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By LUCAS TURNER
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Governmental budgets are really confusing to most people, including us. With many numbers based on estimates, and constantly shifting allocations from one fund to another, last minute cuts and additions, reallocations, etc., some numbers listed here may not be totally up to date, though they're likely to all be pretty close to accurate (for now). The good news is that if you really want to, you can get the most up-to-date information at the next county budget meeting on Dec. 7. Following that meeting, the board will adopt the final 2022 budget on Dec. 14.

SAYING THANKS ...



COURTESY PHOTOS
Rio Blanco County 4-H took time to thank the veterans of our county for their time and service. The Rangely 4-H Achievement Night for 2021 was hosted on Veterans Day and 4-H's served local veterans a meal and honored them for the holiday. In honor of the Rangely veterans, the Meeker VFW sponsored poppies for the Rangely 4-Hers to wear as a surprise to honor their guests for the evening. Each VFW was given a limited-edition teddy bear with the embroidered words "My Hero" and "Colorado 4-H Supports our Military" and a framed picture of Rio Blanco County 4-H members as a thank you. Rio Blanco County 4-H salutes all of our military veterans, thank you for your service. (Bottom) Rangely veteran John "Hoot" Gibson and (top) Meeker veteran Rob Baughman with their gifts

Rio Blanco County staff and officials are nearly ready to finalize the 2022 budget after an exhaustive, weeks-long process.

Following the theme of last year's budget cycle, defined by a focus on declining revenues, consolidation of job responsibilities, and ultimately cuts — department heads, elected officials and special districts this year came into the process a step ahead, having already slimmed down their operating budgets to what they considered to be key necessities.

As far as expenditures are concerned, most of the individual proposed 2022 departmental budgets came in either flat, or slightly under 2021 numbers at the beginning of the process.

Despite this, the majority of the 21-plus hours of budgetary meetings were dedicated to pouring through each one of the department's budgets in detail, and discussing "new project" funding requests from departments. Other aspects of the meetings focused on a bigger picture assessment of the county's finances heading into next year.

Facing an 8.7% reduction in assessed valuation, the county's operating budget is looking comparatively good for next year. As currently proposed, operating revenues will exceed expenditures in 2022 by more than \$400K at the low end. High end estimates of an operating budget surplus are more than \$1 million.

Budget and Finance Director Janae Stanworth attributed the surplus to various factors:

- Less local taxpayer money allocated to Public Health (due to offset by federal grant funding)
- Less expense for Department of Human Services from sharing employees with Moffat County
- Staff positions that have not yet been filled, despite being allocated in the budget
- Individual departments cutting back "fluff" and not overspending

Clarification

In last week's County Beat, RBC Public Information and Program Manager Carly Thomson said she misspoke when she said the county might lose 10-12 employees due to lack of daycare facilities, and meant to say there are currently 10-12 county employees in need of daycare facilities for their children.

Prior consolidation of responsibilities (during 2021 budget process)

- A 25% increase in county sales tax from 2021 (+500K)
- A higher Federal Mineral Lease allocation compared to 2021 (+500K)

In addition to specific revenue adjustments both positive and negative, operating funds/property tax revenues are not being used to pay for projects in 2022. Projects next year will instead be paid for out of existing fund balances. The board selected from a long list of potential new projects next year, prioritizing "critical needs" which will cost \$650-700K all totaled. These allocations all come from specific funds which only allow for certain uses, like capital improvements as opposed to paying staff salaries. The funds are Enterprise (which includes a number of individual funds), Commissioner Discretionary Grant Fund (CDGF), and the County Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CCITF).

The largest chunk of new project funding will come from the communications fund, and will total \$1.3 million. This will include the replacement of a network firewall at its end-of-life use (\$150K), a new fiber-splicing van and related equipment (\$42K), and an allocation of \$72K to start saving towards \$500K of "equipment replacement" contingency within five years. Remaining communications fund allocations will pay to upgrade solar power/capacity at broadband wireless towers.

Some other new projects approved for 2022 are:

- \$25K to purchase a boiler/water heater to have on-hand, likely to be used for Fairfield apartments, whose boiler/heater are due for replacement (Fairfield Complex Fund).
- \$25K for a justice center control PC upgrade (necessary to keep certain functions of the building operational) and \$18K to outfit two vehicles with required law enforcement equipment (CDGF).
- \$257K for an RMS/CAD upgrade for the Sheriff's Department (CCITF).
- \$50K for a tarp/cover deployment system at the landfill (Solid Waste Landfill Fund).

Based on latest numbers, other money not included in the operating budget are contingencies for the general fund (\$1.016 million) and road and bridge (\$465K), and about \$199K of projects that carry over from 2021, including the ongoing Meeker Airport drainage project. The board also has emergency funds remaining in use tax grants (\$112K), commissioner discretionary grant fund (\$257K), and cap-

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Colorado Gives Day Dec. 7
Donate to Rio Blanco County nonprofits

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

WHAT IS COLORADO GIVES DAY?

Community First Foundation and FirstBank will present the 2021 Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021. There will be 3,150 Colorado charities participating in this online giving day, including the Meeker Education Foundation (MEF), Rio Blanco County Historical Society, Casa of the Ninth, CNCC, the Becky Dubbert Memorial Scholarship and more. All are nonprofits in good and all donations to them are tax deductible. Your gift can be made ahead of time or on Dec. 7.

Community First Foundation and FirstBank have generously established a \$1.6 Million Incentive Fund and every nonprofit receiving donations on Colorado Gives Day will receive a prorated portion of this fund. Your donation will be boosted and MEF will receive more than the amount of your gift. You may preschedule a donation through Colorado Gives Day ahead of time or make one Dec. 7, 2021.

HOW TO DONATE

1) Go to ColoradoGives.org; 2) enter 'Meeker Education Foundation, Inc.' in the 'Search by name, keyword' box; 3)



enter "nonprofits" in the next drop down box labeled "Sort by"; 4) MEF's logo and donation box will come up. The same process works for the other organizations that are participating.

MEF continues to support the many needs of Meeker School District, and, in 2021, has funded grants totaling \$77,359 to date. Most monies went to fund curricular materials and equipment which went directly into classrooms and enrichment opportunities such as the sixth grade Outdoor Ed Experience and MHS's drama program. An additional opportunity allowed MEF to fund MES Security cameras, an end of the year student trip and Nordic PE unit for BMS, and pottery wheel and additional classroom supplies for MHS.

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NEWS NOTES

Take the survey about moving county fair

MEEKER | You may be aware that the RBC Fairboard is exploring the possibility of moving the County Fair dates one week earlier. The earlier dates will help to accommodate CHSAA sports practices which are starting earlier in the season. The Fairboard is interested in getting feedback from the community to see what works best for the public. Please visit the weblink or use the QR code to access the public input survey. If you can't access the survey digitally the CSU Extension Offices in Meeker and Rangely will have paper copies of the survey. The Meeker Extension office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Rangely Extension office is open Monday through Thursday from 12-5 p.m. or by appointment. Surveys are due by Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. and one survey per family will be accepted. <https://forms.gle/E8GR5trLPLVYT7HA6>



MEEKER 4-H ACHIEVEMENT ...



Meeker 4-H hosted its Achievement Night on Thursday, Nov. 18. The theme for the night was "Land Locked Luau" complete with pulled pork and all the fixings. The group honored those who have worked hard and volunteered their time throughout the year. In other 4-H related news, the Fair Board is exploring moving the county fair dates one week earlier. Scan the QR code on the image above to take the survey and submit your feedback about the idea.

LoveMeeker Holiday Week

MEEKER | Get ready for the LoveMeeker Holiday Week! There are lots of activities from through Dec. 4 including Chamber Annual Dinner (Dec. 3), Meeker Holiday Market (Dec. 3-4), Breakfast with Santa (Dec. 4) and more! Call the Chamber for info, 970-878-5510.

Horizon's annual fundraiser tonight

RBC | Little Points of Light's annual holiday fundraiser to support Horizons Specialized Services will be held as a virtual event on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 6-7 p.m. via Zoom. Blanco Cellars and the Little Cheese Shop will present a demonstration for making bruschetta and three families will share their experiences with the Early Intervention Program. To register for the Little Points of Light event, go to horizonsnwc.org.

Rangely Rec closures

RANGELY | The swimming pool and hot tub at Rangely Recreation Center will be closed for resurfacing Dec. 4-27 (subject to change depending on project completion date) and the entire building will be closed for cleaning Dec. 6-12.

OneSeed fundraiser

MEEKER | Come join us to learn about our partnership with Wisdom Ways Academy in Ghana, West Africa and help us to raise money for their school on Friday, Dec. 10 from 4:30-7 p.m. at Meeker Elementary School. There will be a chili dinner. Chili only is \$5 or \$15 with purchase of a handmade ceramic bowl. There will also be custom Ghanaian/Africa artwork and gifts for auction, crafts, games and dancing.

Meeker book club

MEEKER | The book club will be reading "Still Life" by Louise Penny. We will discuss the book at Meeker Library on Monday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Meeker book club

MEEKER | Get free legal self-help in Rio Blanco County for parties without an attorney on the second Wednesday of every month from 2-5 p.m. This legal clinic is hosted by the Meeker Regional Library. Volunteer attorneys will assist each clinic patron individually. Call 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Space is limited.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Odds and ends

Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism ...

