

# Herald Times



## Christmasfest ...

Rangely's annual Christmas celebration begins tonight with the Light Up Rangely contest, and continues through Saturday. See news briefs on Page 2A for more information.



## Broadband project still on track, but winter weather will delay new connections

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** "All the mainline conduit and fiber is now placed," said Rio Blanco County IT Director Blake Mobley about the county's broadband internet installation. That's 25 miles of conduit and fiber jetting completed in Rangely and an additional 25 miles in Meeker. The last stage is to finish splicing, or fusing, all the fiber connections.

"It's like laying a bunch of pipe and then going back to connect the pieces," Mobley explained. Only these fiber optic "pipes" are made from glass just about the size of a single human hair. Each individual fiber at each connection must be fused to an adjoining piece with the use of a specialized splicing tool.

"If the weather doesn't get bad, they intend to continue to work throughout the winter," Mobley said of the contractor handling the fusing process.

What does all that mean for internet-hungry residents eager to say goodbye to bandwidth caps and endless buffering?

If the "drop" line hasn't already been put into your home or business, it means you're going to be waiting until spring to enjoy the new system. Snow on the ground hides utility locates, and muddy or frozen ground can permit water to get in the conduit for the fiber, causing multiple problems.

Between the two towns, about 40 percent of the project is ready to "light." The other 60 percent is waiting for fusing. There are 131 customers currently using the fiber optic system.

"Of the 40 percent, we already have more than 600 additional connection requests in," Mobley said, which are waiting on their "drop runs" from the mainline, which will come as soon as weather permits. Then those 600 will start connecting, and the other 60 percent of the project will become eligible for drops.

Community response to the broadband initiative has been excellent. Mobley said in similar projects around the country the average "take rate"—the number of customers signing up for service—is about 35 percent.

"We're right about double the national average for an overbuild project like this, where some kind of service is already available in an area."

The wireless component of the project, which involves eight towers scattered throughout the county, will be ready to light as soon as weather permits in the spring.

"Some of those towers you can't get to until the end of June," Mobley said, due to snow. The first two wireless towers that will be lit are the ones at CNCC in Rangely and on Lobo Mountain in Meeker.

Videos about how optical fiber is made and how it works are available on the county's website at [www.rbc.us/395/Broadband](http://www.rbc.us/395/Broadband).



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Inside the splicing trailer. Chris Fuller of Lite Industries, a subcontractor for the project, is in the foreground. Splicing work is expected to continue through the winter as weather permits.



HEATHER ZADRA PHOTO

Rangely Junior/Senior High School band and choir director Carol Morton and musical director Bruce Odland rehearse "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" with choir students. The piece, recorded with both band and choir students, was one of 13 traditional Christmas carols performed in The TANK by Rangely musicians for its first Christmas album, "Rangely Goes A'Caroling at The TANK." Proceeds from sales benefit the local public schools and CNCC, along with The TANK Center for Sonic Arts. The \$10 CDs can be purchased at local retailers and schools or at [tanksounds.org/caroling/](http://tanksounds.org/caroling/).

## TANK Christmas album features local musicians, traditional favorites

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** For decades, residents have been making sounds, some of them musical, in Rangely's reverberant sound space known as The TANK. Local musicians recently took advantage of a new opportunity at The TANK Center for Sonic Arts: create a Christmas album.

The project, conceptualized and funded in October by longtime Rangely supporter Sam Tolley, brought together more than 40 local musicians to interpret Christmas carols anew, from a wistful, lingering version of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to an ethereal interpretation of "Carol of

the Bells." Most participants are vocalists, but the album also features strings, horns and wind instruments.

Miranda (Jackson) Hayes, a well-known Rangely singer whose low-range alto voice found its niche in the music of Patsy Cline and Martina McBride, moved to Nashville as a young woman to pursue a singing career. Last year, she and husband Scott returned to her hometown with their five-month-old son, Cooper.

Despite having grown up in Rangely, Hayes had never been in The TANK.

"It was overwhelming how awesome it was," she said of entering the space for the first time. "The sounds coming out of there

were sounds I had never heard before acoustically."

Hayes joined singers Marie Morton and Amanda Garcia and cellist Michelle Jones for a TANK rendition of "We Three Kings."

"Working with (musical director) Bruce (Odland) was great because he can take three people who are talented but may not know how to put everything together and make them feel confident about what they're doing," Hayes said. "Never having sung with the others, it was nice to hear new voices, and working with Bruce, it was like we'd been singing together forever. He turned it into something magical."

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## Personal recollections of a small-town movie theater

By BOB AMICK

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** Meeker's first movie theater, the "Princess," came to Meeker with the building of the Rio Theatre by Harlan Coulter in 1920. When Glen B. and Dixie Wittstruck purchased the theater in 1936, it was renamed the Rio Theatre, possibly reflecting the Spanish name for river, since the White River was an icon of the town and county.

When I was growing up on our family ranch next to the K-T ranch six miles east of Meeker, I became

friends with Richard Wittstruck, whose father and mother, Glen and Dixie Wittstruck, owned and operated the Rio Theatre. Glen was originally from Nebraska—if memory serves—and was quite a showman. He and Dixie often traveled to Denver to book "pictures" (as the movies were then called) for ensuing months. They drove black Cadillacs up until 1958 when they bought one of the new Lincoln Continental Mark III models in white with a roll-down rear window which Richard and I thought was very cool. Dixie was the daughter of Richard Magor who owned the Sleepy Cat resort and

another property which was later owned by Bill Gooseman.

Glen and Dixie's home adjoined the Rio Theatre building, and was adjacent to the Joy Motor Company's Ford Garage. The home was light tan and brown with a fence and gate off the Main Street entrance, and was very well built with plush wall-to-wall gray carpeting and a fireplace. The Wittstrucks enjoyed having tropical fish and an aquarium with variety of Caribbean species including Betta or Siamese fighting fish which I always found fascinating to watch. Their home was attached to the west wall of the Rio Theatre and a door-

way from the lobby area into their home permitted direct access into the theater.

Photographs of the interior design Art Deco Moderne style of the Rio Theatre are rare and as yet not located. The Denver Public Library Western History and Genealogy archive was able to provide the only known photo of the exterior of the building, taken in 1967. Consequently, a verbal description of the aspects of the design and accommodations is all that is currently available for this historic and iconic structure that was unfortunately demolished in the 1970s to make way

for the Rio Blanco County Abstract Company.

The Rio Theatre, while not large, was built with red brick and would accommodate several hundred patrons. The building extended from the Main Street entrance all the way to the alley. There was a "cry room" attached to the ladies' restroom on the east side of the lobby, with a glass window so mothers could attend their fussy infants and small children and still watch the movie. A speaker was installed so they could hear the sound behind the glass window. The concession stand was on the east side of the lobby where popcorn and soda

were vended and the stairway to the projection booth was next to the entrance to the men's restroom. The projectionist at the time was Gerald Dickman, who later became the postmaster in Meeker. Charles Rigby (son of Percy Rigby, local attorney at law) served as a custodian and cleaned the theater after the shows.

The projection booth was small and crowded but was fascinating as we often got to watch how the films were prepared for showing. Two projectors with carbon arc lamp hous-

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  - **Free monthly movie,** "Trumbo." 1:30 p.m. at the Meeker Rec Center multipurpose room. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.
  - **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Dec. 12. We will be discussing "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.
  - **Tootsie Care Day** Saturday, Dec. 17 at MVCC, 290 Fourth St., from 12-3 p.m. All are welcome, no appointment needed. Donations greatly appreciated.
  - **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at Kilowatt Komer. Bring your sewing machine and project.
  - **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-
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  - **Game Day** for adults 50+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshments. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.
  - **Pickleball Open Gym** from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the admin gym for adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.
  - **Adult Open Gym Basketball.** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.
  - **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.
  - **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.
- Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

**SNOW PLAY ...**



Snow arrived just in time for the ninth annual Meeker Parade of Lights, and gave the kids something to do while they waited for the parade. NIKI TURNER PHOTO

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**Reward offered for information about vandalism at reservoir**

*Special to the Herald Times*  
**RANGELY I** The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is offering a reward up to \$500 for any information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for vandalism at Kenney Reservoir. Sometime during the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 22 and the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 23, vandals caused nearly \$4,000 in damages at Kenney Reservoir. If you have information, please call the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office at 970-878-9600. Your identity will remain anonymous.

**Local residents receive Rancher of the Year award for conservation**

*Special to the Herald Times*  
**MEEKER I** Rocky and Sparky Pappas and Travis Flaharty received the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts 2016 Rancher of the Year Award at the annual meeting in Loveland, Colo., on Nov. 16.  
Rocky, Sparky and Travis were nominated for the award by the board of supervisors of the White River Conservation District for their demonstrated excellence in land stewardship and conservation after receiving the local Conservationist of the Year award in January 2016. Rocky, Sparky and Travis lease nearly 11,200 acres from Sparky's family and continue to improve wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, weed management and range improvements that benefit both wildlife and livestock.  
"When we visited the property to gather pictures for the nomination I was really impressed with how well and diligently Rocky, Sparky, and Travis manage their property. They have really done a lot to improve the forage and water," said district manager Chris Colflesh.  
Additionally, Rocky, Sparky and Travis hold Meeker dear to their hearts and volunteer time and resources to the betterment of the community. Sparky was active with the Historical Society, all three are active with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and they partner with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife on youth hunts each year.

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Free lunch is provided from noon until 1:30pm. The Meeker Lions Club will be cooking and serving.

*This event is weather dependent. If the ice is deemed unsafe the event will be cancelled. The decision to cancel will be made on December 12 and will be advertised in the December 15 Herald Times newspaper and the ERBM Facebook page.*

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt

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

### Christmasfest tonight through Saturday

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

### Meeker Community Choir concert Sunday

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

### Candle lighting ceremony Sunday

**MEEKER** | A formal candle lighting event for parents who have lost children will be held in Meeker on Dec. 11 in the Mountain Valley Bank community room at 400 Main St. (use the door on Fourth Street or in the back of the building). The Meeker event is part of the worldwide Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting. If you would like to share a remembrance of your child, please print your brief thoughts on a card to read aloud before you light the candle. Participants are encouraged to bring a picture of their child with their name on it. Come at 6 p.m. for sharing and fellowship. Drinks will be served and you may bring a snack if you like. For questions or to RSVP, call Sue at 878-4502 or Jean at 878-4543.

### Meet CNCC's new president in Meeker

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

### Rangely Jr./Sr. High concert Dec. 20

**RANGELY** | The Rangely Junior/Senior High School band will be performing "Sleigh Ride" for the Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Anyone in the community who plays a band instrument may join us for this performance. If you are interested in playing contact Carol Morton at 675-2253 or cmorton@rangelyk12.org.

### Community Networking Meeting Dec. 20

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



### F.O.G. ...

Promising a cappella Christmas music as well as some comedic fun, F.O.G. (Fat Old Guys) will provide live entertainment at the Rangely High School auditorium Saturday at 7 p.m. as the finale for the annual Christmasfest celebration. Christmasfest begins tonight with the Light Up Rangely contest, continues tomorrow night with sleigh rides downtown from 5-8 p.m., and fills up Saturday's schedule with Breakfast with Santa, the Snowflake Baby contest, the Parade of Lights and much more.

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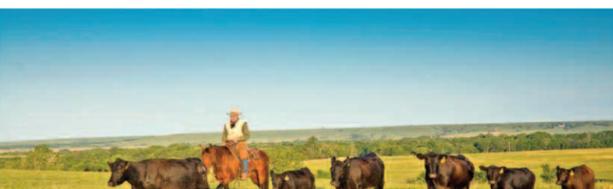
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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

It's the little things

By NIKI TURNER  
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Someone in my household changed the toilet paper roll this week. Despite the fact he or she put the roll on upside down—whoever did it, thank you. (And if it ever happens again, the end of the roll goes on top, because that is just how it should be done.) It was a reminder for me that sometimes it's the little things that make all the difference.

That's true in marriage, it's true in yoga practice and it's true in almost every other aspect of life. As humans we tend to change in minuscule increments, not giant leaps, whether for better or for worse. But, as humans, we also tend to try to "do all the things" at once, and never is that more apparent than at this time of year.

We're in the midst of the season of excess. From Thanksgiving until New Year's we overeat, overspend and over-schedule ourselves. And then come New Year's Day we do a 180 and go to the opposite extreme with diets and budgets and buying new planners, resolving to "do better" in the year ahead. Attempting to make drastic changes all at once rarely works out well, whether you're talking about healthy eating or starting a new exercise regimen.

Maybe, instead, we should think about making incremental changes. The saying "the straw that broke the camel's back" refers to those small changes, and the dramatic cumulative effect they have. It starts with thoughts, goes on to words and culminates in actions. Maybe, while we're in this season of excess, we can start making small, positive changes, and then, by the time we hit New Year's (my favorite holiday—yes, it's weird), we'll already be turned in the right direction—toward success.

I'm trying to accomplish those small steps toward positive progress in one very small area right now: my posture. Years of slouching over a desk has generated some unpleasant health consequences.

On my doctor's advice to seek a solution for my shoddy posture I bought a newfangled wearable device that clips to my shirt and "buzzes" me whenever I slouch for more than 30 seconds at a time. It's slightly less offensive than my piano teacher's fingernail jabbing me in the back, but it lasts all day, not just half an hour.

According to the website, it takes two weeks of being zapped like Pavlov's dog to make a definitive change in one's posture. Two weeks is suddenly a very long time.



Fantasy football is underway for the season. From what I understand, you pick the players you think would make the best team, and then, based on statistical averages, see how your imaginary team would do against someone else's imaginary team.

Personally, instead of fantasy football, I'd like to see a fantasy government league where we get to put together our own executive, legislative and judicial branches. Instead of having virtual games, we can pass virtual laws, and then run the algorithms and see how those decisions would turn out for the people. Whoever wins the fantasy government league would get to appoint his or her choices to the real government for a year.

Just a thought.



