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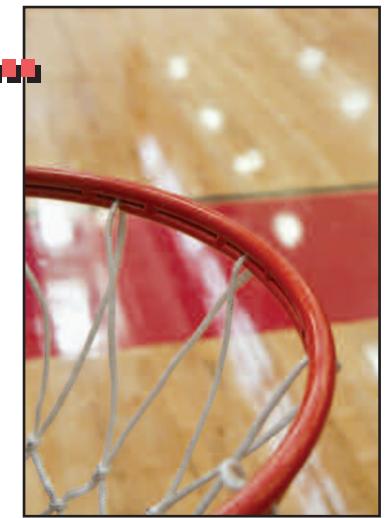
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## Shootout ...

The Meeker and Rangely high school boys' basketball teams open season play today at the White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout in the Meeker High School gymnasium. First-round games today are: 4:30 p.m. with Fruita Junior Varsity vs. Hayden; 6 p.m. catches Rangely and Soroco with first-round byes; and a 7:30 p.m. Test has Meeker hosting Moffat County. Please see more on Pages 10A and 11A.



## It was a successful season for all Meeker district hunters

By SEAN McMAHON  
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**RBC** | From all standpoints, the 2015 hunting season was a good one for those in pursuit of wild game in the Meeker district.

Meeker Area Wildlife Manager Bill deVergie said Tuesdays that conditions were darned near perfect for hunters these past four seasons regardless of whether it was elk, deer, moose, bear or antelope being sought.

It was a really good season for those hunting elk bulls and cows,

deVergie said.

"The past couple of years have been fair for elk harvest due to the animals staying high and there being a lot of snow to keep the hunters out," he said. "This year, the elk stayed high but there wasn't much snow to keep the hunters out, and they got into the traditional elk areas."

"Not only did we have a good bull harvest," deVergie said, "but we had quite a few really good bulls for being a general hunt area. We had a couple of really good six-point bulls and several of those scored in the 330- to 340-point range. That is really good for a

general area. We may even have had a couple score close to 350 points."

He said there were tremendous bulls taken in units 1, 2, 10 and 201 but that those are quality units and are tough to draw licenses in.

"We had some bulls harvested that came in over 400 points from those four areas," he said. "There are always excellent bulls up there, but that is why it is so difficult to draw a license for that area."

deVergie added that the harvest was also significant for the cows in the area and that if area processors are any indication there were lots of cows and

quality cows included.

The harvest on deer was also "pretty darn good," deVergie said. "The movement of the herds came a little bit late due to the weather, so I would say the number of kills was down a little bit in the first hunt because the deer just didn't get down to their usual places in time."

"What we did see, however, were some really good bucks; they were just late," he said. "We saw some really huge bucks and quite a few large non-typical bucks; most of those bucks we noticed were on the large side this year."

deVergie also said the outlook for the future looks good as there was a noticeable increase in the number of fawns.

"We've had mild winters the past two years, and it is starting out really mild this season as well," he said. "Unless we have a really killer winter in early 2016, I expect the survival rate will be quite good."

"I can easily see as many licenses this next year and, just possibly, a small increase in the number," he said.

It was a good season for harvesting bears again this year, deVergie said.

"It was down just a little bit in the harvest, but there were some very nice big bears taken," he said. "We didn't really have a lot of trouble with them late this fall, but with the bears back in hibernation now, we shouldn't see any problems with them for the next five months."

"We have a tremendous number of bears, so I expect we will be pushing hunters to get bear licenses again next year," deVergie said. "I'm not quite sure why the harvest was down a little

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## WRNF places 2 million acres out of leasing

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams announced on Thursday the release of the Final Record of Decision (ROD) for future oil and gas leasing on the forest.

The Final ROD approves the document that identifies lands available for oil and gas leasing on the 2.2 million acre White River National Forest and includes stipulations to be attached to leases for protecting surface resources. This decision finalizes the analysis that revises the Forest's 1993 Oil and Gas Leasing Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

"This final decision concludes a long and complex process; we have spent the better part of five years gathering data, analyzing and considering public input," Fitzwilliams said. "I believe the decision outlined in the Final ROD represents a balance between providing opportunities for oil and gas development and protecting the natural resources of the White River National Forest."

"The public input we received and the consideration of other resource values such as recreation and wildlife was an important part of my decision-making process," he said. "In this decision, I sincerely tried to be sensitive to the concerns expressed by those who participated in the process. In the end, my responsibility as forest supervisor is to consider this input along with the results of the environmental analysis and the laws governing national forest management."

Fitzwilliams placed an emphasis on conserving the roadless and existing natural character of the White River National Forest while providing oil and gas development opportunities on lands that have proven to be productive in the past 15-20 years.

Closing an area "through management direction" is not a permanent withdrawal of lands for oil and gas development.

Laws and policy that govern national forest management allow for certain lands to be closed to leasing for a period of time, but not permanently. The authority to permanently withdraw an area from leasing or mining rests with Congress.

A Draft ROD was released in December 2014 with the regional



Rangely District Hospital long-term care patient Don Worrall and registered nurse Irene Kilbane, along with R.N. Wendy Campbell, will travel to NASCAR's Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla. this February. The trip, which Kilbane planned after Worrall expressed a lifelong dream to attend the race, has been largely funded through a GoFundMe campaign. To donate, go to [www.gofundme.com/donworrall](http://www.gofundme.com/donworrall)

## Rangely hospital and town fulfill dream of journey to Daytona 500

By HEATHER ZADRA  
Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | It wasn't a dream to be shared with just anyone.

Especially now, when the hope of its happening had faded—faded, he thought, like the strength that once flowed from him, before the multiple sclerosis had sapped it over 13 long years.

Luckily, Don Worrall wasn't prone to pity. The dream itself, to attend one of NASCAR's biggest races, still held beauty.

He would savor it, just as he'd learned his support systems - family and the people who cared for him here, in the long-term care unit of Rangely District Hospital - were gifts of worth.

Worrall still thoroughly enjoyed the sport. He rarely misses a NASCAR race on his flat-screen television, wheelchair positioned so he could watch the dance he never tired of: steel-sheathed cars vying smoothly for position, floating the corners at 200 miles per hour. This, too, was a gift.

The nurse's questions as she visited with him initially stemmed from curiosity: how did pit crews change tires and fill gas in a matter of seconds? Who were his favorite drivers? What did it really take to win one of these things?

He saw that her interest was piqued before he ventured to tell her the dream that still beguiled him, even as he knew it was lost.

"I've always wanted to go to a NASCAR race," he commented.

"Really?" she asked. Her name was Irene Kilbane, and she had worked at the hospital for two years. Her blue eyes were quizzical.

"Yeah," he said, grinning. "I've been to Mile High Nationals, to the boat races, to the outlaw car races. Never made it to a NASCAR race, though, and never will now. The Daytona 500 or Talladega, those are the ones I'd choose."

"Why's that?" she asked.

"Those are the tracks they run wide open," she said. "They never take their foot off the throttle."

Not so long ago, he'd visualized himself at the Daytona 500, when the dream had still seemed within reach. In 2007, his mother, Beverly, brother Mike and Mike's wife, Leigh, had moved to Tampa Bay, Fla., a mere 2½ hours from Daytona.

It was the opportunity Don had been waiting for. He'd been diagnosed with MS in 2002, but the disease was still largely under control. He had time.

As he talked to Irene, his gaze shifted momentarily, thoughts returning to the inexorable stealth with which the MS had progressed.

By 2010, he could no longer pump wells for Weldon Construction, the job he'd held for six years. Two years later, he could no longer live alone. When the new hospital building opened up in January 2012, he'd joined the first group of long-term care patients to occupy the facility's west wing.

In the quiet, Irene busied herself about the room. He didn't know it yet, but something Don said had sparked something alive in her.

"He says he'll never go," she mused as she left. "Good thing 'never' isn't in my book."

It wasn't. When, eight years ago, a surplus cat population had seemed an insurmountable problem for her hometown of Meeker, she had begun humanely trapping feral cats and taking in injured or abandoned ones. Animals were spayed or neutered before they were rehomed, given new starts as mousers on local ranches or released back into their native environments.

Now, three years into the Meeker Cat Coalition's existence as a registered non-profit organization, Kilbane had been responsible for approximately 600 such rescues.

Over the next couple of days, she spoke with Dr. Tim Hsu, her supervisor and the hospital's CEO

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## Selle presents review of student testing and assessment results

By REED KELLEY  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | Meeker Superintendent of Schools Chris Selle returned this past weekend from the Colorado Association of School Boards' (CASB) annual convention in Colorado Springs along with Meeker School Board President Bud Ridings and newly elected board members Kevin Amack and Davey Smith.

After his return, Selle stated, "Student learning should always be the No. 1 goal of any school district. One of my primary functions, if not the primary function, is to ensure our district is positioned to meet that goal.

"In an effort to move forward with that goal, it is important to understand where we are, which is the intent of the baseline assessment on Meeker student achievement I gave the Meeker Board of Education last month," he said.

In October, Selle had the BOE approve a set of goals for him for this current school year. The goals cover four primary areas: communication, public relations, student learning and the district strategic plan.

The goal with regard to student

learning is to improve student achievement results.

By last month, Selle was to have reviewed current data reflecting student achievement that could be used as a baseline for assessing achievement over time. Selle provided the board with this achievement assessment for their November meeting.

Selle couched his report as preliminary. He had reviewed the testing results from the state's Student Assessment Program (CSAP), Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP), Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), Colorado Measurement of Academic Standards (CMAS), American College Testing (ACT), Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP), ACT Aspire, and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) available to the district.

The data Selle reviewed was from 2009 through what's available from this current school year.

General observations that Selle made included, typical of small rural

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Matt and Jen Noel took advantage of the big beautiful tree in their front yard in Rangely to climb up and decorate for the Christmas season.

JENNIFER HILL

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## WEATHER



Saturday: 32/10 Light snow



Sunday: 33/17 Partly sunny



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

**■ Game Day.** Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center Lounge for adults 50+. Stop by for refreshments, conver-

sation and a game of cards.

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

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

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

**■ The Holiday Christmas Cantata** will be presented by the renowned Meeker Community Choir, directed by Briana Williams, on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. at the MHS auditorium.

**■ The entire community** is welcomed and urged to attend the Meeker Winter Music Concert at the MHS auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade bands, the Barone Middle School choir, and the Meeker High School band and choir will all perform.

**■ Food Bank Mobile Pantry** will be in Meeker on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeker Fairgrounds.

## FESTIVE IN RANGELY ...



RENÉ HARDEN

Several businesses along Main Street have added to the festive air around Rangely as several homes have also decorated for the Christmas season. One of the most colorful of businesses is Sweetbriar, located on Main Street in Rangely.

## HUNTING: 'An overall average year' deVergie declares

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this year, but I look for another good year for those wanting a bear next year as well."

deVergie said that as far as he knows so far, it was also a good year for the seven hunters who drew moose tags this season—there were three bull tags and four cow tags.