~ Richard Kluger, American author and Pulitzer Prize winner

By NIKI TURNER
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This week's front page was rough. Not just because I find fundraising campaigns difficult and awkward, but because it's a terrifying reminder how close so many communities in our country are to having no source of local news.

According to a report by Penelope Muse Abernathy, Knight Chair of Journalism and Digital Media Economics at UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media, in the United States, "[m]ore than one in five papers has closed over the past decade and a half [as of 2018]."

What's to blame? Is it that people don't care what's going on with their local school districts, high

school sports teams, municipal governments, and fellow citizens? I don't think so.

Advertising revenue—the primary source of funding for most newspapers—has been lost to social media and internet websites to the tune of billions of dollars a year. When revenue falls, staffing gets cut and coverage is reduced. All that online advertising may be cheap and easy, but like most things that are cheap and easy, there are unpleasant side effects.

The Colorado Media Project—a nonprofit organization that supports local journalism—has put together a fundraising campaign for local newspapers. Donations



made during the month of December will be matched by grant dollars through the Colorado Media Project, up to \$5,000. We're one of 26 newsrooms chosen to participate this year in Colorado.

I'm going to date myself (Bartles & Jaymes wine cooler ads from the 1980s are apparently imprinted on my DNA), but the sentiment is authentic: "Thank you for your support."

On another note, We've heard a lot of folks asking "where in the world is Commissioner Rector?" Rector has been noticeably absent from numerous county meetings for several months now. In the last regular meeting he did attend, he said he has been on "personal leave," leaving some wondering what the rules are for elected officials when it comes to attendance requirements and paid leave. The HT reached out by phone and email this week, without response as of press time. We would encourage the absentee commissioner to let his constituents (and his fellow commissioners) know what's up.

On another note... After hearing plenty of rumors, news that Chevron has sold its Rangely interests to Scout Energy Management, headquartered in Texas, appears to be official as of this week. What this will mean for the Town of Rangely, to which Chevron has been a generous benefactor, remains to be seen. We're working on tracking down details about the sale, and about the new owners.

KAYE'S CORNER

Holiday music

By KAYE SULLIVAN
Special to the Herald Times

Soon after Thanksgiving, I start listening to holiday music. I enjoy all kinds of holiday music from the classic to religious hymns and old favorites. I especially appreciate talented pianists. Sometimes I sing along to old favorites from my childhood and other times, I just appreciate the beauty of the music and performers.

Colorado Public Radio has been conducting its annual favorite carol survey. Every week the list gets narrowed down to one final favorite. Personally, I think it is hard to pick one favorite—like picking your favorite flower or vacation spot. I love them all.

Because I learned the song, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" at church camp, for years I thought of it as a camp song, like "Kum By Yah," "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain" and similar. As an adult, I finally paid attention to the words and discovered it is a Christmas song heralding the arrival of Christ.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" is always a tear-jerker for anyone not at home over the holidays.

This piece still evokes childhood Christmas celebrations in my Indiana home with lots of cookies, awesome food, sharing with family, and the simple joys of being secure at home.



Kaye Sullivan

How could you not be stirred by "Let It Snow" when we need all the moisture we can get in western Colorado? Written by lyricist Sammy Cahn and composer Jule Styne in July 1945, it reminds us that a white Christmas is always special even if fresh snow only occurs about one third of the time on Dec. 25 in Colorado.

If you prefer something lighter, there's always "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and plenty of playful songs too.

On the classical side, Handel's "Messiah" holds a long history at both Easter and Christmas. The entire work is long and serious, but the famous "Hallelujah Chorus" will get you on your feet rejoicing. It is traditional to stand for this piece because in 1743 King George II was so moved, he

stood up. Following royal protocol that if the king stood, everyone stood and so we still honor that tradition today.

I truly appreciate the a cappella (just voices, no music) Pentatonix, a creative group of five vocalists from Arlington, Texas. And then there's the compelling Mannheim Steamroller music group with their modern and vibrant versions of holiday songs and more.

A recent discovery is "Mary Did You Know?" It is a compelling lyric wondering if Mary knew she was to bear the Son of God. That's a storyline not often told. Song writer Mark Lowry produced it in 1984 for his Baptist Church in Virginia and now it is heard in many places.

Listening to the radio and Pandora, I also learn new music or at least it is new to me. Likewise in my piano music, I discover music from other countries or generations or song writers that bring me joy.

Whatever your preference, please enjoy the holiday music, sing along, and make yourself merry!

LOOSE ENDS

What's in a name

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the Herald Times

Reading an obituary of a friend's cousin recently, I was struck by the similarities in the way both children grew up in different small towns here on the western slope of Colorado. The cowboy culture has remained very much a part of raising children, no matter how far they moved away from home. So many of the original ranching families still get together for reunions every so often, that I am not surprised when someone says, "Hey, you are from Meeker, have you met anyone in my family yet?" They proceed to list more than a few familiar names.

I was particularly moved by the fact that my friend wanted to remember and share the life story of her cousin, who grew up with the same set of values passed down from the original ranchers in the White River Valley. While her cousin was raised on a Woody Creek Ranch near Aspen and had moved years ago, the family stayed close. I met a branch of the local contingent of this family not long after moving here. This "ol cowboy", as George Layton referred to himself, just happened to be helping brand calves on a neighboring ranch. He kept us all entertained with his stories, so that over the years when I would run into him, he would make a crack or two that let me know that he was that same old hand just helping out a neighbor.

Dolly Viscardi

"If you lived here, I'd know your name" by Heather Lende was the title of a book about a woman who got her start in an Alaskan small town as an obituary writer. For a while, when I started out in newspapering, I felt the same way. I would go out to interview someone and end up talking about all the interesting members of their families, living or dead. So the names of family members who settled in the White River Valley kept coming up throughout the years, no matter where I traveled. Links to pioneer families kept being mentioned in casual conversation. Most were the sheep and cattle ranching families, but many of these people who came to the area were following a different kind



of dream, so the stories of merchants and miners came out as well.

My most vivid memory remains the woman at the museum who greeted me that first year here by saying, "Welcome to Meeker. I am a newcomer too! I have just lived here 30 years. This will be first year going to the Oldtimers get-together." Earlier that same year, while my husband and I were exploring the backroads and the high-country of our adopted state, we met a couple our age in a family diner not too far from Twin Lakes on our way over Independence Pass. They had just moved to Aspen from a city "somewhere back east" and couldn't say enough about the wonderful new life they were forging. It sounded bucolic.

One of our favorite new Meeker friends had grown up in Aspen and regaled me with stories about life there before it hit it big as a ski resort. He did not grow up on a ranch, but his family were tradesmen of some sort and as a plumber, he continued to practice the same values lived by those who grew up with the western cowboy culture and rural small towns. Neighbors always helped neighbors and when someone was in trouble everyone pitched into to do the hard work. No one said "let me know if I can help." They just met their friends at the door bringing food and enough folks to get the job done.

My memories of writing about those days are still so clear. Their stories told by their friends and family, or friends of their friends and family brought the days gone by into the present where it remains.

Ladies' Christmas Tea

Join us at The Church at Meeker
Friday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m.
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Please call Beth Ford, 970.942.3257, for more info or to RSVP*.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall update

Dear Editor:

The update on the Moyer recall is as follows: the Moyer Recall Committee is awaiting judicial review before the recall can go before voters on a ballot. The attorney hired by Matt Scott filed a lawsuit in Rio Blanco District Court challenging the decision made by Boots Campbell, the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder. Scott's

attorney is disputing approximately 325 signatures that appeared on both petitions. The district judge now has the task of interpreting Senate Bill 250—a revised law with major changes concerning recalls—that was enacted during the time the second recall effort was already in progress. The hearing is set for Jan. 24, 2022, in Rio Blanco District Court.

Election law states that any special election has to occur 60 days after the Nov.

2 election. We are still on schedule unless the Moyer team continues its delay tactics denying the people of Rio Blanco County their right to recall and opportunity to vote on this issue.

Moyer Recall Committee Members
David Morlan
Tiffany Jehorek
Terry Smalec

Center.

We are so blessed to live in the Meeker community, where we are seen and treated as people and friends, and not just as patients.

We were not ready to say goodbye to dear patriarch, Bryce Purkey. But when that time came, we felt blessed to have the support and care, the kindness and warmth, of the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff members at Pioneers.

They went above and beyond to show compassion and respect to our dad and to all of us. They have such a difficult job, and they do it with such grace.

