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'Tis the season ...

Santa and Mrs. Claus made their first stop of the season at Meeker on Friday night for Meeker's Parade of Lights. The Jolly Old Soul and his wife just may be in Rangely this weekend, taking part in Christmasfest. See photos throughout today's edition regarding Meeker's event and activities coming to Rangely.



Rangely man dies in tractor accident while plowing drive

By SEAN McMAHON
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RANGELY I A 60-year-old Rangely man was killed in a single vehicle accident on Dec. 4, when the farm tractor he was using to plow his neighbor's driveway slid, rolled over and pinned the man underneath.

Tractor owner Vernon "Dale" Lane was pronounced dead at the scene,

located about 40 feet from County Road 2.

On Dec. 4 at 3:45 p.m., the Rangely Police Department dispatch center received a 911 call advising of a rolled over farm tractor off County Road 2, but the caller said there was no person visible at the location. Three minutes later, a second 911 call was received and the caller stated that the rollover was at 6300 County

Road 2 and that the operator was pinned underneath.

According to Rio Blanco County Undersheriff Michael Joos, units from the sheriff's office, the Rangely Police Department, the Rangely Fire Department and the Rangely Ambulance Service responded.

Upon arrival, he said, responders found the tractor about 40 feet off County Road 2, upside down in the

bottom of a ravine with Lane pinned underneath the tractor.

Joos said Lane showed no signs of life and was pronounced dead at the scene.

It was later learned that the victim had been pinned under the tractor for at least 90 minutes before the first 911 call.

Winch, boom and crane trucks were requested from businesses in

Rangely — Striegel's, Ace West and Urie Trucking — to lift the tractor off the victim.

The subsequent investigation determined that Lane was plowing his neighbor's driveway and was backing down a long steep grade when the left rear tire dropped off the driveway. That reportedly caused the tractor to slide off the driveway and down a slope into the ravine.

The tractor rolled over, Joos said, coming to a rest on its top in the bottom of the ravine.

He said it was not determined whether Lane was thrown from or jumped from the tractor as it began to roll.

Lane's body was transported to Grand Junction by Rio Blanco County Coroner Dr. Albert Kreuger for an autopsy.

Christmasfest in Rangely set for this weekend

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Rangely Christmasfest activities kicked off this week, with the main events this Friday and Saturday.

This year's "Candyland-themed Christmas," put on by the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (WRBM), began with a scavenger hunt Tuesday and ramps up Friday with free gingerbread man decorating from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the recreation center. The activity is first-come, first-served.

On Friday, local businesses, including Sweetbriar, The Pottery Shop and Coconut Cove Tanning, will open from 6 to 8 p.m. for an evening of shopping in Candyland. During the evening, Wade Allred will give sleigh rides leaving from the Main Street Café. Caroling may also be available.

Saturday's events begin at 8 a.m. at the Blue Mountain Inn and Suites lobby, where the return of breakfast with Santa includes a free hot breakfast, photographs with Santa and a gift for each child.

Saturday afternoon, the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Colorado Room will be home to a variety of events, beginning with the Christmasfest craft fair from noon to 5 p.m. and gingerbread man contest judging at 1 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the Christmasfest Senior King and Queen will be crowned followed by the Snowflake Baby Contest at 2 p.m., an event that drew approximately 25 children dressed in their finest holiday gear last year. Children from birth to age 5 may participate.

At 6 p.m., the Rangely Parade of Lights begins on Stanolind Avenue and ends at CNCC. The weekend wraps up with a chili benefit dinner for Aveahna Klein and the recreation center's dance recital at 7:30 p.m. in the CNCC Colorado Room (for chili, please bring a minimum \$5 donation per person).

Sponsors, businesses and individuals bringing Christmasfest to residents this year include Allred, the Blue Mountain Inn and Suites, Rocky Mountain Well Service, First National Bank of the Rockies and C&J Field Services, WRBM aquatics/recreation director Camilla Kennedy said.



SEAN McMAHON PHOTOS

A fireworks display was launched from the old Meeker Elementary School property in downtown Meeker to mark the end of the town Christmas tree lighting contest and the second annual Parade of Lights on Friday evening. The events were sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Meeker High School and the Meeker Girls' Choir.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR

Meeker's Parade of Lights

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce released the names of the winners in Friday night's Parade of Lights in downtown Meeker.

In addition to the parade, students from the Meeker Girls' Choir performed Christmas carols, the Town of Meeker's Christmas tree was lit in front of

the Rio Blanco County Courthouse and a brief fireworks display was presented.

Winner of the "It's a Wonderful Life" Best of Show Award was the Pioneers Medical Center float; the "Clark Griswold" Brightest Float Award was presented to Meeker Sand and Gravel; and the Santa's Elves Choice Award went to the White River National Forest Blanco Ranger District float, complete with Smokey the Bear.



These four friends, from left to right, Doris Walters, Mickey Riegel, Dorothy Chappel and Ann Mortensen, braved the elements in downtown Meeker on Friday night to take in the Meeker Girls' Choir caroling, the lighting of the Meeker Christmas tree, the Meeker Parade of Lights and fireworks.

Alan Michalewicz new WREA manager, sees bright future

By SEAN McMAHON
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RBC I An affinity for small towns and an early interest in electricity have landed Alan Michalewicz as the new general manager of White River Electric Association, headquartered in Meeker.

Michalewicz came on board officially in November from Black Hills Electric Co-op out of Custer, S.D., where he was vice president of operations and engineering. He joined Black Hills in 2004 and held the position of vice president of operations and engineering since 2006.

"I got into the business through electrical engineering in college because there are lots of applications available," Michalewicz said. "I am basically a small town boy, and, with all three of our children in college, we figured it was time for me to move into a manager's position. The job with White River Electric Association just fit perfectly at the time I started looking."

Michalewicz and his wife, Karolyn, have three children, all in college. They have two daughters, Chelsie and Lauren, who are both students at the University of Nebraska — Kearney, while the youngest child, Joseph, was graduated from high school in May and is now attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Michalewicz earned his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering with an emphasis on power systems from South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., in 1983. He is also accredited as a registered professional engineer in Nebraska and South Dakota.

After earning his degree, Michalewicz joined Southwestern Public Service Co. in 1984, first as a field engineer at Amarillo, Texas, then in Borger, Texas, then finally, in 1987, as industrial power engineer in Hobbs, N.M., until 1990.

In 1990, he joined Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) as a field engineer in Kearney, Neb., where he was responsible for engineering capital additions and modifications to the 15 kiloVolt distribution system in 42 communities in central Nebraska.

In 1993, Michalewicz became regional engineering supervisor in Scottsbluff, Neb., a position he held until 1997. He was directly responsible for all sub-transmission and distribution engineering activities in 31 communities in western Nebraska.

In 1997, he returned to Kearney, where he served NPPD as retail operations support manager until 1999. While there, he was directly responsible for sub-transmission and distribution engineering, system control,

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ALAN MICHALEWICZ

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EARLY Holiday DEADLINES

All news items, photos, advertising and legal notices for publication during the holidays in the Rio Blanco Herald Times newspaper are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 for Christmas issue [Dec. 26, 2013] and Thursday, Dec. 26 for the New Year's issue [Jan. 2, 2014].

RANGELY *Christmasfest* THIS WEEKEND



HEATHER ZADRA
This weekend will see the major events planned for the Rangely holiday kickoff. The float above, from last year's parade, was one of the highlights of the event as Alliance Energy Service Co. used the theme of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."



COURTESY PHOTO
The majority of Rangely's Christmasfest events happen this weekend, including the crowning of a new senior king and queen Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the CNCC Colorado Room. Norm Hall and Patty Shoe, left, were last year's royalty.

New hours of operation at Dinosaur; some areas closing

Special to the Herald Times

DINOSAUR I The arrival of the first heavy snowfall means that winter has arrived at Dinosaur National Monument and visitors' access to some areas of the monument may be limited.

On the Utah side of the monument, the roads around the Quarry Visitor Center and Exhibit Hall are maintained to provide visitor access to the buildings. The Cub Creek Road is plowed to a parking area 1.3 miles past the Chew Ranch. The road to Josie Morris Ranch is now gated for the winter, but is open to hiking, and,

if snow conditions permit, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

On the Colorado side, Harpers Corner Road from the Echo Park Road turnoff to the end of Harpers Corner is now closed. The Harpers Corner Road will be kept open to the Echo Park Road turnoff until Dec. 31 so hunters may access nearby lands

outside the monument.

On Jan. 1, the road will close at Plug Hat Butte, which is five miles from US Highway 40. Once the road closes to vehicular traffic for the winter, portions of the Harpers Corner Drive will be open to snowmobiling, cross country skiing and snowshoeing if snow conditions permit.

Other roads such as the Echo Park Road, Yampa Bench Road, Island Park Road and the road to Gates of Lodore are not maintained and travel on them is not advised during the winter.

The Quarry Visitor Center and Exhibit Hall north of Jensen, Utah, are open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Christmas and New Year's days. Due to limited staffing, access to the Quarry Exhibit Hall is by car caravans

at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. The Canyon Visitor Center near Dinosaur is closed for the winter.