This week's kudos go to the cast and crew of "Shrek." First, taking on a stage version of an immensely popular Disney movie is a huge challenge in and of itself. How do you take beloved animated characters and translate them to the live stage? The cast of and crew found the answer to that question and went a step beyond. Second, limiting your cast to ninth graders and younger is like tying one hand behind your back before trying to accomplish the previous goal. But these aren't, apparently, your average young people, or your average stage crew.

We have an immensely talented group of young people in our community and a dedicated team supporting them. If "Shrek" didn't convince you, maybe the fact our high school choir has been invited to Carnegie Hall to perform, and our ERBM dance team will perform (again) at a nationally televised collegiate football playoff in January, will. And all of this in an era when the arts are falling under the guilotine of budget cuts in our public schools. Let's do whatever we can as a community to help these talented performers find their path to success.

RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald  
— 100 years ago

As per announcement, the annual winter reunion of the White River Pioneers' society was held at Rooney's hall. The president, pioneer L.S. Bloomfield, was in the chair, and matters in hand were soon disposed of. F.N. JoHantgen was elected president, Otto Metzger vice president, and L.B. Walbridge secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. F.E. Sheridan and H.A. Wildhack were appointed a committee to collect the outstanding dues.

Next Friday night, dance and supper, Coal Creek school house. Come.

When Mark Twain was editor of a weekly newspaper one of his subscribers wrote him that he had found a spider in his paper when it reached him and inquired whether it was a sign of good luck. The noted humorist replied that the spider was simply looking over the paper to see which merchants were not advertising so he could visit them, spin a web across their door and live contented ever afterward.

J.W. Rector came in from Grand Junction Wednesday, and, after attending to business matters here, proceeded on to Rangely to look after his stock interests there. Mr. Rector had the experience lately of having his fine Studebaker auto stolen from the garage at the Junction. The thief was caught a few days after near the Utah line and is now awaiting trial. The car was not damaged any, as the thief was an experienced auto hand.

James and Mrs. Kilduff were in Tuesday, shopping.

Genius is an idea inspired by energy and nursed by a persistent effort into accomplishment.

The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago

The Meeker High School band and choir, under the direction of Dale Jens, will present a concert on Thursday in the Meeker High School auditorium. The performance is being dedicated to the march king, John Philip Sousa, in an effort to help raise the needed money by the Sousa Foundation for the construction of the John Phillip Sousa statue in the new Kennedy Center in New York City.

Sheriff Russell Harp was notified Monday morning of a break-in at the Sleepy Cat Resort, 22 miles east of Meeker. Clark Wix, owner, reported the break-in, which was believed to have taken place Friday night. Reported stolen were seven quarts of whiskey, cigarettes and four cases of beer.

Dan Handy, CPA of Rifle, after examination of the Town of Meeker records, listed several recommendations for the Town Board's consideration. In going over the records he also noted that Meeker Improvement District No. 1 will be approximately \$9,700 short of paying off the outstanding indebtedness, due in 1975.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a red Easy Bake oven. From Gayla Carstens.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Mystery Date game and some Barbie clothes. From Mary Nieslanik.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Johnny Eagle gun and a balloon busting game. Thank you, Sam Coulter.

The Meeker Herald  
— 25 years ago

Stacked and ready to be loaded up and shipped overseas, Purkey's Packing Plant parking lot was covered with piles of deer and elk hides this past week. Bryce Purkey estimates he sold just under 1,500 hides to Axis Steel of Craig which will ship them on to tanners in Korea or Vietnam. Unfortunately, like the hide business in general, prices are down this year.

Employees of the Valley Grocery store gathered to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the store which recently recorded its 360,000th customer.

Trina Stout, along with 41 other entries representing the entire state of Colorado, recently competed in the Colorado Make It Yourself With Wool contest in Burlington, Colo. Trina placed fourth in the junior division and received three yards of Pendleton wool. Trina is the daughter of Diana and Darryl Stout of Meeker.

Rangely Times  
— 50 years ago

Moon Lake, Mountain States Telephone and city crews cooperate to get Rangely's street decorations up this week. They set up a second giant Christmas tree at the east end of town to go along with the one erected each year in west Rangely. Three cross-street lighting strings have been placed, with others to follow as soon as transformers arrive.

Local residents used shovels and snow plows Wednesday to dig out of the first big snowfall of the winter. The white stuff began to fall Monday and continued through Wednesday morning, leaving several inches on the ground.

Most of Rangely was without electricity for several hours Monday night

because vandals had shot insulators off electric power lines in the area south of town. Moon Lake officials report that the practice has cost hundreds of dollars this fall in the Douglas Pass area as well as around town.

Saturday night three boys, all under 18, were responsible for some damage to the airport building. They were identified by a driver's license and other papers inadvertently left in the building and paid for a broken light fixture and soap dispenser. No charges were filed.

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Rangely Times  
— 25 years ago

The news broke just two days ago that Rangely Police Chief Barbara Watry had been jailed in Florida recently concerning charges that she was guilty of two counts of forgery and two counts of misconduct while on the Police Department of Coral Springs, Fla. The Rangely Town Board of Trustees made the decision to indefinitely suspend Chief Watry with pay.

Some said it couldn't happen. Some said, when there were difficulties along the way, that it wouldn't happen. But, because of the persistence of the Rangely Arts Council, it is happening. The Colorado Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" is coming to Rangely!

It was Christmas Eve in Denver, 1914, and young David Johnathan Sturgeon lay suffering from a fatal illness. The boy was too sick to be carried to the family Christmas tree, but from his bed he could see some beautiful pine trees outside in the yard. To make the night a little brighter for his dying grandson, pioneer electrician D.D. Sturgeon dipped some ordinary light bulbs in red and green paint, strung them on electric lines, and draped them over one of the outside trees. The effect pleased not only the boy, but the entire city, and hundreds of visitors came by carriage from miles away just to see the brilliant, glowing Christmas tree. Several years later, the *Denver Post* began an outdoor lighting display contest, and from there the tradition began to spread around the world.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

# Remember those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor, and in the days that followed

By WES EUBANKS  
MEEKER VFW POST 5843  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Every year since that fateful day Americans have honored the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. We remember also the survivors who would bear terrible scars both physical and mental. We remember their families: moms, dads, wives, sons and daughters who lost loved ones.

Two-thousand, four-hundred and three Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded.

I believe we should also remember that the attack on our military forces in Hawaii was not the only fought that day.

During the next seven hours there were coordinated attacks on the U.S. forces at the Philippines, Guam and

Wake Island.

**Guam**  
U.S. Marine losses were 13 dead and 37 wounded. The U.S. Navy lost eight killed while four of the Guam Insular Force Guards were killed and 22 others wounded. Six soldiers were killed after the surrender. Thirteen American civilians were killed during the battle.

**Wake Island**  
Fifty-two killed, 49 wounded and two missing. At least 70 U.S. civilians were killed. One-thousand, one hundred and four civilians were interned, of whom 180 died in captivity.

**Philippines**  
**8 December 1941—8 May 1942**  
Twenty-three thousand American military personnel were killed or captured and Filipino soldiers killed or captured totaled around 100,000.

GUEST EDITORIAL

# School district aims for excellence

By CHRIS SELLE  
MEEKER SCHOOL  
SUPERINTENDENT  
Special to the Herald Times



Chris Selle

**RBC I** During the 2015-2016 school year, the District Accountability Committee (DAC) for Meeker School District RE-1 shouldered the responsibility of updating the school district's strategic plan. In doing so, the DAC departed from traditional plan writing which often involves multiple, detailed action items. A document with multiple, detailed action steps often turns into a "to-do" list where the focus becomes checking off items on the list. It was believed that, from the district level, the appropriate action was to develop a vision for the school district which will define who we are, rather than what we will do. The outcome of this belief is the Meeker School District Strategic Vision document that can be found at [www.meeker.k12.co.us](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us) under the "Our District" tab on the left side of the webpage.

Because the school district's vision statement is "Excellence in All We Do" the strategic vision was built around what is believed to be necessary to maintain "Meeker Excellence." A key component to

ensure we maintain Meeker Excellence is to clearly define, and remain focused on, our purpose as an organization. Simply put, Meeker School District RE-1 exists to meet the needs of students. Maintaining this purpose may look vastly different at each building, but it shall be the core of why we exist as an organization.

The mission statement for our school district states: "It is the mission of the Meeker School District to seek the highest possible level of success for each student. The District will provide a safe environment in which students learn those skills necessary to become well-informed citizens and contributing members of society." In order to achieve and maintain our vision of Meeker Excellence, we must remain steadfast in the following four focus areas that flow from our mission statement:

- Provide a successful school experience for all students
- Ensure a safe learning environment

- Produce young adults equipped to be productive citizens
- Nurture strong community connections

These four areas form the basis of the Meeker School District Strategic Vision. More detail regarding the four focus areas can be found in the document posted on our website.

Who we are determines what we

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OBITUARY

# Donald Edwin 'Thumper' Wade II

June 7, 1958~Dec. 3, 2016



Donald Edwin 'Thumper' Wade II

Donald Edwin Wade, II (Thumper) 58, of Rangely, died Dec. 3, 2016, at Huntsman Cancer Center, from complications caused by Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was born June 7, 1958, in Rangely, the son of Donald and Barbara Wade. He grew up in Rangely and was graduated from Rangely High School in 1976. Thumper was married to Denise Melanson and they had two daughters, Jillien Faye and Samantha Lynn. Thumper adored his grandson, Everett, and loved spoiling him.

There are simply no words to sum up this hilarious, huge-hearted man. The only thing he loved as much as his family was his work. He truly loved his job and enjoyed his co-workers at QEP and Tesoro Logistics.

Thumper was predeceased by his mother, Barbara, and we know she was waiting for him with open arms. He is survived by his daughters and grandson, his father, Don, of Rangely; his brother Paul Wade

(Anne), of Mechanicsburg, Penn., his sisters, Paulette Comstock (Lance), of Montrose, Colo., and Cheri Smith (Mark) of Rangely. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews,

who thought he was the greatest uncle ever. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Nita Henson. Thumper loved and cared for so many people and he will be so very missed.

Cremation has taken place and at his request, no funeral will be

held. We will be having a very casual Celebration of his Life for those who would like to share stories and memories. It will be held Dec. 17, 2016, at Rangely District Hospital's Meeting Room, 225 Eagle Crest Dr., Rangely, Colo., from 2-4 p.m.

Thumper, like his mother before him, loved kids and feeding people, so we are asking that donations be made in his name to support our local Backpack Program through Rio Blanco BOCES, 402 W. Main St., Rangely, Colo., 81648.



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# Loving God's Precepts and Testimonies

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

*Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness. (Ps. 119:159)*  
*My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. (v. 167)*

**Dr. J.D. Watson**

**T**HERE is a *third* synonym for God's Word that David attaches to his **love** for that Word. It is the word **precepts** (21 times). The Hebrew here is *piqud*, a masculine noun meaning "precept, instruction." It is a poetic word, found only in the Psalms and always in the plural, and speaks of injunctions and moral obligations. It comes from a root that "expresses the idea that God is paying attention to how He wants things ordered."

It should amaze us all how church leaders today persist in doing things the way they choose, from creating whatever methods and ministries they deem fit to running the church like they would a corporation. Instead of opening Scripture to see how God wants things ordered, we do what pleases people. The first occurrence of **precepts** in this Psalm, in fact, says, "Thou hast commanded us to keep *thy* precepts diligently" (v. 4, emphasis added), underscoring that God wants things done His way, not ours.

It's not enough to read the Word, outline it, analyze it, exposit it, exegete it, or even memorize it. If we don't **love** it, all else is empty. It is our **love** for it that drives us to obedience and submission. When we really **love** truth, it is impossible to compromise it, because anything that violates truth, however small, will be intolerable. "The more closely we cleave to God's precepts," Alexander Maclaren wrote, "the more we shall recoil from modes and thought of life which flout them."

**Fourth** and finally, David loved God's **testimonies**. Verse 167 is the final time David speaks of his **love** for the Word of God in this Psalm. The Hebrew is *'ēdāh*, a noun originally meaning a "testimony, witness, or warning sign." It eventually came to be used for a solemn testimony of the will of God, a sober and serious expression of God's standards for human behavior. Here we read not suggestions or optional proposals, rather God's absolute standards. It is tremendously significant that the stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments are called God's "testimony" (Ex. 25:16; 31:18; 32:15). Its first occurrence is in verse 2: "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies," again showing blessing to those who conduct themselves according to God's standards.

And so it is that David loved God's commandments, law, precepts, and testimonies. Such adoration permeated his heart and controlled his life. Such should be true of us. Whatever we adore in our lives is what will control us. When we truly love the Word of God, it alone will control our thinking, our attitudes, our actions, our speech, our desires, our goals—in short, *everything*.

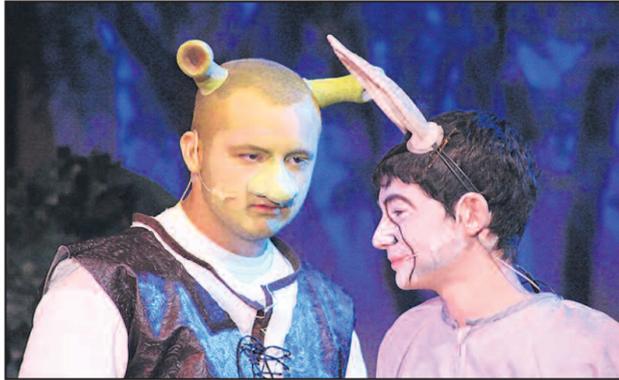
**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses declare about each writer's attitude toward God's word: Psalm 40:8; Romans 7:22?

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# Christmas festivities kicked off in Meeker with parade, 'Shrek' and Santa



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
In an intriguing twist on the idea of Santa's sleigh and his reindeer team, Rio Blanco County first responders linked their vehicles together with light strings and pulled Santa through town on the fire engine. The display was a great example of the teamwork between the various agencies.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
Ridge Williams as Shrek and Ashdon Siebert as Donkey were quite a comedic team.