"I know all three bull tags were used and nice moose were harvested; and at least two cows were harvested," he said. "I have not heard yet about the other two."

He said the moose he knows of were all harvested in different drainages but that they were all taken within about 10 miles of Buford.

"We saw a lot of moose this sea-

son and saw some really good quality bulls," deVergie said. "And for once, we had a lot of other hunters tell us that they saw a large number of moose out there."

Those hunters with antelope tags also had a good hunt this past season, deVergie said.

"Most of the good antelope hunting was in Moffat County, and it appears that the harvest rate was pretty good," he said. "We saw a lot of fair bucks but I must admit I didn't see any giants nor did I hear of any giants this year."

"I would call it an overall average year," he said.

He also mentioned a group of novice women hunters who were taken on a special hunt south and east

of Meeker, "and thanks to all of the homeowners out there, the women all got their antelope."

"We thought this was a good idea to get some new folks interested in hunting, and I think we accomplished that," deVergie said.

In this hunting district, there was one big horn sheep license issued, and how that hunt went is unknown, he said.

"I know the hunter who had the license went hunting along the south fork of the White River," deVergie said. "But I haven't heard yet if the sheep was harvested or not."

Regarding hunters' behavior, deVergie said, "I would call this a normal year."

"There were fewer cases of trespassing than in past years, and that is a good thing," he said. "We also have a few good cases against hunters who committed blatant hunting violations like poaching."

But overall, he said, there were no really major problems.

"As I said, we have a couple of really good cases that will likely go to court, but overall it was pretty quiet," deVergie said. "With few trespassing violations, it looks like the hunters are finally learning that they have to know where they are at all times."

"Overall, I'd say it was a good set of seasons and, unless we have a horrible spring, it looks to be another great year next year as well," he said.

## Correction

**RBC I** On Page 13A of the Dec. 3 edition of the *Rio Blanco Herald Times*, U.S. Army veteran Rob Baughman was misidentified as Ken Culler at Veterans Day activities at Meeker's Barone Middle School. The *Herald Times* regrets the error.

## You Are Invited...

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Zacharia (left) and Nicholas (right) Godwin had the chance Saturday morning to talk with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the annual Meeker Lions Club's Breakfast with Santa, held at the Fairfield Center in downtown Meeker. Several hundred persons were fed between 8:30 and 11 a.m., and hundreds of children had the chance to talk to the Clauses and let them know what they want on Christmas Day. The event was co-sponsored by the ERBM Recreation and Park District.



From left to right, Eduardo Valeriano of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and grandson Said Rodriguez of Meeker were three of the several hundred folks who were fed Sunday at the Meeker Lions Club's annual Breakfast with Santa. On the right side of the table are some of the Lions who helped to serve the many eaters, who kept the food line busy from 8:30 to 11 a.m.



Enrique Silviano, left, brought his family to Breakfast With Santa, put on by the Meeker Lions Club and ERBM Recreation and Park District from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Fairfield Center in Meeker. Several hundred people enjoyed pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage with all the fixings as well as juice and coffee. The line was mostly constant from when the doors opened with those to eat and those to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

## Teen birth rate plummets

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I Colorado's teen birth rate has been cut nearly in half during the first five years of the Colorado Family Planning Initiative.

According to new data from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the birth rate and abortion rate for women ages 15-19 fell 48 percent from 2009 through 2014. Previous 2009-2013 data showed a 40 percent drop in teen

births and a 35 percent decline in teen abortions.

"This initiative continues to prove its effectiveness," said Dr. Larry Wolk, health department executive director and chief medical officer. "Thousands of low-income Colorado women now are able to pursue their dreams of higher education and a good career and choose when and whether to start a family."

Three of four teen pregnancies in Colorado are unintended.

## Chamber Bucks available now

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is now selling Chamber Bucks for use with most Meeker merchants in an effort to keep local shopping dollars in town.

If you or your business would like to give Chamber Bucks as holiday gifts, please stop by the Meeker chamber office at 710 Market St.

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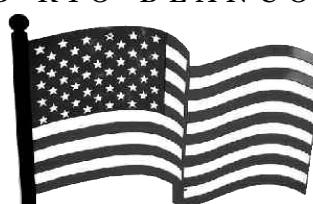
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## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS...

## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

By SEAN McMAHON  
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The tradition of reading 'Twas the Night before Christmas poem on Christmas Eve is now a worldwide institution and tradition. ... Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863) wrote the poem, which is also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. ...

"A Visit from St. Nicholas"  
By Clement Clark Moore, 1822

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and

eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!"

"On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donder and Blitzen!"

"To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!

"Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes "how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a

right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

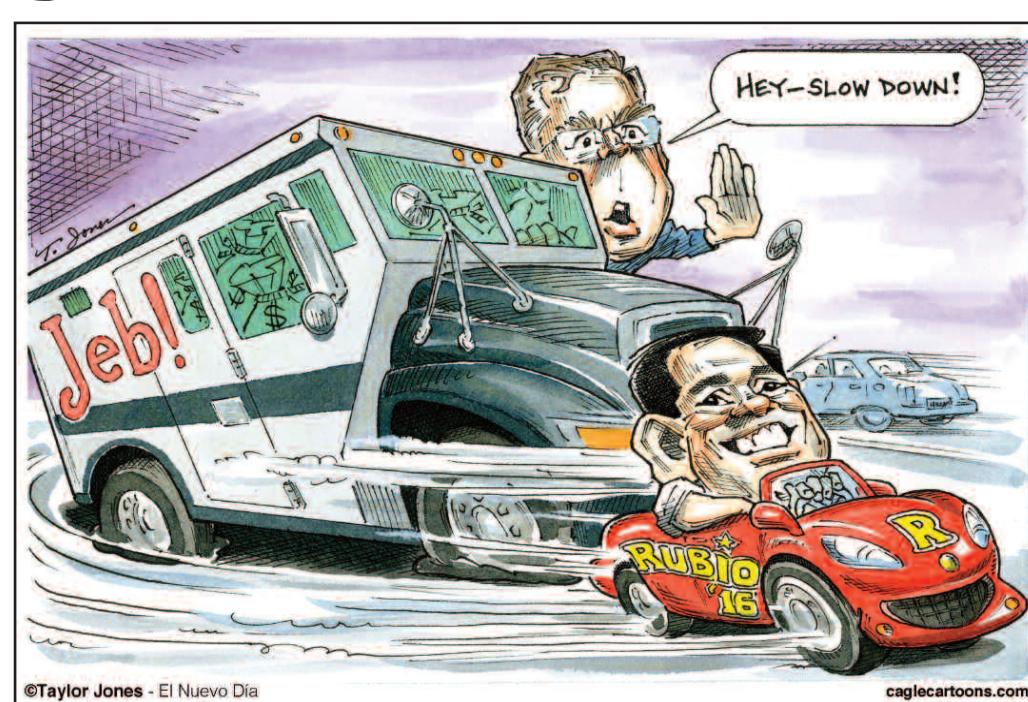
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



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DR. DEBRA SMITH

Dr. Debra Smith grew up in Arvada, Colorado, and attended the University of Texas Health and Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Debra feels her most important accomplishment is going to Medical School with two teenagers at home. She is Board Certified in Family Practice believing that patient health care is a team approach between the physician and the patient. She hopes to be able to further implement that team approach to her work in Rangely. Dr. Smith looks forward to working in the friendly Rangely community and doing a combination of family practice and emergency medicine.

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## Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus

Special to the Herald Times

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus.

**RBC I** EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald Times had several requests for and thank you for running the most famous editorial ever written in last year's Dec. 25 edition. However, there were many of those who said they would like to see the editorial prior to Christmas Day. So here it is:

Yes, Virginia,  
there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial on Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

## THE QUESTION:

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,  
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## THE EDITORIAL:

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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- ★ Senior King & Queen Crowning: 1:30pm (Voting starts the week before. Look for boxes placed around town and vote for your favorite 65 and older)
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A LOOK AT THE WEST

# Will Land and Water Conservation Fund rise once again?

By JODI PETERSON  
**HIGH COUNTRY NEWS**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** I More than 40 percent of our national parks, from Arizona's Saguaro to Wyoming's Grand Teton, contain inholdings. Those privately owned chunks of land complicate management, block public access and present a risk of development, as when a luxury home was built in the middle of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Colo., five years ago.

Now, the main source of funding for buying such inholdings, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, is in serious jeopardy. At the end of September, Congress let it expire, failing to reauthorize it despite widespread bipartisan support.

The LWCF does a lot more than buy inholdings. Roughly half of it goes to providing conservation easements on private land, conserving privately owned timberlands, developing urban parks and ball fields, and funding endangered species projects on non-federal lands.

Since its inception in 1964, the LWCF

has protected more than 7 million acres. The fund draws no taxpayer dollars; most of it comes from royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling.

"There's poetry in the idea that we can use revenue generated from the depletion of one resource to enhance another," says John Gale, conservation director of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.

Since 1978, the fund has been authorized to receive up to \$900 million annually, though in recent years Congress has appropriated less than a third of that.

But even as Congress cut LWCF's funding, members on both sides of the aisle were trying to use it for projects in their own districts.

According to a 2014 investigation by Greenwire, 16 Republicans, 48 Democrats and three independents had pushed for land acquisition, conservation easements and grants for local parks and trails over the previous five years.

LWCF's primary foe is Utah Rep. Rob Bishop, R, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, who has refused to even allow hearings on the bipartisan reau-

uthorization bill that's been sitting in his committee since April. He's vowed to continue blocking LWCF until it's been reformed, citing his opposition to an increase in federal lands for any reason.

(Just over two years ago, though, Bishop had proposed that Utah counties negotiate to get more congressionally designated wilderness, as a bargaining chip for increased energy development.)

"We are not going to blindly reauthorize a fund with inherent flaws," says Bishop's spokeswoman Julia Slingsby. "This law needs to be updated to reflect the 21st century."

The fund that Bishop wants to update has provided \$48 million to his state for local projects like soccer parks and swimming pools. It's also paid for acquiring more than 7,000 acres of private inholdings within Zion National Park, plus nearly 5,500 acres in Dinosaur National Monument.

Bishop's reforms would put an end to such purchases. He has yet to offer a specific plan, but has suggested that the program's money could instead cover shortfalls in

PILT, "payments in lieu of taxes" to counties with large amounts of federal land, or pay for the education of future energy-industry workers.

He and other critics also say the fund should be used to cover the \$12 billion maintenance backlog at national parks.

The LWCF has accumulated a \$20 billion IOU thanks to the gap in appropriations, giving Bishop another excuse to stop funding it. But it's disingenuous to claim that this money is available to be spent, says Lynn Scarlett, managing director of public policy for The Nature Conservancy who was also deputy Interior secretary under George W. Bush. "There is no magic \$20 billion waiting around, or even one dollar," she says. "It's a paperwork credit for funds long ago used for other purposes."