Remember that Dinosaur's weather is unpredictable and can change rapidly. Visitors should always be prepared for a range of conditions and check the current forecast before heading out. Road maintenance may be very limited during storms or on weekends. Please ensure that someone knows where you are going and when you are expected to return.

Spending a night or more in your vehicle stuck in a winter storm until either your family or employer wonders where you are can be a life-threatening situation. Be prepared with appropriate clothing and supplies for any unexpected incidents.

Blue jeans and tennis shoes without a jacket are not the best clothing for walking three to four miles to get assistance if you become stuck in two feet of snow.

For the properly prepared, winter is a wonderful time to visit Dinosaur National Monument. Days are cold, but may be sunny. Solitude is readily available. Wildlife, like deer, elk and bighorn sheep, may be seen along the rivers. Please be alert for animals crossing roads particularly at dawn and dusk.

For more information on Dinosaur National Monument, call 432-781-7700. You can also visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/dino, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DinosaurNationalMonument or follow @DinosaurNPS on Twitter.

THE 2013 MEEKER *Parade of Lights*



SEAN MCMAHON PHOTOS
Ron Spencer, disguised as a penguin, drives the Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant float on Friday night in the Meeker Parade of Lights. Not to be forgotten are passengers Sage Jensen and Shailee Rundberg, back right end of the float.



Several members of the Meeker Girls' Choir endured icy temperatures and an added slight windchill Friday night to serenade town residents and visitors who made it to the Meeker Christmas tree lighting and Parade of Lights. In spite of below-zero temperatures, the choir sang an impressive array of holiday songs a cappella — without music.

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Rangely hospital chief looks for progress, strong future

By **HEATHER ZADRA**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Rangely District Hospital may face its share of challenges in the future, but for now, CEO Nick Goshe is happy to check a couple of current ones off the list.

Over the last year, the hospital has been dealt significant blows to its full-time care provider staff. Dr. Mercedes Cameron took leave last December to be treated for breast cancer, while Dr. Chris Adams began missing work periodically in February and resigned for medical reasons in June. Cameron had been on staff for eight years, Adams for almost five.

Losing two doctors in six months, despite Dr. Karyl Ting and Dr. Tim Hsu staying on rotation and locum tenens (fill-in) physicians helping bridge gaps, took its toll. Many appointments, some of them scheduled weeks or months in advance, simply had to be cancelled.

"Does Who Care has been our main locum company," Goshe said. "But they can't help on short notice since their doctors are scheduled out three to six months in advance. We've had to use four or five different companies."

"This month alone, we've had five new physicians," he said. "...We had several weeks this year where we only had one doc for the clinic and the ER. There were times when there was no continuity at all."

By early summer, administrators and the board decided the hospital needed to actively recruit full-time care providers. Although it can be difficult to draw physicians to rural hospitals, Goshe hoped that RDH's ability to offer every-other-week schedules, weekends off, competitive pay and a new facility would attract providers.

For the three providers who will join the RDH staff over the next few months, a combination of those factors and local connections has brought them here.

Dr. Katy Rieves, a friend of Dr. Cameron's who worked with her at the St. Mary's Women's Clinic for two years before starting a private practice in Grand Junction, arrived in Rangely a couple of weeks ago. Shelby Lindsay, RN, who will take board exams early next year and see patients as a nurse practitioner in January or February, came to Rangely as a traveling nurse and signed a full-time contract with RDH in November. And Dr. Casey Aguirre, who will arrive in March, has roots in Salt Lake City and learned of Rangely indirectly through Rieves, who shared his recruiter.

Now, Goshe said, administrators can focus on decreasing the number of locum tenens physicians and re-establishing continuity in the organization.

The shift from four regular doctors to two occurred amidst financial struggles for the hospital, which cut hours and left positions unfilled after first-quarter numbers showed the continuation of a three-year decline in patient numbers in all but long-term care and

assisted living departments.

Goshe said that while current volumes are still lower than expected, several indicators point to the hospital's continued viability, from full long-term care and assisted living beds to the return of consistent staff and specialists filling needs in the community.

The hospital will also begin receiving a higher Medicare payout — approximately \$1.5 million — based on the new hospital building's depreciation schedule starting next year.

The hospital's status as a critical-access facility also brings in substantially more revenue per patient than facilities in larger places. Goshe said that even with national challenges to which hospitals should qualify for that status, Rangely would still fall well within more stringent guidelines.

Assuming these factors hold steady, Goshe said the board has no plans to cut back on departments or staff despite rumors of services like home health going away.

"Home health on its own would not exist unless you had somebody donating money to keep it open," Goshe said. "But I look at the services we provide — and home health is one of those that is essential — and I think that's why the taxpayers kick in some money to ensure we have services here available."

Still, challenges remain. Until the government receives and processes RDH's 2013 cost report, a process that takes the better part of a year, the hospital doesn't have the allotted Medicare funds available. Instead, it is drawing from a low-interest, \$1.5 million loan until Medicare pays what it owes.

"We're using as little of that loan as possible because we don't want to pay interest, obviously," Goshe said. "The (bank giving the loan) sees it as a low risk because they see Medicare owes us the money and it's coming."

In addition, tiered requirements for an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) database under the Affordable Care Act mean a growing budget for information technology specialists to build and maintain it.

So far, Rangely has met Stage I of the plan's Meaningful Use paradigm, but fulfilling the requirements of future stages could mean up to a 10 percent increase in IT staff annually according to some predictions, Goshe said.

Also on the horizon is the need for qualified medical and technical staff members who can interpret medical codes that will grow exponentially under the looming ICD-10 coding system.

"The number of medical codes right now is around 14,000 under ICD-9," Goshe said. "ICD-10 is going to expand the number of medical codes from 14,000 to around 140,000 ... It's supposed to make diagnoses more precise, but it's also going to make them more complicated."

Goshe said that although he doesn't know how the Affordable Care Act will play out over the long term, he

believes the mandate will drive up copays and deductibles which, in turn, influence how often people use health care. Cost-shifting to consumers means that routine health care may become a luxury, not an automatic choice, and Goshe said that low numbers at RDH and across the country already reflect that.

Despite the unknowns moving forward, Goshe believes Rangely is well-positioned for the future.

"It's a scary and exciting time in healthcare; it's changing so rapidly," Goshe said. "I think we're positioned right now to do well. I don't see us doing any kind of layoffs or downsizing."

"Hopefully you'll see better consistency with docs and more specialists coming," he said. "I feel good about where we are at now."



STATE OF AFFAIRS ...

Rangely Family Medicine nursing staff members answer calls and complete paperwork between patient appointments. Although factors like continued low patient volumes, electronic medical records mandates and rising insurance costs remain a cause for concern, Rangely District Hospital Chief Executive Officer Nick Goshe maintains that a \$1.5 million annual Medicare payout starting next year and RDH's status as a critical access facility has the hospital well-positioned for the future.

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FROM MY WINDOW...

A big difference between cold and frigid temperatures

By SEAN McMAHON
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Whew! That was one cold week we just went through and I would admit I was ill prepared.

Having come from Arizona, my car was the first of my concerns this week. I knew I needed to change oil from desert heat to mountain frigid, but I didn't get it done in time. Oil and antifreeze weights and mixtures vary widely, but the procrastinator in me won out.

Getting up and getting to work by 8 a.m. on Thursday just didn't happen. My vehicle, a Chrysler Sebring convertible, just kind of let out a small snicker and then was silent — until about 1 p.m., when the thermometer said it was still a frigid minus-six degrees.

On that second attempt, the car started right up, which means its tolerance might be about minus-eight, at best.

I want to avoid having to plug

my car in at night.

That was the strangest thing I ever had seen when I moved to Worland, Wyo., in 1977.

Everyone was struggling to keep their cars within about 100 feet of their homes because they all had extension cords running from their kitchens out to their cars, which had all been fitted with oil pan heaters.

It seems these heaters keep your oil pan warm, which makes it much easier to start in the morning — particularly after those really cold streaks that bottomed out at 44 degrees below zero during the winter of 1978-79.

How is it I remember the exact year when it got that cold? Because winter hit Worland on New Year's Eve on the last day of 1978.

I was driving a Ford Pinto. It had a plug-in oil pan heater, but I had to work from 2 p.m. to about 11 p.m. at the newspaper there. There were no plug-ins for the employees' cars, but they were only parked about five feet from the building — which

meant absolutely nothing when it came to the outside temperature.

I was supposed to get off at 11 p.m. and proceed immediately to the Worland Elks Lodge to meet my then-girlfriend (currently my wife) and we would enjoy ringing in the new year.

All went fairly well. I did leave work at 11, the car started right up as I drove all four blocks to the Elks Club, parked and went inside.

We rang in the new year with a bunch of friends and fellow Elks members until the bar closed down about 2 a.m.

My girlfriend had gotten a ride to the Elks, and I had all intentions of driving her home after the festivities wended down.