PAT TURNER PHOTO  
An excellent performance by the entire cast and crew.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
A stunning fireworks display downtown wrapped up the ninth annual Parade of Lights.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
A very flashy dragon prompted "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd. Hailey Rose, right, played the voice of the Dragon.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
Taylor Garcia, Mason Holliday and Haley Weston played the part of Princess Fiona at various ages.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
Braydon Garcia earned quite a bit of audience laughter for his portrayal of the height-challenged Lord Farquaad.



LEAH BOHLANDER PHOTO  
Lions Club served a pancake breakfast at the Breakfast with Santa event hosted by the ERBM Recreation & Park District.

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Special to the Herald Times

**RBC |** The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on a proposed land exchange in Rio Blanco and Moffat counties that could consolidate public lands and increase public access.

Under the proposed Buffalo Horn Land Exchange, the BLM would acquire three parcels totaling 4,036 acres in exchange for 16 isolated parcels of BLM lands totaling 3,806 acres.

Maps and details about the potential land exchange are available at [bit.ly/2gIDcCt](http://bit.ly/2gIDcCt).

"The BLM will only go forward with a land exchange if it is in the public's interest," said BLM White River Field Manager Kent Walter. "To help us make that determination, we need to hear from the public about this proposal."

Before the BLM begins the environmental assessment of this exchange, it wants to hear any issues or concerns the public believes should be addressed in the EA. The BLM will hold a public open house meeting on Jan. 5, 2017, at the Meeker Public Library, 490 Main St., from 4 to 7 p.m. to provide information and accept written comment.

The BLM will accept public comments through

Jan. 23, 2017. Comments may be submitted by email to [blm\\_co\\_wrfo\\_bhlex@blm.gov](mailto:blm_co_wrfo_bhlex@blm.gov) or by mail to BLM WRFO, Land Exchange Comments, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641.

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.

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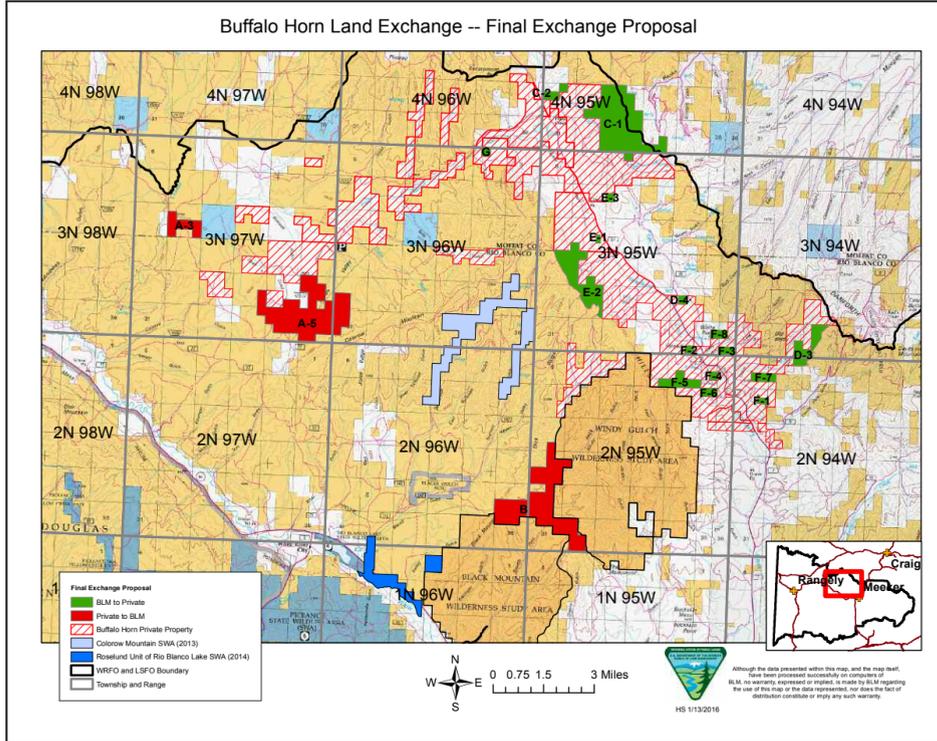
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Lynn Lockwood with the Blanco Ranger District said while she is not certain how many positions the district will be offering in 2017, they would like to hire locals.

"The application process takes time, we'd like to encourage people to begin applying now," she said.

Applications for wildland fire and other early seasonal positions will be accepted Jan. 4-11. Applications for recreation, fisheries, wildlife, forestry, engineering, administration and other positions will be accepted Feb. 1-7. Check the website for details on how to apply at [bit.ly/2h8bjmD](http://bit.ly/2h8bjmD).



## SEEING SANTA ...



James and Rachel Petty visited with Santa during the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 3. LEAH BOHLANDER PHOTO

## SCHOOL: 'Meeker Excellence'

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will do. Simply developing the strategic vision document with no follow up action would be an exercise in futility. Specific actions already occur within the buildings to meet the strategic vision. Additionally, our administrative team consistently discusses what further actions we will take to align with the vision outlined in the document. The DAC has also assumed the responsibility of monitoring implementation of the Strategic Vision. As such, the DAC will be receiving regular updates from the

building principals and superintendent regarding how the Strategic Vision is manifested in specific actions throughout the district.

Meeker Excellence is more than simply a tag line. It is an ideal that, when embraced, will push all of our students to maximize their potential. Because I see evidence of this ideal on a daily basis in our schools, I am greatly encouraged that we are meeting the needs of our students. As I consistently state regarding a number of observations about our schools, this gives me one more reason to proclaim I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy.

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By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** "You have to have the scones. They're the best." I can't tell you how many times I heard that about the famous homemade scones served for many years at Sleepy Cat Lodge and Restaurant. And not just from locals, from people who came to visit from all over the country. When the lodge closed, much to the dismay of its loyal patrons, the scones went away, as well, and no recipe attempted successfully replicated those tasty morsels. This season (when we would have all been enjoying scones, because we were all going to Sleepy Cat for at least one holiday dinner) we can have them again. Wendy Gutierrez ran across an old copy of the original recipe in her great-grandmother's recipe box, and Steve Wix graciously agreed to let us share it in the paper.

**Steve Wix's Sleepy Cat Scones**

- 1 pound margarine
- 4 tablespoons salt
- 8 cups milk
- Melt margarine and combine with salt and milk.
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons yeast
- 8 cups water
- Combine sugar, water and yeast in mixing bowl and let set until yeast foams.
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- White all-purpose flour
- Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl except white flour. Add enough white flour to make mixture firm enough to knead on a table. Add flour as required to keep the dough from being sticky while it is kneaded.
- Roll out about a half an inch thick and cut into two- or three-inch squares. Let rise a few minutes then cook in deep fryer at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
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## ALBUM: Proceeds will be donated to schools and the TANK

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Nov. 3-6, musicians involved with the project put in hour-long rehearsal and recording sessions. Contributors ranged from two school ensembles to local family band Fiscus and Gravy to tenor Kelvin White, who recalls watching welders reconstruct The TANK near his childhood home in the early 1960s. Musicians practiced independently in The TANK before solidifying and recording songs with Odland, recording/mastering engineer Mark Fuller and assistant Samantha Wade.

Odland, a "sonic thinker" and a prime mover behind the "Save The TANK" campaign that raised more than \$46,000 to preserve the structure in 2013, welcomed musicians new to The TANK, like Hayes, and those familiar with it thanks to The TANK's first open season in 2016.

"It was great to see how many people who'd come in casually on Open Saturdays and gotten used to The TANK marshalled their musical

powers to do this thing," Odland said. "This was not easy for people to do. I think it was most people's first recording session."

"Everybody just developed super rapidly and we got beautiful recordings," he said. "It sounds like Rangely and The TANK: the voices, the choice of material, the way people chose to play it. It's really an expression of the heart of the town. It's gorgeous."

Unseasonably warm weather, musicians gathering in the sound studio to review takes and kids playing kickball outside The TANK between sessions characterized four days of rehearsals and recording. Saturday evening, 20 community singers joined soloist White and guitarist Dan Fiscus in a group sing of "Silent Night." The song is the last of 13 tracks that, together, compose more than 40 minutes of music.

In the October brainstorming session that initiated the project, Tolley's focus became twofold: raise money for local entities struggling under a

downturned economy and draw people together for a common purpose.

"I thought it would be a way to bring the community together," Tolley said. "I mean, things are tough. A lot of people are hurting, so let's do something for The TANK and for the schools. We haven't had a real bright spot for a while, but with kids up there singing in The TANK, I think it's worked and that will continue...Everybody wants to change the world, and we can't all do that. But we can change our little part of it."

Tolley believes that a community that trends toward giving and a solid product in the CD, called Rangely A'Caroling at The TANK, could mean a real benefit over time to the schools.

"I know that Christmas CDs out-sell all other CDs combined," he said. "We can sell them next year, too. When this all started, I said, 'I think we could sell a million of them if we could turn out a good product.'"

Now, post-production, Tolley believes the end result fits the bill. The CD is available at Rangely schools and retail stores and online at [www.tanksounds.org/caroling](http://www.tanksounds.org/caroling) for \$10, with proceeds from the first 1,000 CDs going directly to the RE-4 School District. Half of all subsequent profits go to the public schools, with another 25 percent going to Colorado Northwestern Community College and 25 percent to The TANK Center for Sonic Arts.

As the CD approached the final stages of production, Odland reflected on the process.

"We set out to do something almost impossible," he said. "Nobody in their right minds would try to do 13 groups of people in a 65-foot-tall tank with 40 seconds of reverb in two days. This was an insanely difficult schedule. Fortunately, Mark (Fuller) and I were the only ones that knew that. And so everybody just acted naturally and did their thing. And everything flowed beautifully."

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## Defending state wrestling champs host Buena Vista Friday in Meeker

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The defending state wrestling champion Meeker Cowboys opened the season last Saturday in Grand Junction with only six varsity wrestlers but they hope to double the number of varsity wrestlers Friday when they host the Buena Vista Demons at 6 p.m., then compete in the Delta Invitational on Saturday.

"It was good to get started," Meeker head wrestling coach J.C. Watt said about officially starting competition in Grand Junction. The Cowboys also sent four wrestlers to a J.V. tournament in Olathe.

Meeker senior Caleb Bradford won all four of his matches at the

duals held at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, including three by pin fall, in the 220-pound division and sophomore Tannen Kennedy won three (two by pin fall) of his four matches at 126.

Christopher Strate (145), Josh Cochran (160) and Cody Nielsen (170) each won two matches and Kasey Rosendahl won a match at 138. Meeker sophomore James Amick led the J.V., wrestlers by winning four of his five matches in the 182-pound bracket in Olathe, with all four victories coming by pin fall.

Phil Arnold (106), Nick Massey (113) and Codee Woodward (138) all wrestled in Olathe but did not win a match.

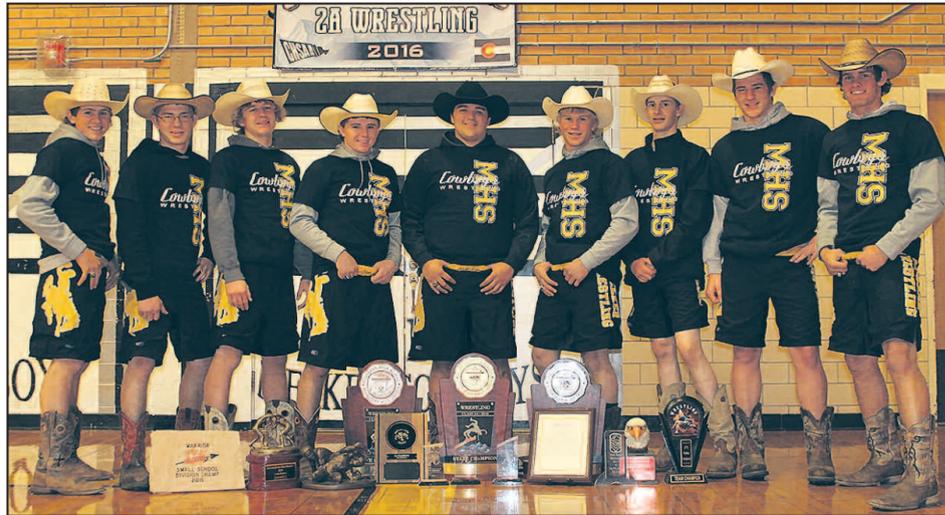
Many of last year's varsity

wrestlers played in the recent 1A state football championship game and several players will be on the mat this weekend. Coach Watt said he hopes to fill 12 of the 14 varsity weights this weekend.

"It will be a slow start to the new year but we have a lot of wrestlers back from last year and it's exciting," Coach Watt said.

The Cowboys came from behind last year to take the title from Rocky Ford and Coach Watt said although they will get a late start this year, he is still believes his team will be ready when the time comes to defend the Cowboys' title.

"We just have to be patient and realize we might not get up to full speed until February."



AVERY WATT PHOTO

Meeker High School seniors; Sheridan Harvey, Cody Nielsen, Ty Gibson, Hunter Garcia, Tyler Ilgen, Casey Turner, Kasey Rosendahl Caleb Bradford and Chase Rule are "cowboy-ed up" and ready to defend their 2016 2A Colorado Wrestling State Championship title. The Cowboys will host the Buena Vista Demons at the elementary school Friday at 6 p.m.

## RHS boys' basketball opens season at Shootoff

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely high school boys' basketball team kicks off their season with the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout this Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8-10 in Meeker.

The varsity boys play Moffat County JV on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. and the JV team plays Moffat County C team at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Kyle Boydston states,

"This year's team has put in a lot of hard work this summer and fall. They are still a relatively young team, but we expect bigger and better things this year after finishing 11-10 last year."

The Panthers will miss Kaulan Brady, last year's only senior, however, coach Boydston thinks seniors Troy Allred (returning starter) and Mikey Sheppard are ready to take up the slack. The Panthers also have three other returning starters among

juniors Patrick Scoggins, Kobe Broome and Brennan Noyes. Juniors Doug Denison, Austin Ficken and Cameron Filfred round out the Panthers' upperclassmen.