Thanks to PMC from Purkey family

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Purkey family, we would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to those who work at Pioneers Medical

We are so grateful -Thank you,
John and Samme Purkey,
Jay and Barbie Purkey,
and Cindy and Todd Goodnight

CNCC CORNER

Looking back, looking ahead

By DR. LISA JONES
CNCC President

A few short months ago, I crafted my first CNCC Corner message as the College's incoming President. Since then, we have welcomed the incoming class of 2023, shared experiences with longtime friends, and made some new friends. We have implemented plans to improve academic and campus life of our students while obtaining resources to expand signature programs and improve our infrastructure. As ONE COLLEGE team, we identified ways to improve the employee experience and further elevate our standing as a future focused, higher educational institution of excellence. Finally, we closed out our 59th year as a college and welcomed the start of CNCC's 60th year. A few of our fall semester highlights include:

- In collaboration with the Town of Rangely's Septemberfest, CNCC hosted yet another successful Rockin' Bulls event.
- CNCC hosted its first regional athletic tournament on Nov. 5-6, bringing in hundreds of visitors to Rangely. The NJCAA Region 18 volleyball tournament was well attended and received.
- Along with several other grants received, the college was thrilled to receive a full award for its Teaching Excellence Grant application designed to promote classroom equity and inclusion and a state workforce grant to buy new equipment for its nursing simulation lab.
- As a part of a coal-impacted community, CNCC worked to expand through strategic investment, academic programs that yield high paying jobs for graduates. These include expanding enrollment opportunities for CNCC's nursing program; adding certificates, and class offerings for the cybersecurity program, and; hiring new staff for the aviation



Dr. Lisa Jones

flight (pilot) and aviation maintenance technology programs. Finally, CNCC is partnering with Tri-State Power plant to provide its employees with skills mapping and opportunities for accelerated paths to degrees and credentialing.

We will soon congratulate the graduating class of the December 2021 National Park Ranger program. As one of only six accredited Park Ranger programs in the nation, our graduates are not only proud of their credential, but in the college from which they graduated.

As we look forward to winter break, we can say with sincerity that we have much to be grateful for. More importantly, we have much to look forward to in the new year.

With the support of elected and volunteer leaders in Moffat County CNCC will be outlining the expansion of its agricultural business program and movement of its rodeo team to the Craig campus. This will be done in conjunction with CNCC's sponsorship of the Ranching For Profit event presented by Dallas Mount on Jan. 28, 2022. This event titled "Economic Leverage of Grazing Management and Consideration for Responding to Drought," will offer educational and networking opportunity for ranchers.

This January, we look forward to welcoming back our faculty, staff and students, unveiling our 60th anniversary events, and embracing the many opportunities that the new year will bring. On behalf of CNCC and the Spartan family, we wish each of you, health, peace, a season of joy and a new year filled with promise!

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CONSERVATION CORNER

Agricultural Drought Resiliency Funding Available

As the Fall continues to be very dry, ranchers are concerned about how they will provide feed and water for their livestock this coming summer. Many ranchers are working hard to develop and/or improve watering facilities so that they can provide water to livestock in these dry conditions. Given the price of hay this year, funding these types of projects can be very difficult.

To help address the drought challenges ranchers are facing, the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts (Districts) secured funding through the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Drought Resiliency program and the Colorado State Conservation Board to help producers improve livestock watering opportunities during this extended drought period.

Ranchers who are making livestock water improvements during this winter and into the summer of 2022 are encouraged to contact the District office to determine if their project will qualify for this funding.

Because we understand getting projects on the ground is more important than paperwork, applications for this funding are a short two-page document. Funding applications will be considered for approval by the respective District board on a first come, first served basis pending funding availability through secured grants.

To apply for this funding assistance, please contact the Districts' office at 970-878-9838 or stop by 351 7th Street in Meeker.



RIO BLANCO COUNTY VACCINE CLINICS

COVID and flu vaccinations, including Moderna, Pfizer, regular and high dose flu shots, are now available at the following clinics. No appointment is necessary.



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EVERY THURSDAY from 12 to 5:30 p.m. at both Meeker & Rangely Public Health offices

Meeker office: 200 Main St. • Rangely office: 101 E. Main St.



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IN MEEKER: the 2nd & 4th MONDAY of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds, 700 Sulphur Creek Rd.

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COUNTY: continued

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ital improvements/CCITF (\$454K)

The county has also allocated \$100K for a new patrol vehicle, and combined \$161K for an overflow container and new fuel dispenser at the Rangely Airport, all of which will come out of the Fleet Management fund.

In the most recent budget meetings, commissioners and county staff discussed another major expense: raising wages across the board. Commissioner Ty Gates shared his perspective on the raise, which he considered a necessity over concerns of

employee retention/remaining competitive with other employers. According to HR Director Laura Smith, a majority of county employees are currently paid below the 25th percentile based on their job responsibilities. Commissioner Gary Moyer noted that board policy to keep employee wages above that threshold was “set years ago” and argued that the current board “wasn’t obligated to follow policy set forth prior to us.” Expressing further concerns over declining revenues in the long-term, he said, “We’ve got to reduce expenses somewhere. It may

be the number of employees.”

Commissioner Rector chimed in, “We all decided we want to do something for employees this year,” pointing out that the task at hand was to determine the best path forward for employee raises in 2022. With that in mind, the board agreed to raise wages to get all employees above the 25th percentile, with a maximum increase capped at \$5K. All county employees will also receive a \$1,000/year pay increase across the board. Said raises are estimated to cost about \$500K.

Budget balancing, parks, water rights and more at Town of Meeker meeting

By NIKI TURNER
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Thanks to higher than expected revenue and lower than estimated expenses, Town Clerk Lisa Cook told the Meeker Board of Trustees, “It appears we’ll be using very little, if any, of our reserves this year,” during staff updates at the Nov. 16 regular meeting.

The board reviewed the final draft of the 2022 budget, which is scheduled for a vote during a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 13. The town’s general fund budget for the coming year is set at \$4.155 million. Of that, \$1.9 million is budgeted for systems development, including \$250K for Circle Park Phase 2, \$418K for sidewalks on Fifth Street to Circle Park and on School Street, \$100K for upgrades to the town shop on Third Street, \$65K for maintenance and carpeting on the third floor of Town Hall, \$61K for a new police patrol vehicle, and \$566K transferred to the water fund from American Rescue Plan funding that will be used for a water project. Based on current estimates, \$1.74 million in reserves will be required to balance the budget as submitted.

The water fund 2022 budget is set at \$1.49 million, with \$855K for capital improvements (water line replacement on Garfield St.) offset by the \$566K from the American Rescue Plan. Another \$184K is earmarked for replacement of the Seventh Street overflow, and \$30K for software replacement for the bulk water loadout. It will take \$300,000 in reserves to balance the 2022 water fund budget as written.

The property tax mill levy is expected to generate \$228,907 in revenue for the town.

The board also discussed — at length — whether to amend a lease agreement with David Smith to allow cattle grazing at Ute Park for up to 30 days in November/December.

Trustees Melissa Kindall and Wendy Gutierrez objected to the amendment.

“The public perception is that when there are livestock out there it is not city property that they can utilize,” Kindall said.

Gutierrez, who has long opposed the lease agreement, echoed Kindall’s statement, saying she wants to see public park property available for the people in the town year

round. “Every day there’s a cow out there it’s sending a message to the people that live in the town that it’s not public ground.”

Trustee Travis Day said Meeker has more public parks per capita than other towns in Colorado, adding, “Until we have money to carry out plans out there I think it’s good. People who come to me say they love seeing the cows out there.” Public perception about accessibility, he said, can be changed.

Trustees Scott Creecy and Chris Lockwood said they would have preferred to see the town put money toward Ute Park plans than toward the plans for continued upgrades to Circle Park.

In the end, the board approved the amendment, with Kindall and Gutierrez opposed.

The board also approved a \$5,000 donation toward the Meeker Skijor event, scheduled for Feb. 19-20, 2022. This will be the third year for the event, and organizer Diana Jones said it is continuing to grow, with both participant and spectator numbers increasing. The town donated \$5,000 last year, which went toward the winner’s purse.

Jones thanked the town for its help with preparation and support for the event.

Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge presented a letter to the board from the state’s division of engineers. Last year marked the 10-year evaluation of water rights, and the town’s junior water rights were placed on the “abandonment” list, because the town has never needed or used the additional water.

“Our senior water rights are producing all of the water,” Etheridge said.

The abandonment list will be finalized at the end of 2021 and will go to water court in 2022. The town filed a protest against the abandonment status, but the state denied the protest, and the town’s legal counsel recommended not continuing the fight in court.

Asked about future water use, Public Works Director Russell Overton said the town’s wells, with the senior water rights, “can do 8 million gallons a day, we average 2 million a day in the summer.” Even with dramatic population growth, it’s not expected the junior rights — obtained in the late 1970s or early 1980s, would be needed.

New CDLE ag overtime rules

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment’s (CDLE) Division of Labor Standards and Statistics (DLSS) has published as final the revised Agricultural Overtime Rules. The rules reflect extensive input from hundreds of Colorado workers and employers from statewide listening sessions, public meetings, and written comments. The rules are part of the Colorado Overtime and Minimum Pay Standards Order.

Some of the changes based directly on stakeholder input include:

- a relaxed 56-hour overtime standard for “peak seasons” at seasonal farms, which can define their peak seasons based on their individual needs;
- very gradual phase-in — a year before any overtime starts, three years before full overtime requirements — to let employers consider options like increasing hiring or adjusting schedules to limit overtime; and
- robust new overtime exemptions for family members employed on family farms, and for managers at livestock ranches, feedlots, and dairies.

Colorado’s new rules will make it among the top states for worker rights and protections:

- Fifth strongest ag overtime in the country. Only six other states have any ag overtime, and only four states have stronger overtime rights.
- Expanding overtime rights discourages excess hours, increasing both jobs and safety.

Historically, the purpose of overtime hasn’t been extra money — it’s encouraging shorter work hours, especially in tough manual labor. Excess hours increase injuries and deaths, and stifle labor force participation. Colorado’s and other states’ experiences with overtime rules confirm: expanding overtime rights increases jobs: more workers stay in the workforce, and employers hire more rather than just assign more hours.