In incredibly bitter cold and wind, we walked about a block to where the Pinto was parked. We both got in and I turned the key. I heard a loud sound and the car felt like someone had just broadsided the car. It lurched it seems like about six inches, then all was silent.

We both looked outside and neither one of us had a clue as to what



had just happened.

"OK," I said to myself, "we are going to try this again."

I did. Once. Twice. A third time. I was getting the idea that the Pinto wasn't going to start.

I got out of the car and opened the hood. It really wasn't very comforting, but I knew immediately what had happened.

The aluminum block on that Pinto wasn't strong enough. Actually it was quite brittle.

What I saw under the hood was the entire engine block split in half. It looked kind of like a long ice tray that someone had taken an axe to lengthwise.

I could literally see through where the engine block had been — all the way to the icy street below. The only thing visible in that wide open area was a group of wires that previously led somewhere. Most of them were just hanging there; a few were connected from one side to the other.

That was the last time I drove that car.

The next day I was the proud owner of a used Toyota Celica.

In the spring I moved to Rogers, Ark., and that job led to a promotion to managing editor of a weekly in Eureka Springs.

I made trips back and forth to Boulder that next year to join the family for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving was a wonderful time with the family (no disasters this time), then Christmas rolled around and I was a bit dubious. The weather at Thanksgiving was in the 50s and 60, but before I left for Christmas I noticed that a major storm was forecast to hit Colorado on Dec. 27. No problem, I thought.

I got to Boulder on Dec. 24 and the weather was sunny, relatively warm, and it was a great time to go skiing on Christmas morning at Eldora Ski Area, about 45 minutes outside of Boulder.

A great morning of skiing was enjoyed and I returned to Boulder just an hour before the day's feast. It was a great day, but the evening was ruined because it was already time to pack to head back to Arkansas.

I awakened to an overcast day; it was fairly warm and the sun would shine for a few minutes here and there. About 10 a.m., I started packing the car and an hour later I was on the road.

What I hadn't done was keep track of the weather. If I had, I would have known that the major storm had speeded up and was supposed to move into Denver around noon that day instead of on the 27th.

Off I took with great haste, hoping to get ahead of the storm and sail all the way back to Arkansas. The reality was that it had started snowing just as I left the east side of Denver on Interstate 70.

It snowed. And it snowed. And it snowed harder.

It seems like I was the only one on the road and there was really no traffic. I kept heading east at a pretty good clip, but I couldn't help but notice the snow increasing in intensity.

I had good tires, however, and really wasn't worried.

I was approaching the town of Strasberg without any problems except poor visibility.

And you know, way back then, all of the Colorado Highway Patrol cars were white.

As I approached the Strasberg off-ramp with no intention of getting

off the highway, I strained to see something strange in front of me.

It was a highway patrolman standing in the middle of my lane.

I noticed him, I am sure, less than 100 feet away and discerned that he was trying to wave me off at the exit.

I had a choice. I could run him over or I could crank my wheel right at about 60 miles per hour and shoot — hopefully there was time — up the off-ramp without shooting off the roadway into what was by now about 10 inches of snow.

I cranked right, but as soon as I got on the off-ramp, I plain and simply lost control of the vehicle. I did two 360s and one 180 on the ramp and came to rest with my car pointed straight down the ramp I had just come up.

No more sign of the highway patrolman, so I spent the next few minutes trying to clean the ... oops ... cobwebs out of my head. I got back into the car, turned it around and headed the rest of the way up the ramp and took a left into Strasberg, where I found the last hotel room in town.

I felt pretty lucky to have survived that entire ordeal and to have gotten the last hotel room.

It continued to snow all night in Strasberg, so after I walked about a half a block to the motel's cafe, I went back to my room, watched TV and finally went to sleep — a little rattled by the day's events but happy that I was comfy in a Strasberg motel.

Morning came soon enough. I got up slowly, got dressed eventually and walked cautiously to the cafe for breakfast or lunch only to find out that Interstate 70 was still closed and was supposed to remain closed that day and possibly into the next day.

I paid for another night in the hotel and did about as little as can be done on any given day in Strasberg — and that is a whole bunch of nothing.

I followed the previous day's schedule except I did awaken fairly early. I figured I would get up, get packed, start the car and drive it over to the cafe, eat and then get out

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Wed.	Dec. 18 - Waffles & Sausage, Carrots, Fruit
Thurs.	Dec. 19 - Soft Chicken Tacos, Corn, Seasonal Fruit, Salsa
Fri.	Dec. 20 - Tator Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Peppermint Cookie, Fruit Juice

RANGELY
School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF DEC. 16-19, 2013

Mon.	Dec. 16 - Pancakes & Sausage, Potato Triangle, Fruit & Salad Bar, Milk or Water
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County has new CDOT communications mgr.

Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to dear friends in the Colorado Department of Transportation's Region 3 area, which includes Rio Blanco County.

I have worked with many of you over the past decade on plenty of exciting CDOT projects and news stories. So while I will greatly miss working with you, it is truly my pleasure to announce that we have added two new regional communications managers to our team.

We now have five communications managers, one per each of our five transportation regions. That means that in our expansive Region 3 (northwest Colorado, including Rio Blanco County), you will all get improved customer service provided by my new coworker, Tracy Trulove, who is a resident of Glenwood Springs.

Tracy's local home base enables her to better travel and work in our residences throughout the region, which now extends through Summit County. With my home base in Durango, I could only provide limited on-site assistance (thanks to a little thing called Red Mountain Pass!).

Tracy is a real asset to our team, with a great deal of public relations and media relations experience here and abroad.

As for me, I'm not moving on, but rather focusing attention fully on our southwest Colorado (Region 5) now; so I will be available to provide any assistance necessary.

It has been a pleasure working with you all. I'm sure you'll hear from me in the future, when Tracy needs some vacation back-up support!

Best regards and happy holidays.
Nancy Shanks
Communications Manager
Region 5
Colorado Department of Transportation
Durango

Thanks for help with parade of lights

Dear Editor:
The Meeker Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all

who participated in the 2013 Parade of Lights. For those community members who came out to brave the cold, thank you for helping make our community celebration successful.

We were pleased to have more than 20 parade entries in this year's lineup and, once again, the floats were impressive!

We could not pull off these types of community events without the help of volunteers, and we would like to thank Caleb Dodds, Jim Worrell, Drew Varland, Dale Hallebach, Alan and Karolyn Michalewicz, Gary and Laurie Zellers, Addie Joy, Matilda Brown, McKenna Kummer, the staff at Rio Blanco Herald Times, the Meeker Girls Choir, Shana Holliday, Kim Kummer, Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue, White River Electric Association, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, Margie Joy, Trina Zagar-Brown, Meeker Police Department, the Town of Meeker, and the Meeker Chamber Board of Directors — Leif Joy, president; Wendy Gutierrez, vice president; Kim O'Connell, treasurer; Ann Marie Scritchfield, Cassie McGuire, Lee Overton, Diana Jones, Joe Fennessy, Marti Walsh.

We would also like to thank the Meeker Hotel and Café for allowing us use of the balcony and Rio Blanco County for the use of their sound system.

A big 'thank you' goes out to all the parade entries. We definitely couldn't do a parade without you! Community events like this are the reason many of us choose to call Meeker "home," and we look forward to a happy and healthy holiday season and a great New Year!

Katelin Cook
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Meeker Chamber of Commerce

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Tipton pushes Jewell for sage grouse goals

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I On Friday, Congressman Scott Tipton (R-CO3) spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to urge Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to provide measurable goals for the preservation of the Greater Sage Grouse and the Gunnison Sage Grouse.

Rep. Tipton also renewed his

invitation for Jewell to come to Colorado to see firsthand the effective local preservation efforts that are under way in the state.

He emphasized that the proposed Endangered Species Act designations for the sage grouse, "would kill jobs, devastate communities, and disrupt effective species preservation efforts currently under way."

"The proposed Endangered

Species Act designations for the Gunnison Sage Grouse and Greater Sage Grouse would impact millions of acres in Colorado and hinder existing conservation efforts," he said. "It would put private lands off limits to most use and development, including agriculture production, without providing any compensation."

"In my district, plans at the local

level are under way to effectively preserve the species," Tipton said. "Because they take into account the unique geography and environment of the region, these efforts are seeing success."

Interior Department officials have yet to provide measurable species preservation goals so that state and local officials can meet them, he added.

WINDOW: Editor's cars have borne the brunt of cold

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of town.

I got up, got packed and attempted to start the car. I had parked the car with the driver's side catching the east-blowing wind, so I had to break the ice off the entire mechanism before I could insert the key.

That complete, the key still wouldn't go in the keyhole.

I heated it a bit with a lighter, and that didn't help. I heated it again and the key finally slipped all the way into the keyhole. But it wouldn't turn and open.

I heated the key again and stuck it in the keyhole and tried to turn the key. The key made it about half way to unlocking the car when the button on the door shot out of its hole in the handle and shot about 20 feet across the parking lot, landing in a snowbank. It was just the button and some attached rod of metal that must have snapped when the heated key hit some part of the mechanism.

