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Shootout ...

The Meeker and Rangely girls' basketball teams open season play tonight and today, respectively, as the Meeker team plays host to the White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout. The girls' tournament is this weekend, the boys' shootout is next weekend. Rangely opens today at 4:30 p.m. against Cortez and Meeker at 7:30 p.m. vs. the Cortez junior varsity. Please see Page 10A.



Sage, the Rangely Elf, can be worth \$250 to shopper

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I This holiday season Rangely shoppers will have the opportunity to win \$250 from the Rangely Chamber of Commerce by playing the chamber's version of "Elf on the Shelf."

Each day, Monday through Thursday, the female elf, who has been named Sage, will be placed in a

different eligible business around town. Eligible businesses are those who are members of the Chamber of Commerce listed on the chamber's website.

Kristin Steele, executive director of the chamber, will post clues about the elf's whereabouts daily on the chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Once shoppers spot the elf, they need to snap a quick picture with her

and either post it to the chamber's Facebook page, email it to the chamber or stop by the chamber's office in Town Hall and show it to Steele.

Each picture of an encounter with the elf will be one entry into a drawing for \$250 in Chamber Bucks, which can be spent at any of the local businesses that are chamber members.

An extra entry can be earned by purchasing something at the business where the elf is discovered and then

taking a picture of the receipt.

Sage the Elf will be out on the town from Dec. 1 through Dec. 23 with Steele drawing the winner the evening of Dec. 23.

Steele is hopeful the game will encourage local shopping and add a little holiday cheer.

"The purpose of this is to get people in the door of our local businesses," she said. "If someone goes in to the business to find Sage, they might

walk into a business they don't typically go into and realize they offer something they didn't know they offered.

"Maybe they don't buy anything in that moment, but they then have knowledge of what that business carries and they now go back in the future to make a purchase," she said. "It also gives the community something fun to do and have a chance to win some extra money before the holidays."



JENNIFER HILL

Rangely shoppers who find and photograph Sage, the Rangely Christmas elf, have the opportunity to win \$250.

COLORS OF THE SEASON...



SEAN MCMAHON

Just after a light snow on Saturday, the Town of Meeker's Christmas lights, in combination with the street lights, cast a colorful glow along Main Street. The work was done by White River Electric Association crews in the spirit of the season.

Rangely council talks ordinance changes and budget condition

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely Town Council met for a short meeting Nov. 24 with all members present to discuss a public hearing, special events permit application and renew several liquor licenses.

After calling the meeting to order, the council was presented with the first public reading of Ordinance

Number 687 titled "Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention and Making Necessary Changes to Related Sections of the Municipal Code."

There were no comments, from council or audience members about the new ordinance.

Town Manager Peter Brixius updated the council on the capital budget, which was set at \$2.95 million for fiscal year 2015. The town has currently spent \$1.59 million of that

budget, year to date. Brixius expects another \$645,000 in additional expenses by the end of the year, however \$270,000 of that will be covered by grant reimbursements.

Brixius also informed the board that it will cost approximately \$100,000 to finish the asphalt work on Hillcrest. The work, which he projects will take three to four weeks, will

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Rangely Shop 'N' Dine ends Saturday

By JENNIFER HILL
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely's Shop 'N' Dine participants have less than three full days left to redeem their vouchers earned in the month of November at local businesses.

The seventh year of the Shop

'N' Dine program will officially end Saturday, Dec. 5, when participating businesses will be reimbursed by the Town of Rangely for vouchers taken in.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 24, with a week left to turn in receipts in exchange for vouchers, the town had given out \$2,900 worth of

vouchers, which is down from previous years, which have seen totals as high as \$14,000.

"Shopping locally supports families that live and work in Rangely," Town Manager Peter Brixius said. "By shopping locally, we are investing in the future of our community."

Free breakfast with Santa on Saturday

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I For those hungry folks in the Meeker area on Saturday morning, the Meeker Lions Club will be serving a free breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Freeman E. Fairfield Center at 200 E. Main in downtown Meeker.

Breakfast will be provided by the Meeker Lions Club in conjunction with the ERBM Recreation and Park Department.

Santa will be present, so local parents are encouraged to bring their cameras along for the meal and for them to remind their children to bring along their Christmas gift lists

to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

Attendees are also requested to bring a non-perishable food item that will be given to the Meeker Food Bank.

For more information, call the ERBM Recreation and Park District at 878-3403.

BLM releases DEIS on previous oil, gas leases in White River Nat'l Forest

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I On Nov. 18, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that analyzes 65 existing oil and gas leases located on the White River National Forest, including leases in the Thompson Divide area.

The 49-day public comment period on the DEIS began when the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS published in the Federal Register on Nov. 20 and will run through Jan. 8.

"We appreciate the effort of the local community in this discussion," said BLM Colorado State Director Ruth Welch. "We will continue to work toward finding a path forward that balances energy development and conservation while recognizing the White River National Forest's planning efforts."

The EIS presents five alternatives for the public to provide comment on, ranging from no changes to the existing leases to canceling them in their entirety. The final alternative the BLM ultimately selects may incorporate components of two or more of the alternatives presented in the Draft EIS.

The Proposed Action in the EIS (Alternative 4) tracks the proposed decision in the U.S. Forest Service's 2014 Draft Record of Decision with respect to areas that would be open and closed to future oil and gas leasing in the White River National Forest. The Proposed Action would cancel all or part of 25 existing leases

in areas closed to future leasing by the Forest Service.

"We appreciate the input we have received from the public and local governments throughout this process, and we look forward to continuing public interest and input," said Colorado River Valley Field Manager Karl Mendonca. "The most effective public comments on this Draft EIS will be specific to the alternatives and analysis in the EIS."

The leases in question are almost entirely on land managed by the U. S. Forest Service. The BLM is undertaking this EIS to address deficiencies in the environmental analyses used to support the issuance of those leases previously as identified by the Interior Board of Land Appeals in a 2007 decision.

While the U.S. Forest Service determines which of its lands are available for oil and gas leasing and conducts the environmental analysis for those availability decisions, the BLM must either formally adopt the Forest Service analysis or perform its own analysis prior to issuing oil and gas leases based on those determinations. For 65 of the existing leases in the White River National Forest, the BLM did not formally adopt the U.S. Forest Service's analysis nor did it conduct its own prior to issuing those leases.

The EIS process currently underway addresses that deficiency.

Separate from the BLM's process for the 65 existing leases, the U.S. Forest Service has recently completed its own EIS looking at future leasing in the White River National Forest. The BLM's EIS incorporates

much of the information and analysis from the U.S. Forest Service EIS.

The EIS will serve as a guide for future leasing in the White River National Forest. The Forest Service released its draft Record of Decision in December 2014. Additional information can be found on the Forest Service's website at www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver.

The BLM will host three public meetings on the DEIS from 4-7 p.m., at the following locations: Dec. 14: Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfson Rd., Glenwood Springs; Dec. 15, DeBeque Elementary School, 730 Minter Ave., De Beque; and Dec. 16, Roaring Fork High School, 2270 Hwy 133, Carbondale

Additional information about the EIS is available at: www.blm.gov/co/crvfo.

Comments on the Draft EIS need to be received by Jan. 8, 2016, and may be emailed to WRNFleases@blm.gov; faxed to 970-876-9090; or mailed to BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office, Attn: WRNF Leases, 2300 River Frontage Rd., Silt, Colo. 81652.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.



SEAN MCMAHON

A Christmas card often reflects the quiet and peacefulness of a family at home, and such is the feeling one receives looking at the decorated home of Cindy and Richard Welle, located at the intersection of Eighth and Garfield streets in Meeker.

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Sunday: 37/12 Mostly sunny



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Science Friday with Doc Bob.** Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Customer Appreciation Drawing** Dec. 1-22 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Thank you! The ERBM Recreation and Park District would like to show its gratitude during the holiday season with some free prizes! Visit the Meeker Recreation Center to learn more and enter the prize drawing! 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Tot Spot Drop-in Childcare.** Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center. (Evening times on Monday and Wednesday as well.) Ready to provide fun and affordable childcare while you enjoy the Meeker Recreation Center. Available for children ages 6 months to 6 years. More information at www.meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **The Meeker Library Bookclub** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Dec. 14. We will be discussing "Still Life" by Louise Penny. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Adult Pickleball.** From 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays in the Admin Gym at the Meeker Rec Center. Adults, come and give it your best shot at Pickleball—a racquet sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis!

■ **Game Day.** Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+. Stop by for refreshments, conversation and a game of cards.

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

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Parker Mall. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Gentlemen's Group.** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+. Stop by for refreshments and conversation.

■ **Breakfast with Santa** Dec. 5 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker. You are invited to enjoy a breakfast with Santa and share your wish list! Share in the gift of giving by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Meeker Food Bank. All ages welcome. ERBM Recreation and Park District; 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **SCUBA Club** from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Meeker Recreation Center Pool. Individuals who possess a current SCUBA certification are invited to practice their SCUBA skills at this time. ERBM Recreation and Park District; 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Monthly Movie Matinee.** Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library. Enjoy this month's free movie, Mr. Holmes. ERBM Recreation and Park District; 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Itty Bitty Winter Wonderland Pool Party** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Meeker Recreation Center Pool. Children ages 6 months to 6 years with parent/caregiver are invited. ERBM Recreation and Park District; 970-878-3403; www.meekerrecdistrict.com

■ **Meeker is now an Affiliate of the Colorado Main Street Program!** If you would like more information and would like to be involved in this program to improve Meeker, please attend our first meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Meeker Library from 12-1pm. We will be watching a webinar about the Main Street approach and discussing community involvement to kick start the program. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 878-5510 to RSVP.

MEEKER ARTISAN CO-OP PLANNED ...



Jill and Dale Dunbar, on the right, address a gathering of folks interested in the establishment of a Meeker artisans' cooperative gallery on Main Street in Meeker. The group, which met Nov. 19 in the proposed space, included former Meeker Mayor Steve Loshbaugh and his wife, Avis, now with the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, on the left. The Smoking River Studio Arts Gallery is expected to open by May 1.

Art co-op is in works in Meeker

By REED KELLEY
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER Longtime Meeker resident Jill Dunbar and her native Meeker husband, Dale Dunbar, have been dreaming and traveling. In their travels, they've investigated several small town artisan co-operatives that seem to be doing well and which promote and sell largely local works of art and fine crafts.

Such an enterprise in Fairplay—Coyote Creek Arts—was their original inspiration. Jill says she wants to "re-invent" herself by developing a similar member-owned co-operative outlet here and perhaps drag a little bit of the town of Meeker along with her.

The Dunbars, along with Diana and Mike Jones and Cindy and Dick Welle, hosted a group of other interested folks at the planned store space on Nov. 19. They announced the name they've chosen for the gallery to be Smoking River Studio Arts.

The Dunbars have visited with and have developed other contacts with those in similar undertakings in several other towns in addition to Fairplay, including Gunnison, Cedaredge, Palisade, Montrose, New Castle and Silt.

"We're also definitely considering the studio would offer many types of classes," Jill said.

She says she's "so excited about their plans that I don't sleep at night. My brain is reeling with all the possibilities we can offer."

Dunbar reports that the consensus from their mid-November gathering was, "Yes, this is an idea worth pursuing. There was so much energy from those who attended. We are taking baby steps—this is a process—but we are a determined and committed group. There's much yet to be done."

She also said she believes "this will not only work for our very talented artists around the area and Western Slope, but will also be a boost to downtown Meeker."

Anyone who is interested in participating one way or another with the studio is urged to call, text or email Jill at 406-690-4255, jillnrcrossdunbar@gmail.com, or Diana Jones at 970-260-7361.

Dale Dunbar told the group on Nov. 19 that they are thinking, at this point, about an annual fee of \$180 for artists wishing to provide works for sale. The group plans to have artworks accepted for sale only after a juried approval process.

Initially, the studio will be dependent on a volunteer director and staff. Out-of-town artists or others who cannot man the studio a few days a month, usually pay a higher membership fee. Or, in lieu of hours in the gallery, members may make alternate

contributions which may be monetary, marketing expertise ad design, covering printing costs, etc.

"We will want to ensure that every member contributes to the health of the co-op in some form or another," Dunbar said. "A target opening date of May 1 has been set."

The site for the studio, which is currently being re-done to accommodate studio functions, is 627 Main St. between Meeker Drugs and Meeker Realty. The space most recently housed Kacey's Kloset, a second-hand thrift store.

Over the years, the location has been home to a grocery store, abattoir and butcher shop, numerous retail endeavors, including ladies' wear and furniture.

