

# Herald Times



## Holidays are here ...

Be sure to check out all the events in our News Briefs section on Page 3. The courthouse square was busy as of press time with folks setting up for Wednesday's tree lighting and Parade of Lights in Meeker.



## Senator Cory Gardner discusses economic development issues, expectations for new presidential administration at Rangely forum



**Representatives from the county, the Town of Rangely, Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, Rangely District Hospital, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District and others joined U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-Colo) for an economic development forum held at Rangely District Hospital last week to talk about the issues faced in the north-west corner of Colorado surrounding the economy and concerns about the future.**

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RANGELY I** According to Rangely Town Manager Peter Brixius, "it's been a long time since a U.S. Senator came to Rangely." U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-Colo), changed that last Tuesday with a visit to the proposed Wolf Creek Reservoir site between Meeker and Rangely and an economic development forum held at Rangely District Hospital.

Gardner is a fifth-generation Coloradan who was born and raised in Yuma, a small town on the Eastern Plains of Colorado where his family has owned a farm implement dealership for more than a century.

"I'm very glad to be in Rangely," Gardner said, comparing Rangely to his hometown of Yuma, "...but with more scenery."

The senator said that for the last two years his office has been visiting all four corners of Colorado and talking about "things we can do to help promote economic development in rural areas."

"I do a construction crane count every time I go to (Denver)," he

said. "They're doing great. That I-25 corridor is booming, and I'm glad for it, and we should all be glad for it. But the challenge is there are more parts of Colorado than just I-25 and what are we going to do to make sure all four corners of Colorado are succeeding?"

Gardner opened up the forum to those attending, including representatives from the town, the county, Rangely District Hospital, Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Gardner said he expects to see dramatic changes in energy policies with the new presidential administration, which is good news for Rangely and Rio Blanco County. "I see fairly soon within the administration an overturn of various regulations that were passed in the last eight years," Gardner said. "Right off the bat Congress will have the opportunity to address between 40 and 60 major regulations that have affected our economy that are subject to the Congressional Review Act."

The Congressional Review Act allows Congress vote to disapprove a regulation within 60 days of that

ruling becoming final.

Gardner said some of those regulations may include aspects of the Clean Power Plan, the Clean Water Rule, regulations on mercury emissions that have impacted the coal mining industry and more.

Gardner said regulations that were intended to reduce air pollution ignored Colorado's clean air act, which was already in place.

"Colorado set its own plan and was meeting those standards," Gardner said.

Asked about the Endangered Species Act, which has been a source of contention for ranchers and for the energy industry, Gardner said, "The Endangered Species Act was created with noble intent. But it has been abused and used to lock up large areas of land to use. The idea was to recover the species, not just lock up the land."

Gardner also commented on the Equal Access to Justice Act, established in the 1980s with the intent to "help small businesses or veterans who couldn't afford to pursue an action against the federal government."

Groups like WildEarth Guardians have "abused" the act to

bring lawsuits against mining operations without having to pay full legal costs.

"At a minimum they should be forced to do an economic impact study before they can sue or try to shut down a power plant," Gardner said. "We should have opportunities to grow our energy industry."

Gardner also responded to questions about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and what he expects to see change under the Trump administration. The ACA has created challenges for small rural hospitals like Rangely District Hospital, where community members can't afford ever-increasing insurance premiums and deductibles, and so delay care, which eventually raises costs.

"The vast majority of people who are now 'covered' came in under Medicare. No one has made a sustainable path to fund those social safety programs," Gardner said, adding that areas like the Western Slope have seen not just a 20 or 25 percent increase in insurance premiums, but 100 percent increases. "It's unsustainable. You can only fix the engine and overhaul the engine so

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## Holiday musical performances scheduled in Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Barone Middle School bands and the Meeker High School band and choir will join to present the annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium.

Music director and conductor Jeff Hemmingson stated that the Barone Middle School sixth grade band will feature their traditional "Jingle Bells"

piece. The seventh grade band will feature a "very catchy" syncopated number sure to delight audience members. The eighth grade band will feature the classic musical theme from "The Magnificent Seven" 1960s western movie as well as variations from the "Poor Wayfaring Stranger."

The Meeker High School band's premier piece will feature selections from "The Nightmare before Christmas."

The award-winning Meeker High School choir will present "Ubi Caritas," a classic Gregorian Chant (Latin translation: "where charity and love are, God is there"). The text of the lyrics was inscribed on the walls of historic middle ages cellars in Cologne, Germany, where Jewish people were hidden from the Nazi persecutions of World War II. The classic "Carol of the Bells" will be sung in four-part harmony.

The MHS choir has been selected to participate in a Carnegie Hall massed choir concert in New York City during the summer of 2017 with distinguished high school choirs from throughout the nation and is engaged in fundraising for this extraordinary experience.

All are welcome and encouraged to enjoy the extraordinary talents of these gifted musicians.

Briana Williams, music director

for the annual Meeker Community Choir Christmas Cantata announced that the Community Choir will present their annual holiday classic choral concert on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium. All are encouraged to attend this delightful presentation by Meeker community members including respected senior members of our community on down to high school students.

The Community Choir was founded more than 30 years ago and has delighted audience members with their traditional and inspirational holiday music productions.

The Meeker Elementary School holiday musical production will be held on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium. First and fourth grade classes will be performing under the direction of music teacher Shana Holliday.

## When emergencies arise, advance planning is essential for success

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC I** "In the event of an emergency..." We've all heard those words, but who comes up with the plan and procedure that follows? Who determines the best way to respond to trouble? That's the task of Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager Ty Gates: planning ahead so the county is prepared when trouble comes along.

"I have always been interested in helping people and love having this role in my hometown community. I like coordinating and helping all the agencies come together and work together toward one common goal," Gates said via email.

Gates, a Meeker High School alumnus and graduate of John Brown University in Arkansas, is coming up on his second anniversary as the county's emergency manager in January. Before taking on this role, he worked for the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office.

"As the county emergency manager, I am responsible for writing emergency plans, coordinating agencies in an emergency, planning and putting on various exercises for the first responders and for private industry," Gates said via email.



**Ty Gates**

here to support them, as well as including any special needs training or training in general for the public," Gates said.

To prepare for his position, Gates attended the Homeland Security Office of Emergency Management (Colorado) EM Academy after completing the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy. He is currently training as a Type 3 Planning Section Chief for Incident Command, and has taken more than 20 Incident Command System classes, along with other training. In addition, Gates volunteers with Meeker Fire and Rescue, is a member of the search and

rescue team, a reserve deputy with the sheriff's office and is qualified to fight wildland fires on federal lands.

In the last two years he has been involved in a number of wildland firefighting missions, search and rescue operations, and the Strawberry Creek fire that threatened two houses and destroyed some outbuildings and vehicles.

He's currently planning a "full-scale" exercise to be held in May that will involve the Sheriff's Office, Meeker Fire and Rescue, BLM Fire and Law Enforcement, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado River Fire and Rescue out of Rifle, Classic Air Medical, CareFLIGHT, Enterprise Products, Meeker Gas Plant, Williams Willow Creek Plant and the Kinder Morgan Compressor station, as well as many others. There will be a functional exercise (like a practice run) to prepare for the full-scale exercise held at the Fairfield Center in Meeker on Dec. 6.

Gates, who is a sixth generation rancher, and his wife Rachel own and operate 5280 Meat and are the parents of two boys, ages 6 and 10.

"I enjoy my job and thank God every day I get to do what I do for my town and community," Gates said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Being on the fire line is one of the things Ty Gates enjoys most about his job as emergency manager for Rio Blanco County.

**WEATHER**



**Saturday: 29/13** Mostly sunny



**Sunday: 35/19** Mostly sunny



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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

■ **Meeker Arts and Cultural Council** meets on Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Culture Center at 517 Park Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Your help is needed. MACC is providing high quality performing arts entertainment for the Meeker Community but needs help and participation by community volunteers in order to enjoy these great opportunities in your home town. Youth, adults and seniors are invited to help plan exciting performing and fine arts activities such as dinner theatres, performing arts outreach seminars, support of school and ERBM Recreation and Parks District drama programs, community events and much more. For more information email [gary@meekerartsandculture.org](mailto:gary@meekerartsandculture.org) or visit the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council Facebook page.

■ **A free legal clinic** for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 2-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Meeker Public Library at 490 Main St. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

■ **Wagon Wheel OHV Club** monthly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Kilowatt Korner (233 Sixth St.) at 7 p.m.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second

Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Dec. 12. We will be discussing "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at Kilowatt Korner. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES Gym. Adults 18+ invited to volleyball open gym. Call 878-3403 or visit [meekerrecdistrict.com](http://meekerrecdistrict.com).

■ **Game Day** for adults 50+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshments. Call 878-3403 or visit [meekerrecdistrict.com](http://meekerrecdistrict.com).

■ **Pickleball Open Gym** from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the admin gym for adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit [meekerrecdistrict.com](http://meekerrecdistrict.com).

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball.** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit [meekerrecdistrict.com](http://meekerrecdistrict.com).

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

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

**RANGELY FIRE BENEFITS FROM CHEVRON DONATION ...**



Chevron donated \$4,000 to the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District to help increase their capacity to build a rural fire fighting unit. From left to right, Tristan Moore, Daiman Getler, Scott Ellis, Joey Medina, Carlton Quinnie, Kyle Hixson, Bo Lucas, Darrel Clymer, Kindal Cushman, Troy Waldner, Cody Kinney, Andy Shaffer, Brent Bland, Clint Hunter, Jasper Whiston and Gary Denny.

BOBBY GUTIERREZ

**Missing Meeker man found deceased on L07**

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | On Nov. 26, 2016, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Rio Blanco County Communications received a report of a missing 22-year-old man. Meeker Police Department spoke with the man's mother, who stated he had left her residence upset on Friday, Nov. 25 and gave details regarding the vehicle he had been driving.

At approximately 6:45 p.m., a

Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Deputy was patrolling in the area of L07 hill approximately 4 miles south of Meeker. The deputy found the man's vehicle as well as a set of footprints and then located a male party with a single gunshot wound to the head.

The Rio Blanco County Coroner was notified and the deceased was transferred to Pioneers Medical Center, where friends of the family identified the

deceased as Salvador Montoya-Villalpando, 22.

An autopsy will be conducted in Grand Junction, but the Rio Blanco Coroner's investigation confirms no foul play is suspected.

A fundraising page has been created to help the family with funeral costs at [gofundme.com/salvadorfuneral](http://gofundme.com/salvadorfuneral).

According to a recent report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's

Office of Suicide Prevention, suicide is the seventh leading cause of death in Colorado and has continued to trend upward since 2009. Among youth and young adults ages 10 through 34, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

If you or a loved one are struggling, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), a free and confidential service to support people in crisis or those around them.