Now that the program has been allowed to sunset, the royalty money meant for it is going to the general treasury. Under the continuing budget resolution that expires Dec. 11, the House and Senate could pass an extension of the LWCF and maintain that funding link. If they don't, though, re-establishing it will take an act of Congress.

Fund supporters are now scrambling to find a must-pass piece of legislation they can attach reauthorization to. The most promising is a compromise by Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., that would make the program permanent and balance state and federal spending, giving each 40 percent of the annual appropriation, and allowing the remaining 20 percent to be spent flexibly.

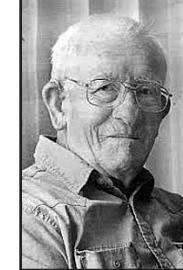
It would also create a separate fund to address the national park maintenance backlog.

Other Western representatives have sponsored similar legislation, including Montana Sens. Steve Daines, R., and Jon Tester, D, as well as Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., and Rep. Raúl Grijalva, D-Ariz.

Meanwhile, environmental and sportsmen's groups are lobbying mightily for the fund's resurrection.

"It's hard for us to see something like LWCF that has broad support become a political chip," Gale says. "Congress should be able to function and move things that are good for the American people and absolutely a clear winner."

OBITUARY



**David Wright Eskelson**

David Wright Eskelson was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Devil's Slide, Utah. He died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo.

It was said David had nine lives; in reality, he had at least 15 lives and lived them all with courage and grace despite multiple injuries and illnesses from 1990 to date.

He was an active and faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Parish for 36 years.

David is survived by: six children, Eileen Roberts (Galen), David Lon Eskelson (Lauri), Kathie Talkington (Charlie), Elise (Lisa) Eskelson (Cathy Gray), Julie Eskelson (William Hansen); and Jeffrey Eskelson (Kristen). He is also survived by Mildred Sparks, Bette

Eskelson, and his wife of 42 years, Judy Eskelson; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all siblings, sister Thelma Dorius and brothers Elmo Ross and Ralph Eskelson.

Dr. Eskelson moved to Meeker in 1963 to open a private general medical practice, including general surgery, obstetrics, emergency and ambulatory care. David shared health care provisions with Dr. Earl Ryan for his first 15 years in Meeker; then various other physicians, including

Dr. Albert Krueger for 2 1/2 years before David's retirement from active medical practice in 1991.

He invested in the lives of friends and patients and community in many roles outside of medicine such as Rio Blanco County planning commission, Lions Club...etc.).

David continued as Rio Blanco County coroner until age 78; a position he held from 1966-2007.

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**Wed.** Dec. 16 - Choice Day: Yogurt Special, Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Fresh Garden Salad, Seasonal Fruit, Milk-Variety

**Thurs.** Dec. 17 - Homemade Pepperoni Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Peppermint Cookie, Milk-Variety

**Mon.** Dec. 14 - Chicken Tacos, Refried Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar w/ Fruit. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Beef & Bean Burrito w/ Toppings

**Tues.** Dec. 15 - Beef Macaroni, Broccoli & Carrots, Hot Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar with Fruit. JR/SR HIGH A LA CARTE: Baked Potato Bar

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**The Problem of Strength (3)**

By Dr. J. D. Watson

Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

**Dr. J.D. Watson**

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

There is no such thing as an inactive church member," wrote Vance Havner. "If you are not gathering with Christ, you are scattering abroad, and either is activity. By not actively working with and for Him, you are working against Him." In addition to our text, Acts 1:8 is a critical statement about evangelism: "But ye shall receive power, [when] the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

While the Greek behind "witness" here is similar to that used in our text, there is a subtle difference. Our text uses the verb *martureō*, which means **bear witness**, that is, we are citing evidence, reporting the events. Acts 1:8, however, uses the noun *martus* (English *martyr*), which indicates that we ourselves are the evidence. That's what Vance Havner meant. We are either drawing people closer to Christ with our *godly* lives or we are driving them farther away by our *ungodly* lives. We not only are to *carry* the Gospel; we are to *illustrate* the Gospel.

Will such testimony be welcomed with open arms? Indeed not. We will not be popular when we stand for Christ. Jesus warned His disciples about this before He even uttered the words of our text (15:20-21). But we still will have the victory because the Holy Spirit has

given us the power to overcome any obstacle. The word "power" in Acts 1:8 is *dunamis*, which can be translated "that which overcomes resistance." Indeed, only the Holy Spirit can give this kind of power.

Third, the supply of this provision. While we know that the foundation of this is yieldedness (Mar. 10), how do we claim this power in practical, day-to-day living? Prayer. It is through "constant communion" with God in prayer (1 Thes. 5:17; cf. Lk. 18:1; Eph. 6:18) that we can be ensured of the power of the Spirit in our daily living.

Think a moment of Jesus' disciples. When Jesus was with them, oh, what power they had! But when He was gone, so was their power. We think of Peter's bravado when he was going to take on a group of professional soldiers with a sword (Jn. 18:10), but then see him shrink from the enquiries of a little girl in Jesus' absence (Lk. 22:56). But later, after the Holy Spirit came, we see Peter stand unflinchingly for Christ even before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4). Only by communing with the Lord, which itself is only possible through the indwelling Holy Spirit, can we claim the power He gives. Dear Christian, we are so very weak! But glory to God for His provision in the Comforter.

**Scriptures for Study:** What does John 15:20-21 warn us about being a witness for Christ?

You are invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is the expository preaching of God's Word. Please visit our website ([www.TheScriptureAlone.com](http://www.TheScriptureAlone.com)), where you will find many resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files.

## GIFT TO COUNTY...



**At the Rio Blanco County Commissioners meeting Nov. 23, Chris McCourt, center, who is manager of the Colowyo Mine, presented a check for \$5,000 to Rio Blanco County. Colowyo made the donation as a way of saying "thank you" to the community for ongoing support over the life of Colowyo operations and the support shown during the recent Office of Surface Mining process concerning the environmental assessment to re-evaluate environmental effects of the originally proposed and currently approved mining plan modification for the South Taylor/Lower Wilson Permit Expansion Area at the Colowyo Coal Mine. Donated funds will be used to make enhancements to the county fairgrounds facilities in Meeker.**

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## DYNAMICS: Difficult to identify trends in test results

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schools, he said, that there is significant year-to-year variation in the results, which gives a certain unreliability factor to analysis. He also felt his analysis underscored the concern we may give too much emphasis to standardized test results.

We know, Selle indicated, that certain groups of students tend to demonstrate higher or lower academic achievement, which can skew small sample sizes. In the process, Selle maintained, the "daily great work by our teachers in the classroom" can be devalued.

Selle reported that it's really quite difficult to identify trends in many cases due to changes in assessment tools and practices since 2009.

Selle suggested that the district has probably "not used ACT Aspire enough, nor has ACT Aspire developed enough tools for us to observe trends with this data," but the test does

provide good information that can guide better instruction.

Positive observations Selle made included that through the DIBELS data "we've shown that the district can move students from 'Well Below' to 'Below' and 'Below' to 'Above.'"

Also, the district's median growth percentile (MGP) generally exceeds the adequate growth percentile (AGP), which is a good thing, but this doesn't hold true for secondary math. Meeker students are generally at the "typical growth" range on state assessments, and proficiency on state tests has been the highest in the past couple years.

The district mean RIT scores (short for Rasch Unit) are higher than the national norms on two-thirds of the MAPs, which is very positive, and growth scores are greater than the national averages. A RIT score is an estimation of a student's instructional level and also measures student progress or growth in school through time.

When it comes to observations regarding areas for potential improvement, Selle identified that score growth of certain student subgroups like free or reduced lunch students, minorities, disability students and English Language Learners seemed to lag.

Furthermore, Selle indicated we need greater consistency with tests and local testing practices in order to increase reliability. The district's ACT scores are consistently lower than state averages in all areas—and the district has identified this as an area for emphasis and improvement. Meeker's recorded median growth percentile from 2009 to 2014 only met the 50 percent growth percentile half the time.

Meeker's growth for secondary math was never at or above the adequate growth percentile (AGP), but Selle noted that this is common across the state due to the design of the math tests and the definition of AGP.

As a final statement in his report, Selle noted that state and national norms should be minimum expectations. With our student demographics, Selle suggested that nearly all metrics should be consistently above state and national norms.

Selle said he expects the analysis of student achievement by his administration to continue on a consistent basis.

## DAYTONA: Dream come true

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about the feasibility of a long-distance trip with a long-term care patient.

The legalities and logistics could be worked through. Now she just needed buy-in from Don and some people to help bring it together.

"Guess where we're going in February?" she said nonchalantly, entering his room once the plans were in motion.

"Where?" He played along, imagining some punchline to a joke he didn't yet know.

"Daytona Beach."

"Daytona Beach," he repeated slowly. "I know what happens in Daytona in February."

And over the last few weeks, he'd come to believe that this woman, with her quick smile and methodical, precise approach to nursing, meant what she said.

Don, Irene and another RDH nurse, Wendy Campbell, will drive to Denver and stay with Don's daughter, Tayah, before flying in to Orlando before the race. A custom-built ramp would allow Don and his chair to travel in Irene's truck. Handicap-accessible restroom stops had been mapped out, hotel rooms reserved and parking permits applied for.

Most importantly, the Daytona Speedway, recently renovated to better accommodate people with disabilities, had five seats—brother and sister-in-law Mike and Leigh would join them—with their names on them.

Within four days of a GoFundMe campaign launching on Facebook, donors had backed more than \$3,000 of the trip's estimated \$5,000 cost. As of press time, "Nascar Dream Come True" was more than 80 percent funded.

ed by 53 donors.

The remaining months leave ample time for Don and Irene to imagine what the reality will look like.

"I'm looking forward to the start of the race," Don says. "My brothers told me when the cars line up to start and officials give them the green flag, it's not like you see on TV. When you're there live, it's completely different."

"We're all so excited," Irene says. "We'll rent the headphones so you can actually hear the drivers talking. We'll take tons of pictures and show everybody. It's just going to be the trip of a lifetime."

That RDH nurses, doctors, aides and administrators have wholly supported the project is characteristic, Wendy Campbell says, of a staff determined to give its long-term care residents more than a place to live.

This is home, and, as Duane Stevens, a good friend of Don's who also lives at RDH knows, those providing care aren't just health professionals. They've become family.

Don's daughter, Heidi Lucero, says that the response from RDH staff and community members has been astounding. Every day, she speaks with her dad in person or via phone. And every day, she says, Don talks of the race. There is much to savor, indeed.

"That's the cool thing about Rangely," Lucero says. "If you lived in a big town, this wouldn't go the way it went. In his whole entire life, he's never been as excited for something as is he is for this."