Christmas tree permits available

Special to the Herald Times

RBC Christmas tree permits are available through Dec. 23 from the White River National Forest offices for \$10 per permit and may be purchased with cash, check or credit card. There is a maximum of five tree permits per person.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mail-order permits are available by check or money order. Permits will be mailed within two

to three business days. The mail-order form is located at: www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver.

In Meeker, the Blanco Ranger Station is at 220 East Market St., or call 878-4039.

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RBC Historical Society, Heritage Culture Center complete plans for 2016

By ELLENE MEECE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I In the past two-plus years, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society has discussed the need to become involved in heritage tourism. Everyone had become painfully aware of the economic downturn and the toll it was having on our communities, and it was pointed out that heritage tourism was the No. 1 economic driver for Colorado.

What if the historical society could play a role in not only stepping up our efforts to educate our own citizens on our rich history, but also to share it in a way that would bring more tourism to our area?

In 2015, those dreams began to become reality. Over the past year, here's what has been accomplished:

1. Building acquired on Jan. 6, 2015, in partnership with Rio Blanco County, to house the Heritage Culture Center.
2. Heritage Culture Center Committee formed Jan. 20, 2015.
3. Regular planning meetings held bi-monthly from January to date working through the governance, heritage tourism four-steps with financial planning and tourism assessment.
4. Created a committee logo in February 2015.
5. Established a public use building policy in March 2015.
6. Received a one-time donation of \$1,500 from White River Electric Association for start up expenses—March 2015.
7. Applied for grant funding through the Boettcher Foundation for exterior building renovation—April 2015.
8. Facilitated a successful agri-tourism workshop in conjunction with Colorado Tourism Office on June 2, 2015.
9. Led the "100 Year Journey" project, providing promotional materials for travelers driving between Rocky Mountain National Park and Dinosaur National Monument—June 2015.
10. Hosted two character story hour events for children.
11. Presence at community events: Meekerpalooza, Range Call, County Fair, Meeker Sheep Dog Classic.
12. Awarded a CHAMP (Colorado Heritage and Agri-tourism Mentorship Program) grant from the Colorado

Tourism Office for strategic planning in April 2015 and a three-day workshop in July 2015.

13. Conducted History Camp in partnership with ERBM Recreation and Park District—July 2015.

14. Initiated the Historical District designation process with submission of application October 2015.

15. Initiated design concepts for the mini-theater by Vanessa Trout in August 2015.

16. Initiated fundraising efforts with a booth at the Meeker Sheepdog Classic in September 2015

17. Provided heritage education demonstration at Meeker Sheepdog Classic in September 2015

18. Determined a scope of work for architectural design services through the University of Colorado, University Technical Assistance program in September 2015 and was awarded Fairfield Trust Grant to fund this service.

19. Partnered with Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Tourism to attend the 2015 Heritage Summit in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

20. Provided three historic presentations to the public.

21. Completed strategic planning October 2015.

The Heritage Culture Center Committee (a standing committee under the Rio Blanco County Historical Society) and the Heritage Tourism Task Force are proud to have accomplished so much in 2015 but also are proud to have completed a comprehensive strategic plan for 2016-17 after four months of discussions and collaboration.

The success of producing this plan is largely due to the invaluable guidance of CHAMP (Colorado Heritage Agri-tourism Mentor Program) mentor Constance DeVereaux, who spent three days in Meeker in July educating the committee on strategic planning. She reformulated the mission statement into: "The HCCC believes Rio Blanco County thrives by celebrating its heritage roots!"

She also taught them how to document their goals and objectives. Then she provided follow up suggestions and assistance until the 22-page document was satisfactorily completed.

The strategic plan goals include: renovation, education, identification and agri-tourism. Each of these four goals has clearly defined objectives

and project plans to guide the way over the next year.

The No. 1 goal is a renovation of the building at 517 Park Ave. that will create a mini theater, seating 60 to 65 for heritage-themed events for all ages, parties, class education and more with a state-of-the-art movie theater system to bring history to life. The design will be "Old West" to honor our history but also attract tourists who are drawn to American West History!

A key part to the success of this strategic plan is collaboration! The Heritage Culture Center Committee and Heritage Tourism Task Force desire to team up with other organizations on these tourism efforts and they welcome new ideas and involvement!

Dec. 1 was the last meeting of the year. It took place at the Old West Heritage Culture Center.

Link to www.rioblancocounty.org/heritage-tourism/old-west-heritage-culture-center/ to see the Strategic Plan and other heritage tourism links.



The Rio Blanco County Historical Society is getting behind the new Old West Heritage Cultural Center on Park Street in Meeker with the Old West Cultural Center Committee. Above are artist concepts of what may be included in the center when the updating and renovation are complete. The committee also has listed its 2015 accomplishments and 2016 plans.

RBCS PHOTO

RANGELY: Budget talks

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begin sometime in April, contingent on the weather.

The council learned that once again profits from gas utilities are down.

Brixius believes the cause is primarily the warmer temperatures. He also said he expects that gas prices will stay competitive for consumers in the coming winter.

With Shop 'N' Dine in its final week, Brixius told the board that the town had given out \$2,900 in vouchers so far. However, according to Brixius, the last few days of the program are typically more "robust," and he expected that number to grow.

The council also learned that a Rangely police officer had resigned earlier in the week, choosing to move to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department. The resignation leaves the town with five open positions at this time.

Brixius mentioned that Rangely was featured in a story on Fox 31 Denver News last week in a short piece about the musical sensation, The

Tank. Brixius was pleased with the coverage that the acoustical wonder has brought the town.

Following updates, the council quickly ratified a special event permit for the Elks Charity Ball, which was held Nov. 21 and approved the liquor licenses for the BPOE Lodge and Nichols Store.

Near the end of the meeting, the council approved a grant application to the Energy Impact Assistance Fund for \$600,000 towards Phase III of the Water Treatment Plant Renovation, which is expected to cost \$1.2 million.

The council will meet again at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 in Town Hall.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

Christmas lights still few; keep sidewalks clean; more warmth?

By SEAN McMAHON
sean@theheraldtimes.com

Looking out my window on Saturday night it was pretty dark, but the snow reflecting the few lights visible made it look fairly light outside in comparison to a normal night.

Thought it might be worth it to head up toward all corners of Meeker to see how many folks had gotten a jump on the Christmas house or outdoor lighting, and the answer to that was, well, not very many.

Drove darned near every street in Meeker, and the lighting jobs done numbered less than 10 that would have qualified to get their photos taken so early.

That isn't difficult to understand considering the weather over the past several days, with sporadic snow and flurries and some really cold temperatures. I know I wouldn't have wanted to get up on a roof or up in a tree with all the snow, some wind and below-zero and single-digit degrees.

Hopefully, more residents will have the chance to get out and decorate the homes in Rangely and Meeker this week and weekend. The residents of both towns should be proud of the jobs they did last year, and perhaps Rangely even edged Meeker as to the number of homes decorated.

Christmas still seems to be the one time of year when the communities get excited and join in with the lighting, which, I believe, makes such a difference in one's overall holiday attitude.

The past couple of years, the newspaper has featured photos of most of the best-decorated home and businesses in Rio Blanco County. We plan to continue showing photos of some impressively decorated homes and businesses, but there are one or two things folks should know if they want to have their light photos published.

Newspapers now have quick turnaround time on color photos. It used to be 25 years ago if you were a small town paper you would have to shoot the photo, come back to the office and develop the film, make a good print and then mail it off via snail mail so the color "separation" could be done at a much larger print shop,



then they had to turn around and snail mail it back so the "separation" could be put on the press and color print made.

No longer.

It is possible to take a color photo at 10 a.m. today and have it on the printing press by 10:15 a.m.

There are some beautiful homes out and about that are well decorated, but using only white lights. That usually isn't going to find its way into the paper because black background and white lights just don't reproduce well in a newspaper.

The more colors, designs, animals, inflatable critters, etc., that are displayed in a smaller area are more likely to have their photos taken. Reds, greens, blues and purples are the top colors out there for multi-color bright designs, and white accent lights or things like a lighted snowman can really add to a Christmas decoration photo.

This is one time that quantity really does pay off, although quality is also a great attention grabber in many instances, such as with the Cindy and Richard Welle residence at the intersection of Eighth and Garfield streets in Meeker (photo in today's edition). This is one home that is simply done, not with gaudy mixes of color and design, and offers the tranquil, warm feeling that Christmas is supposed to evoke.

Keep up the decorating, folks. Add lots of color and taste, and see if your home or business makes its way into the *Herald Times*.

This is a cordial but serious reminder about keeping the sidewalks clear of snow during and after winter snow in Meeker.

Meeker Town Administrator Scott Meszaros reminds all Meeker residents that there are harsh penalties for failure to keep business and residential sidewalks clear of snow within 24 hours on a business day and no later than 48 hours after a snow event.

Like all Municipal Code issues, Meszaros said, a citation can be issued and up to a \$1,000 fine can be imposed by the

Meeker Town Judge.

Meszaros pointed out that in Castle Rock a couple of weeks ago, the town code officer was sent out to issue to everyone in violation of the town statute a \$300 ticket.

"The town of Meeker is not out to fine everyone in town, but we want residents to know that we are serious about wanting the sidewalks cleared and that we will cite violators," he said. "Unshoveled sidewalks are a real health hazard and a large fine is nothing compared to a lawsuit that could occur if someone falls and is injured on your private property or in front of your business."

This is a great time of year to think of our service men and women who are deployed around the globe or around the country.

The military life is not an easy one, starting with boot camp and continuing through the rest of training.

That is followed up by one's first duty, which can range from some office job flipping papers in San Diego or mechanic work at Fort Hood, Texas. For those less fortunate, a military career may mean many months or even years at duty in a foreign country ranging from the steamy heat of Iraq or the frigid temperatures in Afghanistan as well as everything in between.

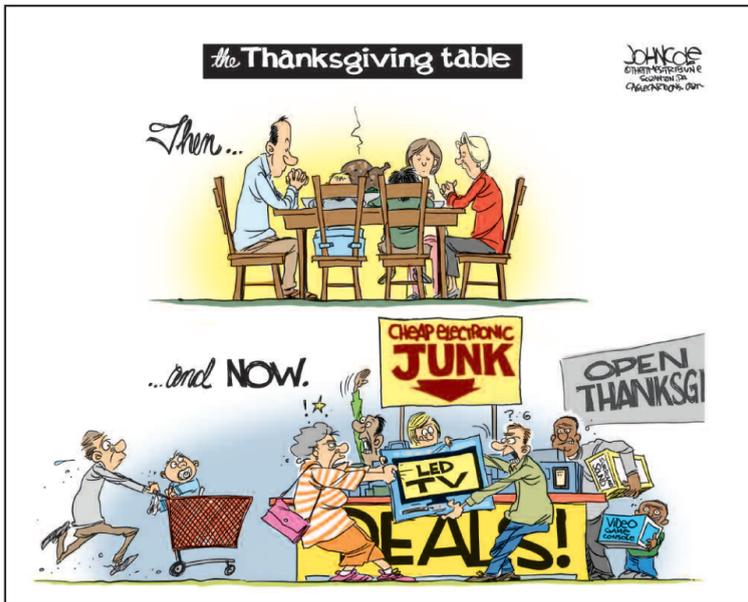
There is some glamour in the military world revolving around the travel, the benefits, etc., but few and far between are the jobs as drill sergeant in Hawaii or a cook in San Juan.

Hardships are an everyday occurrence for a soldier venturing into a war zone, being far away from loved ones on many birthdays or holidays, etc.

It is impossible to list all the sacrifices these men and women make to defend our country and to engage the enemy when needed.

Thank you for your service now and in the past. And may Santa smile fondly on you this holiday season.

The strong El Niño event currently underway is going to be a big player in this winter's forecast, the National



Weather Service and the Weather Channel report.

Stronger El Niño winters tend to favor cooler conditions across the South with warmer-than-average temperatures in the North, including what appears to be our area of Northwestern Colorado.

With this El Niño the strongest in 18 years and nearing its peak and considerable agreement from computer model guidance, there is increasing confidence in such a temperature pattern.

"The recent brief cold spell across the central/eastern U.S. was just that, brief. A textbook El Niño pattern will become established as we head into December, with a powerful Aleutian low and strong Canadian ridging," said Dr. Todd Crawford, WSI chief meteorologist, a division of The Weather Co.

Among the medium-range computer forecast ensemble members there is "unusually strong agreement out to 360 hours, depicting a robust pattern that closely matches the response also found in the last two "Super" El Niño events of 1982 and 1997.

After a brief taste of winter earlier in November, then warmer-than-average

temperatures in mid-month, this warmer trend will likely return again and last through December.

A classic El Niño pattern will become established in December with a strong southward dip in the jet stream, or trough, expected near the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, where it will lead to a strong upper-level ridge of high pressure over Canada.