I spent about 20 minutes looking for the button in the snowbank. But that was an exercise in futility because not only wouldn't the rod go back in the door, but the door

button wasn't even close to going back where it should have gone.

I went into the motel, ate my breakfast, paid my bill and got into my car. I entered through the passenger door, climbed over the console between the bucket seats and headed back to Eureka Springs.

Every time I had to stop and get out — for a restroom stop or for a meal, etc. — I climbed back and forth over the console and got out of the passenger side.

When I got back to Eureka Springs, the mechanics never did figure out how to get that door open

without it costing more than the car was worth.

So I drove that car for two more years because I didn't have the money to fix it or to pay it off and get a new vehicle.

I got pretty good at getting in and climbing over the console. The only real embarrassing time was when I went to pick up a date.

They always thought I was a gentleman because I would hurry up and open the door for them. But I did have to explain that I needed to get in first and climb over the console before they could get in.

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For further information, please call Town Hall 878-5344.

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Our All-Powerful God (2)

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



Dr. J.D. Watson

UPHOLDING all things by the word of his power . . . (Heb. 1:3). All three basic elements of the physical universe—space ("heaven"), matter ("heaven and earth"), and time ("beginning")—were brought into existence by the Word of God (Gen. 1:1). But that is not all. While volcanoes and other forces of nature are certainly graphic examples of power, they illustrate destructive, uncontrolled power. God's omnipotence, however, is quite different.

Second, we see God's power in His continuation of all things. The above forces tend to crush things, while God's power continues them. The word **upholding** (*pherō*) means "to bring, bear, or carry" with the added picture of carrying something that is in motion to another place. This word appears in Acts 27:15-17 to describe how a ship is carried along by the wind. What a picture, indeed! God not only continually preserves and maintains an entire universe, but one that is in that is in constant motion and ever changing.

Colossians 1:17 provides another amazing image: "He is before all things, and by him all things consist." "Consist" (*sunistemi*) means to join parts together into a whole. "The world is not a chaos but a cosmos," writes William Hendriksen. "It is an orderly universe, a system." We could translate this phrase: "By him everything sticks together."

Third, we see God's power in His control of all things. Again, the forces mention earlier cannot be controlled, but God's power is controlled by the perfections of His will and purpose. In other words, omnipotence not only describes God's power but also His power over His power.

For this reason He controls everything.

(1) God controls men. His power brought the plagues upon Egypt (Ex. 7-12), gave Moses the exact words to say to Pharaoh (Ex. 4:11), protected Daniel in the lion's den (Dan. 6), as well as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the furnace (Dan. 3), and struck down and blinded Saul on his way to Damascus (Acts 9).

(2) God controls angels. "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven" (Dan. 4:35). These are also "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14).

(3) God controls Satan and the fallen angels. Satan is limited by what God allows, as when he could do to Job only what God allowed (Job 1:12; 2:6). The Lord Jesus ordered demons out of a man at Gadara and permitted them to enter a herd of pigs (Mk. 5:1-20). God will also chain Satan for a thousand years (Rev. 20:2) and will finally cast him into the Lake of Fire forever (20:10).

While chaos, confusion, and calamity do indeed seem to rule the day, God is in control. Dear Christian Friend, we can forsake all doubt and fully trust that God's power is in control.

Scriptures for Study: Read the following verses, noting God's omnipotence in each: Psalms 107:24-29; Daniel 4:35; Nahum 1:3-6.

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

WREA: Michalewicz enjoys area's outdoor activities

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metering, substation, load optimization and stores departments, consisting of 126 colleagues. He was also responsible for changing from regional operations to a statewide process-oriented operation. He served as retail Y2K team leader and was directly responsible for a \$3.5 million operations and maintenance budget.

From 1999 to 2003, Michalewicz served as retail operations manager in Kearney. In that position, he was directly responsible for all sub-transmission and distribution systems consisting of 780 miles of sub-transmission, 2,470 miles of distribution and 147 substations in 78 communities, servicing 87,500 customers. He also supervised an organization consisting

of 243 colleagues in engineering, system control, construction and maintenance, substation, metering, stores and fleet areas of NPPD.

Michalewicz joined Black Hills Electric Cooperative as field engineer in Kearney from 2004 to 2006. In that capacity, he was directly responsible for engineering capital additions and modifications to the 15 kiloVolt distribution system in five counties in South Dakota.

In 2006, he was promoted to vice president of operations and engineering at the co-op's main office in Custer, S.D.

In that capacity, he was directly responsible for all sub-transmission and distribution systems, consisting of 780 miles of sub-transmission, 2,470 miles of distribution and 12 substa-

tions in five counties, service 8,500 members.

While there, he also supervised an organization of 15 colleagues in the engineering, construction and maintenance and metering areas. He was also responsible for creating the company's 20-year long-range plan and a 4-year work plan during his last two years there. And he was directly responsible for a \$7.8 million distribution capital budget, a \$15.3 million operating and maintenance budget and a \$1 million transportation budget as well as being involved in all retail rate and extension rule changes.

As to why he is partial to working at the co-op level instead of with larger power companies, Michalewicz said, "Co-ops are closer to the mem-

bers; I believe the co-op works so well because it doesn't have any 'stock holders' per say, but the organization is owned by the members. I have worked where the focus was on the bottom line of the finances, and I can truly say I would much rather focus on the membership and doing what is possible to provide members with good service at a price that is as affordable as we can make it."

Michalewicz said his biggest challenge now at WREA is and always will be the wholesale costs of the energy.

"Wholesale costs will continue to go up as it continues to be more and more expensive to produce the energy, but we are looking to keep those prices as low as we possibly can," he said.

"And we still don't know what the effect of Colorado's Measure 252 (which requires cooperatives to increase their shares of renewable energy) is going to be," he said. "It will likely cause prices to go up at some time, but I personally don't expect to see a price increase during 2014. It is possible that the board at Tri-State may seek a small increase at mid-year, but it is not something I expect."

When he can get away from the office, he is "interested in anything outdoors or sports related," he said.

He specifically noted his interest in golfing and hunting along with "just about any kinds of sports."

"We enjoy RVing, snowmobiling, UTving on our four-wheeler and just getting into the outdoor environment," Michalewicz said of himself and Karolyn.

RETIREMENT ...



SEAN MCMAHON

Bonnie Ruckman, the director of the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, spent plenty of time cutting her retirement cake on Monday afternoon at Meeker Town Hall. Ruckman was a caseworker for the department for 13 years and she spent 24 years as department director. Ruckman and her husband, Bob, whom she met in Europe in 1966, are looking forward to U.S. and international travel as well as spending more time with the grandchildren. "It has been a wonderful experience and I have worked with some wonderful people," she said. "It is time for me to go now and enjoy some other things. Thanks to everyone at the town; you will all be remembered."

"We have really enjoyed it here," he said. "The people have been very friendly and very accepting and, until the last week, the weather has really been great."

"I am truly happy to be here in Meeker and with White River," he said. "Besides all the good things about Meeker, WREA has a great

board and great employees.

"I believe many of the big power-supply companies have lost sight of what it is that is important," Michalewicz said. "It is nice to be tied to a company like WREA with closer relations to its members. I am looking forward to the future here with great optimism."

Christmasfest

Tuesday, December 10th

SCAVENGER HUNT You will hop on your sleigh at the Rec Center and venture down to Candy Land looking for clues on where the sweets have gone. Begins Tuesday morning and concludes Friday by noon! Prizes to the first five gumdrops to come back with all the clues.

LIGHT UP RANGELY contact Rec Center for more information on how to participate.

Friday, December 13th

GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING 10-10:45 am at the Rec Center

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Saturday, December 14th

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Rangely hospital presents nursing awards

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY Rangely District Hospital honored three former and current nurses with the inaugural Ruth King Excellence in Nursing Award at a pinning ceremony Saturday night.

The event, the first of its kind at RDH, recognized recipients' lifetime service to the hospital and acknowledged the role registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nurse's aides, nurse's aides and ward clerks play in patient care.

"Nursing is a profession of protected moments; it is a wholly devoted style of living," chief nursing officer and master of ceremonies Sharma Vaughn said. "It is daily devotion to alleviate pain, offer hope and change the world — or at least to change someone's world moment by moment

in all the little ways that count." Saturday's ceremony highlighted the careers of Ruth King, a registered nurse who built a legacy of caring for patients in Rio Blanco County for five decades; Mary Reese, the hospital's director of nursing for a combined decade of service, known for her blend of professionalism and compassion; and Sheryl Sheley, an RDH employee for 28 years, recognized for her work ethic and high level of patient care.

Granddaughter Jennifer Turner accepted the award for King, who passed away in 2012; daughter Erin Zak and husband Jerry Reese accepted Mary Reese's honor. Reese passed away in 2011.

Nurses Anne Benhart, Karen Stanley and Tammy Warden spoke to the traits that made the honorees outstanding in their profession.

Benhart recalled King's ability to offer individualized comfort to each patient and a certain warmth accompanying her actions.