To donate to Worrall's trip, visit his "Nascar Dream Come True" fundraiser page at [www.gofundme.com/donworrall](http://www.gofundme.com/donworrall).

## FOREST: Decision said to protect area

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objections review completed in June 2015.

Seven objections were received after the release of the Draft ROD. The objections review found no violation of law, regulation or policy and upheld the draft ROD, with instructions.

Through the final analysis process, lands were either made administratively available for leasing, deemed legally closed for future oil and gas leasing due to law or regulation, or closed through management direction.

"Over 1 million acres of the White River National Forest are not geologically conducive for natural gas production," Fitzwilliams said. "In addition, I have decided not to allow leasing on 176,000 acres of the White River National Forest in order to protect and maintain the natural character

of these areas and protect important wildlife habitat.

"I believe this is the right decision at this point in time," he said. "The lands made available in this decision have shown a demonstrated production potential over the last decade or so. If conditions or technology changes in the future, this decision can be revisited to address these changing circumstances."

The Final Record of Decision identifies what lands are available for future oil and gas leasing and under what conditions leasing and/or development will be allowed. These "Lease Stipulations" are implemented to ensure surface resources are protected.

The essential elements of the Draft Record of Decision are as follows: 194,100 acres will be administratively available for leasing; of these acres, 118,613 acres are lands not already leased; of the 74,493 acres of Designated Roadless Areas made available for oil and gas leasing, all would have a No Surface Occupancy Stipulation; 800,555 acres are Legally Closed to Oil and Gas Leasing.

All documents associated with the Oil and Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Record of Decision can be found at following Forest web page: [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home?cid=STELPRD3824477](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home?cid=STELPRD3824477).

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# National Park Ranger Academy names grads

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY** | The Colorado Northwestern Community College's National Park Ranger Academy held its fall graduation ceremony on Nov. 13.

The graduation ceremony included: Chief Ranger Rick Mossman, who welcomed the ranger trainees, staff and guests; CNCC President Russell George; college representatives—academy coordinator Rebecca Roarty, lead instructor Richard Edwards and instructor Christopher Dodds.

There were also district ranger's academy recollections, a presentation

of individual awards, the presentation of the Commission certificates and closing remarks by Chief Ranger Lee Buschrowsky.

The following NPS students graduated: Jason D. Apgar (New Jersey), Shane K. Barton (Missouri), William D. Bartz (Colorado), Cory T. Bennett (Virginia), Allison M. Bishop (Ohio), Lucas S. Box (Kansas), Eric W. Brocaillie (Colorado), David M. Engel (Ohio); Daniel D. Kukura (New York), Kyle Mackay (Pennsylvania), Eric A. Meier (New Jersey), George F. Menze\* (Alaska) and Brian Steidle\* (Idaho).

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The Colorado Northwestern Community College National Park Ranger Academy held its fall graduation ceremony on Nov. 13. Graduates are, back row from left: Lucas Box, Shane Barton, George Menze, David Engel and Eric Meier; middle row from left; Kyle Mackay, Daniel Kukura, Jason Apgar and Cory Bennett; and front row from left: Eric Brocaillie, William Bartz, Brian Steidle, and Allison Bishop.

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## 115-year-old bird count near Walden on Dec. 18

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | A 115-year-old bird-counting tradition continues at State Forest State Park near Walden, Colo., on Dec. 18 at 8 a.m.

The scenic recreation area located east of Walden will welcome birders from across the country and the world to participate in the annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The annual bird census began on Christmas Day in 1900, when ornithologist and writer Frank M. Chapman led a small group of wildlife watchers on a mission to identify, count and record a variety of birds.

"Bring warm clothes, water, snacks and maybe some hot chocolate in a thermos, a good pair of binoculars, a good reference book and a friend or two, and be prepared to have a great day watching and counting birds of all kinds," said State Forest State Park Manager Joe Brand.

Participants are asked to arrive at the Moose Visitor Center early Friday morning and be prepared to head out by 8:30 a.m., after enjoying a warm morning meal provided by

the park.

At the end of the day, everyone can meet at the Arapaho Wildlife Refuge Headquarters at 953 County Road 32 and enjoy a warm lunch and swap bird-watching stories with other enthusiasts.

People volunteering for the Christmas Bird Count are not required to purchase a park pass while conducting the count.

Where: State Forest State Park's Visitor Center, located at 56750 Hwy. 14, an approximately 25 minute drive east from Walden.

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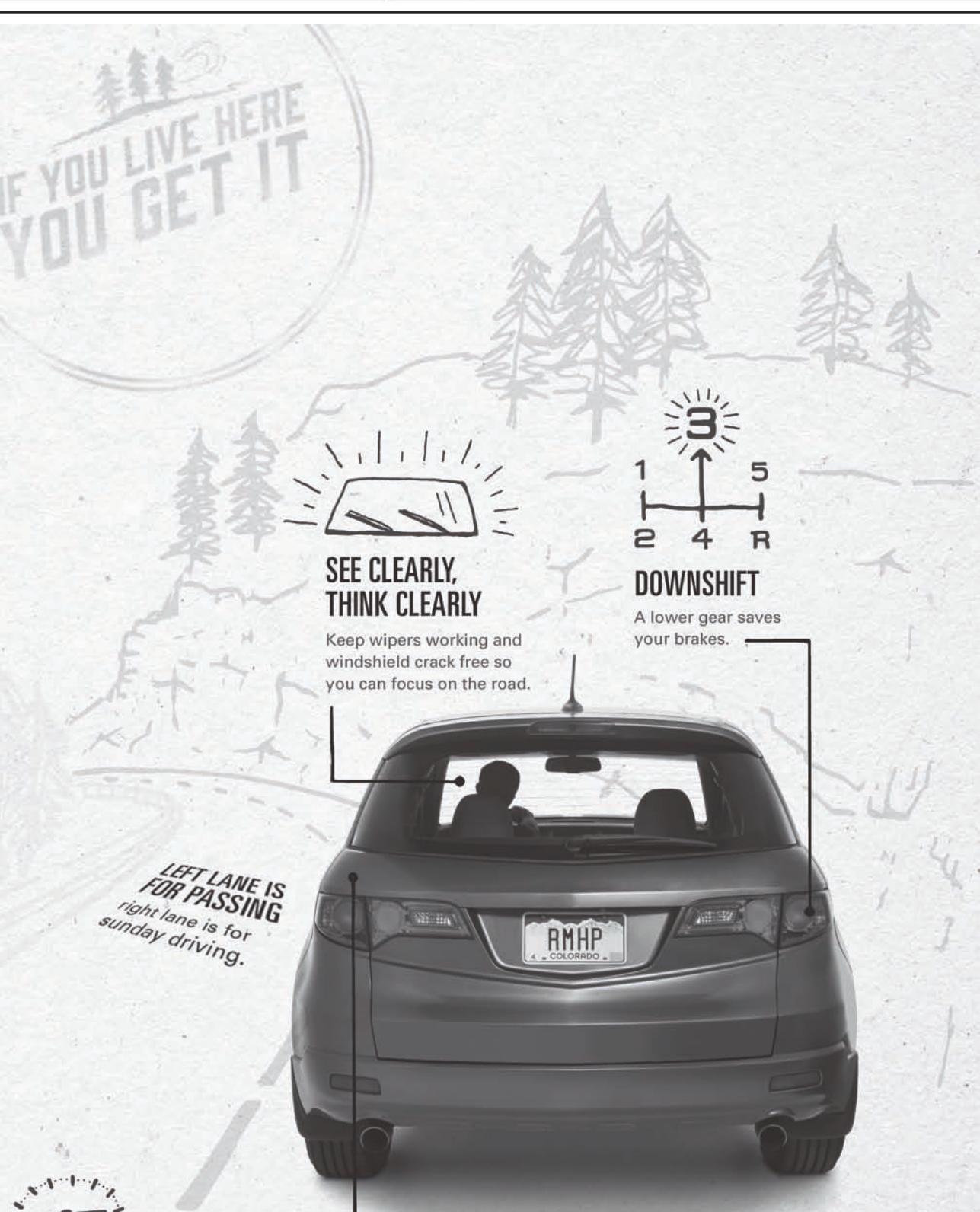
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# Meeker school board strengthens public complaints policy

**By REED KELLEY**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The Meeker Board of Education (BOE) approved a revised district policy guiding the handling of public concern and complaints.

The board repeated unequivocally that "constructive criticism motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program or

to equip the schools to do their tasks more effectively is welcomed."

The policy sets forth a linear guidance for starting the process as close to the origin of the concern as possible. Issues involving teachers, coaches, aides, secretaries or custodians need to be taken to the concerning individual first.

If there's no satisfactory resolution at that level, then the complaint is to be taken to the principal. If the school principal does not resolve the issue to

the satisfaction of the complainant, then the matter is to be taken to the superintendent. Then, if still unresolved, the concern should be taken to the BOE.

If the complaint involves an extracurricular activity, the next step, after the person of the concern, is the athletic director and then the principal.

On matters regarding school transportation, the issue should be first taken up with any bus driver involved and then the manager of transportation

before going to the superintendent.

On food service matters, the concern is to be taken up with any food server, cook or cashier involved and then the food service manager before going to the superintendent.

These steps are to be pursued before the issue is presented to the board. Any complaint taken to an individual board member is to be referred by that member to the appropriate individual pursuant to the above guidelines or request that the

board member be given a written, signed complaint, which the member can pass on to the superintendent.

If the individual with the concern feels a satisfactory reply has not been received, that person is advised to consult with the next individual per the above guidelines. If the complaint needs to be heard by the BOE, the complainant is asked to present their concern during the public comment section of any board meeting.

Upon hearing such a presenta-

tion, the board may request a report from the superintendent detailing efforts to remedy the complaint; and/or invite the complainant to attend an executive session of the board if the concern involves sensitive information.

Following such meetings, the BOE is to issue a written response to the complainant within one week or direct the superintendent to contact the complainant within three days to convey the board's findings.

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## WREA moves offices temporarily for fix-up

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** The White River Electric Association business offices are now closed temporarily and have relocated due to construction now underway.

Having begun on Monday, the new business office will be located at the corner of 7th and Market streets. The office hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those seeking the new offices

should look for signs and enter the building from 7th Street.

The WREA remodel is a result of last winter's water damage from a waterline break, and the remodel is expected to last for several months.

Kilowatt Korner will also be closed during the remodeling.

White River Electric Association apologizes for any inconvenience, and customers are asked to call 878-5041 with any questions.

## State holiday DUI search runs through Monday

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** As the leftover turkey is finally gobbled, for many it's time for eggnog, craft beer, champagne and other holiday party libations—so it's time for another The Heat Is On statewide DUI enforcement period. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 80 local law enforcement agencies are again teaming up to run the second of three holiday-related enforcement periods.