This will allow temperatures to be much warmer than you would normally expect in December across the northern tier of states. The area that is expected to see temperatures the most above average will be from the northern Plains into the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes region.

Temperatures will be chillier than an average December from southern and central Arizona through the majority of Texas and into Louisiana and southern Mississippi.

Colder than average temperatures are usually found in the South during an El Niño winter. This is due to a more active sub-tropical jet stream, which can bring more rain and clouds than an average winter to the South, which helps keep temperatures colder.

A Rudolph CHRISTMAS
TUESDAY, DEC. 8 ~ SATURDAY, DEC. 12

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

- ★ Scavenger Hunt ~ You will hop on your sleigh at the Rec Center and fly down to Christmastown with Rudolph looking for clues on where all his misfit friends have gone. Begins Tuesday morning and concludes Friday by noon! Prizes to the first five Misfits to come back with all the clues.
- ★ Light up Rangely contact Rec Center for more information on how to participate. Judging will be on December 10th. Please leave your lights on this night.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th

- ★ Gingerbread man decorating: 10-10:45 am at the Rec Center (Free but please sign up at Rec Center by Dec. 7th.)
- ★ Shopping in Christmastown: 6-8 pm (Enjoy shopping at the shops that stay open late for your convenience.)
- ★ Sleigh Rides: (Absolute Prestige will be giving free rides that start at Town Hall.)
- ★ Christmastown Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

- ★ Breakfast with Santa 8-10am (Rec Center) (The following activities are in the commons at Rangely Junior/Senior High School)
- ★ Vendors: 12-5pm
- ★ Gingerbread Man Judging: 1pm (Bring your gingerbread man that you decorated Friday or one from home.)
- ★ Senior King & Queen Crowning: 1:30pm (Voting starts the week before. Look for boxes placed around town and vote for your favorite 65 and older)
- ★ Snowflake Baby Contest: 2pm (Age Groups: 1-18 months, 19 months-3 years, 4-5 years)
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A LOOK AT THE STATE

Will a new comprehensive plan be the solution to the state's water problems?

By SARA TORY
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I On Nov. 19, Colorado's first state water plan arrived on Gov. John Hickenlooper's desk. The final document is the product of discussions that began more than a decade ago in every corner of the state about how to use—and protect—Colorado's rivers, lakes and aquifers.

The plan is significant in other ways as well. Colorado is among the last Western states to develop a comprehensive water plan, a sign that the realities of drought, climate change and growing populations are creating a new urgency for state-level planning.

In the West, water is a private commodity so the tendency used to be to "let things happen as they happen," says Anne Castle, a senior fellow at the University of Colorado Boulder law school and former assistant secretary for water and energy at the Department of the Interior. Rights-holders could do whatever they wanted with their water, municipalities could go dig a tunnel or buy up farmland to serve their customers and, by

and large, states didn't interfere.

In Colorado, that attitude comes as no surprise. The state aborted its first attempt at a water plan back in early 1980s, a time when Denver Water, the largest—and most powerful—water provider in the state, was pushing to build the massive Two Forks Reservoir.

The project would have diverted more water to dry, east-side cities from the wetter, western side of the state and its proponents feared a state water plan would have gotten in the way.

"They wanted to control their own destiny," says Eric Kuhn, the general manager of the Colorado River District, which tries to protect Western Slope water.

The hands-off approach meant there was no overarching vision for how water development occurred in the region. But leaving everyone to their own devices only works for a while, says Castle. "It doesn't work when your supplies are getting tighter and particularly when you're projecting a gap in supply and demand."

Colorado finally began planning efforts in 2013, after 14 years of drought and new forecasts that pre-

dicted as many as 2.5 million Coloradans could be without sufficient water supplies by 2050. So Gov. Hickenlooper directed the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to oversee the first statewide water plan.

At the time, other Western states were taking similar steps: Idaho and Oregon published state plans in 2012. California, whose plan dates back to 1957, released an updated version last year. But where other states did things top-down, Colorado took a more grassroots approach, asking committees in each of the state's eight river basins, plus the Denver metropolitan area, to assess their needs, their gaps and propose solutions.

Colorado also opted for extensive public participation—soliciting tens of thousands of comments from across the state.

For Castle, that fact alone makes Colorado's water plan stand out.

In the old days, discussions about water took place in smoke-filled back-room meetings without public input.

"The public process has been an important and unique part of it—messy though it is," she says.

Still, public participation didn't erase old conflicts. The divide between urban and rural remains deep, and those on the western side of the Rockies still worry about the possibil-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from the Meeker Sportsman's Club

Dear Editor:
I am an officer with the Meeker Sportsman's Club. I would like to thank the public for attending and let them know all of our events are public, and a big thanks to JC Watt for donating the turkeys for this year's Meeker Sportsman's Club Annual Kenny Johnson Memorial Turkey

Shoot.
Also, I am trying to let everyone know every year the extra turkeys that are not given away as prizes are divided up and given to the Meeker Chuckwagon, the Meeker Food Bank and the Rangely Radino Senior Center.

This year, we had about 30 turkeys after the shoot was over to be given to the three sites.

John Taylor
Meeker Sportsman's Club
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The Problem of Strength (2)

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Dr. J.D. Watson

BUT when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, Who proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me; And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning (Jn. 15:26-27).

Knowing the *source* of God's provision for our lack of strength points us to something else. *Second*, there is the *success* of this provision. We say success because we notice that the emphasis in our text is not what this power will do but what it has done.

Sadly, many today are *seeking* things that God just wants them to *claim*. Can we overcome sin in our lives? Yes, because the Spirit gives us victory (Rom. 7-8). Can we manifest the character of Christ? Yes, because the Spirit gives us the capability (Gal. 5:22-25). Can we be used in service for Christ? Yes, because the Spirit bestows gifts that are used in service (Rom. 12:6-8).

But there is one thing the Holy Spirit has done that is specifically mentioned in our text: *He empowers us to be witnesses of Christ*. To prepare us for this principle, notice another first. Note carefully the words **He** and **ye**. It is crucial that we keep these words in order, that we never get the **ye** before the **He**. Many today get these reversed. All of the glitz, glamour, gimmicks, and gadgets of modern "worship" and even evangelism prove that we've gotten the **ye** before the **He**.

We can now more fully appreciate our Lord's words **He will testify of Me**. What was the main purpose of the Holy Spirit's coming to earth? *To proclaim and glorify Jesus Christ*. John 16:13-14 declare this fact: "Never-

theless, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." The Holy Spirit *never* glorifies Himself, nor is He ever to be glorified over the Lord Jesus. In blatant violation of this, however, the Holy Spirit *is* glorified at the expense of Christ alone in many circles today.

Now observe still further that not only is the Holy Spirit a witness of Christ (**He shall testify of Me**), but He has also made us witnesses (**ye also shall bear witness**). Witness is the Greek *martureō* (English *martyr*); its original use was the legal sphere. A witness would give solemn testimony of what he knew and offer evidence. Likewise, the Christian is one who testifies of Christ and gives evidence through his or her life. So, it's not just that we witness for Christ with our *lips*, but rather what we also do through our *life*. It's not so much that the local church evangelizes through "evangelistic programs and campaigns," but rather individual believers are the outreach. The Holy Spirit has given evidence of Christ, and **He** now gives us (**ye**) the power to give evidence of Christ in our lives.

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses say about witnessing: Acts 4:20; 10:39-42; 18:5? What does 2 Timothy 1:7 promise? You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website (www.TheScriptureAlone.com), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

BIRTH ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Chuck and Ellen Reichert of Meeker are pleased to announce the birth of Anaiya Belle Jones to Andrea Reichert and Mike Jones of Redwood City, Calif. Anaiya Belle entered this world on Oct. 21, 2015, with the help of two midwives and her Dad. Her paternal grandparents are Kathy and Del Jones of Eugene, Ore. We finally reached the ranks of being grandparents.

National Park Service may strengthen its regulations on oil and gas exploration

By ELIZABETH SHOGREN
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | For years, the company operating oil wells in New Mexico's Aztec National Monument was exempt from being regulated by the National Park Service, which manages the site to protect ancient Pueblo structures. As a result, a dirt access road to one of the wells runs directly over buried ruins.

A park archeologist once watched as a grader resurfacing the deeply rutted road exposed archeological remnants. The damage to these remnants of an early civilization is just one of many negative consequences of the 9B rule that gives the National Park Service only weak authority to regulate oil and gas drilling on its proper-

ty. The NPS last week proposed strengthening the rule.

Patrick O'Dell, a petroleum engineer for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, who worked on the proposal in a previous job for the Park Service, called the current rules "grossly inadequate" for restoring the landscape after drilling is done.

Though most Americans don't think of national parks as places where drilling happens, there are currently 534 oil and gas operations on 12 national park units, most of them in Texas or further east. The Park Service owns the surface but not the rights to the minerals below.

The agency identified 30 other places in the national park system where future oil and gas development is possible because the resources are there and the mineral rights are owned privately or by states. The Western national parks on that list include New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns, Wyoming's Grand Teton, North Dakota's Theodore Roosevelt and Colorado's Great Sand Dunes

and Mesa Verde. Other park service properties with so-called split estates and potential drilling include Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Utah and Arizona, Colorado's Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and Dinosaur National Monument and Fort Union Trading Post Historic Site in North Dakota and Montana.

Most drilling on federal land takes place in parcels managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service, which have greater leeway to regulate because they often own the mineral rights.

"Because the Park Service doesn't own the resource, they're a lot more limited in what they can regulate," says Nicholas Lund of the National Parks Conservation Association.

The lax regulations have allowed companies to disturb the landscape with access roads that stretch for miles, spill hazardous liquids and avoid paying to restore the land after drilling and production are done, as the Park Service has documented.

The proposed rules, while still limited, would be stronger in many ways. They would do away with a loophole that currently exempts about 60 percent of drilling operations from NPS regulation; create new fines for minor violations; and eliminate the current \$200,000 per operator cap on funds required for restoration after an operator finishes production.

Not long ago, an affiliate of an Australian company, Sprint Energy Limited, snuck out on some wells in Padre Island National Seashore in Texas.

"It was almost Hollywoodish," says Ed Kassman, a regulatory specialist, of the energy and minerals branch of the National Park Service Geological Resources Division. "The parent company told the operating company to pack up in the middle of the night."

The Park Service tracked down Sprint Energy in Australia but was only able to demand payment of \$200,000, a fraction of the cost of plugging about 10 wells and restoring the habitat, Kassman said.

By contrast, under the proposed rules, operators would be required to provide financial assurance that they would pay the entire cost to restore a site.

The Park Service is accepting public comment on its proposal until Dec. 28, and the agency hopes to complete a final rule by next summer.

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Coal mine battles may not be over just yet

By **ELIZABETH SHOGREN**
HIGH COUNTRY NEWS
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Less than a week before world leaders convene in Paris for an international climate change conference, the Obama administration has again proposed letting coal companies mine in a roadless area of Colorado's North Fork Valley.

The U.S. Forest Service wants to allow mining despite its own new analysis that reveals the mining could result in a net cost to society of as much as \$12 billion. The agency did a social cost of carbon analysis - which includes impacts on agricultural productivity, human health, property damages from increased flood risk, among other things - because a federal judge last year found the government's original environmental analysis failed to take a "hard look" at the potential contributions to climate change as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

At the time, District Court Judge R. Brooke Jackson stopped the expansion of Arch Coal's West Elk Mine into the Sunset Roadless Area of the Gunnison National Forest near Paonia. As HCN reported, that ruling was groundbreaking because it was the first time a judge blocked an approval of a coal mine because the government failed to grapple with the mine's impact on climate change.

The victory helped inspire a group of environmentalists to repeatedly sue the government for its failure to adequately consider climate change in its actions related to federal fossil fuels across the West.

Despite the legal onslaught, the Obama administration largely has operated its coal and oil and gas programs as if climate change did not exist. The Forest Service's new proposal to allow mining in undeveloped

areas of the North Fork Valley is the latest example of agencies continuing to defend the status quo.

"This massive give-away to the coal industry undercuts the U.S.'s commitment to reducing climate pollution at a time when the world is looking to America for leadership," said Earthjustice attorney Ted Zukoski, who represented the groups in federal court. "If there's any place to keep fossil fuel in the ground, it's here, where mining for dirty coal will release huge amounts of methane and destroy pristine wildlife habitat next to a wilderness area."

In its new draft environmental analysis, the Forest Service estimates that if allowed, the mining could contribute anywhere from 13.6 million metric tons of greenhouse gases to 43.2 million metric tons annually. The draft also stated that the mining could last until 2054, depending on the rate of production.