**Suicide Warning Signs**

- Talking about wanting to die
  - Looking for a way to kill oneself
  - Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
  - Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
  - Talking about being a burden to others
  - Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
  - Acting anxious, agitated or reckless
  - Sleeping too little or too much
  - Withdrawing or feeling isolated
  - Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
  - Displaying extreme mood swings
- The more of these signs a person shows, the greater the risk.

Warning signs are associated with suicide but may not be what causes a suicide.

**What To Do**

- If someone you know exhibits warning signs of suicide:
- Do not leave the person alone
  - Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt
  - Call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255)
  - Take the person to an emergency room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional
- From the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention. Find more information at [www.afsp.com](http://www.afsp.com).

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Tickets - \$15/each or \$25/two, available at Wendll's, Country Raised or the Horizons office at 685 Main Street.

All proceeds benefit children and families in Horizons' Rio Blanco County Early Intervention and Family Support programs.



For more info call Sarah at 878-3196 or visit [www.horizonsnwc.org](http://www.horizonsnwc.org) • [f/Friends of Horizons](https://www.facebook.com/friends.of.horizons)

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CNCC computer classes available

**MEEKER** | Want to learn Powerpoint? CNCC is offering a class in December. For further information call 878-5227 or stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. next to the post office.

### 'Shrek' musical opens tonight

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council Center State Youth Theatrical Group will present the musical "Shrek" at the Meeker High School auditorium Dec. 1, 2 and 3. The actors in the production are third through ninth graders. Admission is \$7, kids in kindergarten through eighth grade are free when accompanied by a paying ninth grade and up attendee. Performances on Dec. 1 and 2 are at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 is at 2 p.m.

### Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt

**RANGELY** | The elf will be located throughout the town at different businesses every day through Dec. 10. Once you find the elf, you must take a selfie with him and post it on the Rangely's Elf on the Shelf Facebook group page. Once you do this, you will be entered to win Chamber Bucks after the event is over. If you purchase something at the location of the elf that day and post that receipt on the Rangely's Elf on the Shelf Facebook group page you will be entered for a second chance to win Chamber Bucks. Contact Konnie at the Rangely Chamber with any questions 675-5290.

### Meeker's Holiday Business Expo

**MEEKER** | Visit the holiday business expo for your one-stop holiday shopping. Many of our local businesses are located out-of-town, out-of-homes or online. The Expo will make it convenient to visit these businesses in one location. There will be many fun-filled activities downtown during the weekend so bring your family and friends. Friday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hugus Building, Sixth and Main streets.

### Tourism workshop planned for Dec. 7-8

**RBC** | Join Rio Blanco County, the towns of Meeker and Rangely, and the Meeker and Rangely chambers in developing specific goals to enhance tourism. This two-day tourism workshop will be held Dec. 7 in Meeker from 8:30-noon at Mountain Valley Bank, and in Rangely from 1:30-5 p.m. at Rangely Hospital. Day two of the workshop will be held in Rangely from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rangely Hospital. RSVP by Dec. 2 to Keely Winger at 970-878-9582 or keely.winger@rbc.us

### BMS and MHS host Winter Concert Dec. 7

**MEEKER** | Meeker school bands from Barone Middle School and Meeker High School and the award-winning Meeker High School choir will host their annual Winter Concert Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeker High School auditorium.

### Christmasfest Dec. 8-10

**RANGELY** | Judging for the Light Up Rangely contest will be Dec. 8. Enter at the WRBM Rec Center and leave your lights on! Free sleigh rides downtown starting at Town Hall from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 9 (don't forget to tip Absolute Prestige). Saturday, Dec. 10 enjoy Breakfast with Santa from 8-10 a.m. at the Rec Center. The Elf Land Carnival will be at the Rangely High School commons from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with gingerbread decorating and contest, ornament decorating, a cake walk and other games. The Snowflake Baby Contest is at 2 p.m. at the RHS auditorium. The Parade of Lights starts at Stanolind Ave. and ends at the Fire Hall beginning at 6 p.m. and the A Capella group will sing at 7 p.m. at the RHS auditorium.

### Meeker Community Choir set for Dec. 11

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Community Choir will present this year's Christmas concert, "Let There Be Christmas," a cantata by Joseph M. Martin, Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. in the Meeker High School auditorium. Free of charge.

### Meet CNCC's new president in Meeker

**MEEKER** | Save the date for an open house on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 3-5 p.m. at the Meeker VFW building (290 4th St.) to welcome new CNCC President Ronald Granger to Meeker and Eastern Rio Blanco County. Anyone arriving early for the open house can meet up with Ron and his wife Alisa at the Mexican House (624 Market St.) for a Dutch lunch at noon. RSVP for lunch to Iris Franklin, 878-5227 or email iris.franklin@cncc.edu.

### Community Networking Meeting Dec. 20

**RANGELY** | CNCC President Ron Granger has agreed to be the speaker for the next Community Networking Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in the Weiss Conference Room from noon-1:30 p.m. Granger will give insight on the college and the past few months since he began his tenure as CNCC president. Lunch will be served.

**MACC** Meeker Arts & Cultural Council  
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- 16 oz. Bar-S JUMBO FRANKS **99¢**
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# FROM MY WINDOW...

## Step away from the fake news

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There's a kerfuffle afoot about the prevalence of "fake news," particularly in social media (which is where 62 percent of U.S. adults get their news nowadays). Unfortunately, as we've all been told all our lives, you can't believe everything you read. You can't even believe everything you see anymore, what with video and photo editing and computer-generated imagery.

But we shouldn't pretend this is new. We just used to call it by a different name: propaganda.

Propaganda is defined as "information that is not impartial and used primarily to influence an audience and further an agenda." This is accomplished by selectively presenting (or omitting) facts in a way that is designed to produce an emotional reaction. Sound familiar?

One of the earliest instances of propaganda is generally considered to be the Behistun Inscription (c. 515 BC), which detailed the rise of Darius I to power in Persia. In a nutshell, Darius himself is the author of the inscription, written in multiple languages on a limestone cliff along a road connecting two Persian capitals, and recounting how wonderful Darius the Great was, and how all the rebellions he had put down were the work of imposters to the throne. Gee whiz. There really isn't anything new under the sun.

Interestingly, the development of the printing press was the birth of a whole new era of propaganda,

which influenced the Reformation, the American Revolution, and the abolitionist movement during the Civil War. Basically, every war ever

fought has been accompanied by an onslaught of propaganda, whether engraved into the side of a cliff, dropped as leaflets from airplanes, or spread virally via scam news websites. What's its purpose? To control the "collective mind" of a group of people. It's insidious, sneaky and generally underhanded. It's the stuff of Orwellian dystopian fiction.

And we're being bombarded by it today, maybe more than ever. We're all going to have to become a lot more skeptical and a lot more media savvy, not just when it comes to social media. A lot of what floats around on the internet finds its way to mainstream media without benefit of fact-checking.

Speaking of fact-checking, did you know there is an International Fact-Checking Network, and its members all agree to abide by a code of principles? You can check out the list, and the code, here: [www.poynter.org/fact-checkers-code-of-principles/](http://www.poynter.org/fact-checkers-code-of-principles/)

Some of this fake news (propaganda) nonsense is politically inspired, as always. But a lot of it is just plain, old greed. Some of these fake-news proprietors are making between \$10,000 and \$30,000 a month selling ads on their sites.

Sometimes it makes me wonder if I'm on the wrong side of the news business, wanting to tell the truth and all...

After a blissfully long and mild fall, it would appear that Jack Frost has finally arrived. Temperatures next week are expected to drop below zero at night. Let's hope Jack's late arrival doesn't indicate his intention to hang around late next spring.

Welcome to the merry month of December. Get out this week and next and enjoy some of the local holiday events: concerts, plays, business open houses, parades, sleigh rides, visits with Santa, etc. Set aside all the arguing and contention and go enjoy the spirit of the season with your friends and neighbors!



This photo was too cute to pass up. From the Meeker Herald, Dec. 5, 1991: "Snow and cold weather visited the White River Valley again this week but it certainly didn't seem to bother these five young ladies who appear to be enjoying their walk home from school. From left to right are Bobbie Jean Schmitz, Amanda Richardson, Nicole LeBlanc, Danyel Harman and Ely Krueger. While the skies did finally clear during mid-week, the mercury bottomed out this week at -3 degrees, while the town picked up 7 more inches of snow."

### RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald  
— 100 years ago

■ Wall Street is now complaining about there being too much gold in the land. In other words, Wall Street wants a limited amount of coin, and that in the keeping of Wall Street.

■ Miss Stella Calvin, formerly with McLearn's at Rifle, is now in charge of the dry goods department at Oldland's. Miss Calvin is experienced in the dry goods line, and comes to Meeker highly recommended. She is a young lady of handsome appearance and pleasing manners, and is welcomed to this town.

■ Fritz and Mrs. Carstens were the recipients of a fine Thanksgiving present—another fine girl.

■ The best way to live is to cast away troubles and contentions, which cannot be cured by fretting.

■ We forgot to state last week that only registered pioneers are eligible to attend the pioneers' dance. So, if you are of the required vintage, see that you are registered and get your card. If the public in general were admitted, the gray and white haired bunch

would have to go way back and sit down.

■ Nervous Women: When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

The Meeker Herald  
— 50 years ago

■ Two free shows, the first visit of the season by Santa Claus, drawing for prizes and treats are all sponsored by Meeker merchants, businessmen and other interested citizens.

■ The bodies of John Holzberlein, owner of the 7 Lakes Resort, and Mary Ann Berg were discovered at 9:30 this Thursday morning dead from possible injuries and exposure after the pickup they were riding in missed a curve above 7 Lakes Resort and rolled about 100 yards down a steep bank. Both were thrown from the vehicle.

■ Wilber Whalin called and Father John LePenske coached from the sidelines those who were square dancing at the Buford Community House.

■ The Meeker Cowboys placed four on the NW All-Star Teams: coaches Doug Williams and Phil Jensen, and defensive guard Ted Stewart and defensive back Les Crook.

The Meeker Herald  
— 25 years ago

■ Chamber of Commerce

President Herb Hughley announced this week that Meeker will be hosting the sled dog competition once again. Hughley says he's expecting anywhere from 50-60 sled dogs teams who'll compete against each other at Nine Mile.

■ Sonlight Glass employees have been busy this past week putting the finishing touches on the south side of the swimming pool improvements. Talk is underway about several people's desire to see the pool remain open longer but as yet, nothing has been done to either open the pool earlier or keep it open longer into the fall.

■ Samuel George Love was a year old on Nov. 27. He celebrated at home on Thanksgiving Day.

■ Cowboys set to kick off 40th year of wrestling at Steamboat Tourney.