Reese, Stanley said, balanced a wry sense of humor with a keen understanding of patient care and staff management.

Sheley worked as a certified nurse's aide at RDH before earning her licensed practical nurse and registered nurse certifications. She later went on to become assistant director of nursing and director of nursing before becoming Rangely Family Medicine's clinic manager in September.

"She never asked anything of us she wouldn't do herself," Warden said.

After accepting their pins, Sheley and the Reese and King family members lit the Nightingale lamp, a mark of nurses' continued vigil over their

patients. Nursing staff also wore traditional caps, representative of the nurse's responsibility in transitioning from book knowledge to active care.

The evening included a presentation that intersected Rangely hospital history with RDH's current offerings. At the event's close, nurses recited the Nightingale Pledge, a modified version of the Hippocratic Oath.

Vaughn summed up the nurse's charge, and the King recipients' success at meeting it, in her opening words.

"The (recipients) are the heroes who taught us to make a bed, offer comfort, reason and intervene with impeccable precision, prioritize with infallible rationale, care for the dying and the dead, grieve a stranger and celebrate life," Vaughn said.

A committee of RDH nursing staff will gather nominations for and vote on future Ruth King Excellence in Nursing Award recipients.



HEATHER ZADRA
Registered nurse Anne Benhart, left, prepares to pin Ruth King's granddaughter, Jennifer Turner, with the Ruth King Excellence in Nursing Award. King, former nursing director Mary Reese and longtime Rangely District Hospital nurse Sheryl Sheley were the first recipients of the award — King and Reese posthumously. Chief nursing officer Sharma Vaughn said that King, a registered nurse who worked for Rangely Community Hospital and RDH in their fledgling years and for decades afterward, passed on a legacy of professionalism and care to generations of RDH nursing staff.

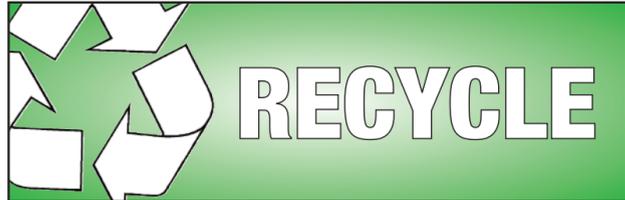
Colorado 'You Got Talent' competition scheduled in Meeker

Special to the Herald Times

RBC "Colorado You Got Talent" will be holding auditions in Rio Blanco County this summer, and talented individuals from this and surrounding counties are invited to take part. "Colorado You Got Talent" is Colorado's largest premier talent competition. Its auditions are for the best youths and adults to compete in the 2014 state regional finals.

The competition will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Mountain Valley Bank in Meeker. All ages and kinds of talent are welcome in the competition.

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THE MEEKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

The Chamber of Commerce Public Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30am at Kilowatt Korner. Also, we have started a Membership Focus Group and Tourism Focus Group that meet each month. If you would like to attend these Focus Group meetings please call the Chamber, as dates and locations vary. We welcome your involvement!

"PLATES FOR NON-PROFITS" AT MA FAMIGLIA WAS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who dined at Ma Famiglia and supported "Plates for Non-Profits"! Profits that day went to support The United Methodist Church and the Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to MICKEY REAGLE, who won the raffle prize of a Meeker-opoly game!



The next "Plates for Non-Profits" will be at Hollidays, Thursday December 19th to support the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council. Hollidays is located at 364 7th Street. Enter the raffle to win a gift basket filled with items from the Meeker Arts and Cultural Council that will inspire your creativity!

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Chamber would like to thank all those who participated and attended the Parade of Lights! Despite the frigid temperatures, the community showed their "Merry Meeker Lights" and huddled to show their holiday cheer and enjoy this fun annual event. The parade entry winners are: "It's a Wonderful Life" Best of Show award: Pioneers Medical Center "Clark Griswald" Brightest Award: Meeker Sand and Gravel Santa's Elves Choice: White River Nat. Forest Blanco Ranger District



"Plates for Non-Profits" was a fun success for Henry and Kris Arcolese from Ma Famiglia, Kristina Lubner and Reverend Jon K. Laughlin of the United Methodist Church, and Stephanie Kobald from the Chamber of Commerce



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More details about these December events can be found on our Community Calendar on our website www.meekerchamber.com. Please visit our website to add your own public event! Items in bold are sponsored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce. Events sponsored by others are indicated

- Dec 14: Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo - Exhibitors mtg 11-1pm at Meeker Hotel**
- Dec 14: Moonlight Ski at Marvine Trailhead**
- Dec 17: Town Council**
- Dec 19: "Plates for Non-Profits" at Hollidays supporting the Meeker Arts & Culture Council**
- Dec 25: Happy Holidays!**
- Dec 31: Historical Society Board Meeting**

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEARN HOW TO BE AN EXHIBITOR AT THE BLACK CANYON HUNT & OUTDOOR EXPO Saturday, December 14th from 11-1pm at the Meeker Hotel

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PLATES FOR NON-PROFITS

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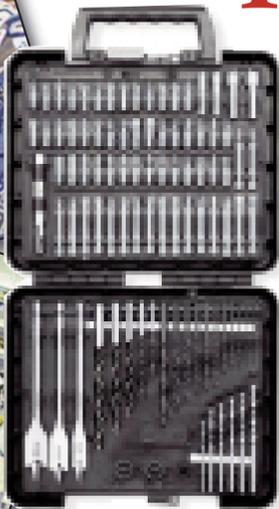
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Lady Cowboys defend WREA Shootout title

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker High School's girls' basketball team kicked off their season with a bang, winning the WREA Cowboy Shootout by defeating Little Snake River, Soroco and Nucla over the weekend.

It was an outstanding team effort, with the home team outscoring their opponents 162-93. All nine girls on the varsity team scored and four players scored more than 25 points on the weekend.

The aggressive defense and transition scoring got the lady Cowboys off to a great start in the first game as they took a 27-13 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Coach Greg Chintala said, "We took care of the ball and had low turnovers for the weekend."

Meeker extended the lead in the second half against Baggs' Little Snake River, winning the game 52-27. The team was led by senior Taylor Neilson with 19 points, followed by Sydney Hughes and Aly Ridings with eight, Megan Parker with six, Piper Haney with five, and Deana Norell, Shelby Burke and Taylor Morris with two each.

The second game started in much the same way against league opponent Soroco, with Meeker leading 30-15 at intermission. However, Neilson was hit in the eye so hard it nearly swelled shut by half, and Sydney Hughes got in foul trouble.

The two leaders' absence was certainly noticed as the tempo slowed and the Rams made a third quarter run for the lead.

Chintala said, "The girls stepped up and gave good important minutes when we needed them." The team kept its composure and had crucial baskets from Megan Parker, Deana Norell, Aly Ridings and a huge game from Piper Haney with 19 points. She was a machine under the basket for Meeker.

With the consistency of the senior leaders and Hughes' return to the game, the pace changed immediately. Meeker took control of the game and finished nearly 20 points ahead, 56-38.

Behind Haney's 19 points was Ridings with 12, Hughes had 11 and Neilson had six in just one half of play. Parker and Norell each added four. The game against Nucla was only close for the first eight minutes before Sydney Hughes once again sparked the team, scoring 10 of the team's 20 points in the second quarter. Taylor Neilson added eight in the quarter with two three-pointers.

The third quarter found a new leader, as a steady Deana Norell scored eight in the eight minutes and finished with 10.

The Cowgirls finished the game 54-28. "The girls are not afraid to come in and work hard," Chintala said.

That hard work paid off as did the toughness of senior Taylor Neilson, who came back from her injury to score eight points in the game and a total of 33 points for the weekend. She also captured the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament.

Also named to the All-Tournament team was senior Aly Ridings, who had 28 points on in three games and Sydney Hughes,



Above, the MHS girls' varsity basketball team won back-to-back WREA Cowboy Shootout titles, dominating the competition, including a 54-28 winning performance in the championship game against the Nucla Mustangs. Pictured in front are Aly Ridings, Megan Parker and Taylor Morris. Back, Jamie McLaughlin, Taylor Neilson, Deana Norell, Shelby Burke, Sydney Hughes, Piper Haney and Coach Greg Chintala. Right, Nucla's Shalyn Steffan, Soroco's Briana Peterson and Shiloh Rozell, along with Meeker's Hughes, Neilson and Ridings were all named to the All-Tournament team. Neilson was named the MVP and Ridings won the three-point contest.

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who scored 37 points and was in double figures in steals.

The team had an exciting first weekend of basketball, proving they

have several scoring options, tremendous defense and leadership, a combination that left the team with a 3-0 record.



Lady Panthers open season in WREA Cowboy Shootout

By HALLIE BLUNT
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Rangely girl's basketball team kicked off its season in the annual White River Electric Association's Cowboy Shootout in Meeker.

The lady Panthers started with the

varsity playing a very close game against Grand Valley on Thursday night, then playing Friday against Little Snake River and Saturday against Soroco.