• Adding heat safety and service access rules gives Colorado the third-strongest ag labor rights. The rules include heat protections (water, shade, extra breaks during heat, and more) which only three states have — plus access to service providers in long workweeks.

“Our rules give Colorado the nation’s strongest protections against hazardously long hours, not just time-and-a-half overtime at 48 hours for most ag workers, but also — between our now-final overtime rules, and our pending heat protection and service access rules — much-needed extra paid breaks in long days, long weeks, and high heat,” said Scott Moss, Director of the CDLE Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. “We adopted many good ideas from farm, ranch, and dairy owners to accommodate their operations needs — flexible peak seasons with reduced overtime, years-long phase-in, family farmer and livestock manager exemptions, and more. These rules are better for all Coloradans, thanks to their extremely constructive participation in our extensive, open, statewide outreach.”

PROPANE SAFETY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If your home or cabin uses propane to generate heat or run appliances, taking propane-related safety precautions, especially during the winter season, can reduce the potential for property loss, personal injury, and even death.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR WINTER STORMS

- Make sure your propane tank is properly marked with a flag, pole, or stake higher than the average snowfall in your area.
- Have an adequate supply of propane in your tank. A regular delivery schedule is a great way to make sure this occurs.
- Know how to shut off outdoor propane supply and indoor propane appliances.
- **KNOW THE SMELL OF PROPANE.** It’s a strong, unpleasant odor compared to rotten eggs or skunk spray.
- **NEVER** store or place a propane cylinder indoors or in an enclosed area.
- Consider installing a UL-listed carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home or cabin.
- Consider installing a UL-listed propane gas detector.
- Create an emergency preparedness plan and review it regularly with your family to keep everyone safe.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A STORM IS PREDICTED

- Snow and ice can create serious problems for your propane system by freezing and cracking pipes, regulators, valves, or other equipment. When a storm is predicted, try to stay up-to-date on the forecast and any warnings. You can also:
- Make sure to clear snow and ice away from all outdoor vents, chimneys, and flues to reduce the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning. Whenever possible, use a broom instead of a shovel to avoid damaging system components.
 - Clear snow and ice from around your propane tank. If pipes freeze and crack, gas can pool in the snow and become an ignition source.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A WINTER STORM

- Use caution in the area surrounding your home or cabin. Check for downed power lines that can create major safety hazards. High winds and falling ice can sometimes move, shift or damage your propane lines and/or tank. Immediately call your local utility company or propane supplier if you notice any of these potential hazards.

IF YOU EVER SMELL GAS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE:

1. **NO FLAMES OR SPARKS.** Put out all smoking materials or other open flames right away. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones in the immediate area. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or fire.
2. **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect a leak.
3. **SHUT OFF THE GAS.** Turn off the main gas supply valve on your tank, if it is safe to do so.
4. **REPORT THE LEAK.** Once you are safely away, contact your propane supplier immediately. If they cannot be reached, called 911 or your local fire department.
5. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE AREA** until your propane supplier has determined it is safe to do so.
6. **GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED.** Before you attempt to use any of your appliances, your propane supplier or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure it is leak free.

GENERAL PROPANE SAFETY RULES

- **NEVER** use outdoor propane appliances (such as outdoor portable heaters, barbecue grills, and portable generators) indoors or in enclosed areas. This can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- **NEVER** store a propane cylinder indoors or in an enclosed area like a basement, garage, shed, or tent.
- **NEVER** use a gas oven or range-top burners to provide space heating.
- **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TRY TO MODIFY OR REPAIR VALVES, REGULATORS, OR OTHER APPLIANCE PARTS.**
- If melting snow or ice floods any part of your home or cabin, **NEVER** turn on a light switch, use any power source, or inspect your household appliances while standing in water. This can result in electrocution.
- **DO** inspect chimneys, flue pipes, and vent connectors for damage, blockage, or debris.
- **DO** inspect your propane appliances for water or other damage, if it is safe to do so.
- If you find a propane tank on your property that is not yours, or if your propane tank becomes dislodged or is missing, contact your propane supplier or your local fire department immediately.



OBITUARIES

Zachary Blaine Goddard

March 20, 1987 ~ Nov. 24, 2021

On the quiet evening of March 20, 1987, Greg Goddard and Madonna Wilczek became the proud parents of their first son, Zachary Blaine Goddard. He was the first grandchild of Gordon and Phyllis Goddard and the fourth for Lois Wilczek. From the very beginning, he had a sweet smile that enabled him charm his way in to the hearts of all of his family, including his many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Zack was a content little boy who was just as happy to spend countless hours playing with his cousins, Brad, Kellen and Daniel as he was to sit quietly and play video games or watch a movie. When he was 9 he became the big brother of Wesley and although he would sometimes say his brother was annoying, he was always there to protect or thump on him, which ever was needed.

The heart of Zack swelled beyond measure when he became Uncle Zack to Baxter Goddard. This big-hearted teddy bear turned in to mush when Baxter was anywhere near. They had a sweet bond that could only be shared between uncle and nephew.

Zack grew into a quiet, funny young man. He became someone whom friends could count on to always have their back. His goofy grin was infectious and no one could really resist laughing back with him. During high school, he became surprisingly fierce when playing football, occasionally known for inflicting huge hits which could sometimes come out of nowhere. He enjoyed wrestling and baseball as well. He was graduated from Rangely High School with the Class of 2005.

He entered into the family business, Gordon Goddard Construction, right out of high school but soon found a need to spread his wings in a different direction. At the urging of his cousins, Steven and Leona Rice, he moved to Santaquin, Utah. It was here that he was able to turn his life around and he loved the four years he spent there. He often said that his cousins Tanner, Charelis and MaKena gave him a reason to succeed and he was always grateful for his time he spent with them. He loved the nickname he earned with them — Zachafur.

He made a huge leap in his life when he



Zach Goddard

moved to North Dakota and began working for NCI Coating. He loved his job and was always sending pictures home of the amazing work he was doing. Even though he enjoyed his job, he felt he needed his family and returned home to Rangely. He worked several different jobs before landing a position that he looked forward to going to every day with Rec Center where he was employed until he passed away on Nov. 24, 2021.

Zack left a quote in his journal for all of us to share:

“The memory of things past is indeed a worm that does not die, whether it continues to grow by gnawing away at our hearts or is changed into a brightly-colored, winged creature depends on whether we can find forgiveness we can’t find inside ourselves.”

Zack will always have piece of the hearts of those that he leaves behind; his parents Greg and Madonna, his brother Wesley, his nephew Baxter, many uncles, aunts, cousins and dear friends.

He was reunited with all of his grandparents, Gordon and Phyllis Goddard, Ernie and Lois Wilczek, several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Condolences may be sent to the family at PO Box 302, Rangely, CO 81648

A celebration of his life will take place at the First Baptist Church, 207 S. Sunset Ave., Rangely, Colorado, on Dec. 11, 2021, at 11 a.m.

EULOGY

Many people who have known Zack have sent the following memories of him:

He was a quiet and kind young man.

Zack always has the biggest smile; sometimes it was funny and sometimes a little mischievous.

He was always there to help his friends in any way he could.

He loved his family very much.

He had a huge heart with lots of energy.

He loved little kids.

He had sense of humor that was so surprising sometimes given his quiet nature.

Even though he was battling demons we could not understand, he was still a loving, caring friend that cannot ever be replaced.

Bryce William Purkey

Aug. 13, 1932 ~ Nov. 22, 2021



Bryce Purkey

It is with great sadness the Purkey family and the entire Meeker community mourn the passing of lifelong Meeker resident Bryce Purkey. Bryce was known throughout the Meeker and surrounding area for his generous nature, giving his time, money, and other resources to any and everyone, friend or stranger alike. Pop or Papa Bryce as he was lovingly known

to generations of 4-H kids, who wanted him to personally auction off their steer, fat hog, chickens, or lamb, because they knew that Pop would work the crowd to get them the highest amount possible for their animal.

Bryce was a self-taught auctioneer, never going to auctioneer’s school, he loved sharing his talent with the community by volunteering at their auctions, including Calcuttas at the Ranch Rodeo on the Fourth of July, the Sheepdog Trials, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and various golf tournaments. He helped hundreds of clubs, organizations, and benefits by giving of his time and talent. He auctioned off everything from an apple pie to a hundred thousand dollar ranch. His voice is well known throughout the White River Valley and will be sorely missed.

Bryce had the gift of gab. If you ran into him at the Post Office, you’d better not be in a hurry, because he could keep you there for a good half hour. Anyone who ever had the opportunity to hear one of his stories was one of the lucky ones. Bryce had an amazing memory; he could remember names, dates, times, places and everything else down to the smallest detail.

Bryce served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1957, where he met and married Doris Jean Griffith in Denton, Texas, on June 16, 1956. After returning to Meeker, Bryce built Purkey Packing Plant in 1963, and operating it for nearly 50 years until 2004 when his son Jay took it over. Bryce could still be found working there up until a week before his death.