Rangely Times  
— 50 years ago

■ Word was received this week that a buck killed by a local hunter has scored an official 183 7/8 in Pope & Young records. This places the buck in fifth place in the all-time world records. The buck was killed on Blue Mountain by Joel Hogan.

■ Chevron Oil Co.'s suit against formed the proposed Lower White River Conservancy District was successful Tuesday when District Court Judge Carl Fulghum ruled in favor of the company at the hearing in Meeker.

■ Preparations for Rangely's 1966 Christmas season got underway last week when the big

Christmas tree was cut and put in place at the west end of Main Street by Bernard Hazlewood and his county crew.

■ 1966 NWL All-Stars: Tackle Jim Allred, league outstanding back Pete Miller, back Frank Cooksey, end Dale Matriciano, tackle Craig Polley, guard Jay Rector, center Tom Suchar, guard Joe Turner, back (HM) Jim McPhail, back (HM) Kent Oldham, tackle (HM) David Adams, quarterback (HM) Stan Fullenwider.

Rangely Times  
— 25 years ago

■ The CNCC Rangely Band and Chorus will present their 1991 Christmas concert. Chorus members: Mary Estes, Chris Wills, Ramona Smalec, Julie Standen, Joyce Paul, Bob Haag, Bill Legge, Richard Armour, Kenny Timbrel, Bob Ormsbee, Chris Brubaker, Gary Armour and director Keith Koepsel.

■ The Rangely Development Authority discussed a possible supermarket in Rangely. Aubrey Holderness moved "that we further authorize the expenditure of money to finalize these options as appropriate not to exceed \$10,000 total."

■ In January, if all goes well, sweeping changes will be made in the way Medicare pays physicians. The goal of the payment reform could not be more worthy—fairness to physicians, patients and taxpayers. Unfortunately, things are not going well.

■ Club 20 has praised Governor Roy Romer's appointment of William Haight of Steamboat Springs to the Colorado Transportation Commission.

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<b>Mon.</b>	Dec. 5 - Meatballs/Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Homemade Roll, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>Mon.</b>	Dec. 5 - Burritos & Salsa, Spanish Rice, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH AL A LA CARTE: Meatball Hoagie
<b>Tues.</b>	Dec. 6 - Waffles/Sausage, Green Beans, Orange Halves, Fruit Juice, Maple Syrup, Milk	<b>Tues.</b>	Dec. 6 - Frito Pie with Toppings, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Sloppy Joe Sandwich
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<b>Thurs.</b>	Dec. 8 - Hot Ham & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Slices, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk	<b>Thurs.</b>	Dec. 8 - BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Chips, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Epsilon Chi gives thanks to bazaar participants

Dear Editor:  
We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped out with our ESA annual Holiday Bazaar fundraiser. Without your help, we could not put on this event. We raised \$1,400 for St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital. All other money raised goes to local chari-

ties in our community such as: A Book Fund Scholarship for a graduating senior, the Giving Tree, the Warm Program, Rowdy Worm after Prom party, Giant Step Preschool, New Eden, our seniors and many more.

A huge thank you to Parkview Elementary for allowing us to use their gym every year. White River Market for donating food needed for our luncheon, Bank of the San Juans and Town of Rangely for the use of the marquees, Subway for donating the chips and cheese,

Giovanni's for the crackers and Barb Widner and Sherry Huff for volunteering their time.

Our raffle for St. Jude items donated included: 55 inch flat screen TV donated by W.C. Striegel, won by Barb Chism; rare green tanzanite pendant donated by Paul Burgell, won by Melissa Cords; ESA's money shirt with an agate bolo by Gary Noel, won by Sara Hunter; Keurig coffee pot donated by Rangely True Value Hardware, won by Dawn Miears; discount certificate donated by Too

Old Antiques, won by Bill Palmer; \$15 gift certificate donated by Sweetbriar, won by Vicki Lane; two \$25 gift certificates donated by Giovanni's, won by Tina Carstens and Tiffany Rowley; T-shirt donated by Urie Trucking, won by Sara Huff; a tire rotation donated by JJ's Automotive, won by Milly Archuletta; \$25 gift certificate donated by Conoco, won by Corey Hale; two \$25 gift certificates donated by West End Drive In, won by Ann Brady and Tina Carstens; two \$10 gift certifi-

cates donated by El Agave Restaurant, won by Vicki Lane and Tina Carstens; \$25 gift certificate donated by White River Market/Ace Hardware, won by Tina Carstens; \$20 gift certificate donated by Jade Lion, won by Sara Hunter; two \$25 gift certificates donated by Pinyon Tree Liquors, won by Dawn Miears and Tina Carstens; two \$20 gift certificates donated by Rangely Liquors, won by Vicki Lane and Milly Archuletta; two Tupperware containers (set) donated by Glenda

Terry, won by Vicki Lane; rustic wood framed picture donated by Bryan Harder, won by Vicki Lane.

Thank you so much for making this year's bazaar a success. Next year's bazaar will be held on Nov. 12, 2017, so mark your calendars. If you are not on our list and would like to be, contact Brenda Hopson at 970-675-8097 or the Rangely Chamber of Commerce next August for an application.

Thank you,  
Epsilon Chi Chapter of ESA  
Rangely

DEATH NOTICE

Butch (Marvin) Schueller

Nov. 10, 2016

After a long struggle with Parkinson's disease, Butch (Marvin) Schueller passed away at his home in Pahrump, Nev., on Nov. 10, 2016. He is survived by his wife June, his stepson Mark Morris, and his sister and brother, Pat and Robert, of Denver. A memorial service for him was held on Nov. 19.

Compassionate Friends candle lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 11 in Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Compassionate Friends (TCF) Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe for one hour to honor the memories of their sons and daughters. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. Local time, hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

Now believed to be largest mass candle lighting on the globe, the 20th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone.

TCF's Worldwide Candle Lighting started in the United States in 1997 as a small internet observance, but has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world. Hundreds of formal can-

dle lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as family gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died but will never be forgotten.

A formal candle lighting event will be held in Meeker on Dec. 11, 2016, in the Mountain Valley Bank community room at 400 Main St. (use the door on Fourth Street or in the back of the building).

If you would like to share a remembrance of your child, please print your brief thoughts on a card. You read aloud before you light the candle. Participants are encouraged to bring a picture of their child with their name on it so others might have an opportunity to get acquainted with them.

Come at 6 p.m. for sharing and fellowship. Drinks will be served and you may bring a snack if you like. For questions or to RSVP, call Sue at 878-4502 or Jean at 878-4543.

OBITUARY

Russell Lee "Bud" Goddard

July 23, 1934 ~ Nov. 27, 2016

Russell Lee "Bud" Goddard, 82, of Rangely and Steamboat Springs, Colo., passed away in his sleep on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016.

Services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in Rangely, Colo., at the First Baptist Church. His ashes will be scattered in a special lake in the mountains of Colorado with the ashes of his wife, Shirley Goddard and also in a creek in Alaska in the spring.

Bud was born at home to Orville and Dovie Goddard in Grand Junction, Colo., on July 23, 1934. In 1941, his family moved to Rangely, Colo. Bud helped his dad Orville build the house where they made their permanent home.

Bud married Shirley Marie Covalt in 1958, and they moved to Soldotna, Alaska in 1963. A number of the family members went on the trip to Alaska, a two week long road trip.

Bud worked as a heavy equipment operator in Rangely until moving to Alaska. He worked as a truck driver, then dispatcher in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, for 20 years and retired at the age of 50. Bud moved back to Rangely in 1990, and spent the last nine years of his life at the "Doak Walker House" near his daughter Kori in Steamboat Springs.

Bud enjoyed playing the guitar and singing; some of his favorite artists of the day were Johnny Cash, Ernest Tubbs and Hank Snow. His favorite actor was John Wayne. Bud was very creative in art, decorating guns, building unique shelf displays and outside bunkbeds. He embraced the outdoors and hunting. Bud's love for people and animals was deep and true.

Bud is survived by daughter Kori D. Shafer; grandkids Wyatt and Morgin Harding; nephews

Toby, Greg, Colby and Gordy Goddard, and Cody Kuhlman; niece Kelly Kuhlman Loshier and other family and friends.

Bud is preceded in death by his wife Shirley Goddard; brother Gordon Goddard; sister Pauline Goddard Kuhlman; mother Georgia "Dovie" Lane Goddard; father Orville Goddard; nephews Kip and Mark Kuhlman and son-in-law Dustin Dahlin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Employee Appreciation Fund at Casey's Pond Distinctive Senior Living—Doak Walker House. Address is 2855 Owl Hoot Tr., Steamboat Springs, Colo., 80487.

The family of Bud Goddard wishes to thank the Doak Walker House for nine years of great care and friendship and also the Yampa Valley Funeral Home for the kindness to take care of our loved one.

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Loving God's Law

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

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. (Ps. 119:97)



Dr. J.D. Watson

THE second synonym for God's Word David attaches to his love for that Word is law. Not only is this the most frequent synonym in the psalm (25 times) but also the one David uses most often as the object of his love.

The Hebrew is *torāh*, a feminine noun meaning "instruction or direction." It most often refers to a body of teaching, and that is precisely what all Scripture is. *Torāh* "must be understood to mean all Divine revelation as the guide of life," writes one commentator. "This it is which kindles the Psalmist's enthusiasm and demands his allegiance. It is no rigid code of commands and prohibitions, but a body of teaching, the full meaning of which can only be realized gradually and by the help of Divine instruction."

The first occurrence of *torāh* is in verse 1: "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD." It is significant that the Psalm begins with God's promise to those who love and obey the body of revealed truth He has given. If we obey God's body of revealed truth, we will be blessed. The opposite, however, is also true; if we do not obey that body of truth, we will be cursed.

Here in our text, then, David tells us that because he loved God's Word, it was his meditation all the day. No matter where he was, what he was doing, or who he was with, the Word permeated his thoughts. "How can a soul prosper," asked C. H. Mackintosh, the great 19th-century Plymouth Brethren preacher and writer, "how can there be growth in the divine life where there is no

real love for the Bible or for books which unfold the precious contents of the Bible to our souls?"

We are compelled to ask, and we believe it is a valid question: can anyone truthfully be called a Christian who does not love God's Word? Our Lord made it clear, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). The Apostle John echoed: "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 Jn. 2:5). We cannot keep God's Word unless we know it, and we cannot know it unless we love it.

David adds in verse 113 that there is only one alternative, one remedy to the "vain thoughts" of men: the absolute truth of God's law that he loves. Likewise, in verse 163, he declares that he loved God's law so much, it motivated him to "hate and abhor lying." Indeed, love of truth automatically demands that we hate untruth. This is all the more critical in a world that justifies lying "in certain circumstances" at best or condones it wholesale to achieve a desired end at worst. How much, then, do we love truth? Do we love it enough that we hate and abhor anything that is not true? Are lies of any kind ever a part of our speech (or even our music)?