On Thursday night, the team had five of its seven players score with Aimee Hogan leading the way with eight points, Carrie Goddard adding

six, Desiree Coombs contributed five, Tessa Slagle finished with three and Chelsea Ficken added two.

Friday was a defensive battle against the Little Snake River Valley Rattlers from Baggs Wyo. Rangely fell behind 12-4 in the first quarter but came back to outscore Little Snake 14-10 in the second quarter, making it

22-18 in Little Snake's favor at the half.

Coach Quinton Kent said, "We got off to a rocky start, and even though we lost to Snake River on Friday, I was pleased with the improvement. We played much better all around, and some shots began to fall."

The team was led by Ficken with

10 points and Hogan, Slagle and Thacker each added four. Coombs and Stephens each had a pair on the night.

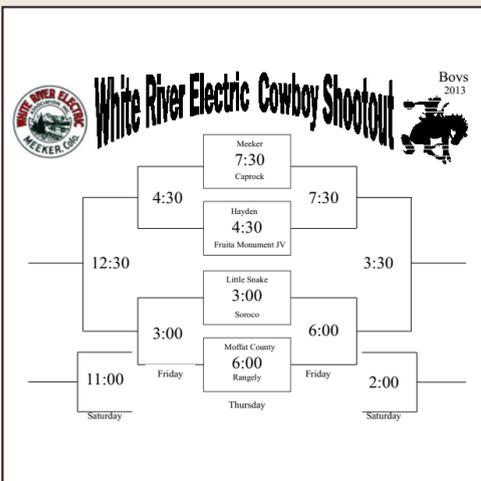
Rangely completed the tournament against Soroco, a game in which the team came out playing very well, finishing the first quarter down 17-15 and the half down 28-20.

The team went cold shooting in

the second half, and the Rams took a commanding lead for the remainder of the game. Aimee Hogan had 15 of the team's 35 points and Chelsea Ficken added eight.

The Panthers gained quality court time and learned what they have to work on as they round out the pre-season.

WREA SHOOTOUT ...



COURTESY PHOTO

The Meeker boys' basketball team opened the season in Olathe on Tuesday with a 53-34 win and will host Caprock in the first round of the 2013 WREA Cowboy Shootout at 7:30 p.m. today. The Rangely Panthers are also in the eight-team bracket and will play Moffat County in the first round, with the tipoff scheduled for 6 p.m.

Cowboys look "confident" at Colorado Mesa University duals

MEEKER I "The kids looked confident, even with five freshmen," Meeker Cowboy wrestling coach J.C. Watt said of his team's demeanor after opening the season with five dual matches in the Colorado Mesa University Duals in Grand Junction. Meeker defeated Durango (48-27), Olathe (52-18) and Monticello, Utah (45-27) but lost to Delta (47-27) and Cedaredge (52-18). Only Monticello was in the same size classification as the Cowboys as all of the Colorado teams the Cowboys wrestled, were larger schools. "We were matched with similar teams, so it was really good for us," Coach Watt said.

The Cowboys filled 11 of 14 weights, with five freshmen opening their high school careers on the varsity team. Meeker freshman Sheridan Harvey (106) was one of three Cowboys to win all five of his matches. Sophomore Devon Pontine (170) and junior Anthony Watt (145) also won all five of their matches, each had three pins. Senior Willis Begaye (152) went 4-1 on Saturday, with all four of his wins coming by pin. Junior Calvin Shepherd pinned two of his opponents at 113 and also has a 4-1 record after the first week of the 2013-14 wrestling season. Freshmen Chase Rule (160) and Tyler Ilgen (285) each recorded a pin in their respective weights and both have 3-2 records as does junior Tristin Pelloni (120). Sophomore Sam Lange (126) and freshman Hunter Garcia (138) also recorded pins, two and one, respectively, and both have 2-3 records. Freshman Josh Cochran's (132) lone victory was by pin.

Meeker won 37 varsity matches in the five duals, with 21 coming by pin. Freshmen Cody Nielsen, Casey Turner, Caleb Bradford, sophomores Nick Burri, Jake Henderson and Dillan Frantz, along with senior Kelly Denny wrestled in a scrimmage in Fruita, and Coach Watt said "I think it was a really good experience for our kids." The Cowboys were missing senior J.C. Henderson, who was interviewing with Colorado's U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton about attending the United States Air Force Academy, and sophomore T.J. Shelton, Meeker's defending state champion, who did not wrestle because of an injury. The Cowboys will compete in the Delta Panther Invitational on Saturday and the JV team will wrestle in the Rifle JV tournament. Both are bracketed tournaments.

Rangely Panthers open season at Colorado Mesa University

RANGELY I The Rangely High School wrestling team opened the season at the Colorado Mesa University Duals in Grand Junction, and although the varsity team of five did not win any duals, they all had individual successes. "We wrestled OK for our first competition of the year," Panthers head coach Jeff Heinle said. "I saw a lot of good things on Saturday, and with that said, I also saw a lot that needs to be worked on." Wrestling on varsity for the Panthers were Heath Peters (132), Nych DeLeon (138), Caleb Lawson (145), Lucas Heinle (152) and Ethan Allred (170). Rangely JV wrestlers Ryan Barlow (138) and Ki Ki Ruiz (145) both wrestled two matches in Grand Junction. The Panthers lost duals to Cedaredge (66-18), Monticello, Utah (42-12), Montezuma-Cortez (42-6), Coal Ridge (48-24) and to Grand Valley (24-11). "The round against Coal Ridge was the best round we had as a team," coach Heinle said. "We lost the dual, but we won all but one in the head-to-head matches." Peters, DeLeon, Lawson and Heinle all won by pin. Heinle and Lawson finished with 3-2 records. Peters, DeLeon and Allred all have 2-3 records. Barlow pinned both of his opponents and Ruiz pinned one and lost the other. All but one of Rangely's wins were by pin, Peters won by technical fall (15-0) against his Grand Valley opponent. "I think we will learn more from our losses than our wins this weekend," Coach Heinle said. "Winning is a good thing, but if we can learn from our losses and not make the same mistakes that cost us matches, then it is going to be a good season."



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TAYLOR NEILSON, SENIOR
Meeker High School

Neilson averaged 11 points per game, including 19 points in the first game of the season and came back from an eye injury in the semifinals to help her team defend its WREA Cowboy Shootout title in the championship victory over Nucla.



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE ...

Several gingerbread men and women were on hand as passengers on the Pioneers Medical Center float Friday night in downtown Meeker as part of the town's Christmas tree lighting, Parade of Lights and fireworks. There were 20 entries in the parade, which lasted about 20 minutes.

SEAN MCMAHON



Be careful of plants as you de-ice sidewalks

By **BILL EKSTROM**
RBC Extension Agent
Special to the Herald Times

RBC Winter has unofficially arrived with minus-41 degrees Fahrenheit reported on Piceance Creek. So get ready for snow and ice for the next few months.

With that in mind, I would like to talk about the differences in de-icing products, which are primarily comprised of salt. Salts can cause injury to trees, lawns and shrubs, they can corrode concrete and even do bodily harm to humans if handled improperly. The most problematic element in these salts is chloride. It is a corrosive ion that damages metal and concrete and is toxic to plants.

While most plants have some tolerance to salt injury, repeated applications of de-icing products during the winter can result in dieback or even death the following spring.

Misapplications of de-icers (i.e. dumping piles or using too much) can wash into the storm sewers, causing pollution. Before buying or using any product, read the label carefully and thoroughly and use only as directed. A few of the salt products you might run into while shopping include:

Sodium chloride: It is the most widely available and the cheapest. It doesn't cause corrosion to concrete, and melts ice best when temperatures are in the 20s. It is the most damaging to plant material. If you use this product, use sparingly and in small amounts.

Potassium chloride: It is expensive and not as widely used as a de-icer because of rising costs of fertilizer. It works best when temperatures are above 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Because it is most commonly used as a fertilizer, it's relatively safe to apply

near plants.

Magnesium chloride: It's the most common product used on our roadways before storms (applied as a "brine"), because it lowers the freezing point of soon-to-arrive precipitation. It can melt ice down to minus-15 degrees, which is a nice benefit. If applied in moderate amounts, it's relatively safe for plants and pets. Its corrosion potential is low, as are its pollutant possibilities.

Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA): A new de-icing product, it has low corrosion potential, so it's less damaging to cars, metals, sidewalks and plants. It is also biodegradable. Its ice-melting properties are equivalent to traditional de-icers, but the cost will make you gasp. It may be 20 to 30 times as expensive as sodium chloride products.

These are often touted as "pet friendly."

Before using any product, clear away as much snow and ice as possible. Get out your shovel and do your best. Remember, de-icing products are not meant to melt all snow and ice, but aid you in your removal efforts.

If you want to avoid chemistry in your landscape, then consider using sand or kitty litter. While they don't melt snow, they can provide some much needed traction in slippery spots. Sand and kitty litter are also safe for pets and plants and can be swept up when the snow melts.

If you do use de-icing products near areas of vegetation, then use caution with potential salt build-up. If it's an especially snowy year, you may consider leaching the areas next spring with clean water.