In keeping with the judge's ruling, the analysis also calculates how much additional greenhouse gas emissions would be released nationally if the country opens this area for mining. In the past, the government and industry have argued that if this coal isn't mined, coal from another mine will just replace it and the climate change impacts will be equivalent.

But the agency's analysis estimates that in fact that's not the case:

131 million metric tons more climate change pollution could be released than if the mining didn't happen and other fuels for electricity were used.

Industry representatives and state officials were pleased with the government's proposal. Mike King, executive director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, says reinstating the North Fork Coal Mining Area exception is "fundamental" to achieving the balance between conserving Colorado's landscapes and providing economic opportunities for local communities.

Stuart Sanderson, president of the Colorado Mining Association, said that even though current market conditions are challenging for coal companies, the Forest Service process to reopen North Fork roadless areas for mining is important.

Right now, the demand for Colorado coal is shrinking because of competition from low-priced natural gas and because of new state and federal air pollution regulations. But that could change in the future, Sanderson says, and mines need to plan years ahead to acquire leases.

Only two years of coal are left to mine under Arch Coal's current leases, according to the Forest Service analysis. Arch Coal spokeswoman Logan Bonacorsi said the proposal "will extend the life of the mine and help ensure the future viability of important, well-paying jobs in the

region."

But environmental groups blasted the Obama administration for continuing to pursue a federal coal policy that they say is out of sync with President Barack Obama's climate change objectives.

"With Arch Coal on the verge of bankruptcy, the Obama administration should be helping the North Fork Valley become less reliant on the West Elk mine," says Jeremy Nichols of WildEarth Guardians, a group that tried to shut down the Colowyo Coal Mine near Craig, but failed using the court system.

Nichols says the proposal is all the more glaring given the timing, just before the Paris climate change conference. By contrast, the United Kingdom this week announced plans to close its coal-fired power plants.

"Frankly, this is essentially giving the rest of the world the middle finger," Nichols said.

Still, mining in Colorado's roadless areas would be a long ways off. The Forest Service will take public comment for 45 days and hold public sessions in Paonia and Denver early next month.

The agency expects to make a final decision next summer. Before any mining could start, the agencies would conduct a separate environmental review, which could take two to four years to complete.



The top two new officers of the Meeker Board of Education, elected at the Nov. 17 board meeting, are, from left to right, President Bud Ridings and Vice President Tom Allen. Bill deVergie, the outgoing board president, was elected secretary/treasurer, but was not available for the photo. Board officers are elected for two-year terms.



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Thurs.	Dec. 10 - Frito Pie, Veggie Sticks, Vegt. Dip, Fruit Cup, Zucchini Bread, Milk-Variety	Thurs.	Dec. 10 - BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Chips, Corn, Salad Bar with Fruit. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza

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OBITUARY

Roland 'Red' Leavitt

Oct. 8, 1925~Nov. 25, 2015

Roland "Red" Leavitt was born in Milton, N.H., in October 1925. He died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015.

Skiing was the highlight of "Red's" life. As a young boy, he spent his winters skiing every chance he could, "thumbing" rides to and from the ski areas each weekend.

He made his first run down the infamous Tuckerman's Ravine in the spring of 1939 at age 14, and for the next 11 years he looked forward to the spring skiing adventures in the White Mountains of North Conway.

At the urging of one of his New England ski pals, he made his way to Colorful Colorado in November 1950 and fell in love with Aspen.

Red was immediately hired on with the "Ajax" (Aspen Mountain) Ski Patrol. He always loved sharing stories of "shushing" Ruthie's Run (on 220's) at the end of the day, and skiing right up to the front of the Red Onion, where he waited tables at night.

He made his way to Sun Valley, but returned to Aspen shortly, stating "the snow conditions couldn't compare to Aspen's." He soon met a girl named Elaine, who worked the front desk of the Hotel Jerome, and who would become his wife of 57 years. They married in 1952, and a year later, moved to Denver—Elaine's home town.

Continuing on with his skiing, Red was in the initial class of instructors to be fully certified by the Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association. He instructed on weekends at Loveland Ski area for 13 years and then moved to Winter Park for another 13 years with their ski school.

By trade, he was a union plumber and received his 60 year pin from Denver Local No. 3 this year. In the spring of 2009, after his wife passed away, Red left their Northglenn home of 50 years and moved to Meeker to be near his daughter. It didn't take him long to grow accustomed to the "small



Roland 'Red' Leavitt

He loved hockey and enjoyed playing golf as well as watching them both on TV.

We recently celebrated his 90th birthday with an open house. Lots of friends and family surprised him, and

town" friendliness and easy living. He was a member of the Meeker Lions Club and always looked forward to the fun atmosphere, visiting and card games every Tuesday night.

took part in lots of good visiting, live music, food and drink. A week after the party he proclaimed, "David (Cole) played such fine music that people heard it and flocked to the house." He will be remembered for his wit, kind spirit and tenacious ways.

Red passed away peacefully under the care of hospice at Pioneers Medical Center with his daughter and family near.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; one sister; his wife, Elaine; and two nephews.

Remembering him with lots of love: his daughter, Toby; three grandsons, Nick Smith (Alysha), Landon

Smith (Silvia) of Meeker, Jerod Smith of Craig; two great grandchildren, Copen and Blake; a brother-in-law, Gerald Klaus of Grand Junction; nephew David Klaus (Celia) of New Mexico; four great nieces, Linda, Paula, Kathy and Patty; and a nephew, Daniel, all of the East Coast.

A memorial service will be held at Saint James Church at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to HopeWest-Meeker, 575 3rd St., Meeker Lions Club, P.O. Box 985, or St. James Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 641, all in Meeker.

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Controlling leafy spurge in Northwest Colorado presents big challenge

By GREG BROWN
Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula* L.) is an aggressive invasive weed responsible for considerable impacts on native and agricultural plant communities. This rhizomatous perennial is found in Rio Blanco and Moffat county pastures, rangeland, cropland, roadsides, shelter-belts and other non-cultivated sites, including riparian habitats up to water's edge.

The plant is native to Europe and Asia, but seldom creates infestations of significant economic importance. It was first identified in North America in Massachusetts in 1827, North Dakota in 1909 and in most other Western states, including Colorado, and the Prairie Provinces in the following years. Direct control costs in the U.S. are estimated to be in excess of \$150 million annually. Degradation of rangelands and wildlife habitat make the total economic impact of this weed very significant in North America.

Leafy spurge is long-lived with an extensive system of tough woody roots and rhizomes in the top two feet of soil. The roots and rhizomes produce vegetative buds that can develop stem shoots that can surface from a depth of three feet.

Rhizomes can grow laterally 30 feet a year and roots have been found as deep as 30 feet. This robust biology requires a herbicide that can control shoot buds as deep as three feet. Numerous short roots are important for the uptake of water and nutrients.

The yellow-green flowers, born in umbels on 1½ to 3 foot stems, are preceded by a false flowering a couple of weeks earlier as the bracts turn yellow. Early season herbicide control of leafy spurge should take place before the nectar is released to avoid impacting pollinators. The seeds can be spread up to 15 feet when the ripe seed capsules burst.

Control of leafy spurge is not easy, but is more readily accomplished on uplands than on riparian sites. Both herbicide use and biological controls have been successfully used to control leafy spurge, but the particular circumstances in the riparian zone make both methods problematic.

Early season application of picloram has been the standard herbicide treatment for leafy spurge control.

Imazapic applied with a methylated seed oil is very effective for fall application and is safe to use around some trees, though grass injury is likely. Quinclorac applied in the fall for two years can provide 90 percent spurge control, but also may injure grasses. Each of these herbicides are restricted over high water tables and permeable soil. Always read and follow the label before purchasing or using any pesticide.

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CNCC women's basketball team off to impressive 7-2 start

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Colorado Northwestern Community College women's basketball team completed a 2-0 sweep the weekend before Thanksgiving in the CNCC Classic, increasing their season record to 7-2 overall this season.

The Lady Spartans picked up a victory in their home opener Nov. 20 by a 77-54 margin over Northern New Mexico College's junior varsity program.

CNCC played solid on defense throughout their contest against the Lady Eagles, holding them to 26.7 percent shooting for the game (20-75 on field goal attempts). The Lady Spartans also collected 18 offensive rebounds and

forced Northern New Mexico into making 14 turnovers.

In CNCC's win, eight players contributed to the Lady Spartans' total. Sophomore Sarah Midgley led the way scoring 17 points (6-12 on field goals). Also scoring for CNCC were Taylor Thomas (14 points), Kelsey Harvey (10 points), Tyra Rodriguez (9 points), Taylor Martin (9 points), Cylee Tuimaunei (7 points), Sierra Reynolds (6 points) and Shelby Harvey (5 points).

CNCC was led in rebounding by Taylor Thomas, who picked up a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Also having a strong rebounding night for the Lady Spartans were Kelsey Harvey with nine boards and Taylor Martin with seven.

On day two of the CNCC Classic, the Lady Spartans

pushed their winning streak to four games with a 67-55 victory over Dawson Community College.

CNCC trailed by two points after the opening quarter, but they took off in the second, outscoring Dawson 24-13 for a nine-point halftime lead. The Lady Spartans would extend their lead to 20 points by the fourth quarter and were able to hold on for a 12-point victory.

CNCC shot 42.9 percent from the field (30-70 on field goal attempts) in the win while holding Dawson to 23.2 percent (16-69 on field goal attempts).

CNCC had great offensive balance on the afternoon with 10 players contributing to their 67 points.

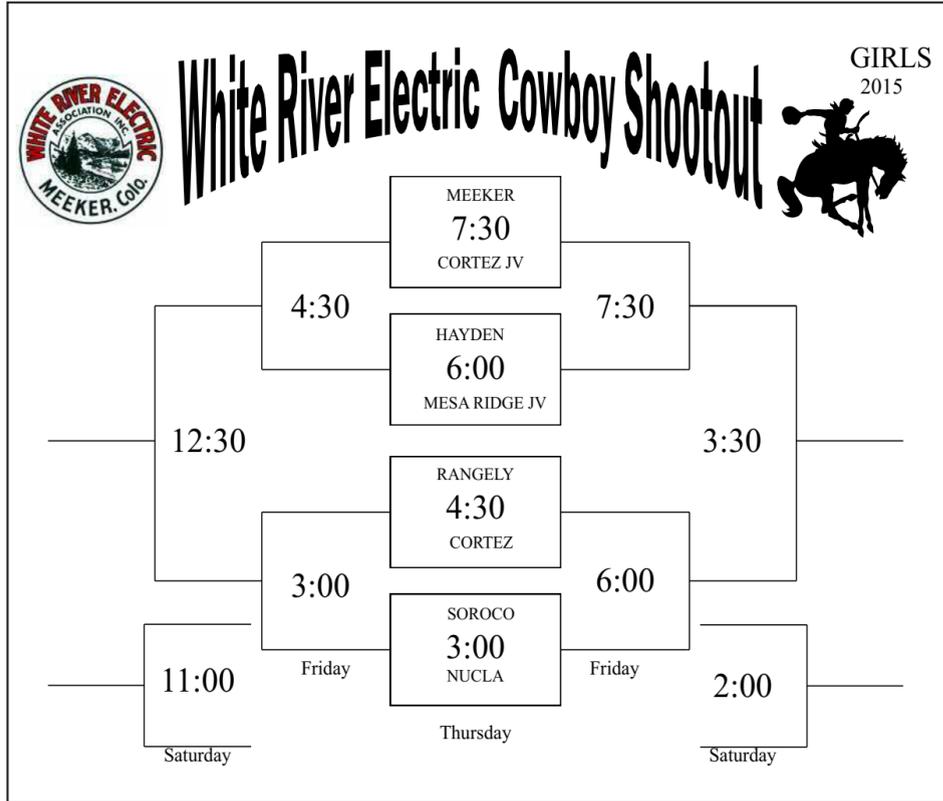
Sarah Midgley and Taylor Martin led the Lady Spartans with 15 points apiece. Also scoring for CNCC

were Megan Erickson (8 points), Rachel Prescott (8 points), Cylee Tuimaunei (7 points), Tyra Rodriguez (4 points), Shelby Harvey (4 points), Rylee Thompson (2 points), Sierra Reynolds (2 points) and Kanani Naipo (2 points).

The Lady Spartans were led by Martin, Rodriguez and Tuimaunei all with seven rebounds total.

The CNCC Lady Spartans (7-2) returned to the court over Thanksgiving weekend in Montana, at the Dawson Community College Thanksgiving Classic. The results were not known by press time.

The Lady Spartans will play Fort Berthold Community College on Friday at 4 p.m., and then will play again on Saturday against Dawson CC at 2 p.m.



MHS basketball girls open their season tonight as Shootout hosts

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I The lady Cowboy basketball team will open the 2015 season on its home court tonight when they tipoff at 7:30 in the first round of the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout tournament.