Bryce had many other business adventures throughout his life, including M&P Roustabouts, which he co-owned with Gerald Morris; and White River Roustabouts, which he co-owned with Leland Hoyle. He also had a hay ranch in Utah, a cattle ranch in Rifle, a water truck, and he previously owned White River Motel and Trailer Court, and Purkey Livestock. His final adventure was his small ranch in Powell Park where he always ran a few cattle. The spring was his favorite time when the cows started calving. One time it was so cold out he put a newborn calf on the floorboard of his old blue Oldsmobile to warm him up, he said the calves paid for it, they may as well enjoy it.

He was very active in the community, he and his wife Doris were both charter members of the Meeker Jaycees, where for many

years they provided the town with a deep pit BBQ beef lunch after the Fourth of July parade. Bryce and the other Jaycees would spend all night keeping watch on the BBQ pit, pulling out the 100 pound chunks of meat just in time to serve hundreds of hungry people.

Bryce also served on the Sanitation Board for 20 years where his answer when discussing

purchasing a new computer system was “we don’t need a computer, all we need is a Big Chief tablet and a pencil.” He was very active with the 4-H/FFA livestock sales, volunteering his time in the arena as auctioneer or ring man, whatever was asked of him. He would also buy back many of the livestock in the sale and butcher them in his packing plant. In 1998, the Rio Blanco County Fair Book was dedicated to him.

Bryce was born on Aug. 14, 1932, in Rifle, Colorado, to John Frank and Josephine Mae Hawkins Purkey, he joined big sisters Betty Kay and Helen Geraldine and big brothers James Clyde and Harry Walter at home. Later little sisters Beverly Jane, Janet Gayle, Sandra Margaret and Patricia Ann were welcomed into the family. Betty, Janet and Sandy survive.

Bryce married Doris Jean Griffith on June 16, 1956, in Denton, Texas. To this union three children were born, John Thomas, Jay Lex, and Cindy Louise.

Doris, his Texas Sweetheart, preceded him in death.

Bryce is survived by daughter Cindy (Todd) Goodnight of Montrose; and her family Anthony (Brienne) Purkey, Breea, Ava of Layton, Utah; Larry J. Gaugh of Washington, D.C.; Kathleen (Brad) Hartsfield, Harbor, Nona of Hampstead, North Carolina; son Jay (Barbie) Purkey of Meeker; and his family Jason (Brenda) Purkey, Madi Lyn, Lexi Jo of Meeker; Ashley Purkey of Houston, Texas; Travis (Jess) Stout, Mackenzi, Callie of Meeker; Cameron Stout of Grand Junction; son John (Samme) Purkey of Meeker, and his family Shannon Purkey, Robin Purkey of Meeker; Annalyse Harper of Montrose; Joe (Jennifer) Elder and family, Amanda (Nick) Smith and family, Melissa (Christian) Baumgart and family all of Meeker; and former daughter-in-law Sherri Lyke; as well as many, many friends and extended family members whose friendship he treasured, and his two faithful companions Fat Dog and Skinny Dog.

Bryce William Purkey, 89, died Nov. 22, 2021, at home with his children at his side.

In lieu of flowers, Bryce requested any monetary donations be made to the White River Museum.

A celebration of life will be held in Meeker on June 25, 2021.

Zane Bridger Powell

March 31, 1998 ~ Nov. 25, 2021

Zane Bridger Powell was born on March 31, 1998, in Sterling, Colorado, to Brett and Dani (Wood) Powell, and died on Nov. 25, 2021, at the age of 23. Services for Zane will be held at the Exhibit Center located at the Logan County fairgrounds, in Sterling, Colorado, on Dec. 4, 2021, at 2 p.m. Immediately following the services we will be going to the Sterling Livestock Commission Auction House at 20197 Riverside Dr. for a celebration of Zane’s Life until 7 p.m. The service will also be streamed live at: www.facebook.com/tenantfuneralhomes

Zane graduated from Sterling High School in 2016, where he was involved in football, FFA, and 4-H where he showed livestock. He then attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and then attended World Wide Auctioneering School in September 2018 where he was certified in both English and Spanish auctioneering. He was on the Colorado State 4-H officer team for two years and serving as President for the 2015-2016 year. During that time he traveled to Washington D.C. where he met with other leaders from across the country to come up with ways to better enhance 4-H programs across the country. Zane’s true love was cows and he worked for Sterling Livestock Commission Company, the Star Ranch in Nebraska and then moved to Brenham,



Zane Powell

Texas, where he was working on a ranch until his death.

He had lots of great friends and knew no strangers. He was known for his outrageous Snapchats and Facebook comments. He had such a great zest for life with his big heart, smart remarks and his ability to know all most any question he was asked, and he was 99% right most of time. He could spend hours with someone discussing how to solve the world’s problems, or at least he thought he knew how to solve them. Some of his hobbies included hunting, camping, socializing, country dancing and chasing girls, just to name a few. But his greatest accomplishment was donating himself to save others for his final gift and final deed. So you may meet him again in or on someone else.

He is survived by his parents Brett and Dani Powell, and his grandparents Jean Wood (Meeker, Colorado), Patty and Walter Powell (Rangely, Colorado), numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends, and his beloved dog, Whiskey.

He is preceded in death by his Grandpa Wood (Dan) and two aunts, Juli Guinn and Kati Buttram.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in the memory of Zane Powell C/O Tennant Funeral home PO Box 1547, Sterling, CO. 80751.

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Cynthia Louise Long Pearce

Sept. 16, 1953 ~ Nov. 20, 2021

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As our Mom, who is now flying high above.

The world lost a beloved mother, Cynthia Long Pearce, on Nov. 20, 2021, in Rangely, Colorado. She entered the world on Sept. 16, 1953, in Hayden, Colorado. Born to John Theron and Loretta Mae Wood Long.

Cindi was the “baby girl” of the family.

Cindi worked many jobs in her lifetime, but being a mother was her greatest and most rewarding achievement.

Cindi loved to do her crossword and crypto quip puzzles.

She loved her TV gameshows, the Price is Right and the Wheel of

Fortune, and always watched her “stories” (soap operas).

She rarely missed watching her favorite football team, Denver Broncos, play.

Cindi loved to garden, nature and the outdoors, especially camping and fishing!

She loved music and laughter. She was always telling jokes; her favorite one was about “Moth Balls.” She had the best sense of humor. She loved animals and always had at least one to take care of. Above all, she cherished and adored all of her family and her granddaughter!

Cindi is survived by her dear brother George (Diane); her son, Nathan Pearce; her daughter Laura Dunkle; her son Shane

Dunkle; her daughter Kristina Galvin; her granddaughter Olivia (peanut) Dunkle; her nephews Roger (Amy); Israel (Jennifer); Justin; Barry Nelson (SueAnn); her niece Rebecca; and great-nephews and great-nieces; and her beloved kitty Porkchop.

Cindi is preceded in death by her parents, sister Linda, her brother John, her sister Helen and her husband Mark.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Dinosaur Colorado Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please help with funeral expenses by donating by (Venmo) to @Laura-Dunkle-42 or directly to the funeral home at 435-789-2611. Arrangements handled with Blackburn Vernal Mortuary.



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Lukens announces run for House District 26 seat

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

Meghan Lukens of Steamboat Springs has announced her run for the State House of Representatives in the new House District 26. As currently proposed by the Independent Redistricting Commission, House District 26 would include the counties of Routt, Moffat, Rio Blanco and part of Eagle.

House District 26 is currently represented by State Representative Dylan Roberts, who has announced his candidacy for the Colorado State Senate in Senate District 8. Perry Will is the current representative for Moffat and Rio Blanco counties but that is changing with redistricting. He will be the incumbent for House District 57 which will include Garfield, Pitkin and part of Eagle counties.

Lukens is a long-time resident of Routt County and currently teaches social studies at Steamboat Springs High School, from which she graduated in 2011. She has a masters degree in leadership in educational organizations with a principal's licensure and a bachelor's degree in history, both from the University of Colorado. Before teaching at SSHS, she taught advanced placement (AP) U.S. government and politics and also

economics at Peak to Peak Charter School in the Boulder Valley School District.

Lukens plans to bring her experience in the classroom to the Colorado State House of Representatives. "I have always told my students that my favorite activities are learning and listening. We need more legislators who listen and learn. I've learned as a teacher, when we have challenges, the only way we can make progress is when we all come to the table and respect and honor each other's views to come to a practical solution that meets everyone's needs and progresses us forward," said Lukens. "We need a voice that champions policies for today and tomorrow. I am the candidate for our future and our Colorado."

Lukens plans to advocate for policies that support growing and diversifying our district-wide economies and workforce needs, specifically focusing on cost of living, childcare, affordable housing, and education. Additionally, she plans to focus on protecting water resources, preserving public lands, and supporting wildfire mitigation. She plans to work with community leaders and experts across Eagle, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt



Megan Lukens

counties to address these issues in a collaborative and communicative manner.

Lukens has secured endorsements from across House District 26 and the state of Colorado, including former State Representative Diane Mitsch Bush. "Meghan grew up in Routt County, so she knows and really cares about the issues facing us in NW Colorado," Mitsch Bush said of Lukens. "She collaborates to come up with practical, evidence-based solutions that work. That is who Meghan Lukens is and what she will do for us. Meghan is dedicated, energetic, and has an exemplary work ethic. She will work every day for us, not for special interests. Meghan is a problem solver. She will roll up her sleeves and get to work for all of us."