Sophomores Stetson Cudo, Drew Brannan, Devin Ramirez, Riley Boydston and Marshall Webber figure to contribute greatly on both varsity and JV squads. Sophomore CJ Lucero and freshmen Ethan Byers and Dylan LeBleu round out the Panthers underclassmen.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Rangely's Katye Allred is pictured pulling down one of 21 rebounds the Panther senior pulled down in the three games played in the 2016 White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. Allred, who also scored 35 points in the three games, helping her team win two of the three.

## Lady Panthers open season with two wins at the Cowboy Shootout

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely girls' basketball team opened the 2016 season in the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout in Meeker, where they won two games. The lady Panthers lost to the Cedaredge Bruins in the first round but came back to beat Mesa Ridge JV and Nucla to finish with a win and a fifth place finish. Rangely will play the Plateau Valley Cowboys this Friday in Collbran.

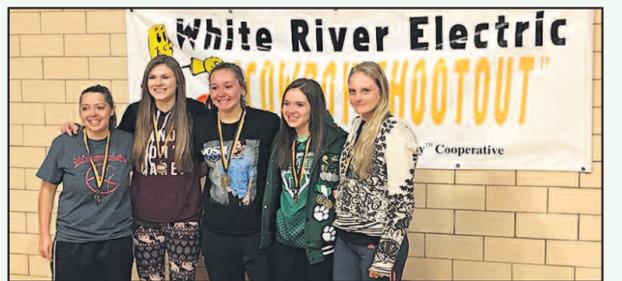
"I was pleased with what we saw and the potential we have," Rangely head coach Quinton Kent said after the tournament. "We have plenty to clean up but we are ahead of last year and that's the good thing. Our girls played hard this weekend."

In the first game of the season, the Panthers were tied with Cedaredge at halftime but fell behind by eight in the third quarter and lost 34-46.

"We played them well, we just ran out of gas and missed easy shots that could have kept us in the game," Coach Kent said. "We give credit to them (Cedaredge), they are a well coached team and they were able to extend their lead."

Katelyn Brown led the Panthers with 14 points and Lindsey Thacker scored 10 and pulled down nine rebounds against Cedaredge.

The lady Panthers jumped on Mesa Ridge, taking a 26-4 lead after



DALE DUNBAR PHOTO

Three Rio Blanco County girl basketball players were named to the 2016 White River Electric Cowboy Shootout all-tournament team, along with Soroco's Dakota Bruner, Meeker's Reese Pertile and Megan Shelton, Rangely's Katelyn Brown and Hannah Gilmore of Cedaredge, who was also named the tournament's MVP. Moffat County's Alex Hamilton was selected but is not in the photo.

the first quarter and beat them 51-40 to play for fifth place.

"It was the best quarter of play I've seen since I started coaching," coach Kent, a five-year veteran said. "The first quarter showed we have the potential to score some points and as the season goes, which will be nice."

Katye Allred led the team with 18 points and eight rebounds. Kaylalle Wyman also had eight rebounds against Mesa Ridge and Brown scored 15 points.

"We got off to a good start again against Nucla," coach Kent said. "Katelyn hit six three-pointers in the first half."

Brown finished the game with 22 points and was also named to the all-tournament team for her

play. Allred finished with a double/double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against Nucla.

"We were looking for revenge after losing to them by two points on last second free throws last season," coach Kent remembered. "In the second quarter we figured out how to really move the ball against their zone. Our defense also tightened up and we outscored them 17-4 in the second quarter to open up a 30-16 halftime lead. It was a good team win."

Rangely's JV team won three games, beating Aspen 42-18, then a one-point victory against Soroco and a three-point win in their final game.



## Meeker girls win first game under new coach

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The lady Cowboys' basketball team won its first game of the season in the first round of the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout last weekend but Meeker fell behind early in the next two games and although they made them close, the lady Cowboys lost both and finished fourth. Meeker played Coal Ridge Tuesday and will not see action again until they host Grand Valley Dec. 16.

"It was really fun to see where the girls' strengths were," Meeker's new girls' basketball coach Jamie Rogers said after the tournament. "Now we know what direction to go with each girl."

Coach Rogers got her first varsity career win when her team defeat-

ed the Aspen Skiers by 20 points, 52-32 in the first round of the tournament but then lost 44-37 in the semifinals to Moffat County before dropping another seven point game to Cedaredge (42-35).

"In the Aspen game, Halle (Ahrens) had nine steals and 14 points," coach Rogers said of one of her seniors. "She created lots of turnovers on top and Megan (Shelton) and Reese (Pertile) had a big game underneath, getting rebounds."

Coach Rogers said senior point guard Maggie Phelan kept the girls "grounded and calm," while she referred to Peyton Burke, Sierra Williams and Anna Walsh as "spark plugs," for the team.

In the semifinal game against Moffat County, the lady Cowboys trailed 3-11 after the first quarter and

they were down by 11 at the end of the first half before coming back in the second half to make the game closer. Meeker also fell behind Cedaredge by 13, before coming back to pull within four in the fourth quarter.

"We need to figure out how to come out and be as strong in the first quarter as we are the rest of the game," coach Rogers said. "I love how the girls never got down, they kept fighting their way back in the second half."

Rogers was thankful and appreciative of everyone's help in making the 2016 WREA Cowboy Shootout another success.

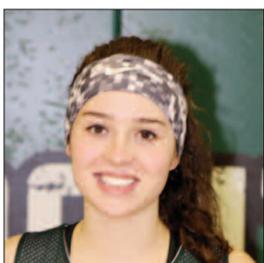
"The tournament was really fun but it takes a lot of work, many volunteers and the whole community to get it done," coach Rogers said.



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### Katelyn Brown RHS Girls Basketball

Brown led the team in scoring at this past weekend's tournament, average 17 points a game including 6 three pointers in the first half against Nucla. She was also selected to be a member of the all tournament team.



### Reese Pertile MHS Girls Basketball

Pertile led the lady Cowboys with 23 rebounds and 36 points in the 2016 White River Electric Cowboy Shootout and was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts.



**The Rangely Junior High Panther teams hosted Craig and South Routt County (Soroco) last weekend. This weekend they'll be in Craig for the district tournament.**

MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

## Panther eighth grade A team splits games

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Junior High boys' basketball team hosted Craig and South Routt County (Soroco) this weekend. The eighth grade A team played a tough game against Craig but lost 23-41. Sydney Cole was top scorer with 15, followed by Gabe Polley with four, RJ Richens with two and Justin Cudo with two.

The eighth grade B team also played Craig but came up short losing 13-26. Gabe Polley had five points while Justin Cudo, Raiden Ganser, Liam Mounce and Sydney Cole all helped by scoring two points each.

The eighth grade A team also had a game against Soroco.

"The guys played hard and were able to keep the lead," said coach Jessica Fortunato. At half,

Rangely was winning 19-14. The final score was 38-35, leaving Rangely with the win.

"Sydney Cole and Gabe Polley both had a great game. Sydney had an amazing 26 rebounds and 13 points, while Gabe had 14 rebounds and 19 points," Fortunato said. Justin Cudo, RJ Richens and Austin Davis all had two points, as well.

The boys will be traveling to Craig this coming Saturday, Dec. 10, for the district tournament.

## Rangely seventh grade boys lose one, win one

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Saturday Rangely hosted a triangular with Craig and Steamboat. The seventh grade A team played first losing 41-13, followed by the B team which lost 39-6.

They followed up with a seventh grade A game vs. Soroco.

"We came out strong playing great defense," said coach Jimmie Mergelman. "We won this game by

the score of 38-25."

Marsten Wagner had 10, Andrew Dorris had eight, Myers

and Winder followed with five and Quintana and Mackey both had two points each. Timothy Scoggins led

the way with 17 rebounds and Fisher Winder led with four assists and four steals.

## Onyett ranked 17th in nation

**RANGELY I** Colton Onyett of Rangely, Colo., is part of the McNeese State University rodeo team. After competing in five rodeos this fall, the team is ranked No. 5 in the nation by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Onyett is ranked No. 17 in the nation in bareback riding, and is in first place for the southern region.

In the final rodeo of the fall season at Sam Houston State University, Onyett took second place in bareback riding.

## Simone Heinle earns soccer honors

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Simone Heinle of Rangely has received American Southwest Conference soccer honors.

Eight American Southwest Conference member institutions were recognized by the 13 conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committees as recipients of ASC-SAAC Team Sportsmanship awards for the fall 2016 sport seasons.

McMurry University had two of its teams—women's soccer and women's volleyball—earn the ASC-SAAC accolades.

The SAAC Team Sportsmanship award honors the member institution in each ASC championship sport that best displays positive qualities of sportsmanship and fair play from its student-athletes, coaches and fans throughout the season. The fall 2016 awards are presented in men's and women's cross country, football,

men's and women's soccer, and volleyball with each of the 13 campus SAACs voting within the sports it sponsors.

This is the first-ever team sportsmanship honor for the War Hawks' volleyball team. Women's soccer also earned the award in 2011.

The McMurry athletics department is committed to the enhancement of the educational experiences of its student-athletes within the established Christian liberal arts tradition of the university. Through the provision of equitable opportunities for growth and excellence through intercollegiate athletic competition and the intentional integration of athletic and academic experiences, the athletics department promotes leadership, ethical conduct, and personal well-being while fostering respect for gender equity and cultural diversity.

The McMurry athletics department is dedicated to the academic

success and progress toward graduation of its student-athletes, as well as the development of skills necessary for lifelong social responsibility and service. Furthermore, the athletics department seeks to maintain personal and professional integrity by adhering to the philosophies and ethical standards of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the American Southwest Conference and McMurry University.

McMurry is guided by our core values: Christian faith as the foundation of life, personal relationships as the catalyst for life, learning as the journey of life, excellence as the goal of life, and service as the measure of life. Our students are equipped to exceed expectations and go on to make their mark in the world, through scholarship, leadership and service.

## CNCC soccer student athletes at Craig campus recognized for performance

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Colorado Northwestern Community College's inaugural soccer season at the Craig campus wrapped up last month with Spartan student athletes being recognized by the Scenic West Athletic Conference (SWAC) for their outstanding performance on the field.

Miguel Rodriguez, No. 17, was named to the SWAC All-Conference First Team. Upon hearing the news, coach Lance Noble said, "Miguel was one of our most consistent players for the men's team. He kept us in many games and was a strong anchor for the team."

From the women's soccer program, Hannah Walker, No. 7, and Bethany Najera, No. 30, were named honorable mentions for the Scenic West Athletic Conference. "Bethany's leadership capabilities were of a high standard this season," said assistant coach Joe



**Miguel Rodriguez**



**Hannah Walker**



**Bethany Najera**

Eades, "and as goalkeeper, Hannah was an incredible asset and integral part of the women's team. This is such an honor for each student athlete and our first-year for the soccer program."

"We are extremely proud of the men and woman who helped launch the soccer program at the CNCC Craig campus," said vice president of student affairs Janell Oberlander, who went on to say, "We continue to expand our educational opportunities to enhance lives throughout northwestern Colorado. We appreciate the Craig community's support and local partners and look forward to another successful season next year."

Colorado Northwestern Community College enhances people's lives through education. CNCC takes full advantage of its northwestern Colorado location and integrates the outdoor environment into the classroom curriculum. With innovative teaching, community outreach, educational opportunities and continual assessment, we ensure that our students will secure the educational foundation needed to further their education, succeed in meaningful careers, and prosper in a complex and increasingly diverse world.

## Spartan basketball update

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** This past weekend the Spartan men traveled to Price, Utah, where they took on Utah Empire and Impact Academy. The Spartans fell to Utah Empire

74-87; however they bounced back and took down Impact Academy 90-79.

The Lady Spartans had a tough weekend as they traveled to Sheridan and Casper. Our Spartans fell to Sheridan College 77-68 and to Casper College 78-40.

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# RANGELY PANTHERS

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 9 @ Plateau Valley

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 8-10 @ Meeker, Cowboy Shootout

**JR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 10 @ Craig, District Tourney, 9 a.m.



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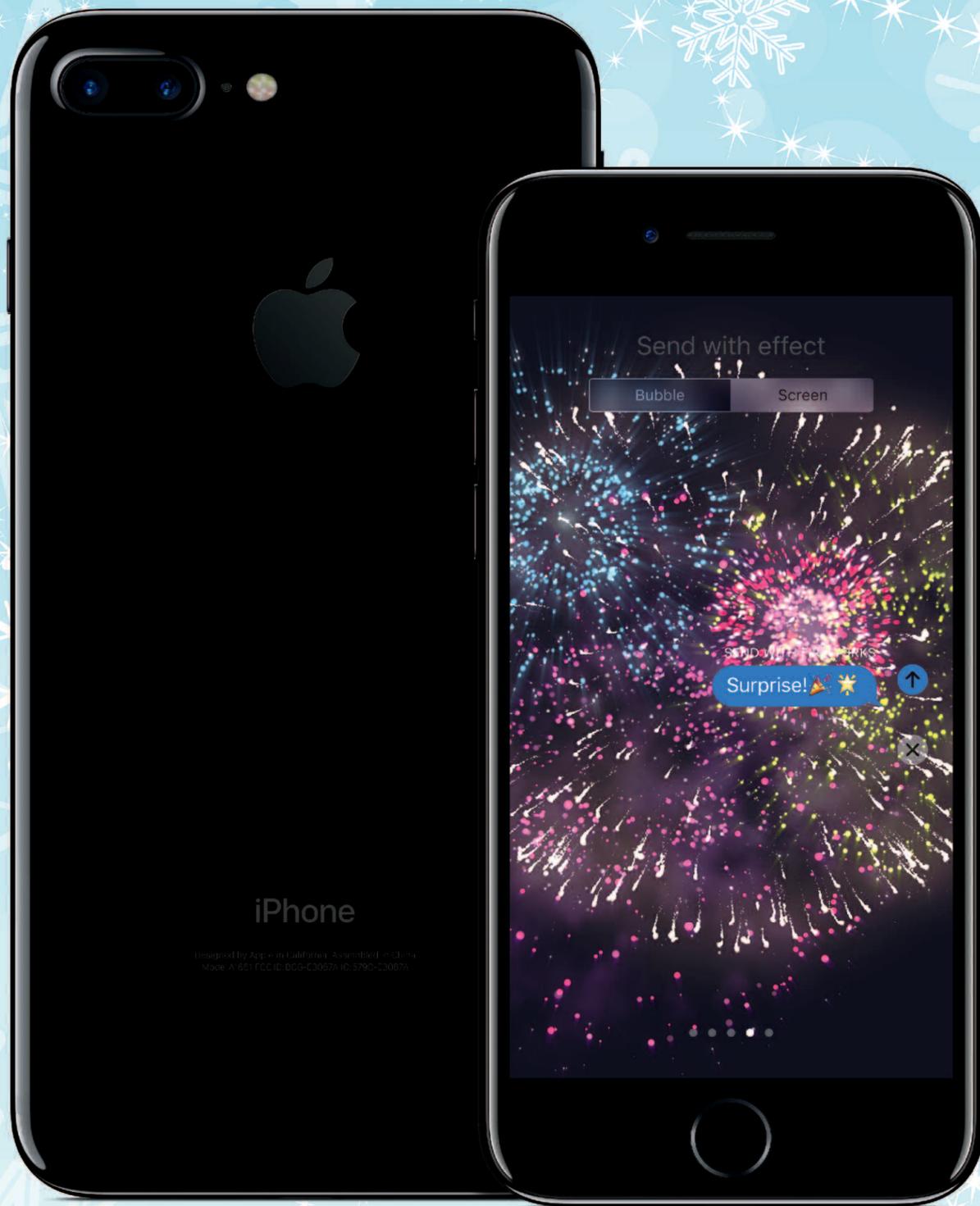
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# RIO: Movie theater provided entertainment in the days before TV, internet

► Continued from Page 1A

ings were present and had a manual cutover switch so one projector could be cued up with a film while the other one was running.