The Holiday Party DUI enforcement started Friday and continues until Monday. Colorado's dedicated police officers will saturate the roadways and arrest impaired drivers

throughout the state—all to ensure roads are as safe for individuals and families going to and from holiday celebrations.

"Winter weather should be the only hazard drivers contend with this holiday season," said Darrell Lingk, director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "Unfortunately, during last year's 10-day Holiday Party enforcement period, there were four alcohol-related fatalities, and CSP and local law enforcement agencies made 645 arrests. Our goal is always to reduce those numbers."

Just recently, over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, there were a total of 269 arrests for drunk

driving statewide, with the Denver Police Department (23), Aurora Police Department (28) and Colorado Springs Police Department (17) citing the most arrests. In addition, CSP cited 69 DUI arrests statewide.

"Many of us travel during the holidays, so it is more important than ever to keep impaired drivers off of Colorado's roadways," said Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "We will continue to enforce Colorado's DUI laws aggressively throughout the two remaining The Heat Is On enforcement periods this year and beyond. If you choose to drink, make sure you have a designated sober driver or plan to use alternative transportation."

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events.

Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. More details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips can be found at HeatisOnColorado.com.

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## MHS girls No. 2 at Cowboy Shootout; despite injury Pertile is MVP

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School girls' basketball team advanced to the championship game of the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout, then, when the tournament's MVP was injured early in the title game, the home team lost to Cortez.

"Our kids came out and played well in the first two games, but Saturday, we ran into a tougher team," Meeker head coach Greg Chintala said.

Meeker junior Reese Pertile was voted the tourna-

ment's MVP after leading the team to the championship game, where she was injured early.

"Reese was a beast inside," coach Chintala said.

Pertile scored 20 points in the first game of the season against Cortez's JV, then put up 19 points against Mesa Ridge JV.

The lady Cowboys shut out Cortez JV in the first half and scored 23 points of their own in the first two quarters before going on to win 53-20 in the first game of the season.

"We played good fundamental defense and made the team work for what they got," coach Chintala said.

Peyton Burke and Halle Ahrens each scored eight in the first game, Megan Shelton added six and Maggie Phelan finished with four. Anna Walsh, Julia Eskelson and Sierra Williams each made a basket.

Meeker continued to play tough defense against Mesa Ridge, a 4A school from Colorado Springs, leading 13-3 after the first quarter. The lady Cowboys kept a 10-point lead going into the final quarter, winning 46-31.

Ahrens finished with nine, Shelton scored five, and Jenna Walsh and Phelan each finished with four.

In the championship game, Meeker was tied with Cortez at four after the first quarter and trailed 11-6 at half-

time.

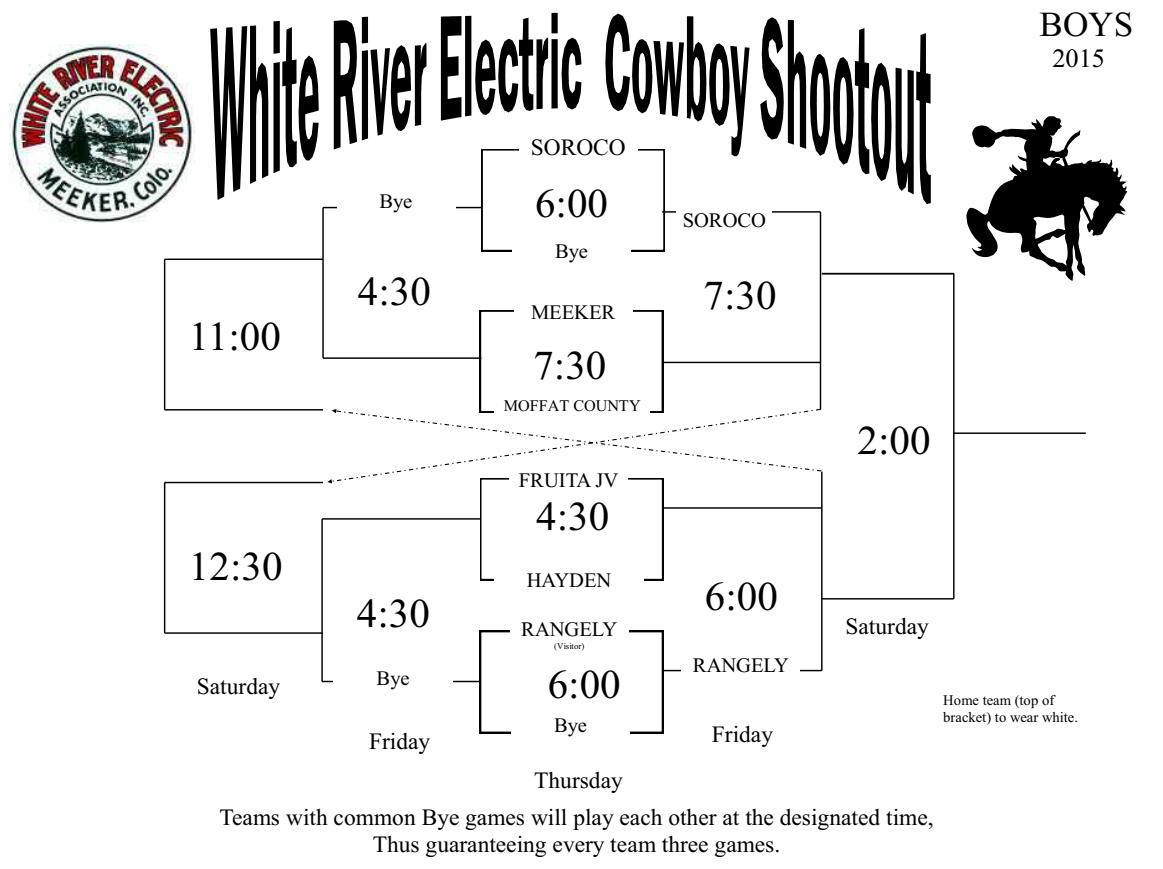
"Losing Reese early in the game took us out of our game plan," coach Chintala said.

Coach Chintala said Pertile would be "out for a while," but they would know more after an MRI on her knee.

"Next man up; somebody will need to step up," coach Chintala said.

Shelton and Burke both scored six points in the championship game while Jenna Walsh and Phelan each contributed a basket.

Pertile and the Meeker girls will have the week off before taking the court again in Olathe on Dec. 18.



## Rangely wrestling team wins two matches at CMU tourney

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**RANGELY** | The Rangely High School Panther wrestling team opened the season with a new head coach in the Maverick Duals at Colorado Mesa University on Saturday in Grand Junction, and the team won two of five duals it wrestled.

"We had 10 wrestlers open the season with a strong start," new head coach Travis Witherell said.

The Panthers defeated Coal Ridge (36-34) and Gunnison (35-34), but lost duals to Delta, Montezuma-Cortez and Rifle.

"Our seniors, Jessy Powell, Caleb Lawson, Kiki Ruiz and Chance Sheppard all had a good showing," coach Witherell said.

Coach Witherell said junior Nych Deleon "had a good tournament."

"Nych went 4-1 and he will accomplish big things this year if he continues to work hard," the coach said.

Freshmen C.J. Lucero and Lane Gillard both have 2-3 varsity records after their first high school tournament.

Neither freshman—Tristan Moore or Grady Nielson—won a match in Grand Junction, but coach Witherell

was still excited about his younger wrestlers.

"They didn't have a win, but they showed a lot of improvement each match," he said. "We are excited about what they and other freshmen will accomplish this year."

Junior Landon Rowley won a match at 132.

"We are ready to get better with each tournament, and we will continue to work hard," coach Witherell said.

The Panthers will wrestle a dual against Hotchkiss on Friday then wrestle in the Panther Invitational in Delta on Saturday.

## Cowboy wrestling team wins five dual meets in tournament

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker Cowboy wrestling team opened the season in Grand Junction at the Maverick Duals on the Colorado Mesa University campus on Saturday and won all five of its duals. Meeker will compete in the Panther Invitational in Delta on Saturday.

"We had good mat awareness," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said of his team's first performances of the season.

The Cowboys defeated Montrose (40-33), Gunnison (69-10), Montezuma-Cortez (57-18), Palisade (55-15) and Cedaredge (58-24).

"They were all bigger schools except Cedaredge, and we had six kids go undefeated," coach Watt said.

Sheridan Harvey (126), Hunter Garcia (152), Casey Turner (160), Devon Pontine (170), T.J. Shelton (182) and Caleb Bradford (220) won all of the matches they wrestled in, in their respective weights.

Meeker had several wrestlers competing on the varsity for the first time, including freshman Tannen Kennedy, who won four of his five matches in the 120 pound weight class, Garrett Frantz (132), Ty Gibson (138) and Tanner Slaugh at 145.

"We have several first-year varsity kids we will continue to train them

up," coach Watt said.

Jacob Pelloni (113), Dillon Frantz (195) and Tyler Ilgen (285) completed the varsity lineup for Meeker and all contributed to Meeker's wins.

The Cowboys also sent seven wrestlers to a junior varsity tournament in Olathe and several won matches, including Chase Rule, who won the 170 pound bracket.

Kasey Rosendahl (120), Christopher Strate (132), Charlie Day (132), Sammy Palmer (138), Dayton Nielsen (145) and Zach Medlin (195) all wrestled in Olathe.

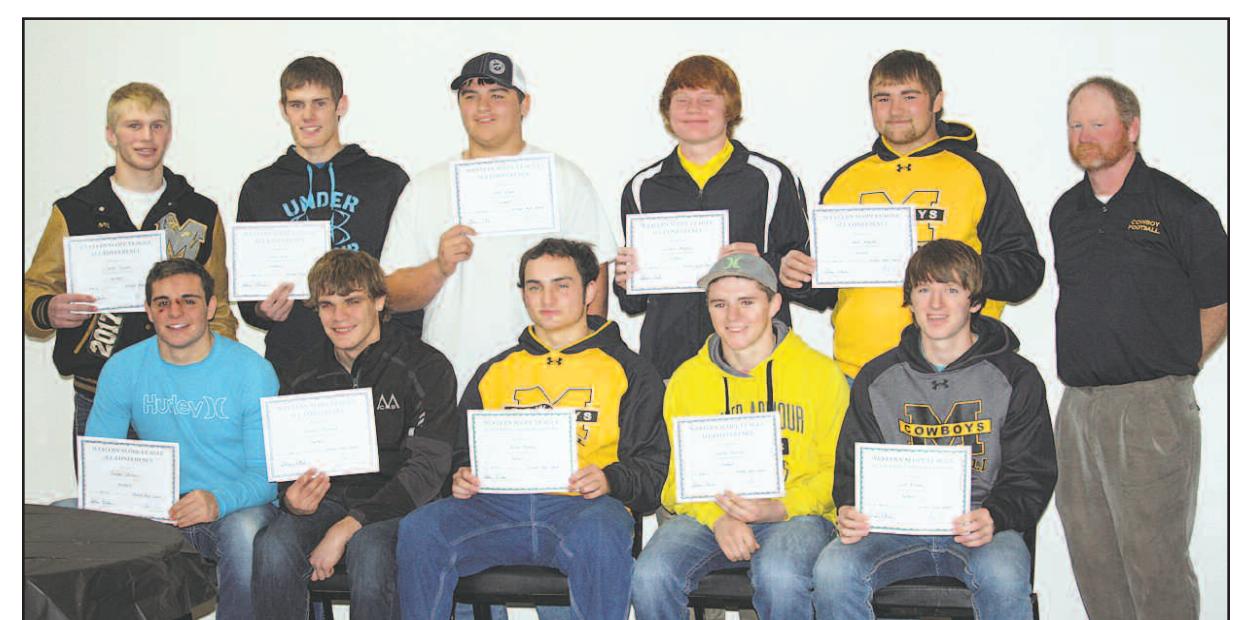
"We have a lot of work to do," coach Watt said. "We are still out of conditioning, but we are just getting started."