Routt County Commissioner Tim Redmond has also endorsed Lukens, saying, "I am excited to support Meghan Lukens. Her energy and vision along with love of Colorado will set her course. I look forward to hearing Meghan's vision for our future."

The general election for this seat is on November 8, 2022.

Endorsements from leaders across the state include:

- Fmr. State Representative Diane Mitsch Bush
- Colorado State Representative Edie Hooton, HD10
- Colorado State Representative Judy Amabile, HD13
- Commissioner Matt Scherr – Eagle County
- Commissioner Jeanne McQueeney – Eagle County
- Commissioner Beth Melton – Routt County
- Commissioner Tim Redmond – Routt County
- Moffat County School District School RE-1 Board President Jo Ann Baxter
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- Town of Oak Creek Mayor Nikki Knoebel
- Steamboat Springs City Council Member Robin Crossan

Learn more about Meghan Lukens at MeghanLukens.com

Micro loans now available for local ag

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

The Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA) is pleased to announce another round of funding for the Micro Loan Program, focused on providing low interest, short term micro loans for local agriculture producers. The program is funded by generous donors who truly believe in investing in agriculture.

A committee of CAA board members will accept and review loan applications, with a due date of Dec. 15, 2021. Applications will be reviewed in December with notification in early January. Loan terms and amounts will be based on specific project details, but are focused on existing local ag producers.

Key details for applicants to consider:

- Must be existing agriculture business or operation, with a special interest in food production within the Yampa Valley
- Must be 18 years and older, or have adult co-signer
- Must adhere to CAA Anti-Discrimination Policy and be current CAA member
- Loans exclude general operating, land purchase or leasing; applications should focus on specific need or

project directly related to agriculture production

- Loans are small (under \$10,000) and short term (3 months to 2 years) with interest rate of 2.5%
- Funds from repayment of loans will go back into CAA Micro Loan fund
- CAA is happy to accept additional donations in support of this new program

Micro Loan project ideas to consider:

- Additional fencing or electric fencing
 - Row covers
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 - Additional flume on existing system for better water control
- For additional information and questions, contact Michele Meyer at 879-4370 or michele@communityagalliance.org

Nat'l Forest winter travel season

Special to the Herald Times

The White River National Forest winter travel season is underway. During the winter season, all wheeled vehicles, including bikes, are limited to plowed routes to protect snow conditions for winter recreation and to protect road quality.

"These winter regulations are an important part of keeping the White River National Forest a premiere location for winter recreation by helping maintain conditions for activities like snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing," said Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams.

In many areas on the White River National Forest, snowmobile clubs groom roads for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing as a public service using volunteer time and funding from private and partner sources. Respecting signs and travel restrictions will help protect this investment in maintaining groomed surfaces and winter recreation opportunities.

Winter Motor Vehicle Use Maps identify routes and areas designated for "over the snow" motor vehicle travel, such as snowmobiles. They are free and available at all White River National Forest offices or from <http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver>.



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Lady Panthers basketball starts season Friday

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY | The Rangely High School girls basketball team will take the floor on Friday at 1 p.m. in the Manila Holiday Tournament. The Rangely basketball program has a record number of girls out this year.

Head coach Jimmie Mergelman boasted about the program's highest number of players during her second tenure as the head coach at RHS. "It is nice to have a full gym, after last year during COVID-19 we had such a small team. We have three seniors, three juniors, six sophomores and 11 freshmen." This should play into how fresh the team can remain when down the stretch when league play



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

This year's lady Panthers basketball team.

starts and the teams are playing two to three games per weekend.

This year the lady Panthers will be led by three seniors. Mary Scoggins led

the team in 2021 by averaging 12 points and nine rebounds, Adelynn Halcomb averaged 10 points, and Hayley Burr will join the team again, as well. Other key contributors from last year who are back this year are sophomore Annika Cantrell who averaged five points and nine rebounds. Mergelman added, "I will look for her [Cantrell] to do more in the way of controlling the boards with a full year of experience under her belt." Also sophomore

Ryann Mergelman averaged 10 points and five rebounds per game, and Kastyn Dembowski stepped in as a freshman and she contributed immensely to the 2021 program. When asked about Dembowski's role on the 2021-2022 team, Mergelman explained, "She does a lot of things for us defensively and we are looking for her to step up offensively this year also."

The lady Panthers will kick off their season in Manila this weekend as they are slated to take on the hosting Manila Mustangs

at 1 p.m. and then immediately following, the lady Panthers will take on the Green River Wolves (Green River, Wyoming) at 2:30 p.m. Both of these games are played on Friday, Dec. 3. The lady Panthers will then play the Intermountain Christian School Lions (SLC, Utah) at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Rangely High School will be hosting a tournament this year at home on Dec. 10-11 and look forward to being able to play at home in front of a full crowd of people.



(Left) Panther basketball seniors Adelynn Halcomb, Mary Scoggins and Hayley Burr.

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

MHS wrestling this weekend

By TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Cowboy wrestling will take to the mats this weekend in what appears to be a "schedule almost back to normal," according to head coach JC Watt.

This year, five seniors return to the Cowboy wrestling team that is 26 strong. Ty Goedert, Kelton Turner, Trinden Powell, Owen Hannemann, and Rowdy Rosendahl lead the team as they look forward to their first varsity and JV matches this weekend.

Coach Watt is joined again this year by Carl Padilla, Tyrell Turner, Trevor Grant, Justin Grant, Kurt Blunt, and Stryker Lane.

In preseason rankings the Cowboys hold places in seven of the 14 weights and are returning a strong team. Trae Kennedy is ranked number seven at 120 pounds, Goedert is ranked number five at 138 pounds, Connor Blunt is ranked number three at 160 pounds, Turner is ranked number two at 170 pounds, Branden Clatterbagh is ranked number six at 182 pounds, Judd Harvey is ranked number four at 220 pounds and Tanner Musser is ranked number eight at 285 pounds.

"We should have all 14 weights filled this year when we head to regionals," commented Watt.

Colorado High School Sports Athletic Association changed how they organize the regional tournaments and this year the Cowboys will be traveling to Del Norte for their regional tournament with Centauri and Crowley County as the other major ranked opponents. Centauri is coming off of a 2020 state championship in wrestling and a 2021 state football championship, and will be the toughest of opponents. Coach Watt has not

yet won a regional tournament but has led the team to a star championship.

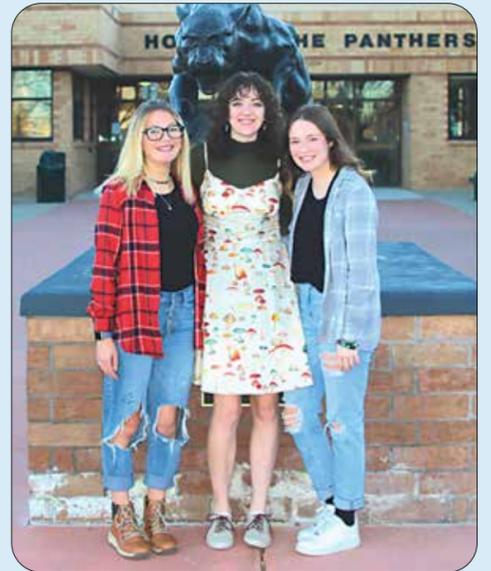
This week Cowboy varsity will travel to Grand Junction as they will compete in the Colorado Mesa University duals on Saturday and the JV will be in Olathe at a very competitive tournament.



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Above, head coach JC Watt instructs Bow Muxlow on technique. MHS varsity wrestlers will travel to Grand Junction for the Colorado Mesa University duals this Saturday, while JV heads to Olathe for a competitive tournament.

CHEER SENIORS ...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

The Rangely Panthers' winter season cheer squad includes Annabelle Brannan (sophomore), Lilly Noel (freshman), Jasmine Talbot (junior) and seniors Kashealee Ekker, Norrah Patch and Bailey Tucker, pictured above.



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BACK ON THE COURT ...



TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Another week remains before the Meeker boys basketball takes to the court in their season opener. Head coach Klark Kindler (above with Zagar Brown) said this year they are returning five seniors to the team. Leading 2020 scorer Liam Deming, Zach Simonsen, Peter Hanks, Brown, and Chakwah Brink. "This year things seem to be back to normal as compared to last year's COVID year," said Kindler. "We are returning a lot of leadership on the team and it shows in practice."

The White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout returns this year for its 20th time since 2000. The boys will be playing Longmont Christian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for their opening game of the tournament. The other teams include Mancos, Aspen, Lotus, Palisade, Soroco, and Hayden. Saturday morning of the tournament the teams will compete in a three point contest and dunking contest and the coaches in a three point contest, public welcome to watch. The boys' tournament runs Dec. 9-11 beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, each team will get three games, one game per day.

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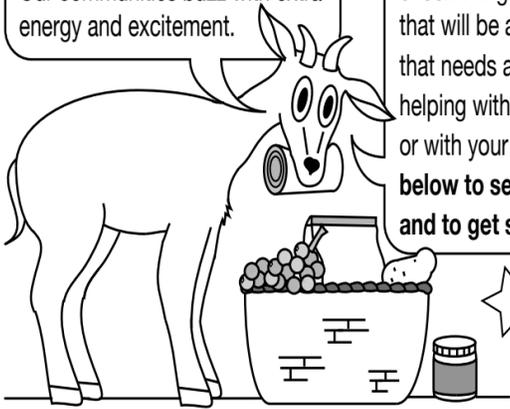
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1. soldiers
2. fairs
3. mittens
4. gifts
5. elderly
6. cheer
7. parties
8. children
9. homeless
10. money
11. food

After my homework is done, I like to give this much of myself to make things better for others!