The projectionist would fire up the carbon arc lamp, and adjust it, then watch for the film cue mark (a small round circle on the film) and when the cue mark came up near the end of the reel, would step on the cue switch and start the second projector and douse the power to the first projector. Then he would pull the film out of the first projector housing, put it on the rewinder reel, and load the next film in sequence onto the projector so he could start it up when the current reel ran out. Films usually ran for about 15 minutes per reel, and took about four to eight reels depending on the length of the film as I recall. Most feature films were about 90 minutes but some major films such as "Ben-Hur" and "The Ten Commandments" ran longer.

Occasionally a film would break and of course the lights would come up and the projectionist would have to pull the reel and splice it, then reload it and start the movie again.

Comparison of 20th century film and projection technology offers quite a contrast to modern movie houses which are all computerized and use either continuous large film reels, or more recently have all now converted to all digital and use digital projectors with optical disc recordings. Some say that photographic film still offers the best resolution and color rendition but digital has evolved as the state-of-the-art. There is something to be said, however for the quality and nostalgia of the story telling that went on with the older films that we don't often see in today's high-tech computerized special effects films.

Film "trailers" (which were the equivalent of today's TV advertising commercials) were spliced together and shown before the main feature and included ads from local merchants, previews of coming attractions, news reels and a cartoon. Thus a menu of "news, sports, cartoons and a feature film" would offer nightly entertainment for locals, much as modern television does and given the isolation of a small town, was a highlight for youth and adults of the community.

A monthly show calendar or "playbill" was issued and mailed to local residents so you could be sure to attend films which were of interest. Films were advertised in the Meeker Herald as well. There were typically three films per week, which showed in repetition on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, another on Wednesday and Thursday and then on Friday and Saturday which were usually the big family and action film dates. Often Westerns would be shown on Friday and Saturday and sometimes there would be Saturday kids' cartoons and family film matinee.

Walt Disney's True Life Adventure nature series of films about animals in the desert and mountains, narrated by Rex Allen, were always especially fascinating.

Sunday through Tuesday would usually feature the big family films and epic shows such as "The Ten Commandments." I still have a collection of Rio Theatre playbills from the '50s in some of my memorabilia.

The ticket booth was on the east side of the lobby and prices were around 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for kids but gradually increased later in the '50s. Folding doors separated the lobby from the right and left theater entrance aisles to keep light from the outside doors from hitting the screen if the movie was already being projected.

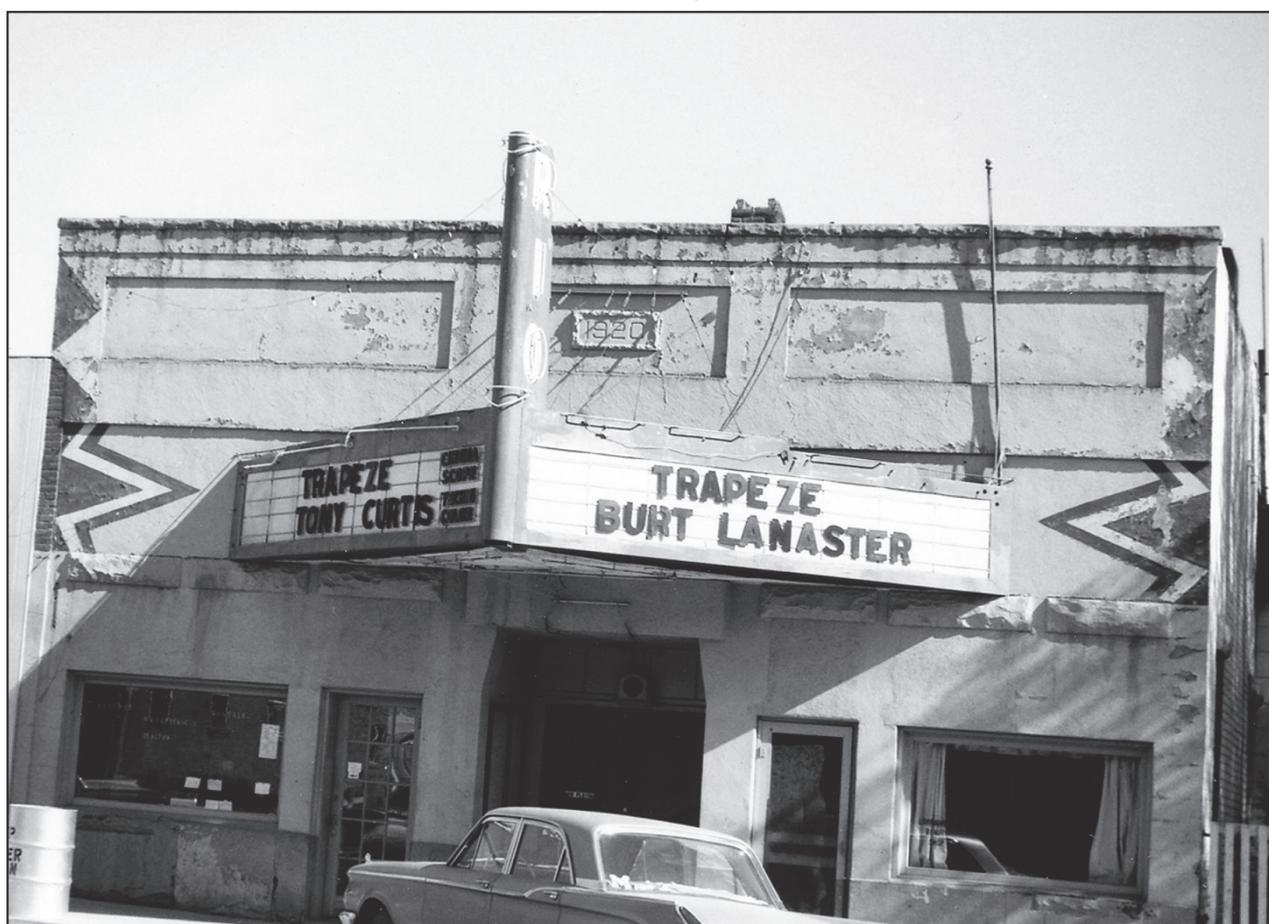
The outside of the theater featured a yellow plastic neon illuminated triangular-shaped marquee where clip-on letters advertised the featured films and shorts or short subjects such as cartoons and newsreels prior to the beginning of the main feature. It was necessary to climb out a window at the rear of the projection booth to take out the lettering and change the yellow background marquee which was angled so it could be read from the east and the west with a vertical neon lighted sign with the letters RIO.

Playbills were displayed on the outside of the lobby entrance featuring upcoming films and also inside on the hallway near the ticket booth. Another playbill sign was mounted on the outside of the Meeker Hotel and today serves as a bulletin board for community events. Playbills have become a form of collector's memorabilia; considerable art work was expended on making them attractive and exciting to patrons.

A beauty salon operated by Lorraine Findlay was also present adjacent to the theater entrance on the west front side of the building. A realtor's office was located on the west front side.

The decor of the theater was classic "Art Deco" from the 1920-1950 era and featured some interesting period light fixtures on the side-walls that were dimmed during the film and then turned up with rheostats before and after the movie. As I recall they had some red diffusers with arrow patterns on the side. A stage in front of the screen also had a piano in the corner. Music from 45rpm records was always played before and after shows and my most memorable recollection was Dean Martin's song "That's Amore" with lyrics that included "when the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore."

Glen was always progressive and brought new innovations to the theater. When the first wide screen or CinemaScope® films were produced in 1953, Glenn remodeled the



A rare photo of the exterior of the Rio Theatre on Main Street in Meeker. Note the "M" sticker in the back window of the car. The building was demolished in the 1970s and replaced by the Rio Blanco Abstract Company.

theater, taking down the older standard 4x3 format screen and installing a new 16x9 aspect ratio CinemaScope® curved screen, and stereophonic speakers to accommodate the new sound format. The screen was curved out slightly from the center to the edges to enhance the visual effect of depth. Due to width limitations of the theater, the screen curtain had to be removed in order to extend the screen all the way to the right and left sides of the theater. Black masking draperies with electric motors were installed and permitted masking the edges of the new wide screen when conventional 4 x 3 format films were shown. Top and bottom masking was also required to accommodate the wider anamorphic projection screen image correctly. Existing projectors were outfitted with add-on Panavision anamorphic lenses which used prismatic optics

to widen the compressed image on the 35-mm film to fill the 16x9 ratio wide screen. This wide screen technology has carried forth in the form of modern high definition television curved screens using the new 4K high resolution imagery which now approaches the quality of the original projection film images of the 1950s. The first CinemaScope film produced in 1953 was "The Robe" starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

The first CinemaScope film to debut at the Rio was "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in 1954, starring Howard Keel, Jane Powell, Russ Tamblyn and other notable actors including a dancer from the

New York City Ballet. The house raising scene was one of the most spectacular dance scenes of the film enhanced by the CinemaScope camera to show some amazing choreography.

Glen and Dixie sold the theater to Dr. Willis and Jean Scott in the late '50s and moved to Sarasota, Fla. Glen and Dixie later returned to Meeker in retirement in the 1970s and owned the home on Sixth Street just west of the old high school building (now the preschool/admin building). Glen passed away in 1981, and Dixie later married M.F. "Brandy" Brandborg and lived in Meeker for a time until later moving to Grand Junction where she passed

away a few years ago.

Richard Wittstruck later went to Georgia Tech and followed an engineering career. He is now retired living near Tampa, Fla., and I believe his sister DeDe lives in Michigan. I spoke with Richard on the phone last year when the class reunion was being planned and they were looking for students who had been in that class.

*Editor's Note: This article has been edited for length. The original version includes a detailed, and very interesting history of the movie industry. The full version will be posted on our website at www.theheraldtimes.com.*

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<b>Wed.</b>	Dec. 14 - CHOICE DAY, Yogurt Special, Beefy Mac & Cheese, Fresh Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, Breadstick, Milk	<b>Wed.</b>	Dec. 14 - Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Pepperoni Pizza
<b>Thurs.</b>	Dec. 15 - Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Ice Cream Cup, Peppermint Cookie, Milk	<b>Thurs.</b>	Dec. 15 - Sweet & Sour Pork, Steamed Rice, Hot Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar with Fruit, Milk/Water. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Meatball Hoagie

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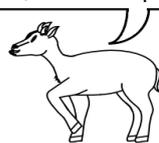
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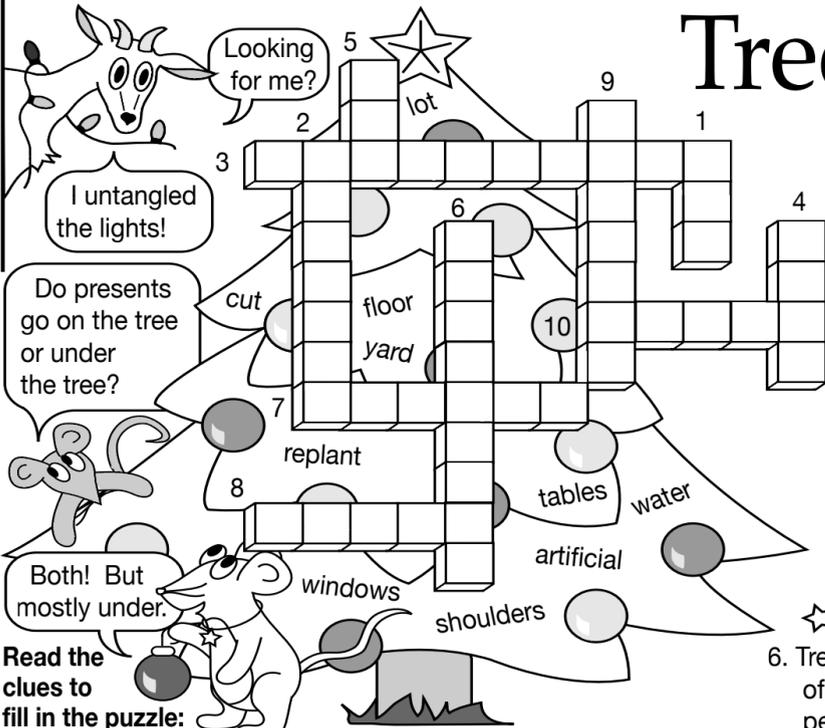
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People have used evergreens...  ...palms, and fake plastic trees too!  Kids: color stuff in! 