**Scriptures for Study:** According to verse 165, what is a consequence of loving God's law?

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# WREA passes on wholesale rate increase for 2017

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** Rate stability remains a priority at White River Electric Association, but due to a wholesale rate increase by WREA's power provider, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, a 2017 rate increase could not be avoided.

"Tri-State let us know in September that we would have a 4.3 percent wholesale rate increase in 2017," said WREA's General Manager Alan Michalewicz. With that notice WREA focused on managing internal costs and took a conservative approach to the 2017 budget. "We hope for growth in 2017, but our electric loads remain down, so we are implementing cost saving measures and efficiencies at every turn."

Despite its focus on managing internal costs, WREA reports that it will not compromise on safety, reliability or customer service. "Providing our members with safe and reliable electric service while remaining committed to member and community service is at the

heart of what we do," said Michalewicz.

The Tri-State Generation & Transmission wholesale rate increase will be passed through to WREA members resulting in an average retail rate increase of 3.6 percent. The residential increase will be \$0.005/kWh. This equates to approximately a \$3 a month increase for the average residential bill.

WREA's new rates will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and members will receive a formal rate notice in this week's mail. Members with questions, comments or concerns may call 970-878-5041 or go to [www.wrea.org](http://www.wrea.org) for more information.

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## GARDNER: Looks forward to what's ahead

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many times before you need a new engine."

Gardner said, "We fought tooth and nail to repeal it, and we did it, but the problem is it was vetoed. Now it won't be vetoed."

According to the senator, a replacement bill is being worked on by a group of congressmen who are also physicians who understand the system.

Asked about the growing federal deficit, Gardner said Congress has worked hard to reduce spending.

"Over the last several years we reduced discretionary spending to 2008 levels. The problem is, the entitlement spending is growing unchecked, and the only way we can change that is if the president signs a law to stop it. Two-thirds of the spending is done through five programs: Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, interest payments and then

things like food stamps."

Entitlement spending is "out of the hands of Congress," Gardner explained.

He also spoke in favor of a constitutional balanced budget amendment, single-subject bills, ending the policy of sanctuary cities, and ending illegal immigration by creating an entry-exit system that works.

"I look forward to the next several months," Gardner said.

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# Bringing the music home

By **NIKI TURNER & BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY** I Billy "Bayou" Brenton sounds like he just rolled in from Louisiana, but he's still got a heart for his hometown, so much so that one of his original songs on his latest CD is about Rangely High School.

William Brenton's family moved to Rangely when he was 3-years-old. "We lived in a small wood floor tent covered structure for one year before we could get a house when my father went to work for Standard Oil Co.," Brenton wrote. After that the family moved into one of the oil camps.

Brenton was graduated from Rangely High School in 1961, and then went to work in the oil field until he joined the air force on July 6, 1964.

"I spent four years in the service. I spent one tour of duty in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. When I came back I was stationed at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Ala., until 1968."

Following his time in the military, Brenton became an over-the-road truck driver. During that time he started writing songs, and he hasn't stopped.

Brenton said he "had a yearning" to come home to Rangely, but never got to do so.

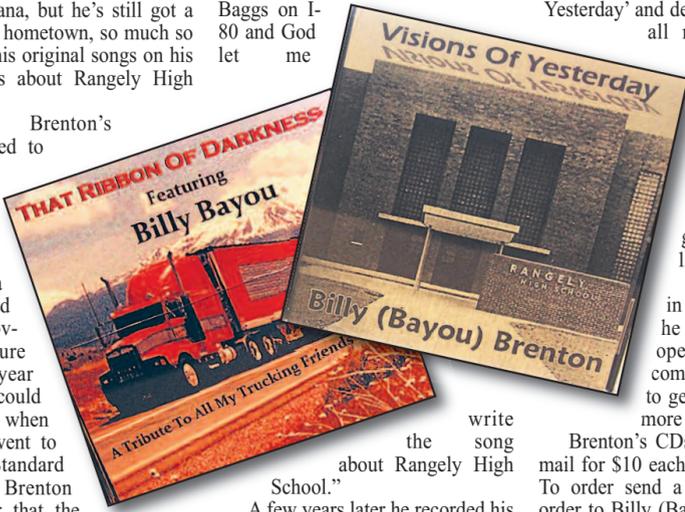
"In 1986 they built the new high school and tore the old Rangely High School down. I was traveling across Wyoming one night and the feeling (to go home) came upon me. I stopped at Baggs on I-80 and God let me

Darkness." Years went by and Brenton finally had the opportunity to fulfill his dream of recording the song about RHS, along with several other original songs.

"I named the album 'Visions of Yesterday' and dedicated my CD to all my RHS friends and also to Capt. Mark G. Danielson, and to all of my Vietnam veteran friends. Mark was our classmate and also graduated in 1961."

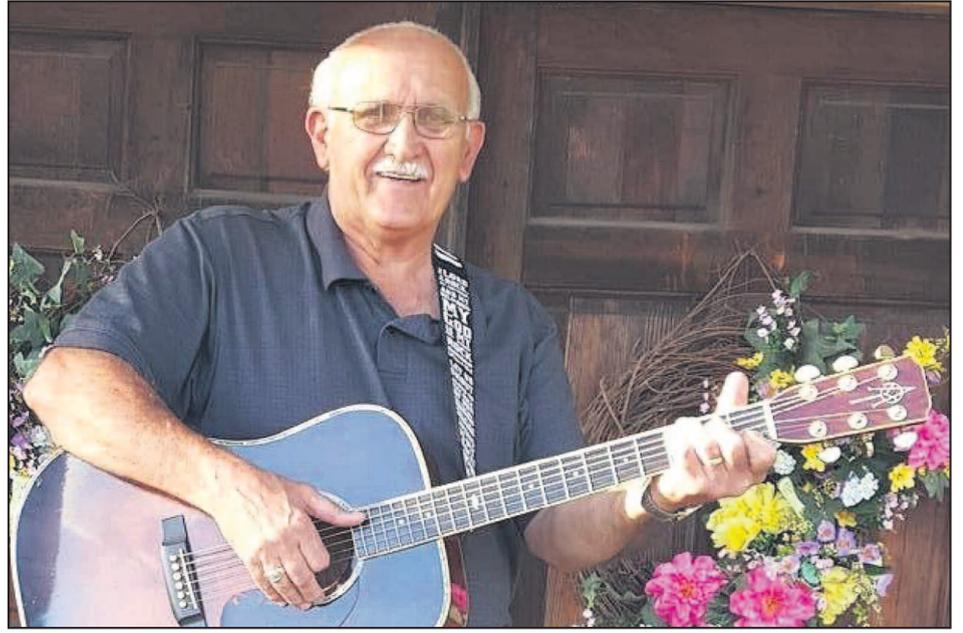
Brenton resides in Alabama, where he still owns and operates a trucking company, but he's able to get back to Rangely more often these days.

Brenton's CDs are available by mail for \$10 each plus \$5 shipping. To order send a check or money order to Billy (Bayou) Brenton, PO Box 25, Ider, Ala. 35981 or call 256-996-2406.



write the song about Rangely High School."

A few years later he recorded his first CD, a collection of trucking songs titled "That Ribbon of



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Former Rangely resident Billy 'Bayou' Brenton's new album, "Visions of Yesterday," includes an original song about his alma mater, Rangely High School.



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## Protect your home from fires

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The American Red Cross is asking every household in America to take some simple steps that can help prevent home fires and save lives.

“Home fires can be a deadly threat because they happen so quickly,” said Gino Greco, CEO for the Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming. “National Fire Prevention Week is a perfect time for Colorado and Wyoming residents to learn what they should do

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- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

People may only have two minutes to escape when a fire occurs. The Red Cross recommends that households develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year. Everyone should know two ways to escape from every room and designate a safe place to meet outside the home in case of a fire. Discuss the plan with all household members and practice it until everyone—including children—can escape in less than two minutes.

The Red Cross Emergency App includes content on how to prevent home fires and what to do if one occurs. Parents can download the Monster Guard App to help their children learn what to do and how to protect themselves. Both apps can be downloaded for free in app stores or by going to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

The American Red Cross and partners across the country have set a goal to install 45,000 smoke alarms in homes during the month

of October as part of the ongoing Red Cross Home Fire Campaign.

The multi-year campaign kicked off in October 2014, with a goal to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent during the five years of the campaign. Working with fire departments and community groups across the entire country, the Red Cross installs smoke alarms in homes in neighborhoods at high risk for home fires. In the last two years, more than half a million smoke alarms have been installed as part of the Home Fire Campaign.

People can join the Red Cross effort to save lives, reduce injuries and cut down on needless losses from home fires by making a financial donation to the Home Fire Campaign by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), calling 1-800-REDCROSS or texting FIRE to 90999. Their gift to Home Fires enables the Red Cross to provide critical services to people impacted by home fires along with the lifesaving tools and information to support home fire prevention efforts. People can also help by becoming a Red Cross volunteer.

Additional information on home fire safety and the Home Fire Campaign is available at [redcross.org/homefires](http://redcross.org/homefires). The Red Cross also partners with a wide variety of partners that support the Fire is Everyone’s Fight initiative to work together and reduce home fire deaths and injuries.

## Postal service ready for record season

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Americans are expected to make Cyber Monday 2016 the largest ever and the U.S. Postal Service, the largest e-commerce deliverer, is ready.

The Postal Service will handle approximately 750 million packages this holiday season, an increase of more than 12 percent over last year. This is double the volume of packages handled just four years ago.

According to market researcher Adobe Digital Insights, Cyber Monday sales will exceed \$3 billion, an increase of 9.4 percent over last year.

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## BLM Christmas tree permits on sale

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER |** Permits for cutting Christmas trees on Bureau of Land Management lands within suggested areas of the White River Field Office are now on sale.

Permits are \$10 per tree and may be purchased at the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Permits are also available at the Rio Blanco County Clerk Office in Rangely.

Pinyon pine and junipers are the only types of trees that may be cut. BLM allows three permits per household to be purchased at a time for personal use.

Maps of suggested cutting areas can



be found where permits are sold or by visiting [www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/forest-product-permits](http://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/forest-product-permits).

BLM recommends bringing along a hand saw, rope or twine, extra food, water and blankets.

Many of the areas will have limited vehicle access depending on snow depths. Weather and road conditions can change quickly. Four-wheel drive vehicles equipped with tire chains, a shovel and emergency supplies are recommended for all cutting areas.

For more information, call the BLM information desk at 970-878-3800.

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### White River National Forest winter motor vehicle use season underway

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The White River National Forest's winter motor vehicle use season began Nov. 23 and ends May 20. During the winter season, all wheeled vehicles (including bikes) are limited to plowed routes or routes opened through special order. Winter Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) identify routes and areas designated for "over the snow" motor vehicle travel.

