASES (SINCE 4/1/20)

56

CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

1

TESTS COMPLETED

2,121+

MEEKER SCHOOL BOUNDARY\*

20

RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY\*

3

\* These cases are in the boundary of the school district only, not AT the schools

**URGENT: Rio Blanco County is currently experiencing a community outbreak of COVID-19.**

Everyone is advised to **CANCEL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS**, remain at home if possible, wear a mask, and social distance in all other situations.

#### Testing Options:

FREE drive-up testing is available in Meeker at the Fairfield Center AND in Rangely at Public Health every Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m., weekends by appt.

Please call 970-878-9520 in Meeker or 970-878-9525 in Rangely for an appointment.



# 'Hearts and minds' of Rangely force focus of new services



**PRESS RELEASE**  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC |** Ti Hamblin, Chief of Police in Rangely, was interviewed for this article.

When appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Rangely, Colorado, Chief Hamblin set a goal to acquire a great staff that worked together for the betterment of the community. To quote Chief Hamblin directly, "I want to make sure the citizens of Rangely have the best officers and dispatchers in the state, who are ready to help them in their time of need."

Over the past two years a new staff was hired and the goal of making sure they had the best tools available, and were successful at their jobs, became extremely important in accomplishing this goal. Generally, law enforcement is provided with the best equipment money can buy. They are taught and encouraged to take care of themselves physically, wherein gym memberships are paid for and healthy eating is encouraged.

However, taking care of law enforcement's "hearts and minds" was never really promoted, which is also very important considering they are trained to handle the most difficult of situations, often where residents are having the worst day of their lives. That trauma is not only experienced by the person going through it but by the officers, dispatchers and other first responders. Over time the officers and dispatchers carry a lot of that trauma with them to the next call.

"As their Chief, I realized I needed to make sure the officers and dispatchers responding to help others in the community needed to be OK mentally. This started what I have dubbed my 'Heart and Mind Initiative,'" Hamblin said.

Through the support of Town Manager Lisa Piering, Chief Hamblin was successful in obtaining anonymous psychological services for the Rangely Police Department employees through Brower Psychological in Denver. Any member of the Rangely

Police Department can reach out for psychological help at any time, for any reason and it would be completely anonymous. This would allow the stigma of asking for help to disappear. This is a way to make sure "the mind" of the officers and dispatchers are clear and ready to help those in need.

Additionally, Pastor Jasper Whiston was brought on board as the Rangely Police Department's first Police Chaplain. Pastor Whiston is a person of faith that all employees of the Rangely Police Department can speak to at any time for any reason. They do not have to wait for a traumatic event before speaking to Pastor Whiston. Bringing Pastor Whiston on board is a way the department makes sure "the heart" of our first responders are clear and ready to help those in need.

Chief Hamblin also mentioned Officer Leech during the conversation. Leech recently received a letter of commendation from fellow officer Lieutenant Coker for his professional response to a very difficult situation.

**Rangely Police Chief Ti Hamblin (top photo, left) has been working to obtain mental health help for Rangely Police Department employees through the "Heart and Mind Initiative". This includes anonymous psychological services to better help officers and dispatchers cope with the inherent trauma of the job and the addition of police chaplain Jasper Whiston (top photo, right). (Bottom) Officer Jesse Leech (left) recently received a letter of commendation from fellow officer Lieutenant Dallas Coker (right) for his professional response to a difficult situation. All RPD employees are eligible for services.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### WRBM pool closure Nov. 13 through 22

**RANGELY |** The WRBM Rec and Park District swimming pool and hot tub will be closed for maintenance and repairs Nov. 13-22. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause and thank you for understanding.

### News from the TANK

**RANGELY |** The Tank Center for Sonic Arts is proud to partner with the legendary Taj Mahal (@tajmahalblues) to bring you access to his first ever livestream performance from the UC Theatre stage in Berkeley, California, to the comfort of your own home on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. PT/9 p.m. ET. Taj Mahal (<http://www.tajblues.com/>) is a composer, multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, multi-GRAMMY® winner, multi-Blues Music Award winner, Blues Hall of Fame member and Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement award recipient. Tickets are \$20 and on sale now at <https://boxoffice.mandolin.com/collections/taj-mahal>. Tickets grant you 48-hour access to the stream in case you can't join Taj live. All ticket sales end when the livestream performance begins. Meet and greet tickets are \$150 (limited capacity). Meet and greet begins one hour prior to livestream performance. Each meet and greet ticket holder will receive a private 60-90 second video chat with Taj Mahal moderated by a Mandolin representative plus picture. A portion of each ticket sold benefits the Tank!

### COVID-19 testing options

**RBC |** COVID-19 testing is now being offered at Public Health. Rio Blanco County Public Health and Environment offers COVID-19 testing for all citizens who are symptomatic and/or have had a known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and would like a test. Please call RBC Public Health to schedule an appointment. In Meeker call 878-9520, Rangely call 878-9525. Due to community spread, drive-up testing will now be offered Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in both Meeker and Rangely.

The designated COVID-19 testing area is the South parking lot in both Meeker and Rangely. When arriving for your appointment, please remain in your vehicle and a Public Health nurse will assist you.

If you are in need of a COVID-19 test for clearance for travel or part of your preoperative guidelines, please reach out to Pioneers Medical Center, 970-878-9796, or the Rangely District Hospital at 970-620-3969.

For further information, please contact the Rio Blanco County Public Health & Environment Department at 870-878-9520.

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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Denial has an ugly side

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**D**enial isn't a river in Egypt. (The Nile is a river in Egypt for those of you, like me, who don't like puns.)

I have no idea what living conditions are currently like in Egypt along the Nile, but I do know what living in denial is like.

At first, it's easy. You just believe whatever you want to believe and insist it's true. It's what toddlers do. We've all lived there at some point.

Denying reality is always easier than accepting it. Denial leads us to do foolish things like buying new pants and swearing the dryer shrank the old ones rather than admit we've been dipping into the cookie jar too often. Denial lets us excuse ourselves of bad habits, substance abuse, twisted personal agendas, toxic relationships and more. Denial can present itself as blatantly as a lie and as sneakily as projecting our personal weaknesses onto someone else in the form of blame.

Eventually, denial creeps up on us and demands its due, and denial's dues are never cheap or comfortable.

I fear we're about to pay up when it comes to denying the risks of COVID.

A long time family friend in

Meeker lost his mother to COVID this week. A second writer pal in Denver (not the one I wrote about previously), spent a few days in the hospital with COVID. Her husband was hospitalized for more than a week. She shared today that her husband is not recovering as well as expected, and he has to return to the hospital for additional treatment, post-COVID.

I've been accused of using my platform to promote "mainstream media" ideas about COVID. That may be true: I've promoted all the ideas encouraged by public health experts... mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, etc. Those aren't mainstream media ideas, those are basic common sense for slowing the spread of contagion. I've also used this platform to promote things like wearing your seatbelt, engaging in civil discourse, exercising your right to vote, getting a flu shot, and more. I'll continue to do so.

It alarms me that our school district has to tell people not to attend a sporting event if they're sick. Why are we still having to tell people they should

stay home when they have symptoms of illness? That's common sense that should have long predated the pandemic, in my opinion.

It's also alarming we have failed to realize most of our local small businesses are staffed by a handful of people. If one or two of those people exposes the rest of the business (not even considering the possibility of exposure by patrons) and the business has to quarantine for two weeks, that's two weeks of lost income for the owners and their staff and lost sales tax revenue for our town(s) and county.

It's taken a while (long enough to have a baby, for heaven's sake), but we've all seemed to arrive at an accord on at least two things: 1. Kids need to stay in school and 2. Businesses need to stay open.

How can we work together to make those two things happen? We can do what has been asked of us by public health experts for months now: wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands. None of those things are that hard.

You might think compliance is for "snowflakes." That might be... but when you pile up enough snowflakes, you can stop traffic. If enough of us will wear our masks, wash our hands, and social distance, we can slow this thing down just like a snowdrift.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks for supporting Haunted House fundraiser

Dear Editor:

Meeker's VFW Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Haunted House fundraiser! The money raised will go towards our two high school senior scholarships that we award yearly. A big thanks to everyone that helped make the house scary: Sierra Gomez, Tacy Crawford, Johnathan Lopez, Teo Ochoa, Gabe Smithers, Oliver Holmes, Anevay Crawford, Kelly Crawford, Talaynah Cowen, Glen Jennings, Frank and Sheila Stewart, Sarah Jennings and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Groups we'd like to thank are MACC, ERBM Recreation and Park District, Ben Quinn's seventh-hour art

class, and Meeker High School. If anyone would like to still donate there is a drop box outside the VFW at 290 4th St. or you can mail checks to PO Box 825. Thank you again for the amazing community support!

Meeker Auxiliary Post 5843

#### White River Alliance putting words into action

Dear Editor:

The White River Alliance is a growing organization made up of people who share a common interest in the White River. We are made of volunteers, landowners, stake holders, and some great folks from all over that care about the White River. Our goal is to share information, promote education and awareness about the river and to put words, and good ideas, into action.

On the action front, White River Alliance members recently spent the day cutting down and spraying Russian Olive trees on the White River just east of Meeker. This invasive non-native tree consumes very large amounts of water in a time where there is no water to spare. Although native plant species also consume water, the Russian Olive tree consumes water with little or no benefit to the environment or people. This effort is important because the location is where we can stop the Russian Olive from its migration further up the White River. Just drive to the west side of Meeker and you can see how the Russian Olive is taking over our beautiful river.

On other fronts, the WRA is actively participating in ongoing efforts to support better stewardship and resource management practices that will help maintain a healthy river. We are excited to be a part of a growing and successful, organized effort, to make water and the White River more important, like "very important!"

Reducing potential contributors of the algae bloom has been one of the most important priorities for the WRA. Although the river is in a similar condition than it was in 2018, with low stream flow conditions, the algae bloom has not returned on the upper White River. This is very encouraging! The absence of the dreaded algae bloom may not help to discover its cause, but this might be a welcome indication that current efforts to promote a healthy White River are paying off with dividends.

The WRA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to a common cause. Please check us out at [WhiteRiverAlliance.net](http://WhiteRiverAlliance.net). If you are interested in the White River, we want to hear from you. Our end of the year gathering will be in early December (time and date will be announced soon). Please join us for an enjoyable evening of information sharing with guest presentations, great conversation, and a proactive group of people who share a community of thought about healthy White River.

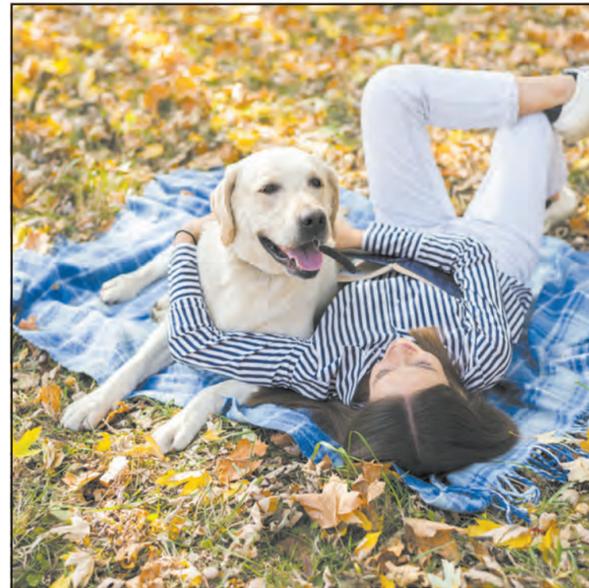
Shawn Welder  
White River Alliance  
Meeker

#### The wolf vote

Dear Editor:

The last time I looked 395 people in Rio Blanco County voted to reintroduce the grey

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#### Other ways to stay safe:

- Have a qualified professional inspect your propane system prior to the start of each heating season.
- Do not try to install, modify or repair propane-fueled appliances on your own.
- Make sure your appliances and flues have plenty of space around them to 'breathe'.
- Install carbon monoxide monitors at every level of your home.
- Do not run out of gas. Serious safety hazards can occur.
- Never turn the gas on at your propane tank. Contact White River Energy to check for leaks, turn on the gas, and re-light pilot lights on appliances.



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Learn about Horizons Early Intervention Services, Family Support Program, and Little Points of Light Campaign.

Vanessa Trout will offer a presentation on how to make the perfect cheese board for any get-together or holiday

Go to [horizonsnwc.org](http://horizonsnwc.org) to register for the Zoom link.

To purchase a Little Points of Light Happy Hour Party Box for \$35, go to [blancocellars.com](http://blancocellars.com) and click on "Collections" then "Curated Collections" to order.