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve are all celebrated in December.

1. hosting Christmas _____ to celebrate and give out toys
2. lighting outdoor trees and singing carols to spread _____
3. going to holiday _____ and craft shows to join in fun with their neighbors
4. kids and their families are collecting coats, _____ and hats to keep others warm
5. boxing treats, letters, cards, personal items for _____ serving in other countries
6. may be adopting a _____ cat or dog (if conditions are good for this)
7. filling and delivering baskets and bags with _____ for a Christmas dinner
8. gathering small toys, books, pens, etc., to put in shoeboxes to send to needy _____ across the world
9. selling "photos with Santa" at a special breakfast to raise _____
10. wrapping toys and other _____
11. shopping to help police officers "fill their cruisers" with _____ to bring joy
12. visiting the _____ to bring plants or treats

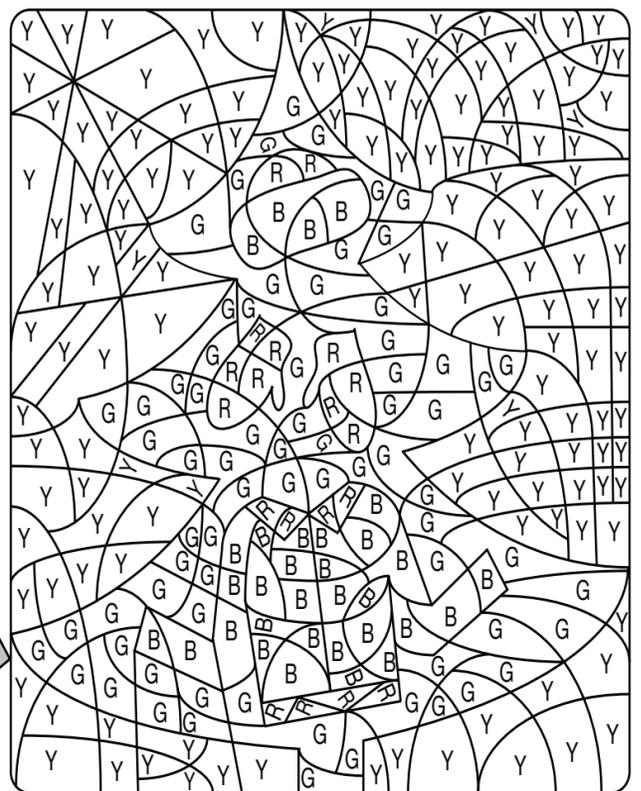
Hi! My name is Snowy. This year I'm donating to the American Lung Association. They will send me a set of Christmas Seals® to thank me and I'll use them on my holiday cards. Other nonprofits give out address labels to help raise funds for their causes.



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The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

• The man who uses words to dodge ideas does not last long in this age and generation.

• The world is always hungry for ideas, either wise or grotesque.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

• Another week of mixed weather — sunshine, clouds, rain, chilly and warm.

• Last Sunday the people of Powell Park gathered at the schoolhouse for a Thanksgiving dinner and Community Day.

The Meeker Herald
50 years ago

• Meeker Lions Club

invites Boy Scouts and anyone else interested to go on the yearly Christmas tree cut at the Independent Lumber Co. yard in Meeker Sunday morning at 9:30.

• Paul Starbuck who was head football coach at Meeker High School from 1942 to 1956 was the “surprise” honored guest at the annual Meeker High School football banquet for recognition for his work done as a vocational Ag. instructor, FFA advisor, head wrestling coach and assistant football coach.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

• Meeker High School Football came in second place in the 2A football championship to Bayfield.

• The New Zealand national sheepdog trial champion will be the judge for the 1997 Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championships. According to Classic organizer Gus Halandras, Ginger Anderson, of Omarama Station, New Zealand, will be the first non-European judge for the Classic.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

• The Rio Blanco Cutter & Chariot racing Association begins its official races Sunday at 1:30, with nine chariot races to determine the top four teams to be sent to represent the association at the World Championship Cutter & Chariot Races

next spring.

• A beginning-intermediate bowling class will be starting Dec. 7 at Rangely College and is open to all.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

• The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Rangely will be co-sponsoring the Town Christmas parade on Dec. 7, and a “Scrooge Contest for the most Christmas Spirit”

• On Nov. 22, a fire left a clinging layer of soot on the insides of Oscar Anderson’s residence on 850 E. Main. Rangely volunteer firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in a little under an hour.

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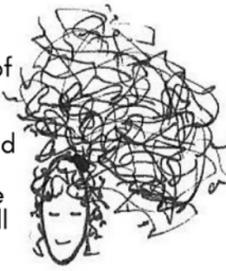
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THE STRIP from SLEEPY CAT VOGI SHOP For The Holidays: Part 1

First Steps To Every Pose

1. Lengthen through the crown of your head, tucking your chin in just a smidgen to straighten out your cervical spine, stand, sit, or lay tall.
2. Pull your belly button up and then back towards your spine to engage your core and lift your pelvic floor.
3. Stay relaxed through your shoulders and maintain steady/natural inhaled and exhaled.

This month we will start our four part series off with Kapalabhathi breathing. This breathing practice is also known as Breath of Fire and is extremely beneficial as it cleanses, detoxifies and invigorates your mind and body. Through the next few weeks you will be able to incorporate Kapalabhathi breathing into other parts of this series.



To begin, find a comfortable sitting position and reach tall through the crown of your head. With your next inhale allow your abdomen to expand as your lungs fill, then with your exhale snap your belly button up and back towards your spine. Continue to inhale and expand, exhale and snap back. As you get the hang of this you can do this more quickly, snapping your core into engagement allowing for heat to ignite.

Practice this for a minute or longer if comfortable.

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1. Pilgrim's destination
2. Make a scene
3. Rubik's puzzle
4. Hawaii environs
5. Toothy fish
6. Cone-shaped dwelling
7. White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
8. ___-Wan Kenobi
9. *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
10. *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
11. *___ Day, or second day of Christmastide
12. Land parcel
13. Strauss of denim fame
14. Broadband access overseer, acr.
15. Clarified butter
16. Acute one and obtuse one
17. Southeastern Asian country
18. Jousting's breastplate
19. Shrewdness
20. Caspian basin river
21. *Pasadena's Tournament of ___
22. Tel ____, Israel

23. Native American emblem
24. "Why not?"
25. Hitchhiker's quest
26. Omits when speaking
27. Hard to find
28. Bear's winter quarters
29. Hoodwink
30. Scepter's partner
31. *Number of days in Christmastide
32. *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
33. Prepare a letter
34. "Bingo!"
35. Hunger for
36. Pass-the-baton race
37. *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
38. Same as tori
39. Raise the roof
40. German river
41. Stall sound

DOWN

1. Whiny and miserable
2. Shade of beige
3. Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
4. Marlboro alternative
5. Not digital
6. Bug-eyed

7. Not Uber
8. Social group
9. Ghana monetary unit
10. Second word of many fairytales
11. Cause of Titanic's demise
12. Poetic "even"
13. Burdensome
14. Not this or that
15. Lab eggs
16. Time off
17. *Champagne holder
18. *Wassailing composition
19. Raccoon's South American cousin
20. Feeling of superiority, pl.
21. ___ gum, food additive
22. Furiously angry
23. Exclude or omit
24. *Number of candles in kinara, Kwanzaa
25. *Troika vehicle
26. "Will be," according to Doris
27. Asian goat antelope
28. Potpourri
29. Chevy Suburban, e.g.
30. Builds
31. *Popular holiday wish
32. Munchausen's title
33. *Bedecked arbor

34. Shakespeare, to his friends?
35. And others, for short
36. Minus
37. Tropical edible root
38. Anon's partner
39. Take a load off
40. Like some humor
41. *Traditional main holiday dish

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AGENDAS

MISC NOTICES

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 8, 2021
REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. 2022 Budget Public Hearing
6. New Business
- A. Property Tax Leins
- B. Property & Liability Insurance Renewal
- C. State Comp Insurance Renewal
- D. Designate Election Official for 2022
- E. Coulter Lot Line Adjustment
7. Old Business
- A. Plant Manager Report
- B. Office Manager Report
8. Attorney
9. Board
- A. Reports
- B. Delinquent Accounts
- C. Approve Current Bills
10. 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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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicnHmP47tZL_NjNOFIg
Special Meeting Agenda December 6, 2021

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.

1. **12:30 P.M. Call to order:**
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to the December 6, 2021 Agenda
- C. **Move to approve the December 6, 2021 Agenda including any changes**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA for December 6, 2021**
3. **BUSINESS**
- A. Move to appoint Teresia Reed to the

Meeker Cemetery Board.