Six girls basketball players were named Saturday to the White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout All-Tournament Team. From left to right are all-tournament team members: Reese Pertile of Meeker, Maggie Phelan of Meeker, Katelyn Brown of Rangely, Dakota Bruner of Soroco, Briana Peterson of Soroco and Kisely Plewe of Cortez.



There are only four senior students/athletes on the Rangely High School wrestling team this season, so the team leadership roles will fall on seniors Chance Sheppard, Jessy Powell, Kiki Ruiz and Caleb Lawson, who will lead the Panthers as they hit the mat this season.



Below are members of the Meeker High School football team who were honored at the MHS Football Banquet held Monday night. From left: TJ Shelton, chosen CHSAA All-State; Hunter Garcia, Top Kick Returner in the league; Kash Atwood, Top Kicker in the league; Chosen to the All-Conference Team: Logan Hughes, Chase Rule, Tyler Ilgen, Casey Turner, Devon Pontine and TJ Shelton; and chosen All-Conference Honorable Mention: Caleb Bradford, Dillon Frantz and Cole Brown.



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### Katelyn Brown Rangely High School Basketball

Underclassman Katelyn Brown contributed greatly to Rangely's performance on opening week for the Rangely girls as they competed in Meeker's WREA Cowboy Shootout. Brown played in all three games, amassing a team-leading 48 points in the three games and making five steals in one of the games.



### Reese Pertile Meeker High School Basketball

Meeker High School junior Reese Pertile scored 20 in the first game and 19 in the second game of the White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout on Saturday and Sunday to lead the Meeker Cowboy girls to the championship game. Pertile was hurt early in the championship game, but she was chosen as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

## Champions of the Week

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## RHS boys to open cage play

By BOBBY GUTIERREZ  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School boys' basketball team will open its season with a new head coach in the White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout tournament in Meeker, starting tonight.

Kyle Boydston, who has several years of coaching experience, will take over the head coaching duties for the RHS Panthers.

"We're not real big, but we have some speed," coach Boydston said of his new team.

The Panthers take to the court today in an exhibition game against the Rams from South Routt County (Soroco) with a 6 p.m. tipoff scheduled.

Rangely will receive a first round bye, automatically advancing to the semifinals, where they will play the winner between Hayden and Fruita Monument's JV on Friday at 6 p.m.

"We're pretty young," coach Boydston said of his new team, with only one senior, Kaulan Brady, leading 17 others. "We also have junior Troy Allred and sophomore Patrick Scoggins with varsity experience."

"This will be a good test of our basketball knowledge," coach Boydston said.

## BMS boys finish basketball season

By HALLIE BLUNT  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**MEEKER I** The Barone Middle School boys' basketball team finished their season off with a tournament in Rangely on Saturday.

The seventh-grade teams won both the A and B team brackets, and the eighth grade boys' A-Team ended up third overall while the B-team was fourth.

The seventh grade boys went into the tournament as the No. 1 seed and played Rangely in their first A game. The Rangely Team was fired up for the game and came out shooting extremely well and playing outstanding defense.

It took the Cowboys about a quarter and a half to get settled in and take control of the game. They went into halftime up by 10, then turned up the pressure and tempo in the second half, running away with the game by the end. They were led by outstanding post play by Ryan Phelan, sharp shooting from Lane Anderson and excep-

tional defense from Jeremy Woodward.

The B team played well from start to finish to win their first round game easily, with Dax Sheridan, Cooper Main and Colby Clatterbaugh leading the way for the team.

Both teams had extremely physical final games, with three of the A team starters fouling out of the championship game.

The team never lost its composure, and the players off the bench stepped in to hold onto the lead created in the first half.

Meeker A and B teams both finished their season extremely well.

The eighth grade boys ended their season on a very positive note as they won their game to finish third overall. The team played very well in the game, showing great team work.

The B-team had an exciting final game as well and went into overtime, nearly winning in the final seconds of the game with outstanding effort by the entire team.

## Simplify your Christmas

By BLAIR BRYANT  
*Special to the Herald Times*

**RBC I** In such a modern and technology-driven world, nothing can beat celebrating the Christmas season the old-fashioned way. These old-fashioned ideas are simple and economical, but they are also fun and memorable.

Making your own Christmas presents is always a nice sentiment. You can almost guarantee that your gifts will be unique and that nobody will duplicate them.

There is also something special about the time and effort that goes into making your gifts. You may even learn some new skills while making your presents, and the new skills will help you in gift-giving for many years.

Another old-fashioned idea is to create a traditional feel in your

home. Pick a night and turn off the computer, television and lights. Sit with your loved ones by candlelight and the glow of the Christmas tree and enjoy hot cider, cookies and other holiday treats.

To further enjoy the Christmas spirit, go outside and sing Christmas carols. Afterwards, come back inside and warm up with some hot chocolate. This will bring a smile to even the biggest Scrooge.

You can also spread the Christmas spirit to your neighbors. Walk around your neighborhood and personally deliver Christmas cards. Give your neighbors a smile and a personal holiday greeting. You can even include a small treat bag with your Christmas cards.

The treat bags would be even nicer if you included your very own homemade goodies. Your neighbors would appreciate your effort, and

you might even make their day. The smiles on their faces would be enough.

Even a little bit of technology has made its way into an old-fashioned Christmas. Gather around with your loved ones and watch holiday classics such as It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street or A Christmas Story. These great films have aged nicely, and they are still fun to watch year after year. Many youngsters would actually be seeing these classics for the very first time.

Naturally, nothing is more traditional during the Christmas season than thinking of others. You can meet with family and friends and combine as much food as you can. Then, load up the food and take it to a food bank. The food bank would be excited to see such a big donation.

## Babies Really do! HAPPEN HERE

Tour our birthing center and find out why local moms choose TMH!

The Memorial Hospital welcomes Dr. Eileen Joyce, OBGYN.

Dr. Joyce is highly skilled at delivering babies and specializes in high-risk pregnancies, infertility and the latest minimally-invasive techniques.

Dr. Joyce will begin taking appointments in January.

TMH offers comfortable birthing suites with spa-like bathrooms.



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## Grand River now offers Ear, Nose & Throat Specialty Care

Grand River Health is pleased to offer Ear, Nose and Throat services to our pediatric and adult patients and welcomes Peter Zonakis, MD, FACS to our community.

Dr. Zonakis offers over 30 years of experience in the specialty of Ear, Nose and Throat medicine. After becoming a Medical Doctor at the age of only 24, his accomplishments include teaching Otolaryngology at the Indiana University School of Medicine and most recently, serving as Chairman of the Department of Surgery in Payson, Arizona.



FOR APPOINTMENTS  
970.625.1100

510 AIRPORT ROAD IN RIFLE

| [grandriverhealth.org](http://grandriverhealth.org)

## RANGELY PANTHERS

### RHS Athletics

#### Basketball:

12/10-12/12 Boys Cowboy Shootout — Meeker TBA  
12/18 @Soroco

#### Wrestling:

12/11 Hotchkiss/Mofft Cty — Hotchkiss 6PM  
12/12 Delta Tourney — Delta 9AM  
12/19 West Grand Tourney — 8AM



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With the support of the business community, we are able to provide this space for weekly schedules of athletic activities. The support is greatly appreciated. If we missed contacting you as a booster, please contact Bobby Gutierrez at the Herald Times at 675-5033. We can add your name next week.

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SERVING RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
675-5033

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1400 CHEVRON RD. | P.O. Box 923  
675-3010

COLORADO CPA  
SERVICES, PC  
118 W. MAIN ST., RANGELY, CO  
675-2222

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS  
222 W. MAIN, RANGELY, CO  
675-8481

W.C. STRIEGEL  
17030 HWY. 64 RANGELY, CO  
675-8444

SILVER SAGE RV &  
MOBILE HOME PARK  
259 CREST, RANGELY, CO  
675-2259

## MEEKEER COWBOYS

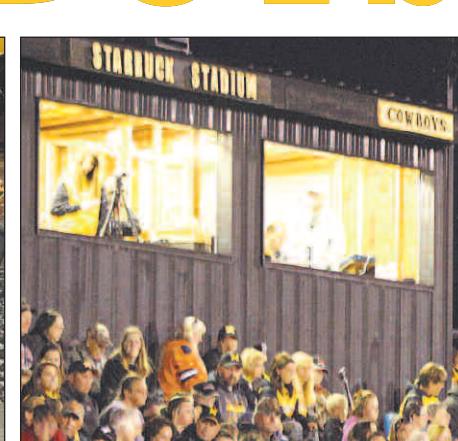
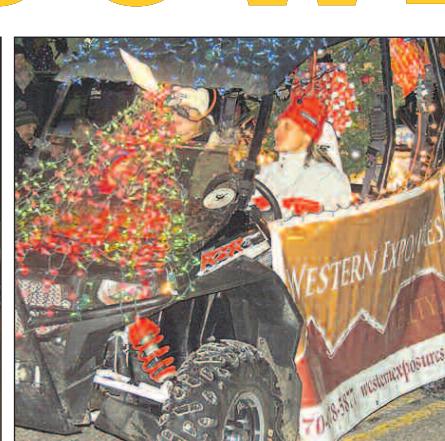
### MHS SPORTS

#### Basketball

DEC. 10-12 BOYS COWBOY SHOOTOUT HOME  
DEC. 18 AT OLATHE V & JV AWAY

#### Wrestling

DEC. 12 DELTA TOURNAMENT V DELTA 9:00  
DEC. 12 RIFLE TOURNAMENT JV RIFLE 9:00  
DEC. 18-19 WARRIOR CLASSIC V, JV GH



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**Watt's Ranch Market**  
271 E. Market, Meeker, CO  
878-5868