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# LETTERS: wolf vote, election coverage

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wolves. I stopped looking as the number continued to grow. I found myself lost for words. How can 395 people in our community vote for wolf reintroduction?

We are already seeing the effects of our governor's attack on rural Colorado with the promised closing of the mine and shutting down Piceance Creek. I am not sure people understand what these closings mean to our community. It not only affects the workers, it will hurt our small businesses; we will not have the income to support town positions; county jobs and budgets are already being cut.

Now our community gets to battle with the introduction of a gang predator. Wolves aren't Disney characters. They are murderers. As a rancher who runs on forest permits, obviously I am concerned. People that pushed wolf reintroduction say, "Don't worry you will get compensated for wolf kills in your herd." That's ignorant, I want to say stupid but I have to remind myself that it is ignorant. They have chosen not to get educated on what a wolf attack will do to my whole herd. We work hard to keep our cows calm for their health, their calves' health, for my family's safety, and for the public's safety. We work quietly in our corrals; we choose genetics that promote mild temperaments. Wolves will cause them great anxiety, create instincts to fight, and make them consistently on the move not being able to

settle. Never mind the health effects on my herd. Where is the compensation money for a kill coming from? Did I miss the part where the wolves are bringing in some form of income to pay for what they kill?

Every year from September through November our economy gets a boost from hunters. Will they want to come to our mountains and compete with the wolf gang? We are not rebalancing an ecosystem. That is not possible. Our population has grown too much. Not to mention the ease and availability for people to roam the mountains now. There are not very many spaces on the mountains that are not explored by mountain bikers, hikers, OHVers, snowmobilers, riders, hunters, campers, etc.

People come to Meeker because they love the community. They want to raise their families here. There is a push on the rural areas, people are relocating so they have room to breathe from COVID, rioting, protests, and the other things that come from living in cities. These people come because they like this community. And then they try to change it. I urge our community to please be mindful of what makes rural Colorado great. The next time there is a vote please get educated on how the vote will affect the people in your rural community. A friend from Arizona visited us this summer. As we were discussing politics and the migration of people she said "People move to Arizona to escape their allergies and then they plant the same damn

flowers they were running from."

The Rogers Family  
Meeker

## HT election coverage first-rate

Dear Editor:

I very much appreciate Herald Times 2020 election coverage. During this election cycle, your weekly issues provided guidance for proper voting procedures. The "Question and Answer" articles answered pertinent questions voters might have about the voting process.

The paper included interviews with candidates representing our third Congressional district and our 8th Senate district. Herald Times alerted the public to candidates' campaign stops in Meeker and Rangely. Your Herald Times article asking "Who judges the judges?" was timely. Good question!

When interviewing the candidates, Lucas Turner focused on issues that were relevant to Rio Blanco County citizens: affordable health care, the economy, good paying jobs, and public lands. Each candidate's direct statements showed their knowledge and where they stood on issues.

This provided the best insight into how each candidate might represent the citizens of RBC.

Thank you Herald Times for your thoughtful fact based approach to journalism.

Debra Frazier  
Meeker

## WRITERS ON THE RANGE

# Drought moves Colorado toward water speculation

By DAVE MARSTON  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** There's a concept called "demand management" in the news in Colorado, and here's a simple definition: Landowners get paid to temporarily stop irrigating, and that water gets sent downstream to hang out in Lake Powell.

It's an idea long talked about because of increasing drought and the very real danger of both Lake Mead and Lake Powell dropping into "dead pool" where no hydropower can be generated. But fears keep arising about what water markets mean. To some rural people, the idea of separating water from the land sounds like heresy.

Here's how Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District sees it: "Just talking about demand management has already attracted deep-pocketed investors, whose motives are money and not for maintaining a healthy river."

But James Eklund, former head of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and who shares credit for creating Colorado's version of demand management, thinks setting up demand management in Colorado is crucial.

"We need to act now," he said. "Last winter and spring, where

107 percent snowpack turned into 52 percent runoff, was proof we've entered a deadly phase where millions of acre-feet of water need to be stored in Lake Powell."

These days, Eklund is a lawyer for the New York investment company, Water Asset Management (WAM), whose land purchases in Mesa County have sounded alarms about outsiders speculating on water. State Sen. Kerry Donovan, Democrat from Vail, has co-sponsored what could be called an anti-WAM bill, aimed at beefing up the state's water anti-speculation laws.

"If we don't do demand management correctly," Donovan warned, "we are going to create a commodity-based situation where water goes to the highest bidder."

Eklund's rejoinder: "Like it or not, we live in a capitalist system."

Gary Wockner of the non-profit Save the Colorado has a different approach. He supports following the West's existing water laws that took root in scarcity and drought. "If Lake Powell requires more water to keep functioning, why not curtail junior users across the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico rather than employing expensive water purchases?"

Critics of Wockner's plan say that by then it'll be too late,



Dave Marston

that after multiple dry years Upper Basin reservoirs will be empty.

Jim Lockhead, president of Denver Water, argued that by not

putting demand management into place, increasing drought could bring about a crisis: "Water rates would spike in cities, just as farm income and output would plunge region-wide." Without demand management, Lockhead predicted, there would be "an economic black hole."

To test demand management, four municipal water districts, including Denver Water, funded a pilot program in 2015-2019. It stored 175,000 acre-feet of water in Lake Mead by paying irrigators in Arizona, California and Nevada to fallow fields and forgo cultivation.

Applications rose annually, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which funded 53 percent of the study. The rest, 47 percent, came from the four water districts and the Walton Family

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## LOOSE ENDS

# I STILL get to ... (fill in the blank)

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the Herald Times



Dolly Viscardi

**MEEKER** I Ever since a hometown boy posted a photo of both covers of my picture books on his Facebook page with the words "Look what I get to read tonight," for his toddler son's nightly read aloud bedtime story, I think of all things I get to do. I have to admit that I took this as a compliment as many parents find reading the same books over and over tedious. But I also took that attitude of gratitude to my own life.

During these long months of staying home, when I got bored I made a mental list of all the things I get to do. And now with this pandemic surging,

things I am still grateful to be able to do occupy my mind rather than all the negativity continuing to surge around us. The two that stand out are: I still get to voice my opinion and I still get to choose how to use my time.

Years ago I became friends with a woman visiting Meeker from the Czech Republic. She grew up under the restrictions of communism and later compared

our freedoms of democracy to all of the restrictions imposed by the occupiers.

Her take on what she termed "our complacency" annoyed me sometimes. I never felt we took our freedoms for granted.

The simple restrictions of masking and social distancing to save a life haven't felt like losing a freedom to me. Harming others was not something that ever fit my personal "Things I Get To Do" list. We all may look at our future differently, but I don't believe convincing ourselves that the things we must do for all of us are harmful to our individual rights and freedoms. Changing our group outlook to an "I Get To" outlook is essential for all of us.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Water Law in a Nutshell class recordings available

Do you know the difference between an absolute water decree and a conditional water decree? Or the definition of a storage right? If you had the opportunity to attend the "Water Law in a Nutshell" class presented by Mr. Aaron Clay and hosted by the Douglas Creek Conservation District in July, you had the opportunity to learn this and much more about water law.

An absolute decree is, "a water court decree recognizing that a water right has been perfected, or made real, by placing previously unappropriated water to beneficial use." A conditional decree is, "a right with a recognized priority date for a new proposed water appropriation." A storage right is, "the right to impound water in priority for later use." (*Water Law in a Nutshell, Aaron R. Clay*)

If you were unable to attend this class or need a refresher course, you are in luck. The Water Law in a Nutshell course was recorded by the District when it was presented in Rangely this summer and is available for purchase from the Conservation Districts' office.

The videos are divided up into an eight-part series to cover the full day course (roughly eight hours of information). The cost of the recordings is \$50. The price includes the eight video segments, the Water Law in a Nutshell handbook developed by the course instructor, and the Citizens Guide to Water Law prepared by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. Contact Tristan at the Conservation District Office at 970-878-9838 or whiterivercd@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the recording or would like to purchase a set.



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## Exalting Christ's Position (1)

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

... God hath highly exalted him ... (Phil. 2:9-11)



Dr. J.D. Watson

Hebrews (1:2-3, 6, 8). We also cannot help but be reminded of John's vision of heaven in Revelation 5:11-12. We see, therefore, four features of this exaltation in our text.

First, the root of his exaltation (2:9a). **Wherefore** obviously refers back to verses 5-8. In the shadow of our Lord's horrendous humiliation, the Father brought Him back to heaven in magnificent exaltation. While the natural man exalts himself, true exaltation comes only through *humiliation*. Again, the full idea in **highly exalted** (*huperupsoō*) is "to elevate above others, raise to the highest position." The *Servant* has now returned to His rightful place as *Sovereign*. He who was *mocked* has now returned to His *magnificence*. He who was *crucified* has now been *coronated*. As Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "[The Father] raised [Christ] from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (1:20-23).

Second, we see the *right* of His exaltation (2:9b). Here is a staggering truth. As I meditated upon this, I was a bit overwhelmed. What **name** (*onoma*, "name, title, character, reputation") is Paul referring to here? What **name** has the Father **given** (*charizomai*, graciously, wholeheartedly bestowed) to the Son? We have studied many of His names and titles: Jesus; Christ; The Son of God; The Son of Man; The Only Begotten; I Am; The Bread of Life; The Light of the World; The Door; The Good Shepherd; The Resurrection and the Life; The Way, The Truth, The Life; The Vine; The Alpha and Omega; The Lamb of God; The Cornerstone; The Prince and Perfecter of Faith; The Savior; The Bridegroom; The Carpenter; and The Word.

So which **name** does Paul mean? The answer does not come immediately. Whatever this name is, however, it is **above** [superior in rank, dignity, and worth to] **every other name**. It excels all others known to human language in its character, dignity, honor, power, and position. This name, as we will see, places Christ in His rightful place. That leads us, then, immediately to our third feature, which we will examine next time.

**Scriptures for Study:** Read Hebrews 2:1-8 and Revelation 5:11-12. How do these passages bless your heart?

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

## OBITUARIES

## Mark Emerson Dalrymple

Mar. 30, 1955 ~ Nov. 4, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a wonderful husband, brother, uncle and friend. Mark passed away unexpectedly at his home. He will be missed beyond words.

Mark was kind, funny and fiercely loyal to his family and friends, and will be fondly remembered by everyone who knew him.

He was just six months old when the family moved to Dinosaur (then Artesia) from Rock Port, Missouri. After living in Rangely and several other places, he came back to live in Dinosaur for the remainder of his life. It was there he met his wife Cindi, and Loretta, Cindi's mother. He helped



Mark Dalrymple

care for Loretta until she passed away. Mark was passionate about rock music, and he was very artistic. He also loved creating things with wood, and working on old vehicles. Mark and Cindi enjoyed fishing, camping and growing vegetables. They loved animals, and always had several pets. A very important part of Mark's life was spending time with his loyal

dog, Jack.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, John and Gertie Dalrymple, mother-in-law Loretta and leaves behind his wife Cindi, his sister Jeanette (Snook) Justus, her husband Dave, a half-brother Jerry Dalrymple, and niece and nephew Julie Justus and Mike Justus.

We will forever miss his kindness and his wonderful sense of humor.

*"Have a good one. Hope the part you took from me you will put in a place you will notice now and again."*

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Nettie Faye (Burke) Modlin

May 16, 1925 ~ Nov. 7, 2020

Nettie Faye (Burke) Modlin, a longtime member of the community, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020.

Nettie was born May 16, 1925, to Fred and Anna Burke, the 11th child in a family of 15 children. She grew up in the Piceance Creek area on the ranch that is still owned by the Burke family. Even though there were some times that were very hard she would always say what fun they had as a family on the creek. One of her favorite memories was when her mother made doll clothes out of the used flour sack so that Nettie and her sister could dress the baby pigs in the spring.

She graduated from Meeker High School in 1943. In 1944 she married Lon Modlin and moved to Rosalie, Nebraska. While in



Nettie Faye Modlin

Nebraska, Lon and Nettie had three children and worked on the Modlin farm.

In 1954, they returned to Meeker with their family and remained in Meeker throughout their lives.

Nettie worked most of her life in the medical field and was very active in her community and her church. She loved to cook and back and most people young and old always enjoyed her spud-nut donuts on Halloween.

For the past five years she made her home at the Walbridge

Wing where she took part in the wonderful activities that Jean Gianinetti, staff and many volunteers arranged.