- B. Move to ratify a letter to the Economic Development Commission, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, in encouraging support of the AGNC Economic Development District as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project.
4. **BID AWARDS**
5. **MOU's, CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS**
- A. Move to approve/deny an Agreement with Rangely District Hospital to provide access to clinical services and direct medical care for the Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health and Environment (RBCPH) Family Planning Program.
- B. Move to approve/deny a Settlement Agreement with Utah Gas Corporation regarding the 2020 valuation of Parcel ID P7503902.
- C. Move to approve/deny an amendment to the Agreement for Services with Diane Prather dba Prather Productions for Life Skills Services dated 08/11/2020 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 and extending the term from May 31, 2021 to May, 31, 2022.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
- A. Move to approve/deny Resolution No. 2021-25, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, establishing the 2022 Observed Holidays for Rio Blanco County Government.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
Adjourn
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/18/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Reida M. Coulter AKA Reida Mae Coulter, Deceased
Case Number 21PR30014
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, on or before March 18, 2022, or the claims shall be forever barred. Lance Allen Coulter and Samantha Kai Lopez
Co-Personal Representatives
c/o J. Richard Livingston, Esq.
2764 Compass Dr., Ste 200A
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Notice to Creditors
Estate of Florence Ardith Hazelbaker, also known as Florence A. Hazelbaker and Florence Hazelbaker, Deceased,
Case Number 21 PR 30013.
All persons having claims against the names estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before March 31, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.
Linda Stewart
820 County Road 36
Meeker, CO 81641
Attorney for Personal Representative
F. Joseph Fennessy #10477
PO Box 1518
Meeker, CO 81641
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NOTICE
REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

TO: Every person in actual possession or occupancy of the hereinafter described real property, lot or premises, and to the person in whose name the same was taxed or specially assessed, and to all persons having an interest or title of record in or to the said premises and to whom it may concern, and more especially to:

TRANS-VAIL, INC.
ROBERT H. BARR
JUSTIN GRANT
ATHLOS LIFE

RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER

You and each of you are notified that on **NOVEMBER 14, 2018**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **BERNIE ANDRIASH**, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 4 SANDERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **BERNIE ANDRIASH**, by the said County Treasurer; That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2017**;

That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **TRANS-VAIL, INC.**, for said year **2017**;

That on **APRIL 27, 2020**, said Certificate of Purchase was assigned by **BERNIE ANDRIASH** to **JUSTIN GRANT**;

That on **NOVEMBER 8, 2021**, said assigned Certificate of Purchase was reassigned by **JUSTIN GRANT** to **ATHLOS LIFE, LLC**.

That on **NOVEMBER 8, 2021**, said **ATHLOS LIFE, LLC**, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property;

That at 10:00 A.M. on **MARCH 21, 2022**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **ATHLOS LIFE, LLC**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Tax Lien Sale Date: **NOVEMBER 14, 2018**
Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **NOVEMBER 14, 2021**
Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **MARCH 21, 2022**
Redemption Period expires **MARCH 21, 2022, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M.

Schedule	TLSC #	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
R0103808	2018-00014	44,290	TRANS-VAIL, INC.

Witness my hand this **16TH** day of **NOVEMBER**, A.D. **2021**.
/S/ Rhonna Waldref, Treasurer, Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Published: **DECEMBER 2, 2021; DECEMBER 9, 2021; DECEMBER 16, 2021**.
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Schedule	TLSC #	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
R0103809	2018-00013	42,920	TRANS-VAIL, INC.

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FORECLOSURE

PLANNING HEARINGS

BUDGET NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 21-02

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 2, 2021, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s): JEAN K HEJIL
Original Beneficiary(ies): WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
Date of Deed of Trust: February 11, 2009
County of Recording: Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 19, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 295050
Original Principal Amount: \$237,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$131,914.74

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOTS 14,15,16 IN BLOCK 4, HIDDENBRANDT'S SUBDIVIDED LOTS BEING IN THE TOWN OF RANGELY.
Also known by street and number as: 313 W RIO BLANCO AVE, 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, 01/05/2022, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

Amick Meadow Minor Subdivision PSUB-0003-21. The applicant is requesting to subdivide +/- 17.4 acres into 3 lots. Current Zoning is Agricultural. The property is located at 4392 CR 6, Meeker Colorado, lying within Sections 29, T1N, R92W, 6th P.M.
Address - 4392 CR 6, Meeker Colorado.
Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Planning Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9510 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
RIO BLANCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 9, 2021 the Rio Blanco County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor Commissioner Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado to consider the following:

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NOTICE AS TO ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00pm, Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., 3rd Floor BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, CO to adopt the 2022 Rio Blanco County Budget. All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend. The Agenda for the Budget Meeting will be: Pledge of Allegiance; Changes or Additions to the Agenda; Hearing; Procedure of Hearing; Presentation of the proposed 2022 Budget by Janae Stanworth, Budget & Finance Director; Presentation of the proposed 2022 HUTF spending by Scott Marsh, R&B Director; Questions or Comments by the Public; Consideration of Resolution to adopt the Rio Blanco County Budget for 2022; Consideration of Resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2022; Consideration of three resolutions to levy General Property Taxes for 2021, to help defray the cost of County Government, Piceance Creek Pest Control District and Lower White River Pest Control District, all for budget year 2022. Meeting to be recessed. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9440 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made. Please check the County's website for updates.
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NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 14, 2021, 11:00 a.m. Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse, 555 Main Street, BOCC Meeting Room, Meeker, Colorado.

The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2021 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Capital Expenditure, Road & Bridge, Public Health Agency Fund, Human Services Fund, Use Tax Fund, Communications Fund, Fairfield Complex, and County Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CCITF). The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main Street, Suite 101, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
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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 2022. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation district 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 Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM.
Any interested elector within said White River Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation district office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-9838 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: Tristan Nielsen, District Manager
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.

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

• **A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**

• **IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**

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

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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 09/02/2021
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lauren Tew #45041 Randall M. Chin #31149 Monica Kadmas #34904
Weldon P. Phillips, Jr #31827 Nichole Williams #49611
Barrett Frappier & Weisseman, LLP 1391 Speer Blvd, suite 700, Denver, CO 80204
(303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 9295981
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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GENERAL FUND
Town of Meeker, Payroll = PD Supplemental, \$75,263.62
CRA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$3,387.66
CRA, Emp. Retirement, \$7,534.76
CRA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$1,426.59
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$23,357.85
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$4,530.07
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$1,845.90
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$2,016.78
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$5,008.36
MHRC, Emp. Donation, \$27.00
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$1,030.78
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$134.60
Petty Cash, Recordings & Postage, \$37.50
Atmos. Nov. Natural Gas, \$620.50
Axon Enterprise Inc., Taser Bundel / PD, \$2,400.01
Meeker Chamber, Holiday Meeker Bucks, \$720.00
Meeker SkiJour, Econ Dev. / Marketing, \$5,000.00
Networking of the Rockies, Digium Phone Lic., \$4,800.00
Nix. Co., Chain Sharpening, \$29.78
SWCA, INC., Aquatic Resources Inventory, \$3,231.81
Union Telephone, Nov. Cell Phone Service, \$551.24
Century Link, Oct. Phone Svc., \$263.81

Column Software, PBC, Legal Publications, \$13.20
Edwards, Jay Atty., Nov. Muni Judge Svc., \$325.00
Gall's, Uniform Boots / PD, \$75.25
Halandras, Regas K, Payment 2 of 4 - Roof Completion, \$14,954.17
Identity Graphics, Marketing Stickers, \$75.00
Lohmiller & Co., I-VU Appliance & Install HVAC Sys, \$3,932.00
Networking of the Rockies, Mimecast & LogMeIn Annual Fee, \$4,000.00
Nix. Co., Repair Hedge Trimmer Pull Cord, \$30.98
Overton Recycling, Oct. Trash Svc., \$162.00
Pioneer's Healthcare Foundation, Donation, \$1,000.00
RBC ICT Dept., Nov. Internet Svc., \$164.00
Rio Blanco County, PD RMS System Repl., \$29,400.00
White River Distributing, Bottle Water, \$27.00
White River Electric, Oct. Electricity, \$1,603.37
Colo. Chiefs of Police *, Conference Registration / PD, \$270.00
Columbine Ford *, Repairs, Ford Interceptor, \$620.58
Curtis Blue Line *, Uniform Shirts / PD, \$252.00
Lohmiller & Co. *, HVAC Annual Svc. Contract / Bldg., \$1,404.00
Mountain Valley Bank *, Ammo, Trng. / PD; Training/Admin, \$1,046.15
RBC Sales & Use Tax *, Nov. Sales Tax Adjustment, \$7,054.14
Total General Fund, \$209,627.46

WATER FUND
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$15,421.95
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$2,304.80
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$653.47
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$7,193.46
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,691.32
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$629.42
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,644.33
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$791.10
MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.00
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$322.25
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$100.15
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$222.84
Atmos, Nov. Natural Gas, \$301.82
Filter Tech System, Pump Tubes, \$126.23
Union Telephone, Nov. Cell Phone Service, \$89.74
Century Link, Oct. Phone Svc., \$19.51
RBC ICT Dept., Dec. Internet Svc., \$36.00
SGS, Water Samples, \$795.30
White River Electric, Oct. Electricity, \$2,570.85
ISI Instrument Supply *, Control Solenoid, \$340.20
Mountain Valley Bank *, Office Supplies, Coffee, Phone, \$80.26
SGS *, Water Testing, \$1,613.75
Total Water Fund: \$37,966.75
Total All Funds: \$247,594.21
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