**Bank of the San Juans**  
500 Main, Meeker, CO  
878-5073

Ma Famiglia Restaurant  
Henry & Kris Arcolesse  
410 Market, Meeker, CO  
878-4141

White River Electric  
Association, Inc.  
233 Sixth St., Meeker, CO  
878-5041

Coulter Aviation  
Meeker, CO  
878-5045

Northwest Auto  
Sales & Service  
485 Market St., Meeker, CO  
878-5026

White River Convenience  
793 E. Market, Meeker, CO  
878-5353

# Lighting up for the Meeker Festival of Lights



SEAN McMAHON PHOTOS

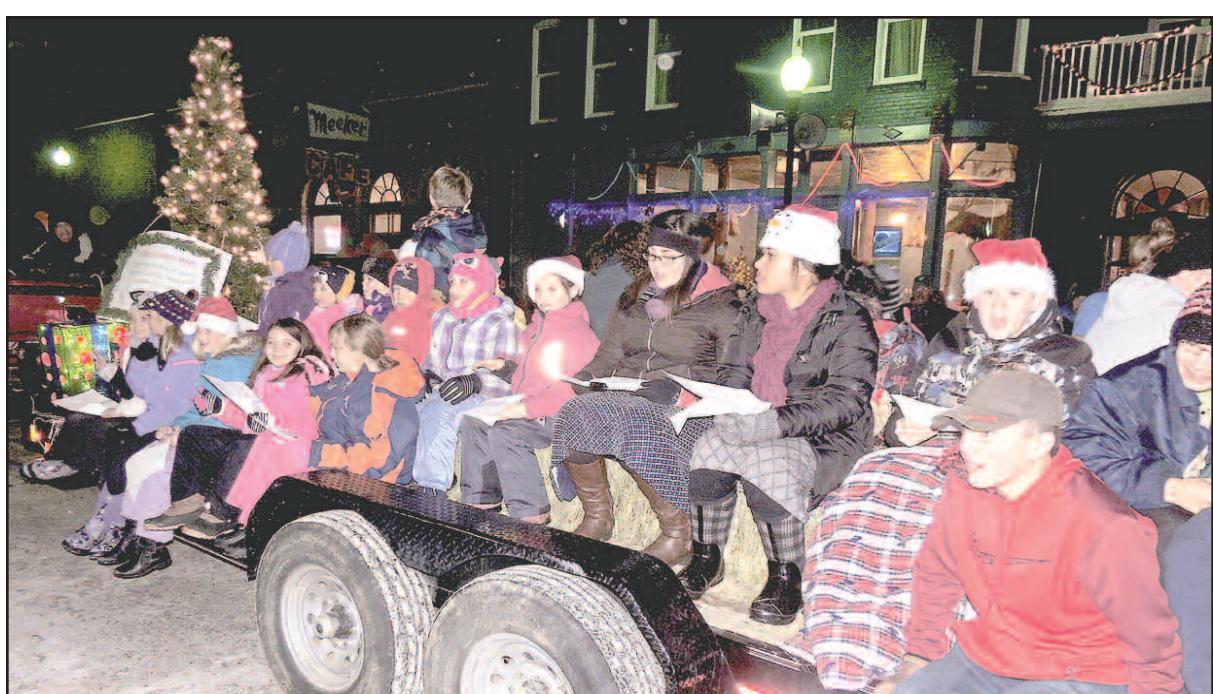
Hundreds of people gathered around the two large trees in front of the Rio Blanco County Courthouse on the evening of Dec. 2 to watch the lighting of the Meeker Christmas Tree as part of the annual Festival of Lights. The Meeker Elementary School Choir and the Meeker Community Choir also gathered in front of the Meeker Hotel to sing Christmas carols before the Meeker Christmas parade. The fun was concluded with fireworks.



The air along Main Street in front of the Meeker Hotel was filled with sounds of holiday music as the Meeker Elementary School Choir was joined by the Meeker Community Choir for a concert of popular Christmas tunes as several hundred folks listened. After the concert was the annual Meeker parade, which was the largest parade ever with 17 entries. The evening also included the lighting of the town Christmas trees and a short but impressive fireworks display by the Meeker Fire Department/Meeker Fire and Rescue.



There were many well lit and impressive floats on display in the Meeker Christmas parade the evening of Dec. 2, including this one, which included this large elk—one of 12 like it in the world—on the Hairbenders' float with Madison Kindler, front right. There were 17 floats in the parade, making it the largest Meeker Christmas parade ever. Float winners were: "It's a Wonderful Life" winner was the U.S. Forest Service; the "Clark Griswold's Brightest" award went to Ducey's Electric; and the "Santa's Elves' Choice" award went to White River Dental Hygiene.



Lots of music, choirs, singing and performing took place along the parade route, and one of the choirs joining in was the LDS Kids' Choir, which delighted several hundred spectators along the Main Street parade route for several blocks. The event was sponsored/organized by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. In Rangely, holiday events will culminate with their Parade of Lights on Saturday at 6 p.m. and a dance recital at 7 p.m.

## Meeker Homes Start to Look a Lot Like Christmas



SEAN McMAHON PHOTOS

This dramatic display belongs to Gary and Patti Merriam and is located on Pine Street between 8th and 9th streets. It is a favorite each year and includes the house, the yard and a small barn below the home along Pine.



This display shows a good grouping of color, which always makes for a good photo. The lights on this home belong to Joe and Kari Gutierrez and is located at 1130 Mark Circle.



One of the most extensive displays of lights each year—including the home, the yard and an outbuilding—is at the intersection of Sage Ridge Road and Mountain View Road in Sage Hills. The well-decorated home, done on more than one side, belongs to Justin and Shannon Slaugh. Just down the hill past Slaugh's home on Mountain View Road is an all-white-lighted home not to be missed, and it belongs to Jim and Debbie Cook.



Not quite certain who to credit for this display, the lights are mounted just behind a chain link fence located at the dead end at the very north end of 4th Street. There are other great displays located in and near to Meeker, and the best way to find them all are just to get into car, grab a hot chocolate and go and see for yourself.

## Some of the 2014 12-Days Winners!

# On the 12th Day of Christmas,

my **Rangely True Value** gave to me...

**12** Italian stone pine trees (\$119 value)

**11** 4-pack of LED candles (\$131 value)

**10** 24-pack AA batteries (\$150 value)

**9** 10-pack of hand warmers (\$100 value)

**8** Hestra work gloves (\$160 value)

**7** 4-pack light storage reels (\$140 value)

**6** Heavy-duty water coolers (\$225 value)

**5** 45-lb. buckets of ice melt (\$150 value)

**4** Drop humidifier (\$220 value)

**3** Infrared heaters (\$477 value)

**2** Milwaukee 1/2" 18V drill (\$500 value)

and a

**Henry Golden Boy 30-30  
Rio Blanco County Edition #3**



*Rangely True Value Hardware is giving away  
78 great gifts for Christmas.*

Background check required for the firearm prizes. Pictures do not depict actual products.

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**LEGAL NOTICES****LEGAL NOTICES****LEGAL NOTICES****PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the White River Conservation District for the ensuing year of 2016. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the conservation office at 351 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said district at the Halandas Building, Meeker, Colorado on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Any interested elector within said White River Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget at the conservation office or contact the District Manager at 970-878-5628 in Meeker, Colorado, and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

**WHITE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 By: Chris Coleflesh, District Manager  
 Publish: December 3 and 10, 2015  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Notice to Creditors**  
 Estate of Randy Scott Miller, Deceased  
 Rio Blanco County District Court  
 Case Number 15PR30001

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 4, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.

Sherman Romney, Esq.  
 Romney Law Office  
 415 W. Victory Way  
 Craig, CO 81625  
 Published: December 10, 17 & 24, 2015  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

[theheraldtimes.com](http://theheraldtimes.com)

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING****CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 15-20**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 29, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

Original Grantor(s) LeRoy Lontine and Joann Marie Lontine  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Caliber Funding LLC  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Caliber Home Loans, Inc.  
 Date of Deed of Trust July 16, 2012  
 County of Recording Rio Blanco  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2012  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 304285  
 Original Principal Amount \$215,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$205,168.75

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

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

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

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

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

Also known by street and number as: 6255 County Road 7, Meeker, CO 81641.

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

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

First Publication 12/03/2015  
 Last Publication 12/31/2015  
 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.

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

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

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

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

Colorado Attorney General  
 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor  
 Denver, Colorado 80203  
 (800) 222-4444  
[www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov)

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
 P.O. Box 4503  
 Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
 (855) 411-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)

DATE: 09/30/2015  
 Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado

By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee

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

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

Attorney File # 7225.770

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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**LEGAL NOTICES****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Estate of Julius Poole, Deceased  
 Rio Blanco County District Court  
 Case Number 15PR30025

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before April 4, 2016, or the claims may be forever barred.  
 Keith Poole, Personal Representative  
 c/o Turner & Perry, PC  
 300 Main St., Ste 202  
 Grand Junction, Co 81501  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

Notice is hereby given that work for the Town of Rangely (Owner) relating to the Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant Project in Rangely, Colorado, is complete, and FINAL PAYMENT was made on 07/15/2016 to Glacier Construction Company, 5460 S. Quebec St, Site 200, Greenwood Village, Co 80111 (Contractor). All persons, companies or corporations that have furnished labor, materials, or other supplies or services to the Contractor, for the Town of Rangely Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 2 under or in connection with the said project and whose claim has not been paid by the Contractor shall file a claim with the Town of Rangely (Owner), 209 E. Main, Attn; Jocelyn Mullen, Rangely, Co 81648. The claim must consist of a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such settlement will relieve the Owner from any or all liability for such claims.

Town of Rangely  
 BY: Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer  
 12/08/2015  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
 SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR MEEKER YOUTH  
 BASKETBALL (MYB)

The EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is soliciting proposals from qualified Sports Officials to officiate scheduled MYB basketball games (grades 3-6) from mid-January through mid-March. Interested parties are required to submit an organized letter which contains:  
 A history of experience and qualifications.  
 A per game rate defined; include full compensation for labor, equipment use, liability, and other associated costs incurred per game.  
 Selected candidates will be required to sign an Independent Contractors Contract and provide proof of liability insurance.  
 For more information contact Shelly Rogers, Recreation Manager, at shelly@meekerdistrict.com or 970-878-3403 ext. 409. Proposals must be received by the District before 5 p.m. on December 18, 2015 at the District's administrative office, Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.

EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

By: Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director

Published: December 10, 17, and 24, 2015  
 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

Board of Education Regular Board Meeting  
 555 Garfield Street  
 Monday, December 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

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

General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1.Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on November 17, 2015
- 2.Acceptance: Financial Reports for November 2015
- 3.Acceptance: Check vouchers for November 2015

4.Acceptance: Resignation from Julie Bowman (HS Volleyball Coach)

5.Acceptance: Resignation from Jason Browning (HS Baseball Coach)

Public/Committee Reports: DAC, BAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES

Principal Reports: Attached

1.Elementary School - Kathy Collins

2.Baronne Middle School - Jim Hanks

3.Meeker High School - Amy Chinn

Superintendent Report: Attached

**Action Items:**

- 1.Approval: Personnel Hires
- a.BMS Girls Basketball - Holly Knowles (Volunteer)

2.Acceptance: FY15 Draft Audit

3.Approval: Mill Levy Resolution

4.Approval: 2016 BOE Meeting Schedule

5.Approval: 2016 BOE Meeting Public Posting Location - [www.meeker.k12.co.us](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us)

6.Approval: Secretary to the Board of Education - Janelle Urista and Jessica

Browning

Executive Session: (If needed)

Other BOE Information

**Adjournment**

Check the district website at [www.meeker.k12.co.us](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us)for updates to the agenda.

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**Board of County Commissioners**

Monday, December 14, 2015

County Administration Bldg, 200 Main

Meeker, Colorado

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 14, 2015, Board Agenda

•Approval of the December 14, 2015 Agenda

•Consent 1 - Consideration of the Board Minutes of November 23, 2015

•Consent 2a - Financial Management Report November 2015

•Consent 2b - DHS EBT Register November 2015

•Consent 2c - DHS Warrant Register November 2015

•Consent 2d - Motor Vehicle Publication List November 2015

•Consent 2e - Treasurer's Publication List November 2015

•Consent 2f - Treasurer's Monthly Report November 2015

•Consent 3 - Approval of Contract for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Value West for the 2016 Reappraisal of Industrial and Commercial Properties

Property Evaluation Services for the Rio Blanco County Assessor

beginning on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed

\$24,720.00. (All Sign)

•Consent 4 - Approval of Annual Report for Discharges from the Application of Pesticides Certification #COG860034. (Chairman Only)

•Consent 5 - Grant of Permanent Non-Exclusive

Easement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Shades

**LEGAL NOTICES**

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)  
§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly, to  
the electors of the Mesa View Estates Water District  
II of Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 29th day of March, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 2 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Mesa View Estates Water District II interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Mike Mungas

439 Agency Drive  
Meeker, CO 81641  
(970)986-7949  
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Mon-Sat from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on January 22, 2016. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, January 25, 2016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Friday, January 22, 2016.

Mike Mungas  
Designated Election Official Signature  
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**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

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

All objections to the Petition for Determination of Heirs must be filed in writing with the Court and the filing fee paid within thirty-five days of service and that the hearing shall be limited to the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner.

A hearing for this matter has been set for February 5, 2016, at 2:00 pm, at the Rio Blanco County Court located at 555 Main Street, Suite 303, PO BOX 1150, Meeker, CO 81641.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RADINO & CHUCKWAGON**

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

Friday, December 11: Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry & banana fruit cup  
Monday, December 14: Christmas party-Roast turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, CA blend vegetables, Cranberry sauce, Pumpkin dessert, Community Choir  
Tuesday, December 15: Smoked ham, sweet potatoes, green bean almondine, cranberry mold, pie  
Wednesday, December 16: Salmon loaf/white sauce, parley buttered potatoes, five way vegetables, fruit cocktail

\*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

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

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Food Pantry, Meeker Fairgrounds, Dec. 17, Thursday, 11:00-12:30.

**MEEKER STREAKER  
MONTHLY SCHEDULE  
November 2015**

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

12/11 Bus in town

12/12 No bus

12/13 AM bus

12/14 Bus in town

12/15 Bus in town

12/16 Bus in town

12/17 Grand Jct-Medical/Bus in town

Due to Daylight Savings Time, please schedule out-of-town medical appointments before 2:00 PM. Call Streaker for a ride 878-9368. Reservations for Rec. Center Trips should be made at 878-3403.

Chuckwagon 878-5627. Please call in advance for a ride to medical appointments- (970)878-9368. For Rangely dental appointments, please call (970)675-3250.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PISTOL RIVER LEATHER**  
It's taking a lot of firework to keep the old shop warm!  
*About half a mind to do something usually gets it about half done.*

785 Park Ave 878-4346  
[www.pistolriverleather.com](http://www.pistolriverleather.com)

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

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

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

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

**Rangely Victim Services**  
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-9691. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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

**MEEKER HOUSING** Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

**Veterans Service Offices**  
Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581.

**Rangely:** Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

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

**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) 629-9397.

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION HORSE OWNERS:** If you ride on any public land in Rio Blanco or Moffat or Routt counties please call me. I would like your opinions on a few questions. ~Diane Mobley (970)878-4463.

**CONSTRUCTION**

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

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

**LOCAL HANDYMAN SERVICES:** painting, plumbing, flooring, etc. Quality work at decent rates. For an estimate please call (970)20-2150.

**PERSONALS**

The bumpy GOLD RING was my only memento of my grandmother. Please return it. No questions asked. Many thanks.

**YARD SALES**

WHATNOT SALE, Monday-Friday, starting Thursday, December 10th, 4-6 p.m., 1108 Pinyon Ave. at the top of 12th St. Lots of items for Christmas.

**GUNS**

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

**FARM & RANCH**

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

**MOTORCADE: MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**BUY LOCALLY! SUPPORT RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

**BUSINESS FOR SALE**

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

**RE: LAND/LOTS**

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

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

**RE:HOMES/MEEKER**

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

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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

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

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

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

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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

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

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$685 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

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

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

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

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

Rustic Lodge, small cabins, winter rates, includes wifi and other amenities (970)878-3136.

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

## RENTALS: MEEKER

## RENTALS: RANGELY

AVAILABLE DECEMBER 7, 835 9th St., 2 BDR, 1.5 BA, garage, \$650/month + \$500 deposit, (559)875-7918 or (559)284-5024.

## RENTALS: RANGELY

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

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

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

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Are you cheerful, energetic and customer oriented? We want you to join our hometown bank as a

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**Great Pay Starting at \$12.00/hr**

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400 Main Street  
Meeker, CO

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## HELP WANTED:

## GENERAL

Fax: 970-675-8011  
Email: twebber@westernrioblanco.org  
Application Deadline: Thursday, December 10, 2015-5:00 P.M.

Minimum Qualifications:  
\*Must have a degree in accounting or equivalent years of training and or on the job experience.  
\*Must have thorough knowledge running a certified Colorado Election.  
\*Must have experience in governmental investments.  
\*Must have experience in working with the SDA (Special Districts Association).

\*Must be proficient in working with PERA.

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GENERAL

A full job description can be acquired by emailing to the email address above.

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

The Town of Rangely owns and operates the natural gas distribution system that supplies natural gas to the residents of Rangely. The Town has a fulltime position open in the Gas Department. Duties include but are not limited to the following: meter reading, installation and maintenance of gas lines, leak call investigations, work orders, computer tasks, filing,

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generating reports, etc. This person must have the ability to obtain Operator Qualification through the Department, perform at the gas utility technician level and be able to assist the Gas Department Administrator.

The Gas Department falls under federally mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs and Operator Qualification.

Prior experience in gas distribution is desirable. The ability to work effectively with one's coworkers and the public is a must. Valid Colorado Driver's License required. Applicant must have the ability to perform physical labor as well as the ability to perform in an office setting. Applicant must also be willing to be "On Call" approximately one out of every four weeks upon Operator Qualification. Pre-employment screenings include a physical and

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a drug screen. The Town offers excellent benefits and salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications. Position open until filled. EOE. Application and letter of intent should be submitted to Lisa Piering, C/O Town of Rangely, 209 E. Main St., Rangely, CO 81648. Applications are available at: Town Hall, 209 E. Main St, Rangely, CO 81648, (970)675-8476



## Hairstylist Wanted:

Walbridge Wing Long-term Care  
needs a hairstylist to provide  
hair cutting and styling  
for our residents two days per week.  
Graduate of an accredited  
Barber/Cosmetology  
program with a HST license.

Go to our job posting at  
[www.pioneerhospital.org](http://www.pioneerhospital.org) for more information.

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RECRUITER/ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE  
RANGELY CAMPUS

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

CNCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## REAL ESTATE CORNER

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

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3865 Hwy. 40-Dinosaur \$350,000	513 Redwood Ln. \$215,900	173 Pinyon Cir. Reduced! \$214,900
340 Darius Ave. \$200,000	1497 La Mesa Cir. Reduced! \$185,000	927 W. Bell \$230,000
226 S. Grand Ave. \$177,000	207 Hillcrest Cir. \$170,000	218 S. White Ave. (Duplex) \$125,000
622 E. Rio Blanco \$124,000	306 & 308 S White (Duplex) \$110,000	310 & 312 S White (Duplex) \$110,000
We Also Have Vacant Land and Commercial Properties <a href="http://www.rangely-realty.com">www.rangely-realty.com</a>	212 Cottonwood \$89,500	Check Out Our Available Rentals! <a href="http://www.rangelyproperties.com">www.rangelyproperties.com</a>

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

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**MLS**

Meeker  
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Rangely  
Charlie Novak  
Broker Associate

- ◆ 1886 RBC Rd. 8 — New windows throughout, 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA home, 6.8 acres with 2000 SF White River frontage, large deck and spectacular views. One of a kind property! **\$350,000**
- ◆ 71622 Hwy. 64 — Perfect property! All recently remodeled, 3 BD, 2 BA home, close to town with great park-like setting. Just shy of 1 acre! **\$299,000**
- ◆ Vacant Land — 5 acres off of CR 8 on CR 14, borders BLM with access to WREA. **\$82,000**
- ◆ 1083 Laurie Cir. — Cute 3 BD, 1 3/4 BA, two-car garage, clean & open kitchen with newer appliances & fresh paint. Small yard & borders new soccer field. **Price reduced! \$109,000**
- ◆ 1376 Juniper — 4 BD, 2 BA, with unfinished 5th BD or hobby room. **\$246,000 SOLD!**
- ◆ Mexican Restaurant & Apartment: 302 W. Main St. — 3912 SF, fully functional, built in 1946 and has a banquet room in addition to the 2 BD, 1 BA apartment with 880 SF, built in 1950. **\$250,000**
- ◆ 1218 La Mesa — 4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2636 SF two-story built in 2008. Landscaping and sprinkler. **\$225,000**
- ◆ 315 & 317 N. Grand Ave. — Duplex; attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF. 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, carpet for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.**
- ◆ Dinosaur: 616 Antrodemus Alley — Three lots with a 2 BD, 1 BA mobile home on one lot. **\$39,900**
- ◆ NICE! 607 Lake St. — 3 BD 2 BA custom built home on a quiet corner lot. **\$15,000**

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Cindy Welle, Broker ~ Owner

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Meeker, CO 81641

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

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

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459 Cross L Dr. 8 - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot in Cross L. \$875,000. Also the adjoining 3 acre parcel is available for \$300,000 with highway access.

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

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