Nettie is survived by two brothers: Pat Burke from Montrose, Colorado, and Dean Burke of Meeker; her children: Larry, Janet and Sherry, and their spouses, Becky, Dave and Tom. She so enjoyed her seven grandchildren and their spouse and her nine great-grandchildren that she was so blessed to see them all in the last year.

A celebration of Nettie's life is planned for spring of 2021.

To express Nettie's love for children and their education, the family is requesting, in lieu of flowers, donations to the Burke Scholarship at the Bank of the San Juans in Meeker be made in her memory.

## Anne 'Ruth' Meadows

Feb. 4, 1938 ~ Nov. 5, 2020

Ruth, 82, married Paul Franklin Meadows March 2, 1953. Paul died Jan. 29, 2003. Paul was the pastor in Dinosaur, Colorado for many years.

Ruth was a faithful and active member of Grace Baptist Church in Rangely, Colorado. She lived 13 years in White River Village in Rangely. She recently moved to Glendale, Arizona, to live with her son and daughter.

Ruth is survived by her son Mike and daughter Rebekah Meadows of Glendale, Arizona. Sisters Ruby Mitchell and Mary Frances Rodgers of Flagler Beach, Florida.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. Nov. 17, 2020, at the VA National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. The service will be limited to 10 people.



Ruth Meadows

## DEATH NOTICE

## Kenneth Lee Maybury

Oct. 3, 1951 ~ Oct. 24, 2020

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## PUBLIC HEALTH

## \*\*\* ALERT \*\*\*

**Rio Blanco County is currently experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19.**

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## Joint MoCo/RBC DHS director job open

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** Rio Blanco County held the budget workshop for the Department of Human Services on Oct. 28. Making budget cuts to DHS is "tricky" because many of the programs, like food assistance, are at least partially reimbursed by the State of Colorado.

"If you really want to meet that 5% mark, you have to go through program by program to decrease costs," Finance Director Janae Stanworth told the board.

Ways to collaborate and share services with Moffat County as a way for both counties to save money and help address staffing shortages and get programs operating smoothly had been mentioned in prior work sessions.

"Getting these programs strong is more important than the savings," said Commissioner Jeff Rector.

An investigation by the state into Moffat County's

DHS program about caseworkers allegedly falsifying reports was reported on by the Colorado Sun last month. A second article by the Sun published Wednesday states Moffat County's DHS Director left her position the day after the original article was published, and, according to documents from a Moffat County Commissioner meeting, said Moffat was looking for a new director to oversee departments in Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties.

Moffat County Commissioners met on Oct. 27 and, according to an article in the Craig Press, "...agreed to a Personnel Requisition Form for a dual-county DHS Director. Whomever fills the position would work in Moffat County 60% of the time, with the other 40% spent in Rio Blanco."

That position has been advertised on the State of Colorado's website, and the state reimburses the DHS Director's salary 80/20.

Staffing and training are an ongoing challenge for human services departments, which handle child welfare and adult protective services, nationwide.

## CPW preps for wolf reintroduction

PRESS RELEASE  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** On Nov. 3, 2020, Coloradans voted to pass Proposition #114 - The Restoration of Gray Wolves, a measure directing the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to reintroduce gray wolves west of the Continental Divide. With this decision, the planning process for reintroduction will begin.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife wildlife experts currently manage 960 wildlife species for the state and have restored several of Colorado's most iconic species. CPW staff is fully prepared to work with stakeholders, including consultation with

other state agencies with specific experience with introducing the species, to develop the plan to reintroduce gray wolves over the coming months.

"Our agency consists of some of the best and brightest in the field of wildlife management and conservation," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzlou. "I know our wildlife experts encompass the professionalism, expertise, and scientific focus that is essential in developing a strategic species management plan. CPW is committed to developing a comprehensive plan and in order to do that, we will need input from Coloradans across our state. We are evaluating the best path forward to ensure that

all statewide interests are well represented."

For more than 120 years, the people of Colorado have looked to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for leadership and expertise to protect state lands, secure a successful wildlife legacy in Colorado, and provide quality outdoor recreation that evolves with generational trends and demographic population changes.

Please see CPW's Wolf Management webpage to read Frequently Asked Questions and find living with wolves resources. For more information on CPW's existing conservation programs, visit [cpw.state.co.us/conservation](http://cpw.state.co.us/conservation).

## DROUGHT: high demand for senior water rights

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Foundation. Eklund wants the same players to back Colorado's program, the first of the Upper Basin states to attempt demand management.

"BuRec built all the dams possible (and) they should steer into conservation," Eklund said.

But to gain participation in the pilot program, water prices were set at levels that boosted farm incomes above what agriculture alone would produce. That raise in income also increased the value of their land.

Mueller doesn't like what that could lead to: "That will squeeze out future mom-and-pop operators. Ninety-five percent of Western Slope irrigators are

owner-operators and we don't want that declining."

Although the Colorado Water Conservation Board hasn't ironed out how to "shepherd" the water downstream or who will round up willing sellers, investors from outside of Western Colorado are already buying up land with senior water rights.

"We are seeing large, well-financed purchasers -- ostensibly agricultural organizations -- coming into the Gunnison basin," said Steve Anderson, who manages the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association, a canal company in Montrose County. In Delta County, the Conscience Bay Company, operating out of Boulder, bought the 3,000-acre Harts Basin Ranch, with senior

water rights on the Grand Mesa.

Yet, the new owners are hardly quick-buck artists. They have expanded the cattle herds, improved irrigation and hired locals.

For the new water owners, it's a waiting game until demand management exists and water comes with a price. As drought worsens, the owners of these senior water rights -- whether they are from New York City or Texas -- could well be sitting on a fortune.

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

# BELL: health battles continue

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cancer scare and partial thyroid removal and an unusual bone deformation Gaila believes are directly related to her husband's exposure to Agent Orange.

In 2002 Bob started getting tumors on his neck, and Gaila told the Veterans' Administration she "wanted something done about Agent Orange." The VA hospital put him on 80% disability and 100% disability pay, and told her not to "push for more." No one wanted to talk about Agent Orange or its impacts on veterans and their families. "They want it to go away," she said. "I want my children's voices to be heard."

## STILL FIGHTING

In May this year the couple faced another life crisis, and once again Gaila went to battle on behalf of her husband.

Bob took a fall off the back of his pickup truck and suffered a vertical fracture to his femur that required surgery at St. Mary's hospital in Grand Junction. The day of the surgery, which required the insertion of a rod in his femur, wires, and screws, Gaila traveled to St. Mary's, carrying a special voucher that was supposed to guarantee her permission to stay with him.

"I was more than willing to self-quarantine," Gaila said. "I had already had a COVID test."

But the hospital denied her request. The day after the surgery she spoke with Bob's physician and was given the medical plan for her husband's recovery — one that involved a lengthy stay in the hospital. Gaila, who once drove her husband to St. Mary's in a blizzard to get treatment for his collapsed lung, returned home, prepared to wait it out.

The next day Bob called her from the hospital. "Come get me," he said. The hospital was kicking him out 24 hours after major orthopedic surgery.

"They didn't want to deal with my issues," Bob said, referring to his PTSD. "They told me I needed to have my wife come and get me."

Gaila returned to Grand Junction and went to battle for her husband. The VA hospital was closed at the time to do COVID, but she contacted his VA caseworker, then she called U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton's office. She spoke to his nurses, who said he was no trouble to them. Meanwhile, she documented everything on Facebook.

"Our veterans should be taken care of. The only thing

we were asking for was for the system to follow the doctor's medical plan," she said. "I slept in the parking lot at St. Mary's that night because I didn't know what they were going to do with him."

After multiple calls, the American Legion stepped in and helped her get a patient advocate for Bob. When he was stabilized enough that he wanted to come home and complete his recovery at Rangely District Hospital, Gaila met him at the hospital. To her surprise, he was transported back to Rangely not in an ambulance, but in an Uber van, tied to the seat to keep him upright, with his injured leg down (creating a risk for blood clots), with no supplemental oxygen (he also has COPD).

"He was at RDH for a long time, and they did a wonderful job," she said.

While Bob is pretty quiet

about the experience, as he is about most of his travails, Gaila is compelled to speak up on behalf of her husband and all veterans, who get "lost in red tape" when it comes to accessing medical care. "Medicare and the VA get into a fight [over funding] and the veterans get dropped. If you're a veteran, you aren't worth any money to the medical system," she said. Today, she watches her husband closely when he heads outside on an errand, noting his limp. He was told he needed at least a year of physical therapy, but was only approved for 17 sessions. Now they're trying to figure out how to do his physical therapy at home, by themselves.

"We're some of the lucky ones. We have options," she said. "He has had me as an advocate, but what about the veterans who don't have someone to fight for them?"

**"What about some of the veterans who don't have someone to fight for them?"**

~ Gaila Bell, Rangely resident and wife of Vietnam veteran Bob Bell



Bob and Gaila Bell have been married for 49 years this year. They continue to work together to help Bob get the health treatment he needs.



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# Busy meeting for trustees

By SOPHIA GOEDERT  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** At the most recent Meeker Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 3, many items were on the agenda, making for a discussion-filled meeting.

## 2020 BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Suzan Pelloni has recently purchased the building on Sixth and Main for her real estate endeavors. The building is in need of renovations and she asked if there were any grant funds available. The board talked about the possibility of reopening the 2020 Business Grant Program to fund Pelloni's request. There was a lot of discussion regarding reopening the program but it was ultimately decided that there was not enough time before the end of the year to reopen the grant program to every business and fulfill Pelloni's inquiry about grant funds.

Wendll's co-owner Bobby Gutierrez asked for the board to redistribute funds for his previous "drive-through" idea because of circumstances. Due to the constant changes and uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic, a drive-through is just not possible this year. Gutierrez has asked for the remainder of the grant (\$2,175) to be applied to the purchase of a new coffee roaster. In response the board approved the reallocation of grant money, as well as extending Wendll's deadline to Dec. 15 for submitting reimbursements.

## DISPATCH FEES

The board discussed the amount needed to fund dispatch. The overall consensus at the meeting was that for now, dispatch was here to stay. RBC Sheriff Anthony Mazzola personally thanked the board for their continuous support and commitment behind dispatch from the very beginning saying, "Your support meant a lot to us and it meant a lot to the dispatchers." After much discussion it was decided that \$80,000 will be adopted for the 2021 dispatch budget in December. "We have time to do it right and

that's most important. We have a year to get this put together," said Town Manager Lisa Cook.

## MUSTANG MAKEOVER DONATION

After a successful showcase in early September, Deirdre Macnab, from Meeker Mustang Makeover (MMM), requested a \$2,500 contribution for the 2021 showcase. Macnab also noted that the BLM has allowed the MMM to gather local mustangs. She thanked the Board of Trustees for their previous contribution to the makeover. The board will fully fund the request for a \$2,500 donation.

## OVERTON RECYCLING CONTRACT

In other news the board will sign with Overton Recycling for 2021 recycling services. It is the same agreement they signed last at this time with Eagle River Waste. Overton Recycling will receive \$15,000 for the year 2021, decreasing \$6,000 from last year.

## RIPARIAN PRESENTATION

John Leary of Rivers Edge asked the trustees to consider partnering with him for betterment of riparian health. Leary also asked Meeker Water Conservation to sign with him but they decided not to sign. The board will review his memorandum of understanding at the next meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the town is looking to fill two positions, one town position and a vacant PD position. Cook has gotten permission to fulfill both positions. Also, David Smith's permit at Ute Park has been extended and his cows will be moved off the land on Dec. 18.

## MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Kent Borchard warned the community that COVID-19, "Is not something to ignore." He has asked for everyone to wear their masks and socially distance whenever possible as we've seen an uptake in cases in the community recently.

# FALCONRY: presentation this Friday

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"It's very heavily regulated," McBride said. Falconers go through three levels of certification, starting at "apprentice falconer" which requires two years of dedication before moving into "general class."

"You have to have a sponsor, and they have to sign off on your paperwork and basically make sure you're treating your birds OK, and the whole nine yards," he said.

After reaching the general class level, an additional five years of experience is required to become a master class falconer, at which point you could fly "any bird you can obtain legally," including eagles.

"I have hunted with one [an eagle], a big female. She flew at 9 pounds," McBride said, noting how dangerous the large birds can be. "When she would catch a jackrabbit, let's say, I could get within 20-30 feet of her, and I'd just have to wait there until she ate about half of it to pick her up." A wise precaution, as eagles can generate 2,000 pounds per square inch of pressure in their feet.