MVUM's are free and available at all Ranger Districts. The Vail Pass area switched to winter use and "over the snow" vehicles Nov. 15. The Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area (VPWRA), which traditionally opens the day after Thanksgiving, will postpone charging fees until at least Dec. 1 or until sufficient snow has fallen

to begin grooming operations.

Fat-tire mountain biking is allowed on roads open to wheeled vehicles that are plowed. Currently, all trails are closed to fat-tire bikes in the winter in accordance with the White River National Forest 2011 Travel Management Plan. The White River National Forest acknowledges that technology has changed that enables mountain bikes greater capability to operate on packed snow since the 2011 Travel Management Plan was finalized.

The forest is currently working with the local International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) representatives who will lead a public process and develop a potential proposal for "winter" routes that would be open to Fat Tire Snow Biking. IMBA is encouraging users and

interested publics to work with local organizations on how the process will work and what routes can be considered or not. Until then, forest users are asked to obtain and adhere to the Winter Motor Vehicle Use Maps and special orders to provide for visitor safety and protect underlying vegetation and wildlife habitat.

For more information contact your local Ranger District. You may also find information by visiting our home page [www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver) and clicking on "Ranger Districts" in the upper right hand corner menu. Both winter and summer MVUM's are available to download at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680).



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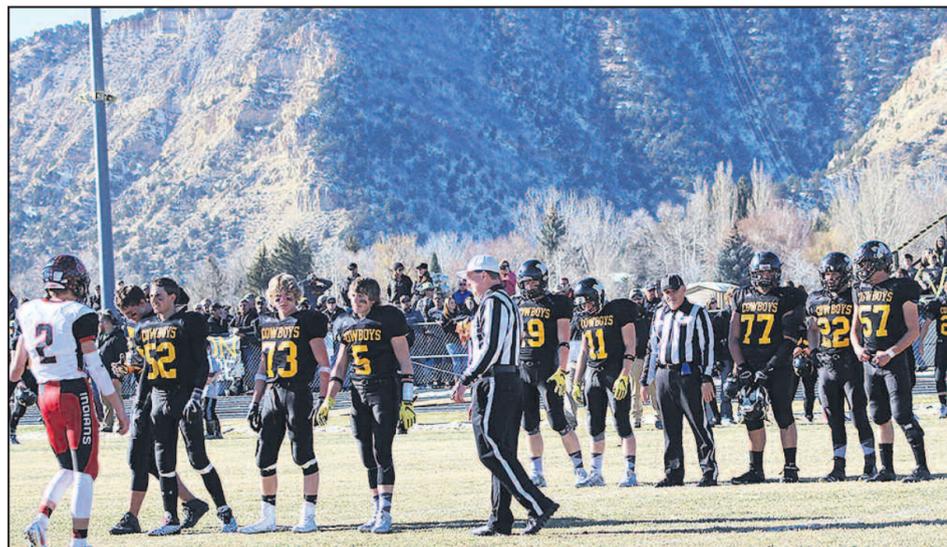
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BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Meeker head football coach Shane Phelan addresses his team after a 14-34 defeat to the Strasburg Indians in the 1A state championship game held last Saturday in Starbuck Stadium. Coach Phelan said he hoped the younger players learned how to work hard and put the time in during the off season, like this year's seniors have their whole high school careers, to continue Meeker's winning tradition.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Cowboy senior captains Corey Hood, Tanner Slaugh (52), Ty Gibson (73), Sheridan Harvey (5), Cole Brown (19), Hunter Garcia (11), Tyler Ilgen (77), Casey Turner (22) and Chase Rule (57), helped their team advance to the 2016 1A state championship game and earn the best record (12-1) in the history of Meeker High School's football program, with their only loss coming in the ever elusive title game.

## Cowboys lose title game to Strasburg 14-34

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** For a seventh time in the history of Meeker High School's football program, the team played for a state championship win last weekend. But the school's first state team title continues to elude the Cowboys as they lost to the Strasburg Indians 14-34 in front of a large crowd in Starbuck Stadium.

"When you get to the championship game, you have really good players and a really good team lined up across the field from you," Meeker head coach Shane Phelan said of the Indians. "We had trouble with their speed and we just couldn't

make enough plays."

Like they did all season, the Cowboys made several big plays in the title game but the Indians made more and they scored five touchdowns in the first half.

The Cowboys moved down the field after receiving the opening kickoff, with big passing gains to Doak Mantle and Sheridan Harvey from quarterback Logan Hughes, who put the Cowboys on the scoreboard first, as he ran for a 20-yard touchdown. Hughes then connected with senior Cole Brown for the two-point conversion and the Cowboys led 8-0 after just four minutes of play.

The Indians needed less than two

minutes to pull within one of the Cowboys after starting at midfield and scoring on a 30-yard run, then kicking the extra point to make the score 8-7, with 6:43 left to play in the first quarter.

The Indians capitalized on their next four possessions, scoring each time after the Cowboys were forced to punt once and threw three interceptions on their final four possessions of the first half, when Meeker trailed 34-8.

The Cowboys got the crowd back into the game, when Hunter Garcia recovered an Indian fumble on the first play of the second half. The crowd roared when Mantle quickly capitalized on the turnover, as he

scored what would be the final touchdown of the game with 10:33 seconds left to play in the third quarter.

Both teams turned the ball over to the other on their final possessions, with Meeker's Garrett Frantz recovering a fumble when Strasburg was on the Cowboys' five-yard line, late in the game.

"Our determination and fight was there the whole game from everyone, which is a testament to our players

and our community," coach Phelan said. "I'm proud of them, they did everything we asked of them and I hope our younger guys learn from our seniors. You can't be around these seniors and not learn though, how to work hard. They put in a lot of time in the off season to get where they are."

Cowboy seniors Harvey, Brown, Garcia, Casey Turner, Tanner Slaugh, Chase Rule, Ty Gibson and Corey Hood, helped their team win

more games (12) and finish with the best record (12-1) of any team in the history of Meeker's football program, the closest being Meeker's 1968 championship team, when they finished with a 10-1-1 record.

"Anytime you lose a group of seniors like this, it leaves a big void but it is also an opportunity for someone else," coach Phelan said. "Hopefully our younger players learned from them and they can keep Meeker's winning tradition going."

## Lady Panthers open basketball season at Cowboy Shootout

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

**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School girls' basketball team will open the season this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Meeker against the Cedaredge Bruins in the first round of the 2016 White River Electric Cowboy Shootout.

"The Shootout is always a great event," Quinton Kent, who is starting his fifth year as head coach of the lady Panthers, said.

Coach Kent said 16 girls are out for the team and "we have five seniors: Katye Allred, Sidney Shaffer, Lindzey

Thacker and McKenzie Webber."

The Panthers finished last season with a 7-5 league record and were 8-12 overall.

Rangely is on the same side of the bracket as South Routt County (Soroco) and Mesa Ridge's JV, which will be the first game of the annual season-opening tournament, starting at 3 p.m.

"We are just excited to play someone besides ourselves," coach Kent said, as his team has been practicing since Nov. 10.

Kurt Douglas will again assist Kent with the coaching duties.

## Meeker girls open season with new coach in Shootout

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

**MEEKER I** The lady Cowboys' basketball team will open the new season with a new coach today at home in the annual White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. Meeker will host the Aspen Skiers tonight at 7:30 p.m.

"We are all really excited to see what we can do," said Jamie Rogers, who will start her first season as head coach of the Meeker girls' team, replacing Greg Chintala.

Coach Rogers, who has been a high school assistant and Barone Middle School coach, said 29 girls are out for the team and everyone is "working hard."

"Things have changed and they are changing too," coach Rogers said of the new system and new coaching staff, which includes her mother Lori Chintala and Hallie Blunt.

"We have good leaders and they make it a lot of fun," coach Rogers said of seniors Anna Walsh, Madi Russell, Maggie Phelan, Peyton Burke, Halle Ahrens, Brooke Ford

and Reese Pertile.

Meeker will play Aspen in the first round and Moffat County and Nucla are also on the same side of the eight-team bracket, which also includes Rangely, Cedaredge, Soroco (South Routt County) and Mesa Ridge's JV team.

"The Shootout is full this year and has some really good teams coming in," coach Rogers said. "We are anxious to come out and see where the girls will fit in and, find out what we need to work on and see where we stand.

## Five Panthers representing Rangely High School wrestling

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** Only five wrestlers will represent Rangely High School this season but fourth-year head coach Travis Witherell is excited for the challenge of a small team, which will open the season Saturday in Oak Creek.

"We only have five guys this

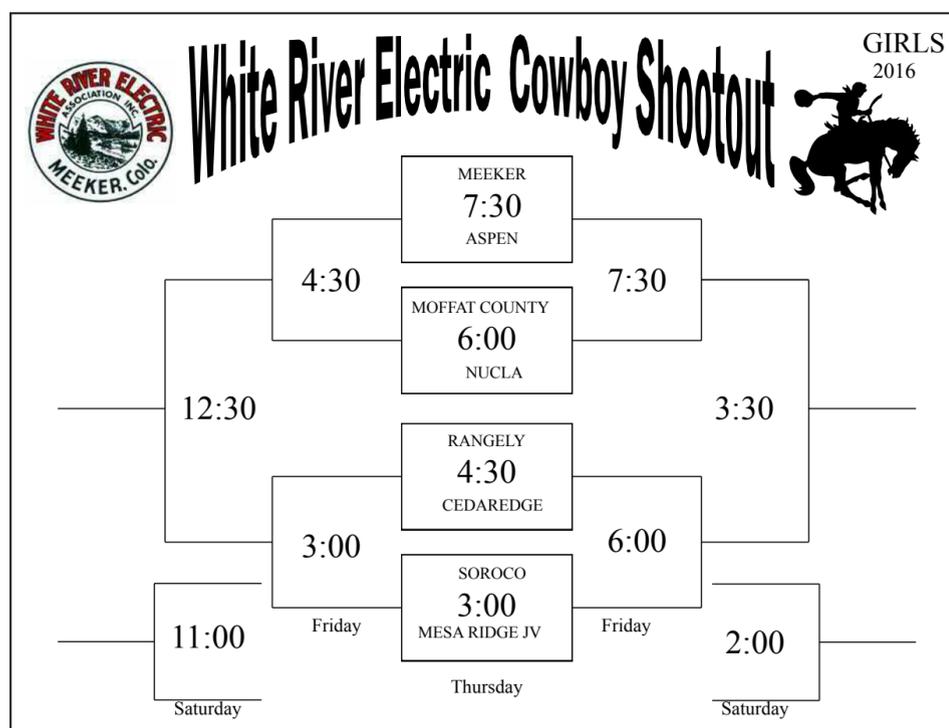
year but I have five guys who work hard, are always ready to learn and they are all coachable," coach Witherell said.