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## Trees of Christmas



Looking for me? **lot**

I untangled the lights!

Do presents go on the tree or under the tree?

Both! But mostly under.

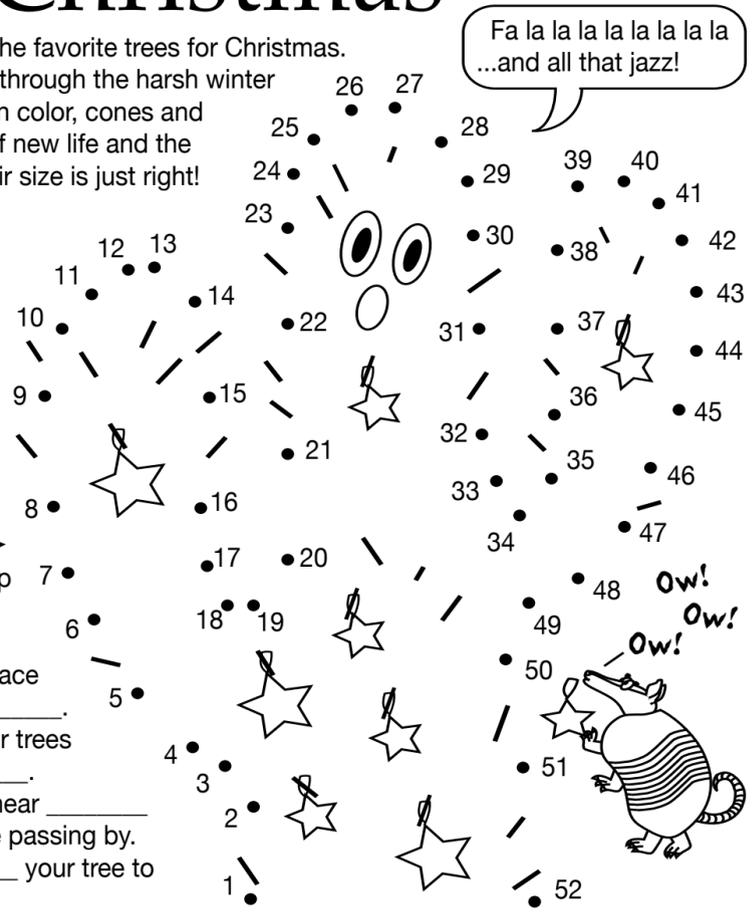
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

Evergreens are the favorite trees for Christmas. They stay green all through the harsh winter weather. Their green color, cones and berries remind us of new life and the coming spring. Their size is just right!

When it's hard to find an evergreen tree, people cleverly use other trees, bushes or even ...

**Follow the dots to see what it is!** →

- ☆☆☆☆☆☆
6. Trees travel home on top of cars, sleds and people's \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. Many people used to place their trees on top of \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. Today people place their trees in stands on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. Often trees are placed near \_\_\_\_\_ to share joy with people passing by.
  10. Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ your tree to keep it fresh!

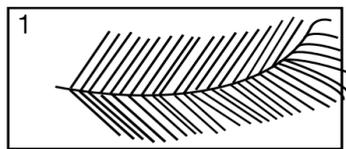


Fa la la la la la la la ...and all that jazz!

Ow! Ow! Ow!

## What Kind of Tree?

During the winter holidays, in our country's capital, Washington, D.C, a national Christmas tree is lighted to show hopes of joy and peace for the world. There are many kinds of evergreens from which to choose a tree. We look at the length and softness of the needles, and the shape and height of the tree. Which are your favorite needles? **Read the clues to fill in the name of these greens:**



S \_ C \_ T \_ \_ \_  
P \_ N \_ \_

This is a favorite tree. It is bushy and stays green a long time after it is cut. It has blue-green needles about 1 1/2 to 3 inches long.



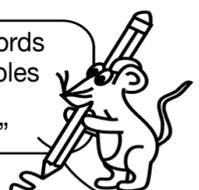
C \_ L \_ \_ \_ D O  
B \_ \_ \_ E S P R \_ \_

Ouch! These short, sharp, thick needles hurt my hands. But their beautiful silver-blue to blue-green colors make this a pretty tree.

I'm gathering greens for decorating!

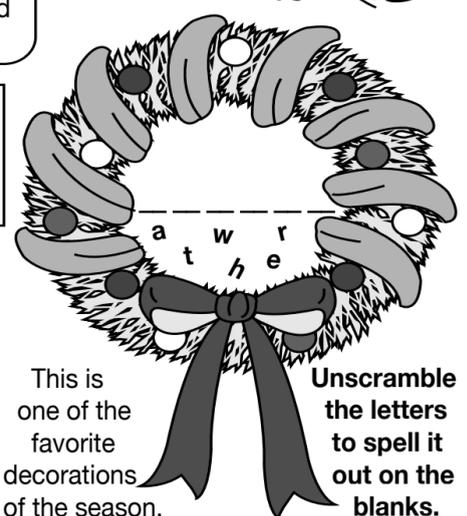
Can you find and circle at least 10 words that have a long "ē" sound as in the word **tree**?

Next, find 10 words that have 3 syllables as in the word "ev · er · greens."




D O U L S  
F R

This tree has short dark-green to yellowish-green needles. They bend easily to the touch. This is easy to decorate and smells so good, too!



Unscramble the letters to spell it out on the blanks.

a t w r  
a t h e

## Topping the Christmas Tree!

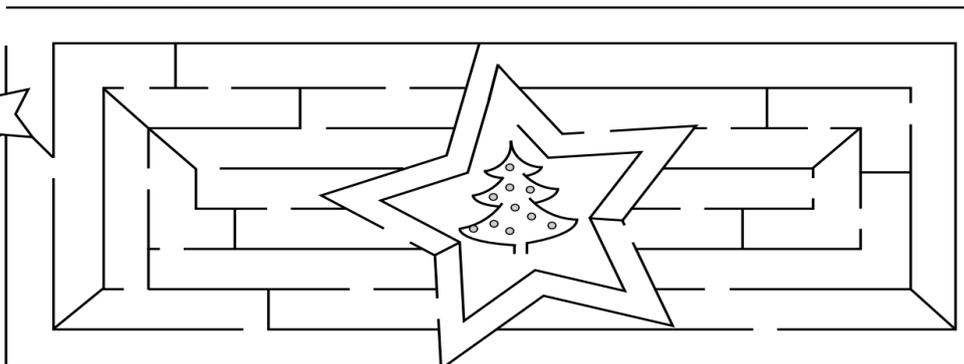
People so love the tradition of setting up a Christmas tree that they sometimes sing this traditional German carol!

O Christmas tree, O \_\_\_\_\_ tree  
How lovely are your branches.  
In summer sun, in \_\_\_\_\_ snow,  
A dress of \_\_\_\_\_ you always show.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your \_\_\_\_\_.



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Can you help Peak find his way to the Christmas tree to put the star on the top?



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District ("ERBM") is inviting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the renovation and improvement of the ERBM Maintenance Building, located at 101 Ute Rd. in Meeker, Colorado. Contractors must submit their proposals before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9th, 2016, at ERBM's administrative office located at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado 81641; or via email at [rdoney@meekerrecdistrict.com](mailto:rdoney@meekerrecdistrict.com). Pre-bid walk-through of site is highly recommended and can be scheduled by contacting Rodney Gerloff at 970-878-3403.

This is a guaranteed maximum price construction project. The project is comprised of renovation improvements to the ERBM Maintenance Building, including but not limited to: interior and exterior demo, framing, flooring, electrical, plumbing, painting, general finish work in accordance with overall site enhancement design plans. The administration of the Project will be overseen by the Owner in coordination with contracted design consultant. A copy of the full Request for Proposal, Owner-Contractor Agreement, and the design specifications, which are an integral part of this RFP may be obtained at the District's website homepage: [www.meekerrecdistrict.com](http://www.meekerrecdistrict.com) beginning, November 28th, 2016.

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### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

#### CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-24

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 1, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) Chester H Eddy  
Original Beneficiary(ies) CitiFinancial Corporation  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company  
Date of Deed of Trust September 29, 2007  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 02, 2007  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 290069  
Original Principal Amount \$78,342.07  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$70,235.70

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.

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Denver, Colorado 80203  
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[www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov)

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
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DATE: 09/02/2016

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

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

KAREN J. RADAKOVICH #11649

Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. 4750 TABLE MESA DRIVE, BOULDER, CO 80305-5500 (303) 494-3000  
Attorney File # 7192-8820

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.

## LEGAL NOTICES

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017. Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.  
Publish: December 8, 2016, December 15, 2016, December 22, 2016, December 29, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Meeker is accepting sealed bids on the following item: Blue 1987 Chevy 1 ton truck, 2-wheel drive with dump bed, V8 diesel, 2 door, and standard transmission with power steering. May be viewed south of the Town Shop, 111 3rd Street.  
No minimum bid is required. Items will be sold as is/where is, with no warranty expressed or implied. Bid will be awarded to the highest submitted bid.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to change, add, or amend the specifications, to waive any informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals.

The bid proposal must be placed in a sealed envelope and labeled "1987 Chevy 1 Ton Truck Bid" and be received at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Contact Russell Overton at 970-942-7555 for additional information.  
Publish: December 8th and 15th, 2016  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

### Worksession to Discuss 2017 Budgetary Items (6:00PM Council Chambers) Town of Rangely December 13, 2016 - 7:00pm Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

Joseph Nielsen, Mayor

Andrew Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem

Lisa Hatch, Trustee

Trey Robie, Trustee

Ann Brady, Trustee

Andrew Key, Trustee

Tyson Hacking, Trustee

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Minutes of Meeting

a. Approval of the minutes of the November 8,

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2016 meeting.  
**6. Petitions and Public Input**  
a. Town of Dinosaur Mayor Richard Blakeley Ute Indian Tribe Proposal  
**7. Changes to the Agenda**  
**8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm**  
**9. Committee/Board Meetings**  
a. RDA/RDC Meeting 11/10/2016 & 12/08/2016  
**10. Supervisor Reports - See Attached**  
a. Jocelyn Mullen - Phase 3 Water Treatment Plant Renovation  
b. Dave Calvin - Town Hall Renovation Progress  
**11. Reports from Officers - Town Manager Update**

**12. New Business**  
a. Discussion and Action to approve the October Financial Summary.

b. Discussion and Action to approve the November Check Register.

c. Discussion and Action to approve authorization of Peter Brixius, Town Manager to complete the renewal lease of the Gas Border Station between the Town of Rangely and the Colorado State Land Commission for a term of 30 years at \$500.00 per year to be billed annually.

d. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2016-06 a resolution approving a wayfinding and Gateway Monument sign program for the location, placement and maintenance of wayfinding signs in and around the Town of Rangely and Gateway monument Signs at the East and West boundaries of the Town of Rangely

a. Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2016-09 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, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017.

b. Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2016-10 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, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

c. Discussion and action to approve the Resolution 2016-11 of the board of directors of the Rangely Foundation for Public Giving summarizing expenditures and revenues for the Rangely Foundation for Public Giving and adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017.

d. Discussion and action to approve the 2017 Certification of Mill Levy in the amount of \$183,702.30.

e. Discussion and action to approve Resolution

## LEGAL NOTICES

2016-07 "Designating a Public Place for Posting Meeting Notices during calendar year 2017"

**13. Informational Items**

a. BLM Letter of support Off-Highway Grant submission

b. USGS White River Monitoring program 2017

c. Pinnacol Loss Control Dividend 1/01/2015-01/01/2016 \$9,081.00

d. RPD apprehends Burglary Suspects

e. ESA Thank you note

**14. Scheduled Announcements**

a. Rangely District Library regular meeting

## LEGAL NOTICES

December 12, 2016 at 5:00pm.

b. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016 at 12:00pm.

c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District meeting December 12, 2016 at 6:00pm.

d. Rangely School District board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016 at 6:30pm.

e. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016 at 6:00pm.

f. Rangely Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2016 at 12:00pm

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g. Rural Fire Protection District board meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

h. Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2016 at 11:00am.

i. Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2016 at 12:00pm.

j. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District December board meeting is cancelled resuming in January 2017.

**15. Adjournment**

Published: December 8, 2016

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## NOTICE

### REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

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

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY, INC.**

**COLLEEN E. FLOYD**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER**

You and each of you are notified that on **NOVEMBER 14, 2012**, the then County Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY, INC.**, the following described real property situate in the county of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**THE WEST 101.13 FEET OF LOT 4,  
BLOCK K, WHITE ADDITION  
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED  
MAY 16, 1946, DOCUMENT NO. 69900  
TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO**

And a Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to **RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY** by the said County Treasurer; That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against the real property for the year **2011**; That said real property was taxed or specially assessed in the name of **FLOYD, COLLEEN E.**, for said year **2011**; That on **JUNE 14, 2016**, said **RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY, INC.**, the present holders of the certificate of purchase, have made request to the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real property; That at 10:00 A.M. on **MARCH 6, 2017**, a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for the said real property to the said **RIO BLANCO COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY, INC.**, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Tax Lien Sale Date: **NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

Treasurer's Deed can be issued after **NOVEMBER 14, 2015**; Date Deed Scheduled to issue: **MARCH 6, 2017**

Redemption Period expires **MARCH 6, 2017, PRIOR** to 10:00 A.M

Schedule	TLSC	ASSD Value	Assessed Name
R1001440	20120026	1,760	FLOYD, COLLEEN E.

Witness my hand this **30TH** day of **NOVEMBER**, A.D. **2016**.

/s/ Karen Arnold, Rio Blanco County Treasurer

Published: **DEC. 8, 2016; DEC. 15, 2016; DEC. 22, 2016**

Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times

### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

#### CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-25

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 14, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) Amanda L Faussett and Dalin Faussett

Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primesource Mortgage, Inc.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

December 14, 2012

Rio Blanco

December 18, 2012

305328

\$152,959.00

\$143,268.28

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.