Though he doesn't fly eagles anymore, McBride still flies (and hunts with) other birds, like the two Siberian Goshawks he brought along, perched happily inside a special enclosure in the back of his truck ready to go out on a hunt. It was cold—around

30 degrees Fahrenheit at the time of the interview—but McBride said the cold doesn't bother the Siberian birds and added that they don't typically hunt in the warmer summer months.

Hunting is just one aspect of falconry, especially for McBride, who also helps to rehabilitate birds alongside his wife, Dr. Victoria Joseph. Joseph is a board-certified avian veterinarian, and also internationally recognized "for her ability to teach avian, reptile and exotic animal hematology."

McBride will be at the Old West Heritage Culture Center (517 Park Ave., Meeker) on Friday, Nov. 13 from 7-8 p.m., to present on the art of falconry. His slide presentation will detail the different types of birds that are flown at different game species and in different situations. Attendees will also get to meet his birds, and see them up close.

McBride hopes the presentation will be informative for anyone interested in falconry, and allow him to get to know more people in town, since he now lives in the area part time.

"I've been doing this for 50 years, and I would say in the last five I've come to the realization that if you let the birds teach you, and just let them teach you, it's so much nicer," he said. "Once it all comes together, it's so cool. It's just one of those things that you go, 'this is wonderful, this is awesome.'"

## FAST FACTS

**WHO:** Andy McBride, raptor expert

**WHAT:** Presentation on raptors

**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 13, 7 to 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Old West Heritage Culture Center, 517 Park Ave., Meeker



## DID YOU KNOW?

Some eagles, part of the raptor family of birds, can generate hundreds of pounds per square inch of pressure in their feet. For comparison, humans can generate about 20 pounds per square inch of pressure with their grip.



50-year expert and master class falconer Andy McBride shows off his Siberian goshawk on Main Street in Meeker. McBride will give a presentation Friday at the Old West Heritage Culture Center. Masks will be required and space is limited. More info in the sidebar above.

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## Guidelines for attending Friday's MHS football game

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Extracurricular activities in the Meeker School District are an extension of the learning that occurs in our classrooms. The Meeker School District is committed to continue with in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities.

"We ask our community to help us maintain these opportunities for our students by supporting the following behaviors and actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19," said a press release from the school district Tuesday.

Do not attend Meeker School District games/events if, in the past 14 days, you have:

- Tested positive for COVID-19.
- Had known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual.

■ Experienced major symptoms of COVID-19 including, but are not limited to: Fever over 100.4 F lasting more than 24 hours, new or unexplained persistent cough, chills, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

■ Contracted any other illness recently and are not fully recovered.

Consider attending only at the end the game/event if you are an immediate family member of a student participating.

Consider viewing the game from home via the Meeker High School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MeekerHighSchool/live>. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can watch the game at [www.ht1885.com](http://www.ht1885.com).

There will be no concession stand for the Nov. 13 MHS football game with Paonia.

For those who attend games/events in-person, we strongly recommend the following:

- Wear a face mask.
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (6 feet or more) with those not in your personal family and/or cohort.
- Sit only with those in your personal family and/or cohort.
- Leave the facility once the game/event is complete and do not congregate in common spaces.
- Engage in proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette practices.
- Attempt to stagger arrival and departure so there are not large groups of people entering/exiting at the same time.

The primary goal of the Meeker School District this year is to keep students in classrooms.

Extracurricular activities support this goal as they add learning opportunities, increase school engagement, and enhance the social/emotional wellbeing of students. Please help support the Meeker School District's efforts to keep our students in classrooms and provide extracurricular activity opportunities by adhering to the behaviors listed above.



TIFFANY JEHOUREK PHOTO

Seniors quarterback Ryan Phelan and running back Jeremy Woodward lined up against the Olathe Pirates last Friday. They combined for 16 of the 43 points in the Cowboys decisive win.

## Cowboys one step closer to playoffs after Olathe win

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

**MEEKER** The Cowboys moved one step closer to the playoffs with a definitive win over the Olathe Pirates.

In their final away game of regular season the Cowboys quickly took command of the game. On the first possession of the game the Cowboys worked their way down the field and Ryan Phelan ran it in to put six up on the board; answered by Braydon Garcia for the extra two points; with 7:44 left in the first the Cowboys were up 8-0 and the Pirates were touching the ball for the first time.

"The kids played really well," said head coach Shane Phelan. "From the start they came out strong."

Just over a minute ticked off the clock and Kelton Turner recovered a fumble; the first of six turnovers by the Pirates. Phelan met Spud White for a 30-plus yard gain and carried it down to the 5-yard line where Turner ran it in for six more.

The game continued with Olathe only being able to answer one time. Late in the second, Colby Clatterbaugh intercepted the ball and ran it 75 yards adding another six, Phelan ran it in and the score was 36-7. The possession by Olathe didn't last long, White had the second Cowboy interception and Meeker took it back to their 43-yard line to end the half 36-7.

"Our offense played well and the defense created turnovers that

the offense capitalized on," said Phelan. "All three facets of the game feed off of each other, and when they cause turnovers and are able to capitalize, it is better for us."

The intensity of the game continued through the second half. With six minutes and 14 seconds left in the third Trinden Powell grabbed his first of two interceptions and the Cowboys worked it down the field to add six more, making it 43-7.

Olathe scored halfway through the fourth quarter, 43-13 Meeker, and that is how the game finished.

The Cowboys did have one turnover: an interception in the second half. "When you win the turnover margin by five it puts us in a really good place to win," commented Phelan.

"Both the offensive and defensive lines did especially well, the offense line worked hard allowing us to do some good things in our running and passing game and the defensive line helped create pressure on the quarterback, which helped the secondary," he added.

Through the air and on the ground the Cowboys put up some impressive stats. Phelan threw for 199 yards, connecting with White for 95, Turner for 31 and Liam Deming for 27. On the ground Turner had an additional 206 yards to lead the team in 242 all-purpose yards. Also scoring for the Cowboys were Jeremy Woodward and John Hampton Hightower.

Defensively there was a lot of contribution but it was led by

Zach Eskelson with 15 tackles, Woodward with 10, Clatterbaugh with nine, and Turner and Connor Blunt each with seven.

This week a league rival, Paonia, makes their way to Meeker for the last regular season home game. Kickoff is Friday at 7 p.m.

"This is always an important contest, they throw quite a bit and we will need to be ready. We plan on coming out strong, setting the tone early, and putting on a show for our home crowd," commented Phelan.

A review of the polls: RPI, Cowboys remain at No. 2; Coaches Poll, No. 7; MaxPreps, fifth; the Packard is usually not released in time to the published in the paper. Bracketing for the playoffs will be released on Sunday and there are a few things to keep in mind: once the brackets are created no teams can be added and if for some reason a team must forfeit their game they are out and the team that is scheduled to play them receives a bye. Currently Colorado Preps is the only one forecasting potential brackets and has one through seven as Centauri, Florence, Hotchkiss, Limon, Meeker, Strasburg, and Wray. Eighth place is still up for grabs between Colorado Springs Christian, Highland, Holyoke, Monte Vista and Peyton. This week the number of cancelled games is going to make that final spot tricky. Limon was to play Holyoke but it is cancelled, Peyton and Colorado Springs Christian is cancelled and it is early in the week.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Senior Gabe Polley (90) takes down a Vail Christian Saint during Friday's game. The Panthers won 24-8 and only one home game stands between them and a Western Slope league championship. The team will take on the Gilpin County Eagles this Friday at 7 p.m.

## Panthers best Saints, chase Western Slope league championship

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** The Rangely Panther football team hosted the Saints from Vail Christian on Friday, Nov. 6. The Saints had one goal in mind: to defeat the Panthers and disrupt any playoff momentum that the Panthers had going. The Saints appeared to be achieving this after the first quarter when they shutout the Panthers and led 8-0. The Saints connected on a 74-yard touchdown pass and then punched in the two-point conversion. The Panthers were able to keep the Saints to minimal rushing yards to start the game and forced turnover-on-downs, but an interception in the red zone led the Saints to score their lone touchdown.

The Panther offense started firing on all cylinders in the second quarter as the defense forced an interception by junior Keihlin Myers, and the Panthers took over and drove the ball 73 yards for the touchdown. Senior Ryan Richens scored the first of his two touchdowns as he took a handoff and raced around the left side of the offense for 17 yards and the score. Junior Zane Varner added the two-point conversion to tie the ball game up. The Panthers added their second score of the quarter when Ryan Richens caught a screen pass from Myers and raced down the sideline after two key blocks by senior Austin Davis and sophomore Marstan Wagner's 69-yard touchdown. Varner then added the two-point conversion to put the Panthers up 16-8 at halftime.

The Panthers received the second-half kickoff, and the Saints defense proved to be challenging for the third quarter as each team was able to move the ball but not score. Senior Gabe Polley and junior Timothy Scoggins kept the Saints backfield in peril as they continually pressured the Saints quarterback into early throws and incompletions. Polley added one sack to his season resume, and Scoggins sacked the quarterback five times to lead the state in sacks for the week.

In the fourth quarter, as each team showed their physical prowess on defense, the Panthers were able to secure their second interception of the night as Richens snatched the Saints pass out of the air. On the next offensive play, Varner ran for a 27-yard score to put the Panthers up 22-8. Senior quarterback Anthony Lujan punched in the two-point conversion to push the score to 24-8, and that was the final score for the game as well.

Varner continued to add to his outstanding season as he ran the ball 22 times for 188 yards, one touchdown, and two two-point conversions. Varner has now totaled 818 yards on 106 carries and eight touchdowns for the Panthers. The powerful rushing attack would not be possible without the great offensive line that the Panthers boast each week. Junior Byron Mackay, seniors Polley and Davis make up the interior line for the Panthers and create huge holes for the Panther ball carriers to get through. Junior tight ends Justin Cudo and Scoggins do a great job in sealing off the defensive backs and help the ball carriers get to pay-dirt.

The Panthers were led defensively by Polley, who amassed nine solo tackles and four half-tackles. Three of Polley's tackles were tackles for loss. Lujan and Scoggins added seven total tackles, and five of Scoggins' tackles were sacks on the Saints quarterback. Varner added five tackles to his excellent defense with Richens and freshman Kobey Chism who were tasked with shutting down a good passing game from the Saints.

The Panthers will conclude their regular-season schedule with a home game against the Gilpin County Eagles on Saturday, Nov. 14. A win against the Eagles will give the Panthers the 8-man Western Slope League championship crown and a berth into the 8-team playoff bracket. The game will start at 1 p.m.



# Rio Blanco 4-H youth participants win big at state shooting contest

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Rio Blanco 4-H Shooting Sports youth made a great showing at this year's Colorado State 4-H Shoot where they competed with other 4-H youth from around the state. In archery, Shane Kobald placed first in the Senior Unlimited Compound class. Two other archers join Kobald in qualifying for the National Competition: Brighton Bair (ninth place) and Grace Roberts who both competed in the Senior Compound Limited class. John Bair placed sixth in the state in the Compound Limited Junior class competition. Other competitors in this class included Jacob Roberts, Dawn Arnold, Luke Olson and Gemma Bair. Azalia Bresnak competed in archery in the Compound Traditional Junior class.

.22 Rifle competitors include Steven Raley (eighth place) and Wesley Hubbard in the .22 Hunt Junior class. Raley also competed in the .22 Hunt Scope Junior class and Hubbard competed in the Air Rifle Utility Junior class.

Rio Blanco County 4-H is very proud of all our competitors and congratulates them all on their achievements.

(Top) Meeker High School junior Shane Kobald took first at the 2020 State 4H Archery Tournament in the Compound Unlimited Senior Class, possibly the first Meekerite to qualify at this level. Kobald spent many years with help from his dad John Kobald and friend Jeff Mcguire from "Parts City Auto Parts—McGuire Auto Parts"

"I was able to get all the help and resources I needed to be successful," Kobald said. "I owe a lot of my skills to them. I got my first bow at the age of six at Rocky Mountain Bowstrings and had the opportunity to shoot with the legend Bill Ruckman." Kobald commented on how archery "takes a lot of patience and concentration so that you can make every shot the same and hit that X every time; I had great teachers and was able to stay motivated to just get out there and overall just have a good time."

(Bottom) 4-H State 4-H Shoot contestants. Left to right are Dawn Arnold, Shane Kobald, Brighton Bair and Azalia Bresnak.

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# White River National Forest reminds hunters to pack out trash, equipment from camps

"It may seem obvious that leaving trash and abandoning equipment leaves and unsightly and unsanitary mess for the next group who wants to use the site, yet our crews have to pick up literally hundreds of pounds of trash left by hunters each year.