Coach Witherell said Landon Rowley is the only Panther senior on the team this year.

"Landon is a tough kid and is always willing to do whatever we ask of him," coach Witherell said of his senior leader.

J.C. Chumacero and Claude Rose will assist with the coaching duties this season.

"We are excited to see what our team will accomplish this year, it will be a real gut check to see what we're made of, having only five guys," Witherell said. "We will not be hindered by our small numbers, instead we will take it as a challenge to make us better overall."



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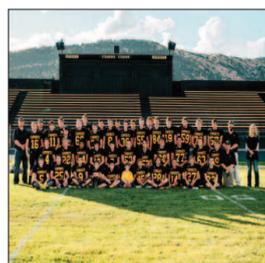
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### Meeker Cowboys MHS Football

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Meeker fans had their hopes up high when the Cowboys scored the first touchdown of the state championship game. Despite the outcome, Cowboy Pride remains strong.

USDA expands conservation opportunities

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Deputy Under Secretary Alexis Taylor today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer a new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands practice specifically tailored for small-scale livestock grazing operations. Small livestock operations with 100 or fewer head of grazing dairy cows (or the equivalent) can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres of grasslands per farm. USDA's goal is to enroll up to 200,000 acres.

"For 30 years, lands in the Conservation Reserve Program have contributed to soil and water protection and wildlife and pollinator habitat, while playing a significant role in mitigating climate change," said Taylor. "CRP Grasslands recognizes the conservation value of well-managed, working grazing lands and pasturelands. This new opportunity for small livestock operations ... will help ensure that livestock operations of varying scales and across the country have an opportunity to achieve environmental and economic benefits. Small livestock operations are encouraged to contact their local Farm Service Agency office to learn

more about this program."

Taylor also announced that the current CRP Grassland ranking period will end on Nov. 10, 2016. To date, the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has received nearly 5,000 offers covering over 1 million acres for this CRP working-lands conservation program. These offers are predominantly larger acreage ranchland in Western states.

The new practice for small-scale livestock grazers aims, in part, to encourage greater diversity geographically and in types of livestock operation. This opportunity will close on Dec. 16, 2016. Offers selected this fiscal year will be enrolled into CRP Grasslands beginning Oct. 1, 2017.

Participants in CRP Grasslands establish or maintain long-term, resource-conserving grasses and other plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. CRP Grasslands participants can use the land for livestock production (e.g. grazing or producing hay), while following their conservation and grazing plans in order to maintain the cover. A goal of CRP Grasslands is to minimize conversion of grasslands either to row crops or to non-agricultural uses. Participants can receive annual payments of up to 75 percent

of the grazing value of the land and up to 50 percent to fund cover or practices like cross-fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife.

USDA will select offers for enrollment based on six ranking factors: (1) current and future use, (2) new farmer/rancher or underserved producer involvement, (3) maximum grassland preservation, (4) vegetative cover, (5) environmental factors and (6) pollinator habitat. Offers for the second ranking period also will be considered from producers who submitted offers for the first ranking period but were not accepted, as well as from new offers submitted through Dec. 16.

"Adding a working-lands conservation program to the toolbox is an exciting opportunity for the future of CRP," said Taylor. "There also are ways that CRP Grasslands could be combined with other traditional CRP conservation practices, such as riparian buffers on the same farm, to create a package that can help keep small livestock operations in production. An example of such a package would be to dedicate the most sensitive land to conservation, while still maintaining the bulk of the area as working grasslands for livestock. USDA would provide cost-share assistance to help farmers install fencing and provide alternative water sources to livestock, as well as annual CRP payments to help the farm's bottom-line."

In May, FSA accepted 101,000 acres in the grasslands program, with more than 70 percent of the acres having diverse native grasslands under threat of conversion, and more than 97 percent of the acres having a new, veteran or underserved farmer or rancher as a primary producer.

Small livestock operations or other farming and ranching operations interested in participating in CRP Grasslands should contact their local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov). To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation).



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# Could technology help the elderly navigate aging?

By RAHMAT SHOURESHI  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Today's 20-something tech wizards might not worry about the challenges of old age. But they should.

Seniors represent a huge untapped market for tech companies. While just 13 percent of America's population is 65 or older today, that slice will jump to 19 percent by 2030.

One area that holds particular promise? Wearables.

Such technology already supports healthier lifestyles. Over 20 percent of Americans use wearables. Ralph Lauren, Adidas and other brands have

developed smart wear to help people optimize their workouts.

Wearables that foster healthy and independent living will soon fill seniors' wardrobes. With advances in nanotechnology, "smart clothes" that monitor seniors' health and remind them to take their medications are on the way.

Analysts predict that medical applications will soon account for the largest share in the smart textile industry, reaching \$843 million by 2021.

Previously, smart textiles weren't so wearable. Indeed, their metallic fibers were bulky and unattractive. But new futuristic threads—called

"smart yarn"—allow designers to embroider circuits into fabric, making wearables lightweight, comfortable and low-cost.

Wearables empower patients to take control of their health and manage chronic illnesses.

Chronic disease represents 86 percent of U.S. health spending. Nine in 10 seniors have at least one chronic condition. Technology that helps seniors avoid complications from their conditions can yield tremendous savings by eliminating unnecessary hospital stays.

Smart watches are already being used to alert patients to take medication. Soon, seniors with hypertension

could use wrist-worn devices to track blood pressure.

Seniors with diabetes may soon benefit from intelligent footwear. New Zealand startup Footfalls and Heartbeats and the University of Nottingham are developing sensor-equipped "smart socks" that warn diabetics when they are at risk for foot ulcers.

T-shirts from Canada's OMSignal, meanwhile, can keep track of wearers stress levels and send vital signs to doctors. The company believes its thread-based sensors will help prevent everything from heart failures to seizures.

For the 6 million seniors suffering

from vision loss, mobility is often a nightmare. Sensors can change that. Designers are developing new sensors that emit ultrasound waves to detect objects that can be clipped to clothing or woven into vests. As the user approaches an obstacle, the sensor vibrates, growing in intensity and frequency the closer the obstacle gets.

Take Tactile Navigation Tools' Eyeronman vest, which employs three different types of sensors to guide users. The vest's sensors communicate with an electronic textile shirt, which vibrates in a particular spot to indicate impending obstacles and their locations.

Perhaps most importantly, new technology can prevent life-changing injuries caused by falls.

According to government estimates, one in three seniors will suffer a fall each year. One in five falls will result in a broken bone or head injury. Treating these falls costs \$34 billion

annually and the problem will only become more prevalent as baby boomers age.

Wearable tech can help reduce the risk of falling. Washington-based Sensoria recently teamed up with Orthotics Holdings Inc. to develop a brace that uses flexible textile sensors to alert wearers when they are about to lose their balance.

Coming next: wearables outfitted with airbags to cushion users in the event of a tumble.

Today's tech executives are laser-focused on millennials. But tomorrow's tech gadgets will offer revolutionary ways to stave off disease and enhance independence. That's why, with America's population steadily and rapidly growing older, it's time to start thinking about seniors.

*Rahmat Shoureshi is provost and vice president for academic affairs at New York Institute of Technology.*

## WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

### Nov. 14-20

This last week the dispatch center received a total of 412 incoming and placed 97 outgoing phone calls, received 41 911 calls and 38 calls for Meeker PD. These calls resulted in 137 calls for service, 77 for the Sheriff's Office, 56 for Meeker PD, two calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue and 11 for the Colorado State Patrol. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of five accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 23 traffic stops issuing five citations and 19 warnings, while the Meeker PD had eight stops with warnings on all. Agency assists totaled 17, 11 for the Sheriff's Office and six for MPD.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Deputies included seven animal calls, two business checks, three citizen assists, two jail transports, six motorist assists, two thefts, five traf-

fic accidents and one VIN inspection.

One ATV accident outside of Rangely sent the driver to Rangely District Hospital with minor injuries. He had wrecked around sunrise and was discovered by a Colorado Parks and Rec Wildlife officer around noon the same day.

Meeker Police Department calls included two animal calls, four citizen assists, two reports of domestic violence, one traffic accident and three vin inspections.

There were seven arrests and the Detention Center had 12 inmates. Assists to the Colorado State Patrol were 11, 10 involving car/deer accidents. One DUI arrest was made.

### Nov. 21-28

This last week the dispatch center received a total of 395 incoming and placed 137 outgoing phone calls, received 13 911 calls and 36 calls for Meeker PD. These calls resulted in 108 calls for service, 75 for the Sheriff's Office, 31 for Meeker PD, four calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue and eight for the Colorado State Patrol. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of five accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted

20 traffic stops issuing two citations and 18 warnings, while the Meeker PD had six stops with five warnings and one citation. Agency assists totaled 17, 11 for the Sheriff's Office and six for MPD.

Other calls for the Sheriff's deputies included five animal calls, one assault, one MIP, six motorist

assists, one suicide, three traffic accidents and one VIN inspection.

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# County forges new paths with broadband system

By **JOSH JACKSON**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Welcome to the 21st century of broadband internet in Rio Blanco County. The county is not just coming into the modern age with typical broadband internet, but instead, it is forging a new path by being in the top tier of internet capability through its ultra high-speed fiber initiative, Rio Blanco Broadband. Even though many understand some of the benefits of fiber broadband internet, here is some information to help clear up any possible misconceptions behind the initiative, as well as explaining who the current internet service providers are.

Rio Blanco Broadband began in

earnest with a vote in 2014 authorizing the county to explore and implement public sector broadband solutions. The county used a combination of county funds and Colorado Department of Local Affairs grants to build a multi-million dollar fiber to the home network in Rangely and Meeker, while continuing its broadband expansion efforts with new wireless infrastructure to serve the more rural parts of the county. The county then contracted with Colorado Fiber Community (CFC) to manage and operate the network. CFC is responsible for ensuring that the network functions properly and that individual homes can be connected by the service providers. While the county still owns the actual infrastructure, CFC is

responsible for bridging the crucial gap between the optic cables, the internet service providers and the subscribers. Because of their expertise in networking, they can efficiently build connections for providers and extend the network to subscribers, taking a huge load off of Rio Blanco County. However, CFC does not provide service to homes and businesses since this is the role of the local service providers.

Two local service providers, Local Access Internet (LAI—www.localaccessinternet.com) and Cimarron Telecommunications (Cimarron—www.cimarrontelecommunications.com) offer services over the county's fiber to the home network. Local Access Internet's co-owners, Dale Smith and Joy Clymer, have deep roots in Rio Blanco going all the way back to the 1930s. Having 30 years

experience in the field of networking, Smith decided to begin providing wireless internet services to Rio Blanco County residents as an alternative to the few options available before Rio Blanco Broadband. Now LAI offers state-of-the-art internet services over the Rio Blanco Broadband fiber network. LAI also provides technical troubleshooting for internet services as well as computerized devices, from PCs, to laptops and even cell phones. Smith also indicated that his customers have had 100 percent satisfaction. He credits this to the fact that LAI offers seven-day-a-week service with access to rural areas outside of city limits.