Meeker finished second in the regional tournament last year, with an 11-5 record, one win away from qualifying for the 1A Colorado State

Basketball Championships.

"We are young but we are going to be all right," Meeker girls' head coach Greg Chintala said.

Jenna Walsh will be the lone senior for the lady Cowboys this year and she will be backed by juniors who also have varsity experience, including Reese Pertile, Halle Ahrens, Maggie Phelan and Peyton Burke.

"We have 24 out and a few of our young kids are pretty competitive,

which makes practice good for sure," coach Chintala said.

Meeker traveled to Coal Ridge on Monday to scrimmage the Titans and coach Chintala said he was "pleased" with what he saw.

"It's definitely going to be a team thing this year," coach Chintala said. "Throughout the season, I believe we will have seven or eight different leading scorers because it is going to need to come from every direction. I'm looking forward to the season."

RHS girls open basketball season at Meeker

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RANGELY I The Rangely High School girls' basketball team will not have any seniors on the team this year but Panther head coach Quinton Kent is still excited to get this season started. The RHS Panthers will open play today at 4:30 p.m. in Meeker against Cortez in the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout.

"We are excited about the upcoming season as always," coach Kent said. "We like the energy our players bring to practice everyday and their desire to get better each and every day."

Although the Panthers do not have any seniors, they do have players with varsity experience. But, because of injuries, some will not be playing this weekend.

"Juniors Katye Allred and Lindzey Thacker have significant varsity time, and we also have juniors Sidney Shaffer and Antoinette Dorris who both have some varsity experience and we expect each to contribute," coach Kent

said. "McKenzie Webber is another junior who should contribute on the varsity, and we also have sophomores Katelyn Brown and Sarah Connor back."

Coach Kent said Dorris and Connor are both recovering from injuries and are expected to play after the Christmas break.

Coach Kent said sophomore Hailey Elam and freshmen Kaylalle Wyman, Kylar Thacker and Kassidee Brown will see some varsity action while other teammates recover from their injuries.

"Whether or not we are ready for the Shootout remains to be seen, but we are ready in the sense we are sick of playing against each other in practice, and it will be good to play against someone else for a change," coach Kent said.

"We play Cortez first, which, I believe, should be a good matchup for us," he said. "It's exciting to start playing again, and I am excited to see how my players perform in a game setting. I am looking forward to seeing the progression of this young team as the season progresses."

MHS softball girls honored

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I Several members of the Meeker High School girls' softball team were honored by the league after its inaugural season, and two team members produced national statistics that rank among the nation's best.

Sophomores Megan Shelton and Sierra Williams were named to the Northwest All-League first team, while Jasmine Patterson, Emily Hendershot and Sidney Shaffer received honorable mention status from the league.

The Meeker team finished the season with a 9-11 record and qualified for the regional tournament in its first year under head coach Briana Williams.

According to Maxpreps.com, Shelton batted .393, with 24 hits and 21 runs batted in. Shelton also led the league from the catching position and was ranked third nationally in catching base stealers almost a third of the time (.281).

Sierra Williams led the league in stolen bases and was ranked fifth in the country with 47 stolen bases during the season. Williams had a .442 batting percentage and an on-base percentage of .633.

Meeker wrestlers set for opening mat matches at CMU Duals in GJ

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I For a 13th time in Meeker High School's wrestling history, the Cowboys finished second in the Colorado state wrestling tournament last year and this year they return six wrestlers with state experience and lots of confidence.

"We wrestled and finished well at state last year, which will give us a lot of confidence going into this year," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said.

One of the returning state placers for the Cowboys is senior T.J. Shelton, who will begin his quest to become the Meeker's first, four-time individual state wrestling champion

and only the 19th in the history of Colorado wrestling, when he steps on the mat Saturday in Grand Junction.

"It's exciting for T.J., to have this opportunity," coach Watt said. "T.J. has worked hard to get into this position, and he's well deserving."

Shelton will be joined by long-time workout partner and classmate Devon Pontine, who has qualified for the state tournament all three years and placed second as a sophomore and third last year.

Meeker juniors Sheridan Harvey, Casey Turner, Chase Rule and Tyler Ilgen were also state qualifiers last year. Harvey placed fifth last year and Turner was a runner-up, while Rule and Ilgen each won a match in

the Big Show.

Seniors Dillon Frantz, Matt Devore and Sammy Palmer will also help provide leadership in their final year.

"We have some good strong leaders in the room," coach Watt said.

The varsity Cowboys will open the season in Grand Junction at the Colorado Mesa University Duals, where they will wrestle five duals against mostly larger schools and the JV wrestlers will compete in a tournament in Olathe.

"It will be a good challenge for us, but we are excited to get started," coach Watt said of the upcoming weekend and season.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Hopes are high again this year for the Meeker Cowboy wrestling team, coming off a good year last season. MHS head wrestling coach J.C. Watt has high hopes this season with six wrestlers who will return with state tournament experience. The Cowboy matmen will kick off their season in Grand Junction where they will wrestle five duals at Colorado Mesa University. The junior varsity will head to Olathe.



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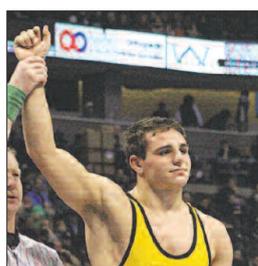
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T.J. Shelton Meeker High School Wrestling

T.J. Shelton, now in his senior year at Meeker High School, will begin his journey to become Meeker's first-ever four-time state wrestling champion and only the 19th in Colorado high school wrestling history when he takes to the mat in Grand Junction on Saturday.

STEM STUDENTS...



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Recently, Carley Smith, the Rio Blanco County 4-H program coordinator, visited Kay Bivens' elementary library class in Meeker to demonstrate STEM activities to first-through fifth-grade students as well as discuss 4-H. Bivens and Smith presented each class with a series of seven different experiments using dry ice, including dry ice safety and the interesting science behind dry ice. The most popular experiment included floating bubbles, where dry ice is dropped into an aquarium with an inch of warm water. As the carbon dioxide builds up, bubbles blown into the aquarium floated in mid-air! The kids learned that the mixture of carbon dioxide and water was heavier in the surrounding air, allowing the bubble to float in the tank.

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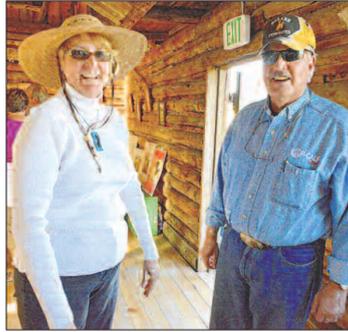
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DEC. 10-12 BOYS COWBOY SHOOTOUT HOME
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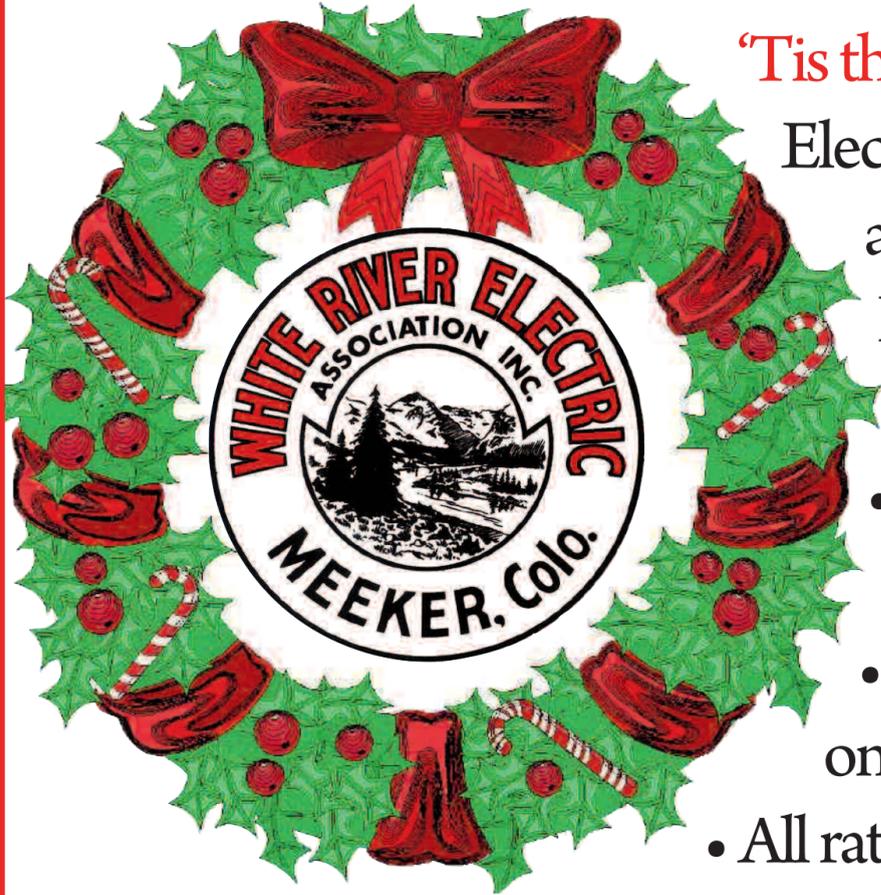
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Henry & Kris Arcolesse
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White River Electric Association, Inc.
233 Sixth St., Meeker, CO
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Coulter Aviation
Meeker, CO
878-5045

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'Tis the season for giving and White River Electric Association, Inc., is giving back with a **POWER REBATE**. WREA hopes this Power Rebate sweetens the holiday season for its members.

- Power Rebate will be issued based on each meter's 2014 electric use.
- Average Power Rebate will be about one-half of a meter's average monthly bill
- All rate classes, including residential, small

commercial and industrial, will receive the Power Rebate.

- WREA's Power Rebate will appear as a bill credit on our members' November bill that arrives in the mail the first week of December.

Details of the Power Rebate can be found on www.wrea.org.

On behalf of WREA, Happy Holidays!

White River Electric Association has **BIG PLANS FOR 2016**

White River Electric is excited to bring on line Meeker's first SOLAR GARDEN in 2016. The WREA Meeker Solar Garden, located on the corner of School Street & Bob Tucker Drive, will have 198 solar panels available to the membership for annual lease.

Details to follow, but Solar Panel Lease sign-up begins in February, 2016

Don't forget to look on your November Bill for your WREA Power Rebate!!!

WREA OFFICE REMODEL

Beginning Monday, December 7th, the WREA offices will be relocated to the corner of 7th & Market Street, (the White River Energy building) for the duration of the remodel. We are open for business and enjoy seeing all of our members in person, so please call if you have any questions about our temporary location!

The WREA office remodel will take about 6 months and is a result of last winter's flood that severely damaged WREA headquarters building. KILOWATT KORNER will also be closed for the duration of the remodel.

WREA apologizes for any inconveniences caused by the remodel.

Look to wrea.org or call 970-878-5041 for more information.

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U.S. Army veteran Ken Culler of Meeker is surrounded by students at Barone Middle School in Meeker on Nov. 11. Barone and its students played host to all invited area veterans on Veterans Day, feeding lunch to the veterans and then putting on skits to remember and to thank the area veterans for their service to their country.



Colleen Patterson explains on Veterans Day at Barone Middle School that the VFW Ladies Auxiliary is now the V.F.W. Auxiliary (men are able to join) while the Barone students perform to the words that Patterson sang in "My Little Soldier." All area veterans were invited to enjoy lunch at Barone, then the students performed skits related to Veterans Day.

Rural business development grants available from USDA

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | USDA Rural Development State Director Trudy Kareus announced Friday that the agency is now accepting applications for the Rural Business Development Grant Program (RBDG).

This program is a combination of two former programs—the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) and Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)—and supports activities leading to the development or expansion of businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues.

Applications must be post-marked by Jan. 29 or delivered to a Rural Development office by 4 p.m. on that date to be considered.

“Only complete applications will be considered for funding,” Kareus said. “It’s important that applicants make every effort to submit their applications well before the deadline so that they can be reviewed for completeness. That will give them time to make changes prior to the deadline, if needed.”

Eligible applicants include towns, communities, state agencies, non-profit corporations, federally recognized tribes and institutions of higher learning.

Grant funds may be used for targeted technical assistance, training and other activities to support the development of small, private business enterprises in rural areas.

“This program has a wonderful multiplier effect,” Kareus said. “For example, one awardee in Colorado used the funding to provide training

and education seminars to help small, rural businesses market themselves using social media. And an ag business used the program to develop a detailed expansion plan to accommodate their rapid growth.

“The opportunities are really endless when it comes to supporting and developing small, rural businesses across Colorado,” he said.