~ Curtis Keetch, Blanco Ranger District

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** After weeks of removing trash and abandoned camping equipment from hunting camps, the Blanco Ranger District is reminding hunters to follow the basic camping rule of packing out what you pack in.

"We have hunter patrols in place to greet hunters and help answer questions, but they are spending much of their time over the past three weeks cleaning up trash hunters have left," said Blanco Ranger District Curtis Keetch. "We work hard to provide a good experience for hunters and other forest visitors, but we need visitors to help us out."

Keetch asks hunters and other recreationists to pack out everything they bring into the forest, including trash, carpet used for wall tent flooring, chairs and other camping equipment. If it wasn't there when you arrived, it shouldn't be there when you leave.

"It may seem obvious that leaving trash and abandoning equipment leaves an unsightly and unsanitary mess for the next group who want to use the site, yet our crews have to pick up literally hundreds of pounds of trash left by hunters each year," Keetch said. "This pulls them away from other activities they could be doing to manage the Forest and its facilities."

## Winterize your vehicle now: tips from AAA

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Winterizing your vehicle has taken on extra importance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many breakdowns and the vast majority of crashes are completely preventable, per data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). That means taking a few minutes to properly winterize your vehicle can mitigate the need for a roadside rescue, thereby protecting first responders and reducing the potential spread of COVID-19.

"There's never a good time for your car to break down," said AAA Colorado spokesman Skyler McKinley. "But, topping the list of all the bad times for your car to break down is when a winter storm is bearing down on us, the roads are jammed up, and we're facing freezing temperatures — all during a global pandemic. Luckily, a little automobile maintenance and some smart driving right now can keep you from being stranded on the side of the road later."

Here are the most common calls AAA receives from motorists related to winter weather, and steps you can take to prevent them.

**"My car wouldn't start."**

Dead batteries are the single most common seasonal call for emergency assistance to AAA Colorado. Why? Physics: As the temperature drops, so does the cranking power of your battery. At 32 degrees, your battery has 15 percent less starting power than it does at 80 degrees. At 0 degrees, it has 45 percent less power. At -20 degrees, it has less than half the cranking power — while your engine needs 3.5 times more power to start. All told, winter is very tough on your battery, especially after a long, hard summer. If your battery is more

than 3-5 years old, you should start thinking about replacing it before cold temperatures are a daily occurrence. Make sure terminals are tight and clean. If lights seem dim or vehicle starts are sluggish, have the electrical system, including battery, checked by a technician. We can help at [AAA.com/Battery](http://AAA.com/Battery).

**"My tire pressure warning light came on."**

This is many motorists' first warning sign that cold temperatures are coming. Why? As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures — typically by 1 PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The tire pressure recommended by your car's manufacturer, typically found in your owner's manual, on the door jamb, and configured within your warning light system, is for cold tires that have been sitting for a while before you fill them up. If you last filled up to that maximum when it was hot out, or after you had been driving for a while, your pressure will fall well below that level when temperatures began to cool. Fill up your tires on a cold morning, at least 3 hours after you last drove, to make sure that light won't come on — and that you have a safe amount of pressure to negotiate winter conditions.

**"I was sliding all over the place."**

It's no secret that Colorado gets heavy winters. If you drive regularly, you should absolutely consider swapping out your all-season tires with snow tires, or all-seasons with a mud and snow (M+S) designation. The proper tread can help you achieve traction, and the easiest way to have the right tread is to have the right tires for Colorado. Of course, the best tires in the world won't be much use if you've worn down all of their tread. Tires begin to lose their resistance to wet and wintry

conditions with as much as 4/32 of tread remaining. How do you know if you have enough tread? Try the quarter test. If your tires don't pass that test, it's time for new tires.

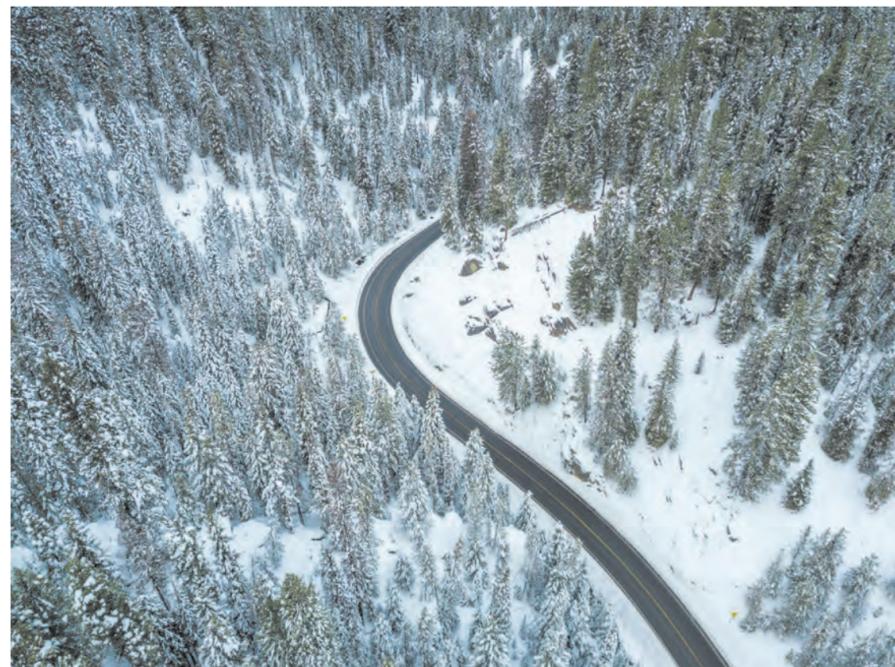
**"I couldn't see anything."**

When was the last time you replaced your wiper blades? In Colorado, you should be in the habit of replacing them every six months or so. You definitely need new blades if you notice streaking across the whole windshield, sections of streaking, wipers that skip across the glass, or wipers that are excessively squeaky. They aren't an expensive purchase and are something you can install yourself in just a few minutes. Make sure to defrost and scrape ice and snow off your windshield before using wipers, and clean any ice off your blades before you begin your drive. When you arrive at your destination, remember to pull the windshield wipers away from the windshield to prevent refreezing. Top off your wiper fluid and make sure it is rated for low temperatures, otherwise it will freeze and it won't do you much good, whatsoever. Under Colorado law, you must also completely clear snow and ice off your vehicle — including your roof — before driving.

**"My brakes made a weird noise and the pedal started vibrating against my foot."**

If your car has an anti-lock braking system, which it likely does, this means the system is working. Do not remove your foot from the brake during a skid. When you apply the brakes hard enough to make the wheels lock momentarily, you will typically feel the brake pedal vibrate and pulsate back against your foot. This is normal! Do not release pressure on the pedal or attempt to pump the brakes.

**"I lost control of my vehicle and caused a crash."**



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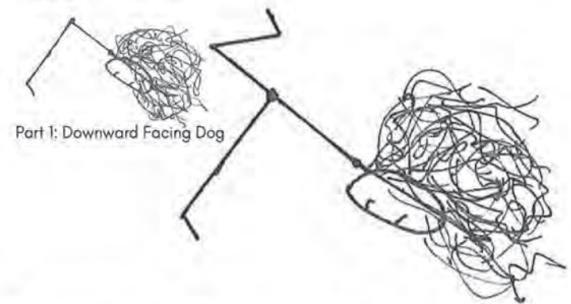
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2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhales and exhales.



Part 1: Downward Facing Dog

This pose is called Three Legged Dog, and is the second pose in a series to increase mobility and flexibility.

From Downward Facing Dog move into this position by first insuring you feel stable through your hand placement with fingers spread wide, a micro bend in your elbows, and your ears released away from your shoulders putting them about halfway down your biceps. With an inhale reach your right leg long behind you, then with an exhale start to bend that knee opening your hip towards the right side and finding a deep stretch up your hip flexor and into your abdomen.

You can hold this pose as long as is comfortable, but remember to save some upper body energy for stretching your other side, repeating these steps.

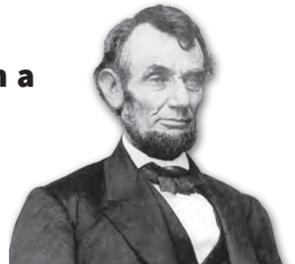
You can make this a more dynamic exercise by moving with your breath from leg to leg. Inhale leg reaches high -> exhale to bend the knee -> inhale to lengthen the leg long -> exhale to release it back to the ground -> inhale other leg reaches high -> exhale to bend the knee -> inhale to lengthen the leg long -> exhale to release it back to the ground (repeating side to side)

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■ To be in harmony with the feelings of the defeated the thermometer dropped to a point three degrees above zero last night.

■ Deputy Game Warden Clark cracked down on hunters in Piceance Creek. No arrests were made for the abundance of game laws violations. Thirty-seven carcasses were confiscated from the violators.

*The Meeker Herald*  
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■ Meeker football team wins against Craig, 7-0.

■ The Republicans have the majority of Colorado legislature, occupying both houses, after last week's election.

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■ Money was reported to be stolen after a breakin, at D'Ages Photo Shop.

■ The Meeker football team defeated Rifle, making them the Northwestern League Champions. A chance at state is next for the team.

■ The new movie "Cougar Country" will be shown at Rio theatre for one night next week.

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■ Mazzola heads up the sheriff department search and rescue operations. He said 31 hunters got lost this year,

about typical. But several of the hunters were out much longer than typical. "The hunters are getting hopelessly lost because they're relying far too much on their cellular phones..."

■ Dustin Simmons has a much clearer view of the future these days, thanks to the Meeker Lions Club. The 6-year-old boy on Sept. 2 underwent successful eye surgery to correct a genetic condition that caused his eyes to turn outward, away from each other.

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■ Rangely will be featured on Channel 8 Thursday, Nov. 19, Mayer B. F. Yaeger was notified today. The "Story of Rangely" will be told on KUTV 6 p.m.

■ Panthers runnerup in NWL after 21-8 win at Aspen

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■ Over 250 people enjoyed slices of bear, mountain lion,

rhea bird and other exotic dishes at a wild game dinner Friday Night, November 10. The dinner, held by the newly formed Rangely Kiwanis Club and CNCC's Weiss Center, offered dishes such as venison-stuffed peppers, elk chili, turkey and more.

■ The CNCC Volleyball team is happy to announce that sophomore setter, Hollie Wailes, was voted onto the All-Region Volleyball team this past weekend at Region meetings in Orem, Utah.

# LEAP helps heat Colorado homes

**PRESS RELEASE**

*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC I** With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and the surge in medical expenses continually rising, there is a greater need than ever for home heating bill payment assistance, especially as the cold season draws closer.

November marks the kick off of the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program ([www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap)). LEAP helps families, individuals and older adults pay a portion of home heating costs through a federally-funded, one-time heating assistance benefit.

"We provided more than 76,000 households with heating assistance last year," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager "By easing the strain of heating bills on households, families and individuals don't have to make a choice between buying groceries or critical medications."

Applications and assistance are available Nov. 1 through April 30 for qualifying households in all 64

Colorado counties. Individuals can apply for assistance at local county offices, online at Colorado PEAK or by calling 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435). The added options have increased access for individuals, seniors and low-income families.

To qualify, a household's monthly income must fall within 60% of the state median income level. Single resident households with a monthly income of \$2,619 or less and households of four with a monthly income of \$5,038 or less may qualify for assistance.

Applicants must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord. Payments are usually made directly to the primary heating vendor. The household must contain a resident of Colorado and at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. Other benefits can include repairs and replacement of a home's primary heating system.

For application questions, information about eligibility or the LEAP program, visit [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

## Wondering what to do while you wait? Take CSP's survey.

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**RBC I** On Oct. 27, 2020, the Colorado State Patrol opened a public opinion survey that continues to run through Nov. 24, 2020. Now that the votes have been cast for the election, we want the community to continue making their voices heard. So far, approximately 2,000 Coloradans have taken the survey, but we hope to hear from more residents across the state to ensure we have captured the diversity of perspectives in all our communities.

The mission of the Colorado State Patrol is to provide a safe and secure environment for all persons by providing

professional law enforcement services that reflect our core values of Honor, Duty, and Respect. This survey asks how our agency is performing with our mission.

"Your feedback is important to me and the future of the Colorado State Patrol," stated Chief Matthew Packard. "I would be honored if you'd take a few minutes to help us understand how we are doing and where we can improve."

This brief, 5-10 minute, survey is an excellent opportunity to give us feedback on how we can continue to serve Colorado. Visit [www.cspsurvey.com](http://www.cspsurvey.com) to take the survey in either English or Spanish. Coloradans can expect to see the results on the Colorado State Patrol website at the beginning of 2021.