Cimarron Telecommunications began providing wireless internet service in Rio Blanco County in 2013, to help provide an alternative to the limited options that were then avail-

able. Bob Knight is the owner, but that does not prevent him from personally going out to numerous installs, troubleshooting connection issues or attending local events. Cimarron is working on helping subscribers explore the full benefits of fiber by utilizing other services. With streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Sling TV and CBS All Access, many fiber users can cut their TV bill all together by choosing far more affordable alternatives. On top of that, Cimarron wants to help bring a new home phone option using voice over IP (VOIP). Using multiple services over fiber is not only a great way to get more out of a super speed connection, but also great for saving money as well. In the coming year, Cimarron plans to have more rural options, various levels of hosting services and even the ability to make homes smarter

through the fiber service. A smart home would allow someone to control things like lights and temperature through the convenience of a smart phone.

Rio Blanco County is approaching an extremely exciting broadband age with the installation of a fiber network. In just three years, Meeker and Rangely have gone from having a single choice for limited bandwidth internet to multiple local companies offering some of the biggest bandwidth packages available in the nation. While setbacks are bound to happen in a project like this, the three-tiered model of a public network owner (the county), a network operator (CFC), and local private sector service providers (LAI and Cimarron) is doing an amazing job of providing significant improvements to the county's broadband ecosystem.



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## Trina Smith inducted into honor society

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**MEEKER I** Trina Smith of Meeker, Colo., was recently initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Smith was initiated at Angelo State University.

Smith is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and

requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and

most selective all-discipline honor society. The Society has chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Since its founding, more than 1.25 million members have been initiated. Some of the organization's more notable members include former President Jimmy

Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist David Baldacci and YouTube cofounder Chad Hurley. The Society has awarded approximately \$15 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, \$1.4 million is awarded each biennium to qualifying students and members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, member and chapter awards, and grants for local and national literacy initiatives. For more information, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

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## BLM's NW advisory council meets Dec. 8

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Agenda items include an overview of BLM's oil and gas leasing program, a BLM budget overview, the proposed Buffalo Horn Land Exchange, vegetation treatments for Greater Sage Grouse and field office updates.

The Northwest Colorado RAC meets quarterly in northwestern Colorado. It is one of several citizen advisory councils to BLM Colorado. Its 15 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and represent a broad range of public land interests, including environmental, local government, wild horse and burro, and commercial activity. The Northwest RAC advises the BLM Colorado Northwest District, which includes the Colorado River Valley, Kremmling, Little Snake and White River field offices. For more information about the NW RAC, visit: [www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/northwest-rac](http://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/northwest-rac).

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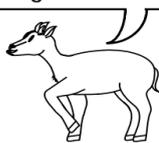
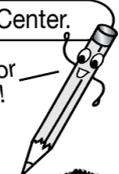
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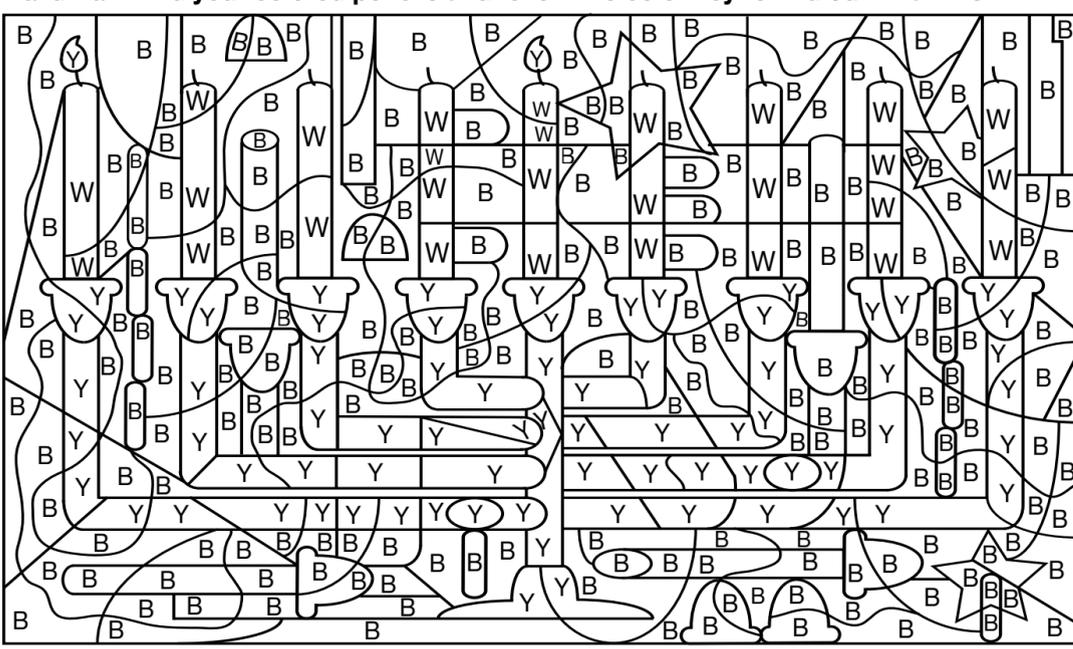
Okay, okay the word is out. I love the holidays! I love the hustle and bustle. I'm only half crabby at this time of year.

Everyone is busy, busy, busy! They are getting ready for the holidays. Each family has its own customs and traditions. What is your family doing? **Finish the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.**

## Festival of Lights

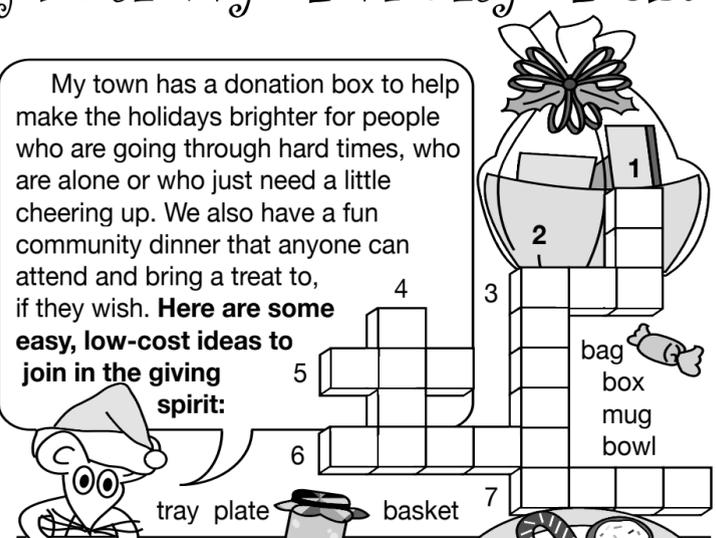
**Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white**

This family is taking out a family heirloom. It will help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. **Find your colored pencils and follow the color key to find out what it is.**

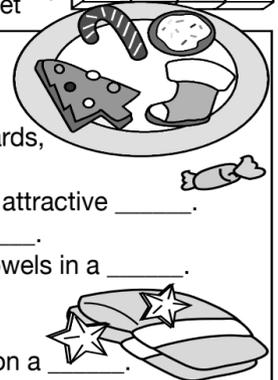


## Holiday Family Fun

My town has a donation box to help make the holidays brighter for people who are going through hard times, who are alone or who just need a little cheering up. We also have a fun community dinner that anyone can attend and bring a treat to, if they wish. **Here are some easy, low-cost ideas to join in the giving spirit:**



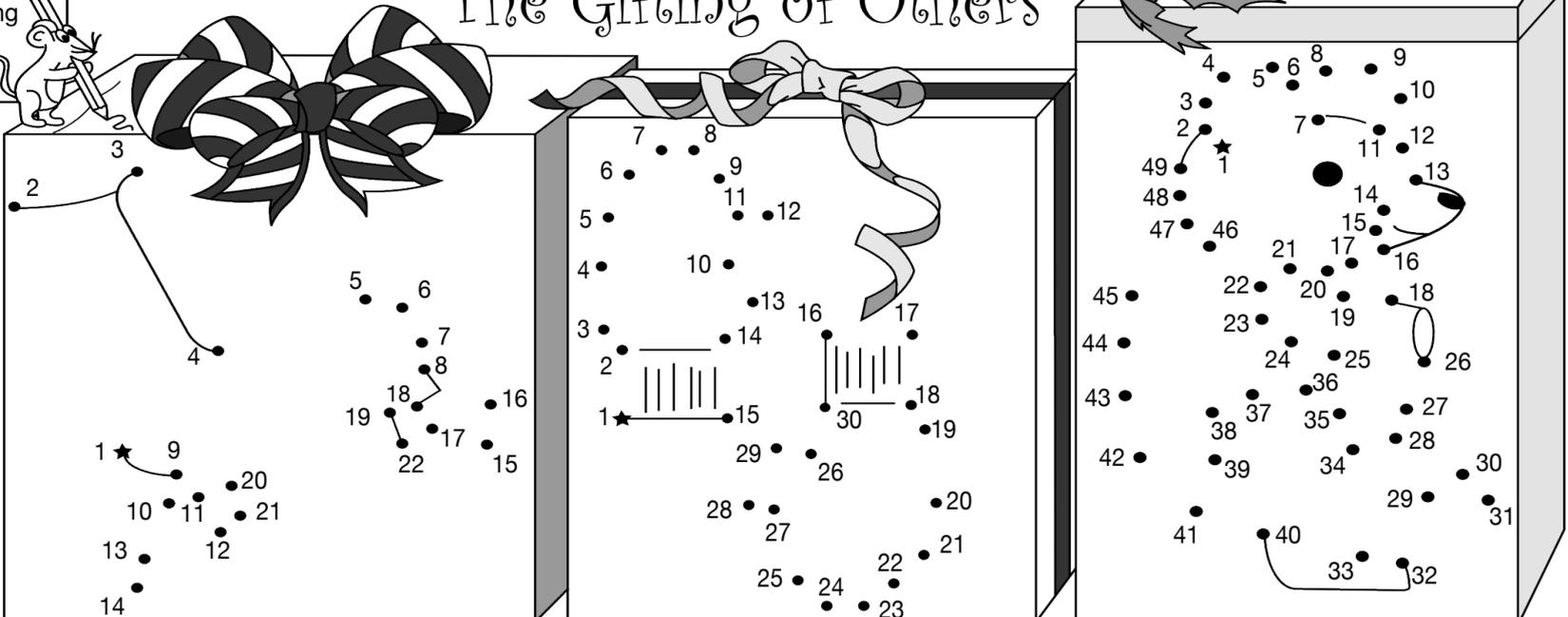
- Put some hot chocolate packets, tea bags or coffee in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Group small surprises (deck of cards, pencil, score pad) in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Put a few paperback books in an attractive \_\_\_\_\_.
- Gather some fresh fruit into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Arrange fancy soaps and small towels in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Bake and decorate cookies. Place them nicely on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Place cheese, crackers and jelly on a \_\_\_\_\_.