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

**Also known by street and number as: 723 E Rio Blanco Avenue, Rangely, CO 81648.**

**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 01/11/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s). Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 11/17/2016

Last Publication 12/15/2016

Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

### 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.**

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DATE: 09/14/2016

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

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

DAVID W. DRAKE #43315 SCOTT D. TOEBBEN #19011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710

Attorney File # 16CO00364-1

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### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

#### CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-26

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

Original Grantor(s) Ronald E Odum

Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Bay Equity LLC

RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation

January 15, 20

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL**  
The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 12, 2016, 11:00 a.m. Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Courtroom A, Meeker, Colorado.  
The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2016 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Public Health Agency Fund, Use Tax Fund, and Solid Waste Landfill Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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on normal work days.  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
555 Garfield Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
December 13, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1.Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2.Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Dorsett will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.Welcome of Guests
- 4.Approval of Agenda

Student Celebrations: - MHS Football Team  
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Presentation of Draft Financial Audit: - Hays, Maggard, and Hood, P.C.  
Consent Agenda:  
1.Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on November 15, 2016  
2.Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for November 2016  
3.Acceptance: Resignations - Julie Bowman (HS Volleyball Coach), Jessica Stout (Food Services) Public/Committee Reports: DAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES  
Principal Reports:  
1.Meeker Elementary School - Kathy Collins  
2.Barone Middle School - Jim Hanks  
3.Meeker High School - Amy Chinn  
Superintendent Report  
Action Items:

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1.Approval: Personnel Hires  
1.Volunteer Coach - Jim Amick (HS Wrestling)  
2.Acceptance: FY16 Draft Financial Audit  
3.Approval: 2017 Mill Levy Certification  
4.Approval: 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule  
5.Approval: 2017 Meeting Public Posting Location - www.meeker.k12.co.us  
6.Approval: 2017 Secretary to the Board of Education - Janelle Urista and Jessica Browning  
7.Approval: Policy GDBC and EEAEA (Second Reading)  
Other BOE Information:  
Executive Session (if needed)  
Adjournment  
Published: December 8, 2016  
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(CCITF) between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District for the purchase of portable extraction equipment in an amount not to exceed \$21,887.00.  
\*Consent 4\_Approval of the 2017 Capital Improvements Trust Fund Grant Agreement (CCITF) between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Meeker School District for the purchase of a school bus in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.  
\*Consent 5\_ Approval of the 2017 Capital Improvements Trust Fund Grant Agreement (CCITF) between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Pioneers Hospital and Medical Center for the purchase of 3D Mammography Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.  
\*Consent 6\_Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and Pitney Bowes for Lease of the Digital Mailing Equipment for the benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services.  
\*Consent 7.Approval of the Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities Lease Renewal Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and the U. S. Forest Service, White River National Forest for the Sand Peak Broadband Tower Site.  
\*Consent 8\_Approval of Rangely Airport Federal grant # 3-08-0047-012-2016, CDOT grant # 16-4V0-01 in the total RFR amount of \$210,993.97, Federal reimbursement amount of \$199,832.97 and State reimbursement amount of \$11,101.00.  
\*Consent 9\_Approval of Meeker Airport Coulter Field Federal grant # 3-08-41-011-2016, CDOT grant # 16-EEO-01, in the total RFR amount of \$213,370.90, Federal reimbursement amount of \$202,140.90 and State reimbursement amount of \$11,230.00.  
\*Consent 10\_Approval of Contract Modification No. 2 between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Weatherford Electric E.S., for the Meeker Fairgrounds Announcer's Booth Electrical Project correcting the not to exceed amount by \$54.00 to \$10,521.19.  
\*Consent 11\_Approval of the Joint Funding Agreement between Rio Blanco County and the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of streamflow gaging stations and water quality sampling sites on the White River beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$11,568.00.  
\*Consent 12\_Approval of the Amendment to the Pollard Hill Communications Tower Site Lease

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Pollard Ranch, LLC, and White River Electric Association.  
\*Consent 13\_Approval of Contract Modification No. 2 to the Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioner of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, The Board of Trustees of the Town of Meeker, and Better City, LLC for the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy Implementation for the Meeker Area Project, extending the contract termination date from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017.  
\*Consent 14\_Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to the Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioner of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, The Board of Trustees of the Town of Rangely, and Better City, LLC for the Rio Blanco County Economic Development Strategy Implementation for the Rangely Area Project, extending the contract termination date from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017.  
\*Consent 15\_Approval of Budget Variance Request - 017 FCI Constructors Inc., RBC Courthouse Renovation Project 10-16- 014 for Superior Drywall to furnish and install 1/2" thick fire treated plywood on the walls in Storage Room 115 as requested by Rio Blanco County in an amount not to exceed \$2,148.00.  
\*Consent 16\_Approval of Budget Variance Request - 019 FCI Constructors Inc., RBC Courthouse Renovation Project 10-16- 014 for TLC to furnish and install rubber floor tiles in IT Room 136 and 137 in lieu of carpet tiles as originally specified. This change was made per request from Rio Blanco County and recorded in RFI-078 in an amount of \$7,260.00.  
\*Consent 17\_ Approval of Budget Variance Request - 018 FCI Constructors Inc., RBC Courthouse Renovation Project 10-16- 014 to furnish and install components of the Access Control System per the Drawings and Specifications issued to FCI on November 11, 2016 in an amount of \$42,789.00.  
\*Consent 18\_Approval of an Amendment of the 1032 Jennifer Drive Lease between the Board of County Commissioners and Paul Janke for the temporary relocation of Rio Blanco County offices extending the lease period to May 31, 2017, with no other changes in the terms of the lease.  
**General Business:**  
\*Business 1\_ Approval of Grant Application with the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs for the Rio Blanco County Department of Health & Human Services and Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed \$157,570.50.  
**Bids Opening:**  
\*Bid Opening 1\_Lower White River Weed & Pest District Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal Project.

**NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL**  
Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties  
Serial No. COC-76595

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.  
Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering a proposal to exchange lands pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended. Proponent of the exchange is Buffalo Horn Properties, LLC. The proposed exchange of surface estates only would convey 16 parcels of Federal lands totaling approximately 3,806 acres in Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties for two non-Federal parcels in Rio Blanco County and one parcel in Moffat County totaling 4,035.77 acres.

The Federal lands proposed for exchange are described as follows:  
**Parcel C-1 (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 4, lot 6.  
T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 28, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;  
sec. 29, E1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4;  
sec. 32, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 33;  
sec. 34, S1/2SW1/4 and W1/2SE1/4.  
The area described contains 1,759.57 acres.  
**Parcel C-2 (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 30, lot 6, NW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4NW1/4.  
The areas described aggregate 117.31 acres.  
**Parcel D-3 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,  
sec. 4, that part of lot 4 lying west of the ridge line;  
sec. 5, that part of lot 1 lying west of the ridge line.  
T. 3 N., R. 94 W.,  
sec. 32, E1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 33, that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4 lying west of the ridge line.  
The areas described aggregate an estimated 323 acres.  
**Parcel D-4 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 26, lots 7 and 8.  
The area described contains 40.01 acres.  
**Parcel E-1 (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 17, lot 6.  
The area described contains 20.17 acres.  
**Parcel E-2 (Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 17, SW1/4SW1/4;  
sec. 19, E1/2NE1/4, and that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710);  
sec. 20, N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;  
sec. 29, NE1/4, and that part of N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710).  
The area described contains an estimated 751 acres.  
**Parcel E-3 (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 9, SW1/4NW1/4.  
The area described contains 40 acres.  
**Parcel F-1 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,  
sec. 7, lots 8, 18, and 19.  
The area described contains 35.32 acres.  
**Parcel F-2 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 35, SW1/4SE1/4.  
The area described contains 40 acres.  
**Parcel F-3 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 36, S1/2SE1/4.  
The area described contains 80 acres.  
**Parcel F-4 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 1, NE1/4SW1/4.  
The area described contains 40 acres.  
**Parcel F-5 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 3, SE1/4SE1/4.  
The area described contains 240 acres.  
**Parcel F-6 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 12, N1/2NW1/4.  
The area described contains 80 acres.  
**Parcel F-7 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,  
sec. 5, NW1/4SW1/4;  
sec. 6, N1/2SE1/4.  
The area described contains 120 acres.  
**Parcel F-8 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 36, SW1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4NW1/4.  
The area described contains 80 acres.  
**Parcel G (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,  
sec. 2, lot 7.  
The area described contains 39.62 acres.  
The Federal lands described above have been segregated from appropriation under the public land and mineral laws for a period of five years. The BLM proposes to convey surface estate only, subject to valid existing rights.  
In exchange, Proponent will convey the following described non-Federal land to the United States, subject to valid existing rights:  
**Parcel A-3 (Moffat County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,  
sec. 17, SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4.  
The area described contains 280 acres.  
**Parcel A-5 (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,  
sec. 30, lots 7 and 8, and E1/2SW1/4;  
sec. 31, lots 5, 6, and 7, and E1/2NW1/4.  
T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,  
sec. 25, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;  
sec. 26, S1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 27, E1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 34, NE1/4NE1/4;  
sec. 35, NE1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 36, NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4.  
The area described contains 1,920.51 acres.  
**Parcel B (Rio Blanco County)**  
Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado  
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,  
sec. 18, SW1/4SE1/4;  
sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;  
sec. 20, SW1/4NW1/4;  
sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 31, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and NE1/4NW1/4;  
sec. 32, NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4.  
T. 2 N., R. 96 W.,  
sec. 25, SW1/4 and SE1/4;  
sec. 36, NW1/4NE1/4 and N1/2NW1/4.  
The area described contains 1,835.26 acres.  
Anticipated public benefits of the land exchange include acquisition of public access between the Windy Gulch and Black Mountain Wilderness Study Areas and disposal of Federal lands that are difficult and uneconomic to manage with limited or no legal access. The non-Federal lands contain habitat for greater sage-grouse and are located within an important landscape for cultural resources. This exchange would be completed on an equal fair market value basis based on approved appraisals. The exchange is in conformance with both the White River and Little Snake Resource Management Plans.  
An environmental analysis and other required resource reports will be prepared in order to determine whether to approve the exchange. Interested parties may submit written comments, including notification of any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands being considered for exchange. Comments submitted via facsimile or e-mail will only be considered if the full name and mailing address of the commenter are included. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.  
To ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed exchange, comments must be submitted in writing to Kent E. Walter, Field Manager, White River Field Office, and must be postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice. Comments may be submitted by email to blm\_co\_wrfw\_bhlex@blm.gov or by mail to BLM WRFW, Land Exchange Comments, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.  
Information about the exchange may be obtained by contacting Heather Sauls at the address above or by phone at (970) 878-3855 or by e-mail at hsauls@blm.gov.  
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**Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Monday, December 12, 2016 Rio Blanco County Justice Center 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641**

*Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.*

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

- 11:00 Call to order:**  
•Pledge of Allegiance  
•Changes or additions to the December 12, 2016, Board Agenda  
•Approval of the December 12, 2016 Agenda  
**Consent agenda for December 12, 2016**  
\*Consent-1\_ Consideration of the Board Minutes of November 21, 2016  
\*Consent 2a\_ Financial Management Report November 2016  
\*Consent-2b\_ DHS EBT Register and Warrant Registers November 2016  
\*Consent 2c\_Motor Vehicle Publication List November 2016  
\*Consent 2d\_Treasurer's Publication List November 2016  
\*Consent 2f\_Treasurer's Monthly Report November 2016  
\*Consent 3\_Approval of the 2017 Capital Improvements Trust Fund Grant Agreement

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**APPLICATION FOR LOGICAL MINING UNIT MODIFICATION APPROVAL AND PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVAL**

The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management received an application from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., on behalf of Colowyo Coal Company, 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, for a modification of Colowyo Mine Logical Mining Unit (LMU) COC57194 in accordance with 43 CFR 3487.

The proposed LMU modification contains land from six federal coal leases and one state coal lease in Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado. The application to modify the LMU adds all lands in federal coal lease COC68590 and 27.84 acres in federal coal lease COC012347501. The descriptions of the land contained within the proposed LMU are as follows:

FEDERAL LEASE NUMBER	ACREAGE	Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado LAND DESCRIPTION
COC29225	2,367.78	<u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, S½NE¼, and SE¼; sec. 7, NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, and SE¼; sec. 8 and 17; sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, E½, and E½SW¼.
COC012347601	2,255.22	<u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S½NW¼, and SW¼; sec. 6, lots 1 thru 6, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, and SE¼.
COC012347501	Tract 1 2,081.57	<u>T. 4 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 29, lot 1, N½SE¼, and SW¼SE¼; sec. 31, lots 1 thru 4, E½, and E½W¼; sec. 32, lots 2 thru 4, W¼, and S½SE¼.
COC043365	Tract 2 27.84 2,604.79	<u>T. 4 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 29, SW¼; sec. 30, lots 1 thru 4, E½W¼, and SE¼. <u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.,</u> sec. 24, lot 9, E½SW¼, and SW¼SW¼; sec. 25, lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and 13, N½; sec. 35, lots 2, 3, and 6, W½E½, W¼, and SE½SE¼; sec. 36, lots 1, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 18, and S½S½.
COC29226	1,894.55	<u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.,</u> sec. 26, lot 3. <u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 2, lots 10, 13, 22, and 23, SW¼NW¼, SW¼; sec. 3, S½N¼, and S¼; sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, S½NE¼, S½SW¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼, and S½; sec. 9 and 10. <u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 19, lots 1 thru 3, E½, and E½W¼; sec. 20, lot 1, N½, SW¼, N½SE¼, and SW¼SE¼; sec. 21, lots 1, 3, 5 thru 8, and 10, N½, N½SW¼, and NW¼SE¼; sec. 28, lots 4 thru 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 24; sec. 29, lots 2, 3, and 13.
COC68590	1,406.71	<u>T. 3 N., R. 94 W.,</u> sec. 1, lots 7 and 8, SW¼NW¼, N½SE¼NW¼, SW¼SE¼NW¼, N½NW¼SW¼, and SW¼NW¼SW¼; sec. 2, lots 5 thru 8, S½N½, SW¼, N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, N½SE¼SE¼, and SW¼SE¼SE¼; sec. 3, lot 5, E½W¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼, and E½SE¼; sec. 10, NE¼NE¼; sec. 11, NW¼NE¼NE¼, N½NW¼NE¼, SW¼NW¼NE¼, NW¼SW¼NE¼, N½NW¼, NE¼SW¼NW¼, and N½SE¼NW¼.
TOTAL FEDERAL ACREAGE:	12,638.46	<u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.,</u> sec. 34, S½NE¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼, E½SE¼, and E½W¼SE¼
State of Colorado Lease Number 257-13s	960.16	<u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.,</u> sec. 16, N½. <u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.,</u> sec. 25, lots 2, 4, 6, and 8 thru 12; sec. 26, lots 2 and 4; sec. 35, lots 1, 4, and 5; sec. 36, lots 2 thru 9, 12, 13, 15, and 17.
TOTAL NON-FEDERAL ACREAGE:	960.16	
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE:</b>	<b>13,598.62</b>	

The application for the proposed LMU modification is available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado, 80215. Any comments concerning the approval of the LMU modification should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Attn: Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals, at the above address, no later than close of business January 6, 2017.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**

The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management received an application from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., on behalf of Colowyo Coal Company, 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, for modification of an approved Logical Mining Unit (LMU) in accordance with 43 CFR 3487. The approval of this application is proposed to be effective November 1, 2016.