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**ACROSS**

1. Glamour's partner
6. Prime time monitor, acr.
9. Prelude to a duel
13. Video killed this type of star?
14. Orinoco or Grande
15. Temple Square performers, e.g.
16. Set straight
17. \*Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday in this country
18. Filthy dough
19. \*Opposite of Thanksgiving, traditionally
21. \*The day's offering
23. Declare
24. Unacceptable in a juror
25. Fire fuel
28. The alternative
30. Jumped or leapt
35. Chipping choice
37. Plural of #25 Across
39. Coupon clipper, e.g.

40. A woodwind
41. Vernacular
43. The brightest star
44. One born to Japanese immigrants
46. a.k.a. leaf cabbage
47. Capital on the Dnieper
48. Rear of a ship, pl.
50. Boisterous play
52. Not sweet, as in wine
53. Has divine power
55. None intended, often
57. \*Macy's offering
60. \*34th Street offering
64. Relating to pond scum
65. Highest card in "War"
67. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
68. Like unbagged tea
69. Female
70. Thousands, for short
71. Microsoft browser
72. \*What we do on Thanksgiving
73. \_\_\_ welcome!

**DOWN**

1. Steffi of tennis
2. Tibetan teacher
3. Beware of these, in spring
4. Window treatments
5. Bay Area serial killer never captured
6. French Bulldog plus Pug
7. Alliance of former Soviet republics, acr.
8. Raccoon's South American cousin
9. Give the cold shoulder
10. Locket content, traditionally
11. Snob puts these on
12. Prior to
15. Necklace fasteners
20. Spiral-horned African antelope
22. \_\_\_-been
24. Mendicity
25. \*Thanksgiving Day football hosts
26. Galactic path
27. One in a gaggle
29. \*Utensil absent at Pilgrim's table
31. Colonel or captain

32. Steer clear
33. "When pigs fly!"
34. \*Condiment of the day
36. \_\_\_-do-well
38. Without help
42. Allegro and lento
45. Get some air
49. Seed alternative
51. Jonathan Franzen's 2015 novel
54. Rental agreement
56. Chip snack
57. Weary walk
58. Bug-eyed
59. Tear down
60. Track competition
61. Cabbage in France
62. Displeasure on one's face
63. Gaelic tongue
64. Draft choice
66. Repeated Cuban dance step

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**POP THAT BIAS BUBBLE**

Have a (civil) conversation with a friend you disagree with on a local political topic, preferably in person. (Try not to chicken out and hide behind a screen.)

**CHECK YOURSELF**

ANYONE with a computer and a connection can throw up misleading information on the internet in seconds these days. Avoid getting duped by checking your sources, sticking to reputable websites and outlets, and fostering a healthy skepticism.

Treat the internet like the front page of the National Enquirer - excellent at getting your attention in the grocery line, but also full of false, inflammatory and generally ridiculous information.

**OPINIONS ARE LIKE ...**

Americans love to shout about freedom (and we should!), but it goes both ways. Someone else is allowed to disagree with your strongly held beliefs. (Just make sure you can tell the difference between strongly held beliefs and basic facts and you'll be a-okay.)

**VOTE**

We don't care how (the HT does not endorse candidates.) Just fill out that little sheet of paper, turn it in and ask your family and friends to do the same.

**SHOW UP**

Attend a public meeting or two, when you can. And when you can't ...

**Read your community newspaper. #informedcitizensarethecitizens**

Maybe your family would enjoy...      ...learning about the Cherokee Nation.  Kids: color stuff in! 

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## Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)



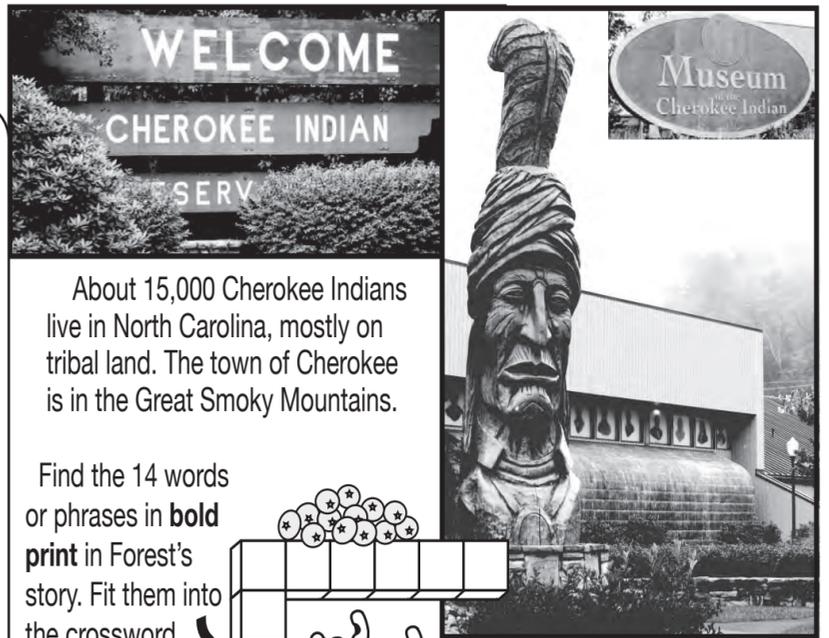
Did you know that archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians? At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt** animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, burial grounds and pottery to understand these people's ways.

In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had villages as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that people were **trading**: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of **Cherokee** to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000 people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Many of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians live in North Carolina, mostly on tribal land. The town of Cherokee is in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Find the 14 words or phrases in **bold print** in Forest's story. Fit them into the crossword.

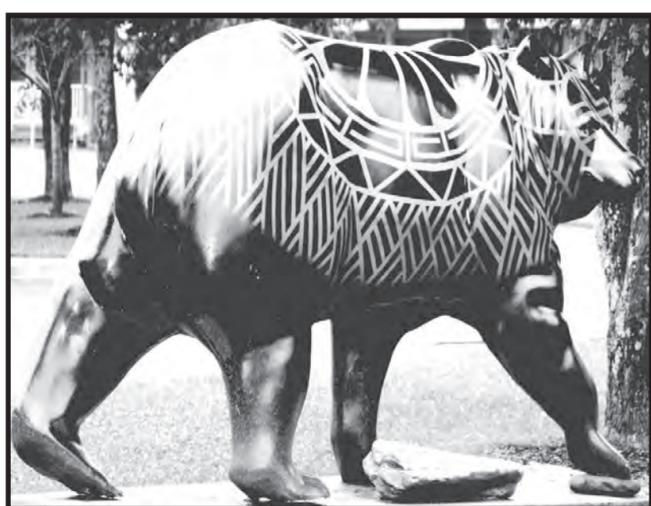
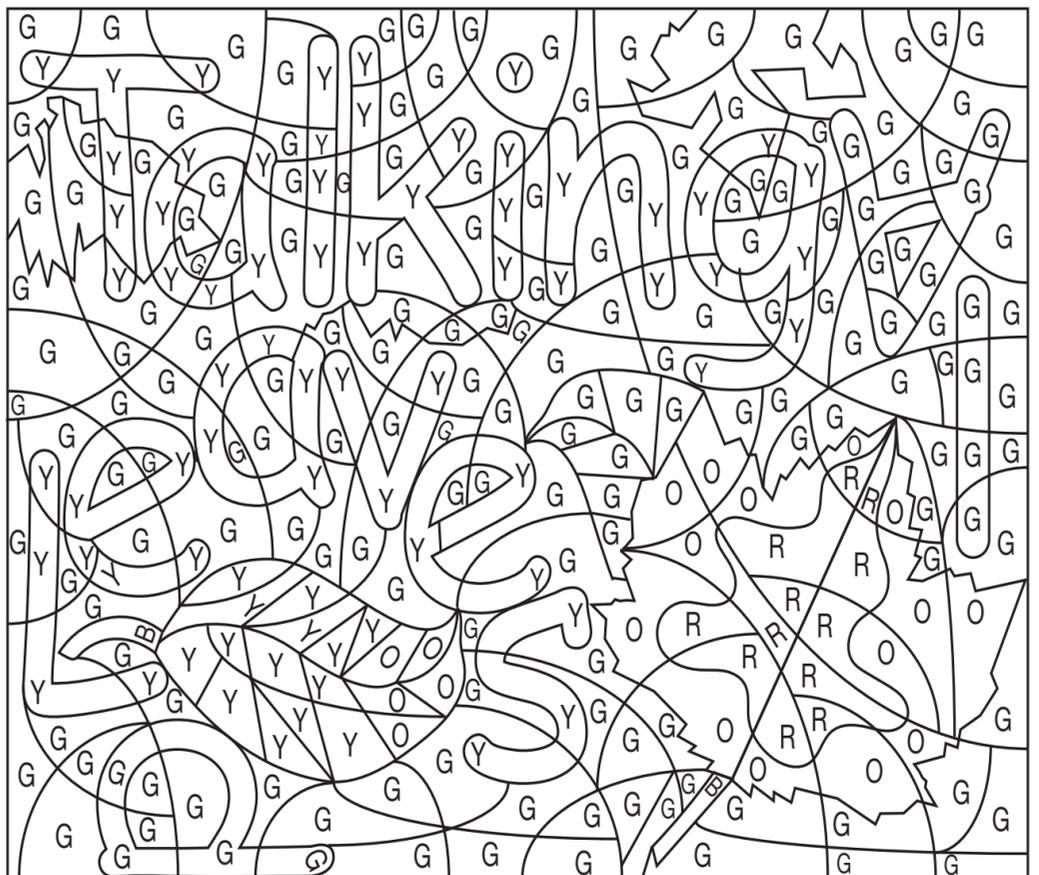
## Sequoyah Invents a Cherokee Alphabet

Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the European silversmiths did, so he visited Chief Charles Hicks, who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet, he began to think about creating a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it, they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

Sequoyah liked papers and books since they could be used to exchange ideas.

**Follow the color key to see what he called them:**

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- Y = Yellow



**Arts and Crafts** The Cherokee people create many beautiful arts and crafts that have been taught from generation to generation. **Match the art or craft to what may be used to create it:**

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. pottery                     | A. woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle                          |
| 2. beadwork                    | B. carved from maple, cherry, butternut                                     |
| 3. doll                        | C. formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires                            |
| 4. baskets                     | D. made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry                          |
| 5. wooden items                | E. traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur                   |
| 6. belt made by finger weaving | F. may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads                    |
| 7. masks                       | G. carved from soapstone, pipestone<br>(a clay stone used for making pipes) |
| 8. stone artwork               | H. may be made with stone, silver, beads                                    |
| 9. jewelry                     | I. made from cornshucks, cloth  |