Contact P.J. Howe, Rural Development Specialist, at 970-824-3476, Ext. 111, p.j.howe@co.usda.gov to receive a copy of the Fiscal Year 2016 application package. For additional information about this program, visit www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants.



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WATER: Conservation goal pits cities against agriculture

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ity of new trans-mountain diversions to send water east. And the new 400,000 acre-foot conservation goal has pitted cities against rural farmers and ranchers.

“Several urban water providers are wondering why the 400,000 acre-foot conservation goal applies only to municipal and industrial water use and not agriculture when cities only use 10 percent of the state’s water supply,” says Drew Beckwith of the Western Resource Advocates.

Those tensions weren’t fully resolved in the final plan, says

Beckwith. But he added, “none are so large that any one group will say the plan is totally worthless and most recognize we’re better off with it than without it.”

That’s partly because there’s something for everybody. The plan emphasizes conservation and re-use, but also recognizes the need to “develop additional storage,” preserve agricultural water, improve recreation and boost environmental flows—all with less water.

To help clarify how all those priorities will be met, the CWCB added a section outlining critical steps to take, along with better ways to measure

success.

But big questions remain: Will the other state agencies cooperate? Will the hundreds of water districts and city councils continue to grab whatever water they can with the attitude that they can always conserve water later or will they abide by the new agreement? Without some real teeth behind the conservation goal, how will the state ensure its success?

So, even as the announcement of the new plan looms, Kuhn, who began working at the Colorado River District in 1981, remains hesitant.

He’s seen attitudes shift but he still considers himself a bit of a skeptic

when it comes to state water plans. They tend to be a little too much of “all things for all people,” he says, and thus not especially helpful in forcing decision makers to make politically difficult decisions.

Still, just the fact a plan exists means Colorado is finally grappling with something that until recently was unthinkable: the water supply is not limitless. Now, the question is whether the state can change course quickly enough.

Sarah Tory is an editorial fellow at HCN.

SPURGE: Invasive species a growing issue

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Targeted grazing and insects can be effective bio-controls, and more so when used together. Managed grazing of leafy spurge with sheep or goats over at least four to five years can be very effective. Several species of *Aphthona* flea beetles feed on leafy

spurge and over time reduce plant vigor and seed production.

Unfortunately, experience has shown that mosquitoes can drive sheep or goats and their herders out of riparian sites and seasonal high water can inundate overwintering flea beetles.

Devising an effective strategy for

the control of leafy spurge along the rivers of northwest Colorado presents a set of challenges to overcome.

Greg Brown is the Routt County Weed Supervisor and is spearheading a coordinated effort to control the spread of leafy spurge in Northwest Colorado.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2016; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of Colorado CPA Services, P.C., 118 W. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the scheduled board meeting of the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT to be held at 2025 E. Main, Rangely, Colorado in December 2015.

Any interested elector of such RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: November 26, and December 3, 2015 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting bids for haying and limited grazing rights on the Roselund unit of Rio Blanco state wildlife area. Bid packets are available at CPW office in Meeker. Completed bid packets are due by December 15, 2015. Call (970)878-6090. Published: November 26, and December 3, 2015 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

As the snow season approaches, please remove everything from the street, such as trailers parked along the curb, vehicles that are not used all of the time and basketball hoops. We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (970)878-5344. Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator
Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent
Published: November 26th, December 3rd, December 10th, 2015.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Certe Mae Lanstrum, Deceased, Rio Blanco District Court Case Number 15PR030024
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Pitkin, County, Colorado on or before March 18, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred. Robert Wade Wheeler, Personal Representative c/o Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C. P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
Published: Nov 19, 26 & Dec 3, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO to adopt the 2016 Rio Blanco County Budget. All interested citizens and groups are invited to attend.

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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 2016 Budget by Chris Singleton, Budget & Finance Director; Presentation of the proposed 2016 HUTF spending by Dave Moran, R&B Director; Questions or Comments by the Public; Consideration of Resolution to adopt the Rio Blanco County Budget for 2016; Consideration of Resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2016; Consideration of three resolutions to levy General Property Taxes for 2015, to help defray the cost of County Government, Piceance Creek Pest Control District and Lower White River Pest Control District, all for budget year 2016. 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 website for updates. Publish: December 3, 2015
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Julius Poole, Deceased
Rio Blanco County District Court
Case Number 15PR030025
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 4, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred. Keith Poole, Personal Representative c/o Turner & Perry, PC
300 Main St., Ste 202
Grand Junction, Co 81501
Published: December 3, 10 & 17, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 2016. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Halandras Building, Meeker, Colorado on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 2 p.m.
Any interested elector within said White River Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-5628 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to

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the final adoption of the budget.
WHITE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By: Chris Coleflesh, District Manager
Publish: December 3 and 10, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF DINOSAUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Gross Salaries, \$7,599.29
PERA, Monthly Contributions, \$1,646.34
Colorado Dept of Revenue, CWT, \$216.00
IRS, FWT/Med, \$842.38
Centurylink, Phone, fax, internet, \$260.98
Moon Lake Electric, Electricity, \$1,305.55
Rangely Trash Service, Trash Service, \$82.00
Mesa County Health Dept, Water test, \$40.00
Caselle Inc, Support, \$251.00
Walmart, Bleach, \$123.29
Rio Blanco Herald Times, Disbursements, budget notice, \$48.48
WestWater Engineering, Sewer project, \$13,853.96
Sav on Propane, Propane, \$185.97
Eagles Nest Contracting, Sewer project, \$20,992.82
Zions, Street posts, \$175.70
Basin Rentals, Air compressor, \$110.00
Troy Zufelt, Tin and labor for fire department, \$872.30
Office Depot, Copier, toner, printer, ink, \$1,319.45
FedEx, Postage, \$27.08
Colorado Water Resources, Sewer loan, \$2,500.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$52,452.59
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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

A Petition for Determination of Heirs of Junior Neil Merkle and Lanae Workman Merkle, deceased, has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court by Junae Cook. The property set forth in the petition is as follows:
Rio Blanco County:
Township 2 North, Range 102 West, 6th P.M. Section 30: West half of the Southeast quarter. Section 31: West half of the Northeast quarter. 160.00 gross acres
Township 2 North, Range 102 West, 6th P.M. Section 30: West half of the Northeast quarter. 80.00 gross acres
The interested person and heir is as follows:
JuNae Cook
6906 West Indian Trail Rd
Vernal UT 84078
All interested persons and owners by inheritance are directed to appear and answer the petition within 35 days after service by publication.

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All objections to the Petition for Determination of Heirs must be filed in writing with the Court and the filing fee paid within thirty-five days of service and that the hearing shall be limited to the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner.
A hearing for this matter has been set for February 5, 2016, at 2:00 pm, at the Rio Blanco County Court located at 555 Main Street, Suite 303, PO BOX 1150, Meeker, CO 81641.
Published: December 3, 10 & 17, 2015
Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday, December 8, 2015 7:00 P.M. Special Board Meeting Town Hall 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Previous Minutes
- Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- Public Participation
- Staff Updates
- New Business
- Public Hearings- 7:15 p.m.
- Consideration of adoption of Ordinance# 10-2015, adopting the Town of Meeker 2016 Budget and Highway Users Tax Budget.
- Public Hearing following adoption of Town of Meeker Budget and Highway Users Tax Fund Budget to consider adoption of Ordinance# 11-2015, approving and certifying a Mill Levy and levying general property taxes for the fiscal year 2016
- New Business:
- First Amendment to the Town of Meeker & Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District- Parks Lease Agreement
- Service Agreement with Meritage Systems, Inc. for a Building Department Permit Management and Code Enforcement System Solution
- Contract Agreement with Better City, LLC for Economic Development Services (phone presentation)
- Mayor's remarks
- Town Manager's Reports
- Town Attorney's Report
- Adjournment
- Published: December 3, 2015
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Town of Rangely December 8, 2015 - 7:00pm Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)
FRANK HUITT, MAYOR
JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM
LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE
ANDREW SHAFFER, TRUSTEE
DAN EDDY, TRUSTEE
ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE
KRISTIN STEELE, TRUSTEE

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of Meeting
- Approval of the minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting.
- Petitions and Public Input
- Changes to the Agenda
- Public Hearings - 7:15pm
- Public Hearing Second Reading ORDINANCE NO. 687 (2015) AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE § 13.04.055, ENTITLED "CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND MAKING NECESSARY CHANGES TO RELATED SECTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE"
- Committee/Board Meetings
- Supervisor Reports - See Attached
- Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update
- New Business
- Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License renewal for Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District
- Discussion and action to approve Ordinance No. 687 (2015) an Ordinance of the Town of Rangely, Colorado repealing and re-Enacting the Rangely Municipal Code § 13.04.055, entitled "Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention" and making necessary changes to related sections of the Municipal Code.
- Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2015-07 a resolution authorizing the April 5, 2016 Town of Rangely regular Municipal Election be conducted as a mail ballot election, appointing the Town Clerk as the Towns' designated election official to be responsible for running the election, and establishing a voting precinct in the Town.
- Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2015-08 a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk of the Town of Rangely, Colorado to appoint election judges and additional election personnel for the regular municipal election on April 5, 2016.
- Discussion and action to approve Resolution 7330-01 2015 for a Supplemental Budget and appropriation to the Town of Rangely Economic Development/RDA Fund increasing revenue by \$85,000 and expenditures by \$90,000
- Discussion and action to approve the Certification of 2016 Mill Levy in the amount of \$199,760.3.
- Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2015-09 of the Town Council of the town of Rangely summarizing expenditures and revenues for the general fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Gas Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Housing Assistance Fund, RDA Fund, and Rangely Development Corporation, and adopting for said funds budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.
- Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2015-10 of the Rangely Housing Authority summarizing expenditures and revenues for the Rangely Housing Authority (White River Village) and adopting for said authority a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.
- Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2016-11 of the board of directors of the Rangely Foundation for Public Giving summarizing

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expenditures and revenues for the Rangely Foundation for Public Giving and adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.

- Discussion and action to approve the November 2015 check register.
- Discussion and Action to support the appointment of Vincent Wilczek as the Municipal representative to the Basin Round Table for Rangely (Replacing Alden VandenBrink).
- Informational Items
- Information Town of Rangely Christmas Dinner December 18, 2015 at Rangely Elks 7:00pm
- Scheduled Announcements
- Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 6:15pm.
- Rangely District Library regular meeting December 14, 2015 at 5:00pm.
- Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2015 at 6:00pm.
- Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting December 14, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District board meeting is December 30, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 12:00pm.
- Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2015 at 12:00pm.
- Community Networking Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2016 at 12:00pm. There will be no Networking meeting in December 2015.
- Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2015 at 11:00am.
- Adjournment
- Published: December 3, 2015
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RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Rangely Victim Services

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Veterans Service Offices

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

SAFEHOUSE

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

Food Bank of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing food assistance to community members. Scheduled Dates for 2015: December 17. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 29, 2015, 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) LeRoy Lontine and Joann Marie Lontine
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Caliber Funding LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
Date of Deed of Trust July 16, 2012
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 304285
Original Principal Amount \$215,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$205,168.75
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. EXHIBIT A

Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M.

A parcel of land lying in the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 94 West of the 6th P.M., County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30; thence North 89°52'50" East along the North line of said NE1/4, 1059.44 feet to a point on curve of a nontangent curve to the right having a radius of 5431.02 feet and a central angle of 3°12'41", said point on curve being a point on the centerline of County Road No. 7; thence along the arc of said curve and said centerline, 304.41 feet to a point of tangency, the chord of said arc bears South 21°29'39" West, 304.37 feet; thence South 23°05'59" West along said centerline 582.27 feet; thence North 72°30'02" West, 754.40 feet to a point on the West line of said NE1/4NE1/4; thence North 0°00'04" East, 589.74 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 6255 County Road 7, Meeker, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/30/2015, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

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• 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;

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DATE: 08/31/2015

Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400,
DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965

Attorney File # CO150190

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

ATTN: RIO BLANCO COUNTY VETERANS: If you do not receive VA travel allowance for visits to the Grand Jct VAMC or to the Craig VA Clinic please contact the RBC Veterans Service Office, Meeker: Joe Dungan, 878-9690 Rangely: John "Hoot" Gibson, 878-9695

RADINO & CHUCKWAGON

Please call before 9:00 a.m. day of meal 878-5627 or 675-8112 Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Meals served at noon. Reservations appreciated. Suggested Donation Over 60 - \$2.50. Under 60 - Guest Fee \$7. (Did you know? Homebound trays can be ordered for over 60, suggested donation \$2.50 - 12:10 p.m. pickup.)

****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Friday, Nov 20: Roast beef, Mashed potatoes, Broccoli, Blushing applesauce.