A public hearing shall be conducted on this proposed action upon the receipt of a written request for a hearing from any person having a direct interest which is or may be adversely affected by approval of the proposed LMU modification, provided that the written request is received by close of business on January 6, 2017. Written requests for a public hearing are to be mailed to the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Attn: Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

/s/ Ruth Welch  
Ruth Welch  
State Director

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

•Bid Opening 2\_Rio Blanco County Rangely Directional Signage Project.  
**Bid Award:**  
Bid Award 1\_None.  
**MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:**  
•MCA 1 Approval of an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and Moon Lake Electric Association to supply electrical power services to the Rangely North Tower for the Rio Blanco County Broadband Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,140,000.  
•MCA 2 Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Meeker and Better City, LLC for economic development strategy implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.  
•MCA 3 Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Rangely and Better City, LLC for economic development strategy implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.  
•MCA 4 Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Rio Blanco County Historical Society and A-Z Contracting for the Coal Creek School House Electrical Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00.

**Resolutions:**  
•Resolution 1 Approval of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Appropriating Additional Sums of Money to Defray Expenses in Excess of Amounts Budgeted, in the Various Funds and Spending Agencies, in the Amounts and for the Purposes as Set Forth for the 2016 Budget Year.  
•Resolution 2 Approval of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Establishing the 2017 Observed Legal Holidays for Rio Blanco County.  
•Resolution 3 Approval of A Resolution Of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Cancelling Taxes, Penalties, Interest, Costs, and Tax Lien Sale Certificate on Account No. M080003, Certificate No. 2013-0080, Pursuant To Section 39-10-114(2)(a) C.R.S.  
•Resolution 4 Approval of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado Correcting Resolution 2016-24 Cancelling Certain Outstanding Checks.  
**Other Business:**  
•Road & Bridge Monthly Update - Dave Morlan  
**Public Comments**  
County Commissioner Updates  
Adjourn  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.  
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2016 in Rangely at the County Annex Building.  
Please check the County's website for information at <http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9570 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**TOWN OF RANGELY  
NOTICE OF BUDGET  
(Pursuant to 29-1-106, C.R.S.)**  
Notice is hereby given that the 2017 budget for the Town of Rangely for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 was submitted to the Town of Rangely, Board of Trustees, Rio Blanco County, Colorado October 11, 2016 and is filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 209 E Main, Rangely, Colorado, where it is available for public inspections during regular business hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A Public Hearing for the 2017 budget is scheduled December 13, 2016, with the adoption to follow during the regular town council meeting. The public is invited to attend the public hearing. Any interested elector of the Town of Rangely may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objects thereto with the Town of Rangely prior to the time of the final adoption of budget by the Town of Rangely.  
Lisa Piering, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: December 1 & December 8, 2016  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**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.

**NOTICE OF REVISION IN THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO. – 7 GAS TARIFF OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

1555 BLAKE STREET, SUITE 400, DENVER, COLORADO 80202

You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or the “Company”) has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), in Proceeding No. 16AL-0839G, an Advice Letter and revised tariff sheets proposing to increase the System Safety and Integrity Rider (“SSIR”) surcharge. The SSIR allows Atmos Energy to recover the projected costs incurred to replace system high and moderate risk integrity projects through a monthly volumetric charge by customer class. The increase is proposed to become effective January 1, 2017. The proposed monthly SSIR surcharge and the average monthly bill increase is described in the table below.

	Current Volumetric SSIR Rate	Proposed Volumetric SSIR Rate	Average Monthly Bill Increase
Residential	\$0.00718	\$0.01987	2.0%
Commercial	\$0.00424	\$0.01173	1.4%
Irrigation	\$0.00392	\$0.01084	1.4%
Transportation	\$0.00349	\$0.00965	9.0%

Percent increase for the average monthly bill for Residential, Commercial, and Irrigation customers is based on total bill after factoring in gas costs. Percent increase for the average monthly bill for Transportation customers does not factor in any gas costs.

Copies of the proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the Company’s business office located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, 80202 and at the Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Any person may file a written comment or objection with the Commission. The Commission’s mailing address is 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 and their e-mail address is [dora\\_puc\\_complaints@state.co.us](mailto:dora_puc_complaints@state.co.us). The Commission will consider all written comments and objections submitted prior to the evidentiary hearing on the filings. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents in accordance with Rule 1401 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure or any applicable Commission order.

The Commission may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the proposed revisions and if such a hearing is held members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections, or an intervention. If the filing is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice.

Anyone desiring information regarding if and when a hearing may be held shall submit a written request to the Commission or contact the External Affairs section of the Commission at its local number of (303) 894-2070 or toll free number (800) 456-0858.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
By: Jennifer G. Ries,  
Vice President, Rates & Regulatory Affairs

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[eligible for benefits:]

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Auto Technician needed, pay based on experience, send resume to [office@nwautogmc.net](mailto:office@nwautogmc.net) or call 970-878-5026 for more information

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Board of County Commissioners will be making appointments to the following Boards in January. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please send a letter of interest to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or [hr@rbc.us](mailto:hr@rbc.us). 970-878-9570

- Citizens Review Panel
- Columbine Park Board
- Council on Aging Board
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
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- Meeker Civic Improvement Board
- Meeker Cemetery Board
- Planning Commission
- Rangely Cemetery Board
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Townhouse: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, washer & dryer. \$700 month. Security deposit \$700. Available now. 878-5858

2 BDR/1.5 BA townhouse. Corner of 12th and Garfield. \$500 mo. Call Justin @970-942-3051 12/1-12/8

Small 2BDR/1BA house. Ideal for 1 or 2 people. NS. Pet negotiable. \$600 mo plus utilities. 878-4656

Commercial office space available in Hugus Building, downtown Meeker. 878-4138.

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**RENTALS: MEEKER**

Small 1 BDR house for rent. 789 1/2 Water St., \$425 mo includes sewer & water. 970-948-5743 11/24-12/22

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

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**LAND/LOTS**

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9 large contiguous lots. Dinosaur, CO. May be split. Call Cindy 970-245-7456. Leave Message 12/1-12/29

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

**HOMES: MEEKER**

FOR SALE: 14x70 mobile home on 2 acres, 4 miles west of Meeker, 3 BDR/1BA, cistern. (970)756-0718 or (970) 878-4629. 12/8-1/5

**HOMES: RANGELY**

Newly renovated house. Be in your own home before Christmas! 2-bedroom, 1 bath, 925 sq. ft. New roof, windows, siding, deck, chain link fence and sidewalks. Updated bathroom, new flooring throughout. Includes electric stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer Call John: 970-629-5185 \$89,900 12/8-1/5

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**HOMES IN MEEKER ...**

- \*680 3rd St. - Older home on two lots in good location. Needs work. \$89,900.
- \*1266 Cleveland- 3BR, 2BA home on a quiet street. Detached garage, beautifully remodeled kitchen with S.S. appliances, updated bathrooms, A/C, fenced yard. \$207,000.
- \*1108 Pinyon- Lg lot next to a park, 2,054 sq ft, 4 BR, 2 BA home, big deck, views. \$130,000 REDUCED!
- \*990 Main St. - 3BR, 1.5 BA, log home w/attached 2 car garage. Updated and spotless. \$168,000 REDUCED!
- \*1111 Wall St. - 3 BR, 2 BA one level home. Large master suite, storage shed. \$128,000 REDUCED!
- \*1089 Pinyon- 1+ Acre lot, nice upgraded 3 BR, 2 BA bi-level home, garage, great views. \$165,000 SOLD!
- \*1308 Sage Ridge Rd.- Cedar home, 4 BR, 3 BA, vaulted Aspen ceilings, oak & tile floors, finished walk-out basement with a big family room, granite countertops, decks, awesome views. \$275,000 SOLD!

**RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...**

- \*NEW 615 Shaman Trail - Impeccable custom built 3,654 sq. ft. home on 8.8 acres near town. Amazing views, 4 BDR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, covered decks, RV hook-up. Town water & natural gas, Livestock friendly. \$449,000.
- \*NEW 210 CR 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. \$55,000.
- \*29100 CR 8- 12 Acres with River, 1,252 sq ft updated 3 BR, 2 BA cabin, borders BLM. \$529,000 REDUCED!
- \*6500 CR 7- 2 Acres NW of Meeker. 2,592 sq ft updated home, 4 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, well. \$275,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*1001 CR 14- Wooded 5 acres, creek, spring, nice 2 BR, 1 BA modern log home. \$245,000 SOLD!
- \*1260 CR 119- Ute Creek Cabin - Forest Service lease land, 2 room log cabin, 3/4 bath. \$89,000 SOLD!

**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...**

- \*12th & Main- 4 unit apartment building. Each has 1,088 sq ft, 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Rented. \$220,000 REDUCED!
- \*109 Market St.- 3 lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location next to the Dollar Store \$250,000 REDUCED!

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*5807 CR 7 - Vacant 20 acre parcel, 9 mi. North, on Strawberry Creek. Good home site & views. \$75,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. \$400,000 REDUCED!
- \*359 Love Lane- 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- \*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, \$83,000 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'l Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.
- \*River Property- 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$145,000. SOLD!

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- ◆ 66577 Highway 64, 14+ acres surrounded by BLM, custom home with good well... \$395,000
- ◆ 642 Cleveland, Park-like setting with this 5bd, 3ba home on large corner lot ..... \$215,000
- ◆ 1361 Robert St. - quiet location with this 4 bdr, 2 ba. home, 1 car garage ..... \$178,000
- ◆ 1036 Park Ave. - Fixer-upper delight, 1 bdr, 1 ba, lots of potential ..... \$85,000

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- ◆ NEW! 1057 Sage Ct. — Fresh paint throughout, 3 BD/2 bath home with new granite kitchen countertops, SS gas range, nice and open living room and dining, with great floor plan, circle driveway on two lots, mature trees and landscaping. Large deck and wonderful views! Come take a look at this one. \$149,500.
- ◆ NEW! White River Ranch Estates on Hwy. 64, Two 35 Acre Parcels — Both parcels have river frontage. Lot 12 has 3 phase electrical. \$225,000. Lot 13 is on South side of river. \$200,000.
- ◆ NEW! 1028 Julie Cir. — Cute frame built home. 2 BD, 1 BA, metal roof and comes with fully fenced back yard. Great starter home! \$93,500. SALE PENDING!
- ◆ 345 Cleveland St. — GREAT POTENTIAL! A full City block, over 99,000+ square feet, offering 12 individual lots all being sold as one parcel. \$225,000.
- ◆ 1247 Garfield St. — Cute 3 BD, 1 BA ranch-style home w/ one car garage. Great stater home, large fenced backyard, big apple tree & two storage outbuildings. \$130,000. PRICE REDUCED!
- ◆ 815 Sulphur Creek Rd. — Great opportunity to own this impeccably kept home, super clean and ready to move into. Recently remodeled master bath with high-end finishes and many other upgrades throughout, large dining area. 3 BD, 2 BA home located in the center of everything, walking distance to town, schools and Rec Center. Beautiful yard and fun deck - come take a look! \$208,000.

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**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW 159 4TH ST. NEW CASTLE, CO. - Custom built 4BD/2BA home with a mother-in-law quarters, walk-out balcony, wooden floors, granite counter tops. Fantastic home, wonderful yard. Close to downtown. Price Reduced: \$392,000 Must see! 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$259,900  
855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000  
973 Main St. - Glorious yard with garden and privacy. Lovely 2BD/1.75BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$184,000.  
1013 Hill St. - 2BD/2BA home with huge yard, family room, and extra room in the basement. Some remodeling including floors. Price Reduced: \$109,000  
767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000  
945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. \$69,000

346 N. Cross L Dr. - Adorable 3BD/2BA stucco home on 3 acres. Only minutes from town, miles of views. Price Reduced: \$274,000  
NEW 519 Rim Rock Dr. - 4BD/2BA home on five acres, nice open floor plan with large family room, new carpet, and a new roof. Just a short distance from town, with outstanding views. \$198,000  
2378 RBC Rd. 40 - Log cabin on 3 acres with spring. Located about 20 minutes drive east of Meeker. \$119,000

**VACANT LAND**  
37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.  
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  
NEW 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for \$55,000  
NEW 50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for \$55,000

Ridge Estates Vacant Lots - Moments from town, great views, reasonable covenants! SPRING SALE, prices starting at \$65,000  
688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$65,000  
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.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. \$1,500,000  
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! \$950,000  
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, business offered at \$475,000. Lot and building can also be purchased separately for \$475,000.

346 N Cross L Dr.  
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Nestled on a quiet private road close to town, this custom built 3BD/2BA home on 3 acres has a 1610 SF open floor plan and is conducive to outdoor entertaining. Fenced for privacy and pipe fencing for your animals. Shed, outbuildings, horses allowed, RV parking. Tractor and attachments included. Price Reduced: \$274,000

128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft. metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. \$1,250,000

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