# PUBLIC NOTICES

• ACCOUNTS PAYABLE •

**TOWN OF RANGELY**  
**Check Register**  
**October-20**  
**VENDOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION**  
 AFLAC, 297.15, Payroll Deduction  
 ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC, 897.67, Expenses  
 AFGA INTERNATIONAL, 345.00, Expenses  
 AFGA SIF, 921.15, Expenses  
 AQUIONICS INC, 1581.79, Expenses  
 ASHLEY VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC, 145.00, Expenses  
 BLUE MOUNTAIN INN & SUITES LLC, 58884.18, Grants  
 BNF: USBANK TRUST NA., 46478.39, Expenses  
 BOY-KO SUPPLY CO, 388.62, Expenses  
 BUCK N BULL RV PARK & CAMPGROUND, 3600.00, Grants  
 BURDICK MATERIALS, 897.50, Expenses  
 CALDWELL, JEANNIE, 88.75, Expenses  
 CARABAJAL, RALPH, 3049.00, Expenses  
 CASELLE, INC, 1418.00, Software Support  
 CEBT, 37548.12, Life Insurance  
 CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 48.13, Expenses  
 CENTURYLINK, 1798.34, Communication  
 CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 55.00, Communication  
 CIRSA, 23747.96, Property/Risk Insurance  
 COKER, MICHAEL D, 40.00, Expenses  
 COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, 299.38, Expenses  
 CONNOR, DANIEL, 40.00, Expenses  
 COX, MARYBEL, 40.00, Expenses  
 DAN WILSON ATTORNEY AT LAW, 2693.54, Services  
 DIRECTV, 462.25, WRV Expenses  
 DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 830.84, Expenses  
 ELLIS, KEELY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
 EMC PLUMBING & HEATING, 5702.16, Expenses  
 FBI-LEEDA, 695.00, Expenses  
 FIDELITY ADVISOR FUNDS, 20997.47, Payroll deduction  
 FIRST BANKCARD, 4510.94, Expenses  
 FPPA, 734.41, PD Insurance  
 FRESH EXPRESS CLEANING, 10000.00, Grants  
 GALLS LLC, 38.96, Expenses  
 GARNER, JR RICHARD E, 100.00, Council Stipend  
 GEER, LUKE D., 100.00, Council Stipend  
 GET YOUR STITCH ON, 48.00, Expenses  
 GIANT STEP PRESCHOOL, 20000.00, Grants  
 GIOVANNIS ITALIAN GRILL, 7500.00, Grants  
 GRANGER, ALISA, 100.00, Council Stipend  
 HACH, 3575.90, Expenses  
 HAMLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses  
 HIRERIGHT INC, 173.19, Expenses  
 HUGHES, JORDAN, 40.00, Expenses  
 IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC, 254.18, Expenses  
 MAIL SERVICES, 749.69, Services  
 MARTIN CONSTRUCTION CO, 52286.00, Expenses  
 McDONALD, CHERYL, 169.69, Expenses  
 MEEKER SAND & GRAVEL, 1551.69, Expenses  
 MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSN, 19183.14, Electricity  
 MOOSEHEAD LODGE, 15000.00, Grants  
 MOUNTAIN STATES PIPE & SUPPLY, 3178.34, Expenses  
 MOUNTAINLAND SUPPLY COMPANY, 215.73, Expenses  
 NETWORKS UNLIMITED INC, 32269.38, Support/ Services  
 NICHOLS STORE, 7731.70, Expenses/Grants  
 OLDCASTLE SW GROUP INC, 1464.30, Expenses  
 PIERING, LISA, 80.00, Expenses  
 PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 3872.08, Expenses  
 PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER, 105.00, Expenses  
 PIPELINE TESTING CONSORTIUM, 595.00, Services  
 PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, 485.00, Services  
 PROFESSIONAL TOUCH, 1617.19, Expenses  
 PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC, 185.00, Expenses  
 QC TESTING INC, 700.00, Expenses  
 QUILL CORPORATION, 1174.53, Expenses  
 RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 1030.54, Expenses  
 RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, 487.12, Expenses  
 RANGELY HARDWARE, 6652.41, Expenses  
 RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 14939.31, Sales Tax Funding  
 RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 815.00, Services  
 RANGELY, TOWN OF, 6132.29, Utilities  
 RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 10221.01, Expenses  
 ROBIE, TREY, 100.00, Council Stipend  
 SBT INTERNET, 45.00, Expenses  
 SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER INC, 11924.50, Expenses  
 SENERGY BUILDERS LLC, 3740.81, Expenses  
 SHAFFER, ANDREW, 150.00, Council Stipend  
 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC, 748.80, Life Insurance  
 STEWART WELDING & MACHINE INC, 79.28, Expenses  
 SUMMIT ENERGY, 10137.10, Gas Transmission/ Transport  
 TOP EAGLE CONSTRUCTION, 4450.00, Expenses  
 TRANSONION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 50.00, Services  
 TURTLE TRACKS, 1325.00, Expenses  
 UNCC, 81.95, Services

URIE ROCK COMPANY, 2427.21, Expenses  
 VERIZON WIRELESS, 727.73, Communication  
 VERNAL WINNELSON CO, 368.68, Expenses  
 WEX BANK, 4066.21, Fuel  
 WHITE RIVER MARKET, 52.88, Expenses  
 WILCZEK, KAREN, 300.00, Judge's Fee  
 WIN-911, 495.00, Expenses  
 WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 74.49, Expenses  
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**PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
**10/31/20**

**GENERAL FUND**  
 Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$47,393.73  
 CRA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$2,806.12  
 CRA, Emp. Retirement, \$6,803.76  
 CRA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$1,320.44  
 CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$20,182.51  
 Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$5,480.20  
 Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$1,926.56  
 Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,870.64  
 Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$4,918.12  
 MHRG, Emp. Donation, \$25.00  
 Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$933.98  
 Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$172.06  
 All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$348.93  
 Aliso, Coveralls, \$32.56  
 Atmos, Gas, \$334.97  
 Axon Ent., Body cams, \$11,573.83  
 Blanco Cellars, CVRF Relief Grant, \$4,897.29  
 Century Link, Phone Svc., \$503.11  
 Chippers, CVRF Relief Grant, \$9,877.29  
 CMRS - PB, Postage, \$49.50  
 CO. Law Enforcement, Trng. / Hetzel, \$750.00  
 Curtis Blue Line, Carrier Vest, Patches, \$1,014.15  
 DPC Industries, Canister Chg., \$80.00  
 Edwards, Jay Atty., Municipal Judge Svc., \$325.00  
 Erb Park & Rec, Reimb River Access Design, \$10,433.70  
 Halandras, Regas, Animal Shelter Improvements, \$29,750.00  
 Maes Enterprise, CVRF Relief Grant, \$18,000.00  
 McGuire Auto, Gloves, Switch, \$78.16  
 Meeker Drug, CVRF Relief Grant, \$60,074.92  
 Networking of the Rockies, Monthly IT Support, \$1,666.67  
 Newman Signs, Street Signs, \$93.53  
 Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Oct. Legal Fees, \$782.00  
 Overton Recycle, Trash Svc., \$72.00  
 Pioneer's Medical Center, DUI Blood Draw, \$44.00  
 Pitney Bowes Global, Meter Rental, \$125.67  
 RBC Fleet Management, Fuel, \$1,055.40  
 RBC Sales & Use Tax, Sales Tax Adj., \$11,944.13  
 RBC Sheriff's Office, 4th Qtr. Dispatch Svc., \$1,250.00  
 RMR, Claims, \$2,647.15  
 Rocky Mtn. Hair Benders, CVRF Relief Grant, \$2,316.16  
 Samuelson's, Ice Melt, Paint, \$305.11  
 SGM, Proj. Oversight Crosswalks, \$4,156.50  
 Stripe A Lot, Traffic Paint, \$3,850.00  
 TDA Construction, Snow Haul, \$960.00  
 The Fork, CVRF Relief Grant, \$11,583.61  
 Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$556.73  
 Valley Hardware, Ice Melt, Paint, \$178.44  
 Watt's, Dog Food, \$64.13  
 White River Electric, Electric, \$2,130.90  
**Total General Fund: \$297,738.66**  
**WATER FUND**  
 Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$15,201.70  
 CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,631.18  
 CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$943.17  
 CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$7,063.17  
 Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,657.50  
 Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$621.54  
 Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,155.83  
 Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$595.44  
 MHRG, Employee Donation, \$20.00  
 Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$322.75  
 Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$123.44  
 US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$201.81  
 CW Construction, Water St. Proj. Final Payment, \$106,175.28  
 All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$76.64  
 Aliso, Coveralls, \$32.57  
 Atmos, Gas, \$50.81  
 Century Link, Phone Svc., \$103.12  
 CMRS - PB, Postage, \$133.50  
 DPC Industries, Canister Chg., \$80.00  
 Jean's Printing, Envelopes, \$227.21  
 McGuire Auto, Gloves, \$9.70  
 Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$414.00  
 Pitney Bowes Global, Meter Rental, \$90.99  
 RBC Fleet, Fuel, \$249.76  
 RMR, Claims, \$790.70  
 Samuelson's, Tape, \$13.23  
 UNCC, Line Locates, \$111.75  
 Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$90.64  
 Valley Hardware, Batteries, \$67.11  
 White River Electric, Electric, \$4,463.94  
**Total Water Fund: \$144,718.48**  
**Total All Funds: \$442,457.14**  
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• BUDGET NOTICES •

**Notice of Budget**  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year 2021; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Western Rio Blanco and Metropolitan Recreation 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 14, 2020 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**  
 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Notice of Proposed Budget  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District (dba Pioneers Medical Center) Board of Directors for the budget year 2021.  
 A budget hearing for the proposed 2021 budget has been scheduled for November 24th, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Board Conference room at Pioneers Medical Center, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641 at which

time it will be considered by the Board of Directors for adoption.  
 A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, where the same is open for public inspection.  
 Any interested elector of the District may file or register any objections and/or protest to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the Board of Directors.  
 Board of Directors  
 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District  
 By Kai Turner, Secretary  
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**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 2021; 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 16, 2020 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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**Public Notice**  
 As the snow season approaches, please remove everything from the street, such as trailers parked along the curb or in cul-de-sacs, vehicles that are not used all the time and basketball hoops. We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (970)878-5344.  
 Lisa Cook, Town Administrator  
 Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent  
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE THE 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CHARGE**

Notice is hereby given that the Western Rio Blanco Emergency Telephone Service Authority has applied to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for approval to increase the current monthly 911 surcharge affecting all users of exchange telephone, wireless, wireline, and voiceoverinternetprotocol (VoIP) telephone services within Western Rio Blanco County from 1.00 to 1.80. The proposed effective date of the increase is February 1, 2021. As explained in the Application, the requested surcharge increase is proposed as necessary to fund expenses related to the provision of emergency telephone service, as allowed by Colorado law (C.R.S. 29-11-102 and 104). This Application is available for inspection in each local office of the Applicant or at the CPUC. The address of the Applicant where the Application may be viewed is 118 W Main St, Rangely, CO. The Applicant's telephone number is 970-675-2222. The Application may also be inspected at the offices of the CPUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver,

CO 80202, and electronically at [https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI\\_Search\\_UI\\_search](https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI_Search_UI_search), Proceeding No. 20A-0441T.  
 Objections or comments may be filed through mail to the offices of the CPUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202, or online using the Commission's electronic filing system at [https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/CCTS\\_oWEB](https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/CCTS_oWEB). comment\_form. All interventions must be filed in accordance with Rule 1401 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 4 Code of Colorado Regulations, 723-1. If the application is uncontested or unopposed, as evidenced through the absence of written intervention or objection filings by the deadline, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice. The deadline for filing an intervention or objection is 11/30/2020.  
 If a hearing is held, members of the public may attend and make statements under oath even if they do not file written objections or a request for intervention.  
 Any person desiring information regarding when hearings, if any, may be held may submit a written request to the CPUC or contact the External Affairs section of the Commission at (303) 894-2070 or (800) 456-0858.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given of the filing of a Technical Revision 143 (TR-143) to the Colowyo Coal Mine, Mining Permit No. C-1981-019, by the Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, CO, 81641, with the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. TR-

143 proposes tall shrub trials in the West and East Pit reclamation areas, a rewrite of the reclamation plan, and includes a proposed revision to the woody plant density criteria for revegetation success demonstrations.  
 All of the areas to be affected by this Technical Revision are owned by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., Axial Basin Coal Company, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado State Land Board, and are located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado, west of Colorado State Highway 13.  
 The affected area can be located on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Nos. N4015-W11245/7.5 (Axial, Colorado) and N4007.5-W11245/7.5 (Ninemile Gap, Colorado) and is more particularly described as follows:  
 All or portions of Sections 2-6, 7-11, 14-22, and 28-30 of Township 3 North, Range 93 West, all or portions of Sections 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, and 31-34 of Township 4 North, Range 93, all or portions of Sections 1-3, 10-12, and 14-15 of Township 3 North, Range 94 West, and all or portions of Sections 12, 13, 18, 23-27, and 34-36 of Township 4 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., Moffat County and Rio Blanco County, Colorado. A precise description of the Permit Boundary can be found in Volume 16, Exhibit 1, Item 13 of the permit document and is included herein by reference. A copy of the application for the Technical Revision is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Moffat County Courthouse located at 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado, 81625. Questions concerning this Technical Revision should be directed to Tony Tennyson, Senior Environmental Engineer at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., at (970) 824-1232. Any person having an interest concerning this Technical Revision has the right to provide written comments or objections concerning this Technical Revision to the Colorado Division Reclamation Mining and Safety at the address noted above. Comments to the Division must be made within 10 days after the publication of this notice.  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
 Rio Blanco County 2020 Annual Audit  
 Rio Blanco County is soliciting RFPs for Independent Professional Auditing Services for the County's year ending December 31, 2020. Future years may be negotiated at a later date. Bid packets are available at the County Administration Building, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO or by downloading the RFP from <https://rbc.us/bids.aspx?bidID=93>. If mailed, the RFPs are due to the Board of County Commissioners, PO Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641 no later than Monday, November 16, 2020 at 10:00 am. All hand delivered bids are also due by 10:00 am on Monday, November 16, 2020, to County Administration Building, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Commissioners Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Bids are scheduled to be opened on November 16, 2020 at 10:15 am, County Administration Building, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Commissioners Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. E-mailed or faxed bids will not be accepted. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Proposal for 2020 Audit Services".  
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT 2020 RIO BLANCO COUNTY ROAD 7 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 2020 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Western Gravel Constructors, LLC of 3001 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as 2020 Rio Blanco County Road 7 Bridge Replacement Project.  
 1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.  
 2) All such claims shall be filed with Van Plaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before December 2, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.  
 3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.  
 Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 12th day of November, 2020.  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY**  
 BY JEFF RECTOR, CHAIRMAN  
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• MEETING AGENDAS •