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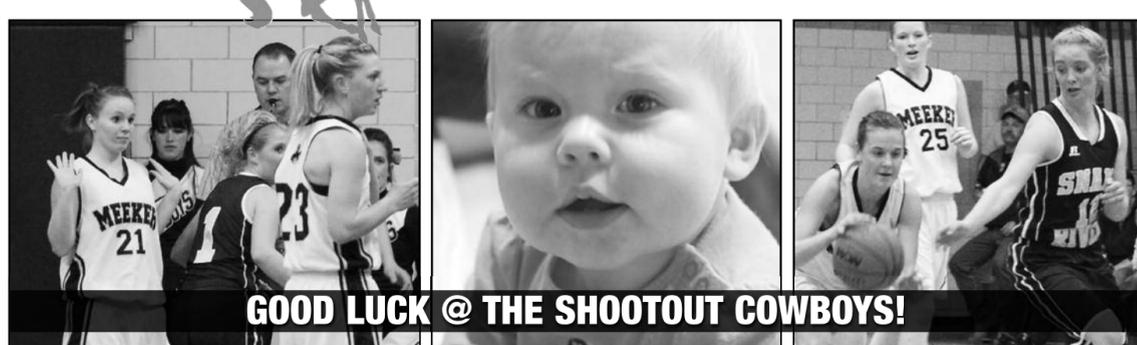
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The BLM is evaluating 28 parcels totaling approximately 26,500 acres managed by the White River Field Office in Garfield, Moffat

and Rio Blanco counties.

As of Nov. 27, the EA, maps, a list of proposed parcels with attached stipulations, and information about providing comments is available at: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html. For more information, call the White River Field Office in Meeker at 970-878-3800.

The BLM Kremmling Field Office is evaluating five parcels totaling approximately

2,560 acres in Jackson County. The EA, maps, list of proposed parcels with stipulations, and information about how to comment are available at: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html. For more information, call the Kremmling Field Office, 970-724-3000.

After a preliminary evaluation of the federal minerals nominated for oil and gas leasing in these areas, the BLM decided not to offer a number of parcels or portions of

parcels for a variety of resource concerns, including Greater-Sage Grouse habitat. The White River Field Office first evaluated 45 parcels totaling approximately 65,160 acres for this lease sale, and Kremmling first evaluated 34 parcels.

Written comments on these EAs must be received by Dec. 30.

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Year 2013, Colorado received more than \$130 million from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals.

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Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Permits for cutting Christmas trees on Bureau of Land Management lands within designated areas of the White River Field Office are now on sale.

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

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

Maps of designated cutting areas can be found at: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html or at the White River Field Office. Maps are also available when purchasing the permits.

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

Many of the areas will have limited vehicle access depending on snow depths.

Weather and road conditions can change quickly. Four-wheel drive vehicles equipped with tire chains, a shovel and emergency supplies are recommended for all cutting areas.

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

OBITUARIES

Lillie Onteon (McGruder) Ross

Aug. 9, 1930 ~ Dec. 4, 2013

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Earl McGruder, Carl McGruder Sr., Wren McGruder (surviving spouse Judy McGruder), Perry McGruder; and sisters, Stella Blumhagen and Carrie Bina (surviving spouse Ted Bina). There is a big heartache in the family of eight grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Lil and Jess's home in Meeker was the go-to place for a cup of coffee and a chat. The coffee pot was always on and any and all were always welcome. Many hours were spent with quality family time play-

ing cards into the wee hours of the morning.

Lil had a generous spirit and is known for her jelly making and crocheting. She gave more than 200 afghans away to family and friends. Her love was bowling, and she bowled in leagues for years at Ted and Carrie Bina's White River Bowl. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and worked many hours at the bowling alley. That was her way.

If there was a need, she was there and she never complained, no matter what the job or the work involved. She was raised in an era of waste-not,



Lillie Ross

want-not and was an avid recycler.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, in the Meeker LDS Ward Chapel. Viewing for family and friends was one hour prior to the serv-

ices at the church.

Burial was in Highlands Cemetery in Meeker. Services have been entrusted to the care of Blackburn Meeker Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICE

Dale Lane

Dec. 4, 2013

Dale Lane, 60, of Rangely died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, in Rangely, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki Lane of Rangely; two sons, Brent Lane of Roosevelt, Utah, and Brandon Lane of Fruita, Colo.; two brothers, Denny Lane of Cedaredge, Colo., and Mike Lane of Lyndon, Wash.; and 13 grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation at www.wish.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan-Edfast Mortuary in Grand Junction, Colo.



Longtime Rangely resident Jack Kenneth Hillis, 84, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013. Jack was the son of Loyce O. and Tula M. Hillis. He was born Oct. 22, 1929 in Clinton, Okla.

Jack graduated from Central High School. He joined the Navy after high school and was stationed in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, until 1954. In 1952, Jack married the love of his life, Pauline Lois Hefley. Jack and Peggy spent many years in Rangely, Colo., where he worked in the oil field as a welder, pumper and operator of shallow leases.

When he retired, the family moved to Palisade, Colo., until the death of his beloved Peggy in 1987. In 1987, he married Lola Rosette and they later moved to Montrose. In his later years, he returned to the Grand Junction area until the time of his death.

Jack Kenneth Hillis

Oct. 22, 1929 ~ Nov. 26, 2013

Jack was a very kind and loving father and husband. He was an awesome "Boppa" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved the Lord and made Him a priority in his life. Jack was a member of A House for His Name church in Kannah Creek.

He enjoyed farming, his fruit orchards and raising cattle.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Peggy; his wife, Lola; two brothers, Loyce Jr. and Travis; and great-grandson, Soren.

Jack is survived by Patsy (Jon) Drindak, Nancy (Jim) MacIntosh of Fruita, Susan (Jerry) Anderson of Evergreen, Colo., Kenny (Georgia) Hillis of Mack, Dennis (Lori) Rosette of Grand Junction; grand children Erin (Jon) McEvers, Evergreen, Colo., Keenan (Ashley) Anderson of Grand Junction, Stephanie (Ty) Petersburg of



Jack Hillis

Evergreen, Erik (Stephanie) Ebbesen of Loma; Jon (Kayo) Drindak of Los Alamos, Calif., Brook (Don) Wilson of Silt, Colo., Zach MacIntosh of Grand Junction, Karl (Kylli)

Rosette of Las Vegas, Nev., Shane (Heather) Stephen Mansfield of Texas, Jamie (Ray) McLennan of Fruita; and great-grandchildren Addison, Quinn, Boden, Lukas, Juli, Nathan, Hannah, Austin, Adam, Charlee Rose and Tegan.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 3 at Canyon View Vineyards.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope West Hospice Care Center.

RBC WARRANTY DEEDS ~ Nov. '13

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Seller: Raphael Martinez
Buyer: Jackie Thacker
Description: SECT 21 TWN 1S RANGE 92W
REMARKS 14012 COUNTY RD 8
Transaction Price: \$300,000.00

Seller: Kenneth B and Faye Jean Walter
Buyer: Evan R and Teralynn J Coleman
Description: SUBDIVISION MAP TOWN OF MEEKER LOT 4,5 BLOCK 53 REMARKS 768 WATER ST
Transaction Price: \$112,000.00

Seller: Fannie Mae AKA Federal National Mortgage Association
Buyer: James D Vanwagoner
Description: SUBDIVISION MAP MESA SUBDIVISION 73121 LOT 3 BLOCK C REMARKS 281 CREST ST
Transaction Price: \$137,500.00

Seller: Dawn M Rosier
Buyer: Logan Grant L Rosier
Description: REMARKS 2649 COUNTY RD 7
Transaction Price: \$60,000.00

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Buyer: Brian Osborne and Sipriana Jo Hernandez
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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors
Estate of Phoebe Jane Walker Clugston also known as Jane Clugston, Jane Walker Clugston and Jane Walker Lee, Deceased,
Case Number 2013 PR 30017
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 at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before March 31, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
John Harry Clugston
Personal Representative
4961 Mount Casas Drive
San Diego, CA 92117
(858) 688-9393
F.J. Fennessy
Attorney of Personal Representative
PO Box 1518
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-4783
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE AS TO BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL
The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners will be considering a budget supplemental resolution on December 23, 2013, at the regular board meeting starting at 11:00 a.m. County Administration Building, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado.
The proposed resolution is for the purpose of appropriating sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2013 budget year in the following funds: General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, and the Use Tax Fund. The resolution may be viewed at the offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, and the County Clerk and Recorder Office in the Western Annex Building, 17497 State Highway 64, Rangely, Colorado, and are open for public inspection 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal work days.
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LEGAL NOTICES

Board of County Commissioners
Monday, December 16, 2013
Rangely, Colorado
Tentative Board Agenda
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 a.m. Call to order:
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Changes to the December 18, 2013 Tentative Agenda
•Approval of the December 18, 2013 Agenda
CONSENT AGENDA:
•Minutes of the December 09, 2013, Board meeting
•Minutes of the December 12, 2013 Budget Hearing
•RFR's on the Meeker Airport Project
BUSINESS AGENDA:
- General:
•Contracts/Agreements/Grants:
•Agreement with SGM for the Milling Engineering on the Fairfield and 4-H Building Parking Lots
•Contract with Reilly Johnson on the Justice Center.
•Agreement with Malaine Hendershott for nutritional services for the Senior Nutrition Program
•Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District, the Rio Blanco County Fire Protection District, the Town of Meeker, Meeker Sanitation District and the Meeker Cemetery District for the funding of the Coal Creek Infrastructure Project.
- Resolutions:
OTHER BUSINESS:
a. County Commissioners Updates
b. Public Comment
Break:
ADJOURN:
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it.