Monday, Nov 23: BBQ chicken, Scalloped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Cottage cheese w/pineapple.

Tuesday, Nov 24: Split pea soup, Egg salad sandwich on wheat, Tropical fruit, crackers.

Wednesday, Nov 25: BLT sandwich on wheat, Green pea salad, Fresh fruit bowl.

****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Milk, Tea and Coffee are offered with all meals. Menu subject to change.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, November 19, Thursday, 11:00-12:30.

MEEKER STREAKER MONTHLY SCHEDULE November 2015

NOTE: Please call 878-9368 in advance to set up all medical appointment rides. Activities are subject to change. Bus available on dates noted below.

- 12/3 Bus in town/ERBM Holiday Social
- 12/4 Bus in town
- 12/5 No bus
- 12/6 AM bus
- 12/7 Bus in town/Nat'l Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/8 Bus in town
- 12/9 Bus in town
- 12/10 Rifle/Bus in town/Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403. Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PISTOL RIVER LEATHER

I have not died! We are remodeling and things are a little crazy, sorry.
If a woman spills her drink, hand her a napkin and LET HER DO THE PATTING!!
785 Park Ave 878-4346
www.pistolriverleather.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Rio Blanco Commissioners are seeking applicants for the following boards:
*Columbine Park Board, Rangely
*Fair Board, Meeker & Rangely
*Fairgrounds Management Board, Meeker
*Historic Preservation Board, Meeker
*Lodging Tax Board, Rangely
*Meeker Cemetery Board
*Meeker Library District Board
*Planning Commission, Meeker & Rangely
*Rangely Cemetery Board
*Rangely Library District Board
*Weed Advisory Board, Meeker & Rangely
Board appointments are for 3 year terms. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these boards please send a letter of interest by December 31, 2015 to: Board of County Commissioners, Box 1, Meeker, CO, 81641 or by e-mail to laura@bc.us. Please include your contact information with your letter.

AUCTIONS

AUCTION: SUNDAY DEC 6 - 11 AM TO SETTLE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BACKES (1941-2015)
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Cookie@Lockhartauction.com: see pictures +: www.Lockhartauction.com
Co-operating broker Steve Wix, Backcountry Realty**

CONSTRUCTION

Roofing company looking for laborers to work on Rangely College, wage negotiable. Please contact Becky or Dianna at (435)789-6898.

POOR BOY'S CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Residential and commercial, new construction, remodels, repairs and handyman work, fencing, and landscaping. Please call (435)790-0178.

LOCAL HANDYMAN SERVICES: painting, plumbing, flooring, etc. Quality work at decent rates. For an estimate please call (970)220-2150.

FARM & RANCH

Excellent horse hay, small bales, \$4.00 per bale, \$6.00 for certified weed free. Also have 30 ton round bales of grass hay \$120 per ton. (970)314-5923

FOR SALE

2 Stage Snowblower. Like New. \$200. 878-3228.

GUNS

Colt AR-15, pre-ban, 8 mags, \$1500 OBO. (970) 618-8375.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASK ABOUT OUR CNC MACHINING
Can't get a metal part? We can make all kinds of parts. We have CNC Machine equipment, lathe and tooling to do the job. Contact Phil at Family Automotive and Machine. (970)878-5606.

PERSONALS

The bumpy GOLD RING was my only memento of my grandmother. Please return it. No questions asked. Many thanks. In case you don't have it, my address is PO Box 1539. Sandra.

MOTORCADE: MISCELLANEOUS

TRAILERS, HITCHES, flatbeds, toolboxes, trailer service and truck accessories. We are a "one stop shop" truck and trailer outfitter. B&W gooseneck hitches \$597 installed. Pine Country Trailer Sales, Grand Junction. 1-800-287-6532.

HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN- gas compressor mechanic. Full time, direct hire, opportunity. Location is Williston, ND. (303)223-4307

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District
Position: Administrative Assistant
Salary + Benefits
Phone: 970-675-8211
Fax: 970-675-8011
Email: twebber@westernrioblanco.org
Application Deadline: Thursday, December 10, 2015- 5:00 P.M.
Minimum Qualifications:
*Must have a degree in accounting or equivalent years of training and or on the job experience.
*Must have thorough knowledge running a certified Colorado Election.
*Must have experience in governmental investments.
*Must have experience in working with the SDA (Special Districts Association).
*Must be proficient in working with PERA.
A full job description can be acquired by emailing to the email address above.

Town of Rangely Gas Department Job Opening Gas Utility Technician/Administrative Assistant

The Town of Rangely owns and operates the natural gas distribution system that supplies natural gas to the residents of Rangely. The Town has a fulltime position open in the Gas Department. Duties include but are not limited to the following: meter reading,

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

installation and maintenance of gas lines, leak call investigations, work orders, computer tasks, filing, generating reports, etc. This person must have the ability to obtain Operator Qualification through the Department, perform at the gas utility technician level and be able to assist the Gas Department Administrator. The Gas Department falls under federally mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs and Operator Qualification. Prior experience in gas distribution is desirable. The ability to work effectively with one's coworkers and the public is a must. Valid Colorado Driver's License required. Applicant must have the ability to perform physical labor as well as the ability to perform in an office setting. Applicant must also be willing to be "On Call" approximately one out of every four weeks upon Operator Qualification. Pre-employment screenings include a physical and a drug screen. The Town offers excellent benefits and salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications. Position open until filled. EOE. Application and letter of intent should be submitted to Lisa Piering, C/O Town of Rangely, 209 E. Main St., Rangely, CO 81648. Applications are available at: Town Hall, 209 E. Main St, Rangely, CO 81648, (970)675-8476



RECRUITER/ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE RANGELY CAMPUS

Colorado Northwestern Community College is seeking to fill a full time benefited Recruiter/Admissions Representative position for the Rangely Campus. This position requires a Bachelor's Degree or Associates Degree with 36 months experience working in an office. This position participates for all matters pertaining to student outreach, recruitment and admissions for CNCC. Preferred applicants will have experience with Banner or similar ERP. Visit the CNCC website <http://www.cncc.edu/employment-opportunities-2/> for a complete job description and instructions on submission of an application. Position is open until filled.

CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities



Barone Middle School
• Head Wrestling Coach

Meeker High School
• Boys' Basketball C-Team Coach

ADA/EOE

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

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

A community oriented medical center with high patient standards, is hiring for the following positions:

- PRN:**
- Patient Care Technician
 - RN - Acute/ED
 - RN - LTC
 - LPN - LTC

FULL-TIME (eligible for sign-on bonus & benefits):

- RN - LTC
- LPN - LTC

FULL-TIME (eligible for benefits):

- Cook/Food Service Tech
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist

Part-Time (eligible for benefits):

- Cook/Food Service Tech
- Environmental Services Tech

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

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100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

SYNC2 Media Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network

To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 83 Colorado newspapers for only \$350, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

HELP WANTED

UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE at Parshall / New Town ND is seeking a qualified CEO / General Manager. This is a multi-location energy, grain, agronomy, and farm retail cooperative with sales of \$350 million. Business degree and or successful agricultural business management experience desired.
To Apply: <http://tinyurl.com/o3yxchx> - For more info contact Larry Fuller, 701-220-9775 or Email larry.fuller@chsync.com

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Office (970) 878-5153

Call 675-5033 or 878-4017 to place your ad in the Business Directory TODAY!

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Rangely • Meeker

RANGELY

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BUSINESS FOR SALE

SUCCESSFUL RESTAURANT owners wishing to retire. Be your own boss at the profitable Ma Famiglia Restaurant! Contact Suzan Pelloni, Western Exposures Realty. 970-623-2900.

RE: LAND/LOTS

35 Acres, Little Beaver Estates, Lot 18. \$3,000 per acre. 970-260-5454.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE - 4-5 acre residential lots in West Rangely Subdivision. Gas, water, phone and electric hookups at property line of all lots. Reasonably priced at \$50,000 - \$60,000. Private road owned by homeowners association with minimal yearly HOA fee of \$250 a year per lot. Mike or Tracy Hayes (970)675-5323.

RE:HOMES/MEEKER



FOR SALE BY OWNER - 878 Hill St. 5 BDR/3 BA home, woodstove, lg rec room, fenced back yard. Many extras. 970-812-2959. jrrynd@yahoo.com

RENTALS: MEEKER

2BR/1BA, Nice location, fenced yard. \$550 per month plus utilities. 970-328-6850.

RENTALS: MEEKER

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse, washer/dryer, small fenced backyard, newly remodeled. \$650 mo, \$750 deposit. Small pets negotiable. (970)878-5486 or (970)930-5646.

FOR RENT - 2BDR 2 BA apartments, includes utilities, WD. Furnished or unfurnished, close to schools, long term or short term lease options plus damage deposit. Call 970-629-9714.

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, nicely furnished/unfurnished townhouse. Washer & dryer included, NS, water, trash & sewer included. \$800/mo. plus security deposit. 878-5858.

CLEAN 1 BDR/1 BAAPARTMENT, all utilities included, \$330 per month. Please call (970) 220-2150.

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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Available 1st of Dec. 2 BDR/1.5BA apartment, privacy yard. Holiday special move-in discount. Lease. NS, no pets. 970-620-0917.

3 BDR/2 BA HOUSE avail now on 5 acres, 13 mi up Co Rd 8. Can have up to 5 horses, 2,400 sq ft, immaculate. \$1,900 mo plus deposit & utilities, NS. 970-317-8405.

RENTALS: MEEKER

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE available in Hugus Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

2 BDR/1BA apartment for rent: \$425 mo + elec & deposit.
2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse: \$525 mo + elec + deposit. 878-3363 or 970-260-3302

5 BDR/3 BA house on 5 acres. Avail 1/1/16. \$1300 mo + deposit. Pets, livestock OK. Fully fenced. 970-756-0046 or 970-260-5832

RENTALS: MEEKER

Room for Rent: All kitchen privileges and laundry. NP/NS 970-620-0917

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

RENTALS: RANGELY

SILVER SAGE RV PARK
(970)675-2259
RV Spaces for rent.
Managers: Dana & Debbie Hanvey
(970)675-2259
(970)216-0138

RENTALS: RANGELY

Rangely Duplex for Rent \$650 plus deposit. 1 or 2 bedroom duplex- newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney (970)462-6538 or Dan (970)462-6858.

3 BDR, 1 BA, house, 2-car garage, large storage unit, large backyard, \$950 +utilities (970)640-2393.

Clean, quiet duplex for rent 2 BDR 1 BA, new kitchen, washer/dryer, \$700 per month, prefer no pets. 317 South Sunset. Call (970)250-2183.

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HAVE DRIVERS LICENSE, RELIABLE VEHICLE, AND BE AVAILABLE TO WORK; DAY, EVENING, AND WEEKEND HOURS.

TO APPLY CALL 1-877-474-5226 BY DECEMBER 6, 2015

TO BE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A RECRUITING SESSION IN MEEKER, COLORADO ON DECEMBER 8, 2015.

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Need more room for all those presents?
This is the perfect time to find a new home!

The Rangely Area Experts! **Raven Realty, LLC**

Karen Reed Broker/Owner
Susana Field Broker Associate

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3865 Hwy. 40-Dinosaur \$350,000	513 Redwood Ln. \$215,900	173 Pinyon Cir. Reduced! \$214,900
340 Darius Ave. \$200,000	1497 La Mesa Cir. Reduced! \$185,000	927 W. Bell \$230,000
226 S. Grand Ave. \$177,000	207 Hillcrest Cir. \$170,000	218 S. White Ave. (Duplex) \$125,000
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We Also Have Vacant Land and Commercial Properties www.raven-realty.com	212 Cottonwood \$89,500	Check Out Our Available Rentals! www.rangelyproperties.com

Thinking of Selling? Give us a call. 970-675-2299

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www.meekerrealty.com
Cindy Welle, Broker - Owner
Wendy Garrett, Broker Assoc.