**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M. Board Meeting**  
**Town Hall**  
**345 Market Street, Meeker, CO**  
**Due to COVID-19 precautions, the public is invited to attend by calling 970-878-8091.**  
 1. Call to Order  
 2. Pledge of Allegiance  
 3. Roll Call  
 4. Approval of the Agenda  
 5. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
 6. Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
 7. Public Participation *This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.*  
 8. Staff Updates  
 9. Public Hearings:  
     a. 2021 Town of Meeker Final Budget Hearing  
 10. New Business:  
     a. Approval of the 2021 Holiday Schedule  
**WATER FUND**  
 Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$15,201.70  
 CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,631.18  
 CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$943.17  
 CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$7,063.17  
 Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,657.50  
 Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$621.54  
 Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,155.83  
 Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$595.44  
 MHRG, Employee Donation, \$20.00  
 Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$322.75  
 Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$123.44  
 US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$201.81  
 CW Construction, Water St. Proj. Final Payment, \$106,175.28  
 All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$76.64  
 Aliso, Coveralls, \$32.57  
 Atmos, Gas, \$50.81  
 Century Link, Phone Svc., \$103.12  
 CMRS - PB, Postage, \$133.50  
 DPC Industries, Canister Chg., \$80.00  
 Jean's Printing, Envelopes, \$227.21  
 McGuire Auto, Gloves, \$9.70  
 Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, Legal Fees, \$414.00  
 Pitney Bowes Global, Meter Rental, \$90.99  
 RBC Fleet, Fuel, \$249.76  
 RMR, Claims, \$790.70  
 Samuelson's, Tape, \$13.23  
 UNCC, Line Locates, \$111.75  
 Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$90.64  
 Valley Hardware, Batteries, \$67.11  
 White River Electric, Electric, \$4,463.94  
**Total Water Fund: \$144,718.48**  
**Total All Funds: \$442,457.14**  
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**Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado**  
**17497 Hwy 64**  
**Rangely, CO 81648**  
**To attend by phone, please call 970-878-9432**  
**November 17, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. Call to order:**  
 A. Pledge of Allegiance  
 B. Changes to November 17, 2020 Agenda  
**C. Move to approve the November 17, 2020 Agenda including any changes.**  
**2. CONSENT AGENDA November 17, 2020**  
**A. Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.**  
 B. Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.  
**3. BUSINESS**  
 A. Letter to Bill deVergie, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, in support of a conservation and access easement on land owned by Mike and Tena Theos, Coal Creek Ranch.  
 B. Appoint Meghan Davis to the Columbine Park Board.  
 C. Appoint Candra Robie to the Columbine Park Board.  
**4. BID AWARDS**  
**5. MOU'S, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**  
 A. A Memorandum of Understanding with White River Conservation District for the use of one County ESRI ArcMap license.  
 B. An Amended Agreement for Services with Jennifer Harris for Sexual Abuse/Offender Treatment Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.  
 C. An Agreement for Services with Hilltop Community Resources for Structured Parenting Time in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.  
**6. RESOLUTIONS**  
**7. OTHER BUSINESS**  
 A. Public Comment  
 B. County Commissioner Updates  
**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**Adjourn**  
*The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 24, 2020 in the Rio Blanco Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.*  
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**Eastern Rio Blanco county 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board**  
**Rio Blanco county Sheriff's Office Training Room**  
**355 4th Street**  
**Meeker, CO 81641**  
**To attend by phone, please call (970)878-9402**  
**Proposed Meeting Agenda**  
**November 16, 2020 - 12pm**  
 1. Call to Order  
 2. Approval of Agenda  
 3. Approval of Previous Minutes  
**Reports**  
 1. Financial Reports  
 2. Dispatch Reports  
**Old Business**  
 1. Checking Account  
**New Business**  
 1. 911eye Purchase  
 2. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget  
     a. Schedule Budget Approval Meeting  
**Other Board Business**  
**Adjournment**  
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**NOTICE OF BUDGET**  
**RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2021 a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District located at 2252 East Main, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at a scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the District's office, 2252 East Main on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.  
 Any interested elector of such Rio Blanco Water Conservancy 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 Shirley F. Cox, aka Shirley Faye Cox, Deceased, Rio Blanco County District Court Case Number 2020PR30014.  
 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 13, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.  
 Wade Ray Cox, Personal Representative  
 c/o Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.  
 P.O. Box 916  
 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970)878-5117  
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

**AUCTIONS**

Meeker Cemetery District. Surplus Auction. November 10-20th. 8-4pm. On-site. 265 County Road 4, Meeker, CO. Bid Forms available in main shop. Sealed Bids due by 8:20am November 23rd.



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House for rent 2 bedroom 2 bath. About 10 miles from town. Available November 15th. 970-878-4320.

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

AVAILABLE NOW: Beautiful retail space downtown at 6th and Main in the historic Hugus Building. Call 970-878-4138 for details.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

House for rent, fourth season, 5 nights, 3 BDR, 2 3/4 BAs. Centrally located, close to restaurants, kitchen, shop, fenced yard, parking. Call for details. 970-274-0349.

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1251 Market St.  
10x10 \$50 per mo  
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SILVER SAGE RV PARK RV  
314 E. Main Street.  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Managers: Dan & Debbie Shadlow  
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**REAL ESTATE CORNER**

**1150 Bissell Circle**  
Peace of mind living awaits  
in this 3BR, 2BA newly  
constructed home with an outstanding  
view of the scenic White River Valley.  
Reduced to \$345,000.

**SALE PENDING!**

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Italian Restaurant**  
410 Market St. Business & Real Estate.  
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**RESIDENTIAL**  
NEW HOME! 1150 Bissell Circle-3BD/2BA,  
1898 sq. ft. home with 2 bedrooms on a  
corner lot with view of the White River  
Valley! Reduced to \$345,000.

**VACANT LAND**  
Vacant lot - 1176 Main St. Reduced to  
\$19,500 PENDING  
NEW Lot 8 - 1176 Main St. \$27,500 PENDING  
5 acres vacant land in Cross L Estates -  
Realtor Owned, Owner Financing. \$56,000.  
Sanderson Hills Lots - Great building  
sites! REDUCED! \$28,000/ea.

**RANCHES**  
NEW! Ranch with lots of irrigation water,  
meadows, gravel, pond and White River  
frontage west of Meeker. \$900,000. Call  
for details!  
NEW! 10,225 steel shop building with 14'  
OH Doors on 25.185 acres west of Meeker.  
Could be a part of great shop house. Has well  
water. \$600,000. Call for details!  
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek -  
Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oat fields,  
home workshop, new large metal building,  
barn and arena. Great location and outstand-  
ing views! Realtor owned. Call for details!  
1001 County Rd. 36, Meeker - 145±  
acre ranch with 4 BD/3BA home, metal

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

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- \*NEW! 6500 CR 7- 4 BR, 2 BA home on 2 Acres, 8 miles NW. \$299,000. Price Reduced!
- \*NEW! Lots in Rangely- Several 6 & 8 acre lots, one 43 acre lot, on Hwy 64 in east Rangely. Residential, Ag., or Comm/Ind. Call for maps. Priced from \$51,700.
- \*2101 Meath Dr.- 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- \*TBD CR 44- 15 Acres with river, hay meadow, irrigation, 2 miles west of town. \$225,000. SOLD!
- \*1751 Bright Water Lane- 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west off of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000. SOLD!
- \*5807 CR 7- Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. \$75,000. SOLD!
- \*395 6th St.- Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. \$225,000 SOLD!

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1298 Cleveland St. REDUCED TO \$317,500

- ◆ 485 First St. — GREAT location! 3 BDR, 1 1/2 BA, open kitchen, garage, fenced yard. SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 225 Garfield St. — Sparkling 3 BD, 2 full bath home, LOTS of upgrades. \$183,000. SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 936 9th St. — 4BD, 2.7 BA. Lots of storage & plenty of parking. \$328,000 SOLD!
- ◆ 550 County Rd. 60 — Sportsmans Delight! 103 acres, 4 BD, 2.5 BA, \$595,000 SOLD!

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**PRICE REDUCTION** 73209 Hwy 64  
**PRICE REDUCTION** Bear Mountain Inn  
**PRICE REDUCTION** 763 12th St.

**PRICE REDUCTION** 10 E. Market  
**MOTIVATED SELLERS** 410 Cleveland St.  
**CABIN #2 AND #3** 1947 & 1959 CR 12

**FOR SALE IN MEEKER**

- Bear Mountain Inn - Income producing Bed&Breakfast w/Apartment Unit+Beautiful Yard...\$595,000
- 73209 Hwy 64 - 11.02 ac w/updated 5BD/2BA/2,032 SF home, good well, heated shop-views \$404,999
- 410 Cleveland St - 2BD/1.75BATH/732 SF home with nice views, privacy, storage+Lg. garden...\$270,000
- 763 12th St - Newly updated 5BD/1.976SF home w/fresh paint, kitchen cabinets+flooring \$250,000
- 10 E Market St - Residential/Hwy. Commercial property with Water/Ice vending machine. \$250,000
- 1947 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin with vaulted ceiling and fishing access on the White River...\$250,000
- 1959 CR 12 - 3BD/1BA Log cabin offering a rustic charm, fishing, BLM-Forest access nearby...\$250,000
- 1042 Park Ave - Classic 2 story 3BD/1BA/2,340 SF home w/ rustic barn, 3 Lg. lots+fruit trees...\$195,000
- 1021 Main St. SALE PENDING
- 1346 Sage Ridge Rd. SALE PENDING
- 660 3rd St. SOLD
- 1085 Pinyon St. SOLD
- 1085 Main St. SOLD
- 112 Main St. SOLD
- 738 5th St. SOLD
- 880 Cleveland St. SOLD

**FOR SALE IN RANGELY**

- 1511 La Mesa Cir - This charming 1,628± sq.ft. Home includes 3BD/2BA, has both living room and family room, beautiful finishes throughout, large fenced-in back yard with mature trees, plus an oversized two-car garage with built-in shelving...\$230,000
- 2534 E. Main St. SOLD
- 1511 La Mesa Cir. PRICE REDUCED

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Steamboat	Sleepy Cat Ranch - 40± Acres, Lodge & Riverfront	\$7,900,000	431 E. Market St. - 22± Acres, Shop, Office, Living Quarters	\$549,000	7.46 Acres, E. Market St. - Highway Frontage, Great Traffic	\$249,000
Sotheby's INTERNATIONAL REALTY	1157 Rd. 57 - Riverfront, Meadows and Home	\$2,290,000	1036 Lance Cir.	SOLD	815 Sulphur Cr.	SOLD
	2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,660,000	45304 Hwy. 13	PENDING	870 4th St.	PENDING
Suzan Pelloni YourMeekerExpert@gmail.com	40± Unencumbered Acres - 1,449' Riverfront	\$1,650,000	1159 Mimi Cir.	PENDING	767 Main St.	PENDING
	Elk Creek Ranch Lot - Exclusive Fishing & Amenities	\$1,600,000	29± Acres Up Rd. 8 - Valley Views, Building Area, Fishing	\$299,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Lot, Highly Visible	\$175,000
7970.623.2900	Elk Mountain Inn - 21 rooms, Bar, Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	Top of 6th St. - 8.5± Acres, Room to Build Your Dream Home	\$299,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$129,000
	1986 Rd. 41 - 640 Acres, Hunting & Grazing	\$879,000	55 E. Garfield St. - Immaculate 3+BD/2BA, 2 Car Garage, Large Lot	\$291,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramas, Build Your Dream Home	\$59,000
View listings online: SuzanPelloni_Realtor	223 8th St. - Wyatt's Sports Center and Attached Residence	\$775,000	760 3rd St.	PENDING	Ridge Estates Subdivision - 20 Rural Residential Lots	Starting at \$45,000
	658± Acres, Rd. 143 - North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	950 Cleveland St.	SOLD	2 Vacant Lots, Andrea Cir. - Great Views	\$29,000 each
	319± Acres, Rd. 77 - Colorow Cabin, Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	15± Acres - HWY 13 & Rd. 33-Barn, Power, Water Rights, Alfalfa, Room to Build	\$249,000		

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