## The Gifting of Others

I've almost finished writing the gift tags. 

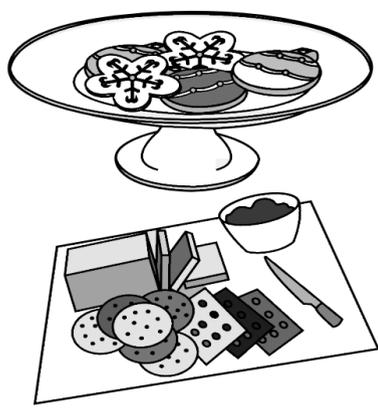
This family earned extra money and bought presents for other families. They wanted to help make everyone's holidays a little extra special! **Follow the dots to see 3 of the presents:**



## Singing & Ringing Out

A group is singing and ringing at a Senior Citizens' Center. Then they will share holiday treats. **Study the clues to fill in the words missing from the songs they are singing:**

- Jingle \_\_\_\_\_
- It Came Upon a \_\_\_\_\_ Clear \_\_\_\_\_
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**REQUEST FOR BID**

PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

Lower White River Weed and Pest District are soliciting bids to remove approximately 120 acres of Tamarisk and Russian Olive utilizing heavy equipment on member owned lands during the winter months of 2016-2017.

**BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**  
PROJECT COORDINATOR AND QUESTIONS  
Matt Scott (970) 878-9670. All Bidders are advised to review the specifications found on Exhibit A. Any questions regarding this Request are to be directed to Matt Scott at P.O. Box 599,

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**  
**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-26**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 5, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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Original Beneficiary(ies)  
  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust  
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Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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**THE EAST NINETY FEET OF LOT 9 BLOCK H WHITE ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 16, 1946 AS RECEPTION NO. 69900 TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO STATE OF COLORADO**

Also known by street and number as: 118 W Bell St, Rangely, CO 81648.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/01/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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• A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;

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• IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 <a href="http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov">www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov</a>	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 <a href="http://www.consumerfinance.gov">www.consumerfinance.gov</a>
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DATE: 10/06/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196  
Klatt, Odekir, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400, DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965  
Attorney File # CO160240  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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Meeker, CO 81641 or via email at [matt.scott@rbc.us](mailto:matt.scott@rbc.us)  
WORK SCHEDULE

Estimated start date is January 2017 depending on weather conditions with end date of March 2017. Work shall commence once the ground is frozen and shall end once it begins to thaw in order to limit disturbance.

**BID SUBMITTALS**  
Bidder shall submit sealed bids for this request which shall include all information required. Bids shall have Bidder's name and address and "Sealed Bid Lower White River Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal". Mail or hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, at P.O. Box 1, 200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 before Friday 12/9/2016 at 4pm OR Hand-deliver to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, 12/12/2016.

**BID OPENING**  
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners meeting will commence at 11 A.M. Bids shall be opened and read in public soon thereafter as listed on the agenda on Monday 12/12/2016 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 455 Main St., Meeker, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45 A.M. shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

**BID AWARD**  
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Dated: 11/18/2016  
By: Shawn Bolton, Chairman  
Publish: November 24, and December 1, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Technical Revision Application No. 70 (TR-70) for the Deserado Mine (Permit No. C-1981-018), submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. has submitted an application for a Technical Revision, TR-70. The revision proposes to install a new mine dewatering system for the B-Seam workings. The proposal includes pumping water from the workings through an existing service hole. The water will enter a series of treatment ponds before discharging into a natural

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**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-25**

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**LOT 36 AND 37 OF BLOCK 2 OF THE COLTHARP SUBDIVIDED LOTS TO THE TOWN OF RANGELY, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF VACATED RIO BLANCO AVENUE VACATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 133 STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO**

Also known by street and number as: 723 E Rio Blanco Avenue, Rangely, CO 81648.  
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DATE: 09/14/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
DAVID W. DRAKE #43315 SCOTT D. TOEBBEN #19011  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710  
Attorney File # 16CO00364-1  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

C. Plant Manager Report  
D. Office Manager Report  
7. Attorney  
8. Board  
A. Reports  
B. Delinquent Accounts  
C. Approve Current Bills  
9. Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change without further notice.  
Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District.  
265 8th Street.  
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Town of Dinosaur  
Disbursements for October 2016  
Gross Salaries, \$7,629.27  
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$1,650.13  
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$217.00  
IRS, FWT/Med, \$847.24  
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$272.47  
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$2,188.17  
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00  
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursement & Ordinances, \$525.20  
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$20.00  
Caselle Inc, Support, \$251.00  
Sands Law Office LLC, Professional Services, \$129.00  
FedEx, Postage, \$81.75  
WestWater Engineering, Professional services, \$15,533.98  
Walmart, Bleach, paper towels, \$178.13  
Co Water & Power Authority, Loan, \$2,500.00  
Moffat County, Law Enforcement, \$12,000.00  
Accutest, Water test, \$294.50  
R. Blakley, Compressor brushes, \$55.09  
Dinosaur Diamond, Dues, \$200.00  
Mountain States, Sewer Project, \$657.35  
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$45,312.28  
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V. Public Participation  
This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda.

In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.

VI. Staff Updates  
VII.A. Public Hearings:  
1. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance# 06-2016, adopting the Town of Meeker 2017 Budget and Highway Users Tax Budget  
2. Public Hearing following adoption of Town of Meeker Budget and Highway Users Tax Fund Budget to consider adoption of Ordinance# 07-2016, approving and certifying a Mill Levy and levying general property taxes for the fiscal year 2017

2017  
VIII. Mayor's remarks  
X. Town Attorney's Report  
XI. Town Attorney's Report  
XII. Adjournment  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the White River Conservation District for the ensuing year of 2017. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Halandras Building, Meeker, Colorado on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 2 p.m.  
Any interested elector within said White River Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-5628 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
WHITE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
By: Chris Colflesh, District Manager  
Published: November 24 and December 1, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE:  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Douglas Creek Conservation District for the ensuing year of 2017. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Water Conservancy Building, Rangely, Colorado on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6 p.m.  
Any interested elector within said Douglas Creek Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-5628 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
DOUGLAS CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
By: Chris Colflesh, District Manager  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE RANGELY Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church (144 S. Stanolind Ave.). Join us! For more information, call Heather Zadra at (970) 629-9937.

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

**SYNC2** media  
Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network

To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado newspapers for only \$250-\$275, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

HELP WANTED	SYNC2 MEDIA
RN's up to \$45/hr LPN's up to \$37.50/hr CNA's up to \$22.50/hr Free gas/weekly pay \$2000 Bonus AAO Nursing Agency 1-800-656-4414 Ext. 11	Buy a 25-word statewide classified line ad in newspapers across the state of Colorado for just \$250-\$275 per week. Contact this newspaper or call SYNC2 Media, 303-571-5117

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEEKER STREAKER  
MONTHLY SCHEDULE**  
December 2016  
NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below:  
12/1 Grand Jct/Bus in town  
12/2 Bus in town  
12/3 No bus  
12/4 AM bus  
12/5 Bus in town  
12/6 Bus in town  
12/7 Bus in town  
12/8 Rifle/Bus in town  
12/9 Bus in town  
12/10 No bus  
12/11 AM bus  
12/12 Bus in town  
12/13 Bus in town  
12/14 Bus in town  
12/15 Grand Jct medical/Bus in town  
Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments (970-878-9368). Please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM.  
12/1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

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

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Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2016: Dec. 22. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

★★★★★  
Starting to shop for Christmas? Check out The Upstairs Gallery for jewelry, ceramics and fine handcrafted items from around the area. December hours: Tues.- Sat. 11:00-5:30. 592 Main St, #11. Upstairs 11/24-12/1

**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.

**SNOW REMOVAL**

**READY FOR WINTER?**



**SNOW BLOWING & SNOW PLOWING**  
GOEDERT CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
970-948-6176

**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**

**USED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

- 2008 Genie Z-45 boom lift, \$25,489.
- 2007 Genie S-60 boom lift, \$22,784.
- 2012 John Deer 319D skid loader, \$21,905.
- 2011 Cub 700 heater, \$13,990.
- 2012 MQ DCA-45 generator, \$12,728.
- 2010 Case 580 Super-M backhoe, \$45,996.

(970)986-0912  
For additional information on these and other equipment, warranty and finance options and 2016 tax deductions.

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NOTICE OF 2017 ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

Please accept this as notice of the 2017 White River Electric Association Inc. Rate Schedule and an average 3.6% retail rate increase. This rate increase reflects the approximate WREA 4.3% wholesale power rate increase (Tri-State Generation & Transmission, Inc.) that will go into effect January 1, 2017. In general, the average WREA member consumer will receive a 3.6% rate increase. WREA continues to work to maintain its costs and implement efficiencies that will benefit the membership. It is WREA's mission to provide its members with safe, reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost with a continued emphasis on customer and community service.

Please review the following information for details about the price per kWh and associated service charges for each rate class. Anyone having a comment or complaint about electric service or rates may file a written complaint with the WREA General Manager (P.O. Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641). Pursuant to Colorado law and the WREA Bylaws, WREA has adopted a complaint procedure for its member consumers. Please contact WREA at 970-878-5041 or visit WREA with any comments or questions.

**WREA 2017 RATE SCHEDULE**

General/Residential Service Existing Service Fee: \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.11512	Schedule R Rate Adjustment	General/Residential Service Effective 01/01/2017 Service Fee: \$5.00 Price per KWH \$.12015
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Large Power - Secondary Existing Service Fee: \$50.00 Price per KWH \$.10046	LP-S Rate Adjustment	Large Power - Secondary Effective 01/01/2017 Service Fee: \$50.00 Price per KWH \$.10467
Large Power - Primary Existing Service Fee: \$50.00 Price per KWH \$.05215 Price per KW \$28.58	LP-P (L3) Rate Adjustment	Large Power - Primary Effective 01/01/2017 Service Fee: \$50.00 Price per KWH \$.05430 Price per KW \$29.75
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Large Power - Transmission Existing Service Charge \$2,500.00 Price per KWH \$.04060 Price per KW \$22.30	LP-T (L5) 10-30 MW Rate Adjustment	Large Power - Transmission Effective 01/01/2017 Service Charge \$2,500.00 Price per KWH \$.04222 Price per KW \$23.19
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- \*NEW 210 CR 75 - Papoose Creek. Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River, 1,252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$329,000 REDUCED!
- \*6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$275,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
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