643 Main Street • P.O. Box 1384
Meeker, CO 81641

- Price Reduced! **MOTIVATED SELLER:** 66577 Hwy 64. - 14+acres, 1947 SF home, only minutes from town, adjoins BLM\$400,000
- New Price!** 1334 Sage Ridge Rd. - 4bdm, 3.5 baths, garage, awesome views.\$295,000
- 1104 Jeannette Cir. - Custom home 3 bdrm, 2 bath\$245,000
- 757 3rd Street - Remodeled 3bdrm,2bath, garage.\$224,900
- 760 3rd Street - Lg lot, 2 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 1 car garage.\$210,000
- NEW!** 1160 Mimi Circle - 2 story home, large lot, views & quiet location.\$199,500
- 450 Garfield Street - Cute 2 bedroom home close to downtown\$125,000
- Price Reduced:** 1023 Julie Circle - Immaculate ranch style home w/garage\$109,000
- 1036 Park Ave - Cute 1+bdm,1 bath, garage, great starter home.\$90,000
- 1149 Main St. - Mobile home on 7500 SF lot, storage shed, fenced yard.\$90,000
- 1140 Cleveland - Duplex, Income Property - 2 RENTAL UNITS IN ONE\$99,900

BROOKS REALTY Meeker Laurie J. Brooks Owner/Broker
Rangely Charlie Novak Broker Associate

889 Main St., Meeker, Colorado
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www.brooksrealtymeeker.com

- 1886 RBC Rd. 8 - New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2-1/2 BA home, 6.8 acres with 2000 SF White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views. One of a kind property! **\$350,000**
- 71622 Hwy. 64 - Perfect property! All recently remodeled, 3 BD, 2 BA home, close to town with great park-like setting. Just shy of 1 acre. **\$299,000**
- Vacant Land - 5 acres off of CR 8 on CR 14, borders BLM with access to WREA. **\$82,000**
- 1083 Laurie Cir. - Cute 3 BD, 1-3/4 BA, two-car garage, clean & open kitchen with newer appliances & fresh paint. Small yard & borders new soccer field. **Price reduced! \$109,000**
- 1376 Juniper - 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. **\$246,000 SOLD!**

RANGELY

- Mexican Restaurant & Apartment: 302 W. Main St. - 3912 SF, fully functional, built in 1946 and has a banquet room in addition to the 2 BD, 1 BA apartment with 880 SF, built in 1950. **\$250,000**
- 1218 La Mesa - 4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2636 SF two-story built in 2008. Landscaping and sprinkler. **\$225,000**
- 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. - Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF. 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.**
- Dinosaur: 616 Antrodemus Alley - Three lots with a 2 BD, 1 BA mobile home on one lot. **\$39,900**
- NICE! 607 Lake St. - 3 BD 2 BA custom built home on a quiet corner lot. **\$115,000**

Backcountry Realty

1130 Market St. • PO Box 2107
Meeker, CO 81641
970-878-4715 • Fax 878-4780
E-Mail: backcountry@nctelecom.net
www.backcountryrealty.com

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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- NEW 1280 Cleveland-** Updated 3 BR, 2 BA home. Garage, fenced yard, shed. Short Sale price of \$169,000.
- 1331 Sage Ridge Rd-** Immaculate 2 story, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, RV carport, fenced, landscaped. **\$255,000**
- 1178 Garfield-** 1 lot with a 1980 singlewide trailer, 1,000 sq ft, 3 BR, 1 BA, big shop. **\$55,000 REDUCED!**
- 657 Cleveland-** Historic brick 2 story home. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA, big lot, trees, in a great location. **\$249,000**
- 1111 Wall St-** 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Laminated floors, lg master suite, storage shed. **\$128,000 REDUCED!**
- 460 7th St-** 3+ lots, beautiful 2 story log home, 2 shops, garage, privacy fenced, landscaped. **\$595,000 REDUCED!**
- 1134 Park -** Log home, 4 BR, 2 BA Newly remodeled. Basement, lg land pasture, fenced yard, shed. **\$169,000**
- 112 Main St-** 3 BR, 2 BA historic home with a 426 sq. ft. cottage. Updated, large corner lot. **\$219,000**
- 780 2nd St-** 2 lots, 4 BR, 2 BA, walk-out basement, family room, fireplace, garage. **\$200,000 SOLD!**
- 835 Sulphur Creek Rd-** 3 BR, 2 BA home by fairgrounds. Fenced backyard, landscaped. **\$155,000 SOLD!**
- 562 Larry Lane-Corner** lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. **\$145,000 SOLD!**

RANCHES - RURAL RESIDENTIAL - HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- 366 N. Cross L Dr.** - 4 BR, 2 BA home on 3 irrigated acres. Great location. **SALE PENDING! \$244,900.**
- 1601 White River Rd.** - New home on 3.2 irrigated acres. 3 BR, 2 BA, garage, good water, views. **\$329,500.**
- 3315 CR 8-** 42 Acres, great views, 2,304 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 BA log home, decks, privacy, new well. **\$400,000.**
- 1020 S. Little Rancho Dr.** - 80 Acres bordering BLM land. Very private, end of the road. Newer log home, 3 BR, 2 BA, decks. Barn, pond, water well, fenced for livestock, good hunting, views. **\$995,000.**
- 686 Rimrock Dr.** - 5.5 acres, captivating location, 3BR, 2 BA 1 story log home. Amazing pond, irrigation water, beautifully landscaped, RV hook-up, great views, garage, and shed. Zip line! **\$409,000**
- 1260 CR 119-** Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. **\$75,000.**
- 293 Agency Dr.** - 5 acres, 1 mile S. of town, near golf course. Updated 4 BR, 2 BA home with basement, garage, decks. Awesome views. Irrigated hay & pasture. Lg shop with horse stalls. **\$419,000.**
- CR 8 - 88 Acres** just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$425,000 REDUCED!**
- 8505 CR 8- 9 miles east.** Nice 3 BR home, basement, garage, fenced yard, great views. **\$325,000.**
- 29100 CR 8-** 12 Acres with River & fishing. Nice 1,252 sq ft 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. **\$795,000.**
- 487 Agency Dr.** - 5 Acres, beautiful 2 story home, garage, heated shop, landscaped. **\$429,000 SOLD!**
- 970 Shaman Trail-** 5 acres, beautiful newer 2 story home. Big heated shop. **\$545,000 SOLD!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- 109 Market St.-** 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store **\$275,000 REDUCED!**
- 304 4th St.** Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. **\$220,000.**

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- 5807 CR 7 -** Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views! **\$75,000.**
- 2-35 Acre Lots** in Bull Mountain Ranch between Carbondale and Paonia. Beautiful country, high mountain views. Priced at **\$85,000 and \$100,000.**
- CR 8 - 88 Acres** just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. **\$425,000 REDUCED!**
- Ridge Estates-** 2 to 9 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. **Prices starting from \$75,600.** 1 mile south of town, off of CR 13, near golf course.
- 359 Love Lane-** 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. **\$100,000.**
- River Property-** 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. **\$145,000.**
- Little Beaver Estates-** Lot 4, 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loading shed, great home site. **\$64,900 REDUCED!**
- Little Beaver Estates-** 35 acre lot bordering DOW hunting land, Lot 11- **\$95,000.**
- Little Beaver Estates** 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. **\$93,000 REDUCED!**
- Little Beaver Estates** Lot 13 - 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land. **\$89,000 REDUCED!**
- 100 acres** 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. **\$1,395,000.00.**
- Several nice building lots** on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle. **Reduced to \$19,900 each.**
- 71 Acres** on CR 15, 11 miles NE. Private homesites, water, good hunting, borders public land. **\$205,000. SOLD!**
- 1107 Pinyon St-** 2 lots in NW corner of town. Great views, garage, utilities in, yard, trees. **\$45,000 SOLD!**

For a color brochure on these properties, and information on others, stop by our office at 1130 Market Street
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- 1322 Sage Ridge Rd.** - 3,822 SQFT of luxury! 3BD, 2BA, game room, theatre, hot tub, views and more. Stress free, move right in! **\$410,900**
- 585 Cleveland St.** - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. **\$389,000**
- 756 Hill St.** - Perfectly maintained 3BD/2BA log home with DREAM 4+ car garage! **\$310,000**
- 1341 Sage Ridge Rd.** - BRAND NEW 3,464 SQFT, 3BD/2BA with stunning finishes! **\$309,000**
- 1350 Sage Ridge Rd.** - Immaculate 4BD, 3BA home overlooking the Sulphur Creek Valley. A must see! **\$249,000 UNDER CONTRACT**
- 763 2nd St.** - 4BD home in an extremely sought after location, with a fireplace, large lot, full basement and attached garage. **\$234,900 UNDER CONTRACT**
- 1055 Lance Cr.** - Cute and tidy, ranch style 3BD/2BA home on a large lot. **REDUCED TO \$229,000**
- 1154 Mimi Cr.** - Ideal 3BD/2BA two story home in a quiet cul-de-sac with custom finishes. **REDUCED TO \$229,000**
- 855 5th St.** - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. **\$200,000**
- 1326 Sage Ridge Rd.** - Large family home comprising of 4BD/3BA, office, full basement and excellent back yard with fabulous mountain views. **\$199,000**
- 681 Water St.** - Freshly updated 4BD/2BA two-story home, fenced yard, great deck with hot tub! **\$185,000**
- 1033 Main St.** - Two-story, 3BD/2BA home, with a cottage in the back yard. **\$172,000**
- 545 3rd St.** - Ideal location, smart use of space, tastefully remodeled 3BD/2BA. **PRICE REDUCED! \$159,000**

117 6th St. - Completely remodeled duplex, fully furnished, sleeps 12 people, within walking distance of downtown. **REDUCED TO \$135,000**

NEW 1112 Park Ave. - Fresh paint, new carpet, super cute 2BD, 1BA, plus den. Fenced yard, off street parking. **\$129,000**

1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling, including floors. **REDUCED TO \$122,900**

NEW 760 11th St. - Good 3BD/2BA starter home with large back yard, deck, storage shed, built in 1996. **\$95,000.**

767 12th Street - Completely remodeled townhouse includes 2BD/2BA. Like new. **\$65,000**

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

NEW 1533 RBC Rd. - 977 acre ranch on Strawberry Creek with trees, rock outcroppings, outstanding water rights, hay meadows, brick home, multiple barns & corrals, numerous recreation amenities, including prime elk & deer hunting. **\$3,750,000**

3900 RBC RD. 10 - 42.35 Acres in the South Fork of the White River. Log home, workshop, garage, corrals, spring water, Forest Service access. Privacy and views that can't be matched! **\$800,000**

70548 Hwy. 64 - Gorgeous horse ranch with indoor and outdoor arena, custom 3BD home, Morton 4 bay garage with heated room, Morton heated shop with kitchen, log barn, pastures & sheds on 42 acres. **\$730,000**

945 RBC Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/3BA log cabin with pristine setting, Creek & pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. **\$475,000**

4637 RBC Rd. 8 - 6.32 acres, 4BD/2BA 2-story home, 2,880 SQFT shop, barn, corrals, well water. **PRICE CUT! \$329,000**

402 Sandstone Dr. - 10 country acres with a custom stick-built 3BD/2BA home with roping & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pond & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. **\$298,000**

NEW 369 Love Lane. - Custom built 3BD, 2BA home with cozy family room, 3 car garage, 5 acres of hay meadows. You will really enjoy looking at this one. **\$297,000**

519 Rimrock Dr. - Fabulous views from this hilltop home on 5 acres, 4BD/2BA, very open floorplan, attached garage. **\$219,000**

71855 Hwy. 64 - MILES OF VIEWS, 3BD/2BA home on 10 acres about 4 miles from Meeker. Stucco, covered porch, metal garage/barn. **\$215,000**

378 RBC Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. **\$119,000**

210 RBC Rd. 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin - Forest service leased land, your rustic cabin to enjoy! **\$65,000**

VACANT LAND

41 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. **\$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING**

15,000 SQFT Lot at 6th & Water St. - Mixed zoning, cleared, READY FOR YOUR NEW BUILDING! **\$120,000**

5 Acres BUCKSKIN VALLEY SUBDIVISION - This is one of the best 5 acre parcels in the Meeker area with exceptional views, trees, rock outcroppings, central water system and the country lifestyle. Time to build! **\$84,995**

459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. **\$80,000**

50 Acres FOURTEEN MILE SUBDIVISION - Enjoy open space and wonderful views! **\$67,500**

688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! **REDUCED TO \$65,000**

6.79 Acres in Cross L Estates - Irrigated meadow with great hay production, nice lot, domestic water, electricity and views. **REDUCED TO \$59,000**

2.25 Acres Off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! **\$45,000**

2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. **\$45,000 for both.**

2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. **\$30,000 each.**

41 Developed Lots in Sanderson Hills Re-subdivision - Streets, Curbs, Electricity and Gas installed. **\$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.**

NEW 5 Lots on 8th St. - Quiet location, buy them all. **\$14,000 per lot.**

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

317 East Market - GREAT PROPERTY, GREAT LOCATION - 1.4 acres includes commercial building, newly built shop **\$975,000.** Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for **\$300,000** with highway access.

680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! **\$875,000**

BE YOUR OWN BOSS - Thriving Ma Famiglia restaurant, business offered at **\$475,000.**

975 Market St. - Restaurant building on two lots with off street parking along Highway 13. **\$220,000**

1107 Market St. - Commercial corner lot on Highway 13. Perfectly cleared and ready for a new business! **Price reduced! \$199,000**

Call today for a showing!

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