LEGAL NOTICES

Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.
The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 20, 2013 in Meeker at the County Admin Building
Please check the County's website for information at www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/commissioners. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9573 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.
Published: December 12, 2013
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Stephen Edward Arthur also known as Stephen E. Arthur, Stephen Arthur, Steven Arthur and Steve Arthur, Deceased,
Case Number 2013 PR 30019.
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 at PO Box 1150, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641, on or before April 14, 2014, or the claims may be forever barred.
Nancy Jo Arthur
Personal Representative
PO Box 55
Rangely, CO 81648
(970) 675-2054
FJ Fennessy
Attorney
PO Box 1518
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-4783
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LEGAL NOTICES

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Monday, December 12, 2013, County Administration Building, 200 Main, Meeker, CO
BUDGET HEARING
DECEMBER 12, 2013
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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AGENDA
Board of County Commissioners
a. Pledge of Allegiance
b. Changes or Additions to the Agenda
c. Hearing:
1. Procedure of Hearing read by Chairman Bolton
2. Chris Singleton - Budget & Finance Director-Presentation of the proposed Y2014 Budget
3. Dave Moran - R&B Director-Presentation of the HUTF proposed spending for Y2014
d. Questions or Comments by the Public
e. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2013-____ TO ADOPT THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY BUDGET FOR YEAR 2014
f. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2013-____ TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY FOR YEAR 2014
g. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2013-____ TO LEVY GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE Y2013, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY BUDGET Y2014.
h. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2013-____ TO LEVY GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE Y2013, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PICEANCE CREEK PEST CONTROL DISTRICT FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY BUDGET Y2014.
i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2013-____ TO LEVY GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE Y2013, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF LOWER WHITE RIVER PEST CONTROL DISTRICT FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY BUDGET Y2014.

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Meeting Recessed
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County Court, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Court Address: 555 Main Street, Suite 303, Meeker, CO 81641
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Adult: Morgan Claire Tegeger
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Morgan Claire Robb
Case Number 13C61
Public Notice is given on November 26, 2013, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Morgan Claire Tegeger be changed to Morgan Claire Robb. Susan Mills, Clerk of Court
By: Joan Jensen, Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY
The Board of Directors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service is pleased to submit the Year 2014 Budget for the public's review.
The year 2014 Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Budget was prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Following the budget is a schedule showing the adjustments that are necessary for the reconciliation of budgeted fund balance to the retained earnings, which were determined with the full accrual basis of accounting that was used in preparation of the actual 2013 financial statements.
The primary services that will be provided during the 2014 calendar year are described in the attached Mission Statement.
Some of the important features of the Year 2014 Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Budget are:
1. The budget was prepared as a financial plan that is in full compliance with all applicable statutes.
2. Colorado Revised Statutes 29-11-101 et. Seq. will be followed.
The purpose of the budget is to provide a financial plan that will insure the public with all the services and programs that are included herein. The primary emphasis of the plan is to provide the essential 911 Emergency Telephone Services that are needed by the citizens of Eastern Rio Blanco County, Colorado.
With every dollar spent, it is the sincere intent of the Board to provide the citizens of Eastern Rio Blanco County with the highest level of 911 emergency telephone services possible.
Please feel free to submit any written comment, concern or opinion to the following address:
Board of Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Services
PO Box 1460
Meeker, CO 81641
The proposed budget will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service to be held in the Rio Blanco county Sheriff's Office, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO on Monday December 23, 2013 at noon. Any interested elector of such Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Sincerely,
/s/Drew Varland
Drew Varland, Chairman
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All news items, photos, advertising and legal notices for publication during the holidays in the *Rio Blanco Herald Times* newspaper are due by 5 p.m. on
Thursday, Dec. 19 for Christmas issue [Dec. 26, 2013]
and Thursday, Dec. 26 for the New Year's issue [Jan. 2, 2014].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 16, 2013
Public Health Presentation
Rangely Community Event
Rangely Group: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Presenter: Colleen Zufelt, BSN, RN, Director of Public Health
Topic: Community Resources
Code Red; Local Media; County Web Site
Emergency Preparedness - Community Health
Location: Rangely Radino Senior Center
Need Transportation: Call Rangely Rambler (970) 629-1545

Meeker Group: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location: Meeker Public Library
Topic: Preparation for January speaker-Director of Social Services
Need Transportation: Call Meeker Streaker (970) 878-9368
Additional Questions: Contact Jerry Van Voorst, IL Coordinator with Northwest Colorado Center for Independence
Phone: (970) 620-3897
Email: jerry@nwccci.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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MEEKER CAT Coalition accepting cat food or monetary donations for spay/neuter and health care. Donations may be left at The Vet Clinic in Meeker or call 878-3560 or 878-4429 for more information.

Rangely Victim Services
An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-5729 or 629-0709. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117. All services are confidential.

RANGELY ROCKCRAWLING & 4 Wheel Drive group in Rangely meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Rio Blanco Water Users Building on Hwy. 64 at 7 p.m.

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

MOMS GROUP meeting, open to anyone with a child 0-5 years, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, first Thursday of every month, 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info. call Heather Zadra (970)629-9937

MEEKER HOUSING Authority Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

BRESNAN CABLE television customers - If you are not receiving a television channel station you normally get, 3 people must report it before it's considered an outage. Call the service number on your bill to report.

FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2013: December 26. They Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

VFW POST 5843 and Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are now held at Kilo-watt Korner in Meeker: VFW Post 5843 - 6:30 p.m. 2nd Monday. Ladies Auxiliary - 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday.

For XC Skiing & Snowshoeing See:
White River Nordic Council at Facebook
For Grooming Reports, Events & Info

Rio Blanco County Commissioners are seeking applicants for the following boards. RBC Lodging Tax Board (Meeker and Rangely) RBC Columbine Park Advisory Board, RBC Fair Board, RBC Fairgrounds Advisory Board, MCCIC Board, Weed Management Advisory Board and the RBC Historic Preservation Board. All of the listed boards are 3 year terms. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards please send a letter of interest no later than December 31, 2013 to: Board of County Commissioners, Box i, Meeker, CO or e-mail tanderson@co.rio-blanco.co.us. Please include your mailing address and e-mail address.

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Submit Resume and/or Application to:
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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• Relief Cook
• Deputy Sheriff
• Registered Nurse

Rangely
• Relief Bus Driver
• Relief Cook

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to
www.co.rio-blanco.co.us/departments/personnel.html

Rio Blanco County HR
at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO
970-878-9570

ADA/EOE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon. 8 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

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

FRIDAY, December 13: Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad, strawberry & banana fruit cup, and sugar cookie.

MONDAY, December 16: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, CA blend vegetables, and waldorf salad.

TUESDAY, December 17: Smoked ham, sweet potatoes, green bean almandine, cranberry mold and pie.

WEDNESDAY, December 18: Salmon loaf with white sauce, parsley buttered potatoes, five way vegetables, and fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY, December 20: Fruit salad, beef stew, biscuit and vanilla pudding.

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HELP WANTED: FULL TIME

MEEKER POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL OFFICER OPENING
THE TOWN OF MEEKER IS CURRENTLY SEEKING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER. MUST BE 21 YO, CO POST CERTIFIED PREFERRED AND A VALID CO DRIVERS LICENSE. PRE-EMPLOYMENT PSYCHOLOGICAL, POLYGRAPH, DRUG TEST, AND PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIRED. STARTING SALARY RANGE IS \$43,000 TO \$45,000 DOQ. THIS POSITION INCLUDES FULL BENEFIT PACKAGE, INCLUDING EXCELLENT INSURANCE PACK-AGE. TO APPLY SUBMIT A MEEKER POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TOWN HALL, 345 MARKET STREET, 970-878-4100, OR ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.TOWNOFMEEKER.ORG. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM ON DECEMBER 20, 2013.

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Emergency Clinician - Meeker/Rangely, Colorado

Provides mental health on-call services to individuals in crisis or to community agencies with individuals in crisis. This includes performing mental health evaluations. Must be available by phone or beeper while on call and be able to respond in a timely fashion. Bachelor's degree in human services or related field required; Previous experience in crisis intervention preferred. Email resumes to: jobs@mindspringshealth.org or fax to (970)255-3963. Visit our website at www.mindspringshealth.org/careers for a complete list of open positions. Mind Springs Health. is an Equal Opportunity Employer with an Affirmative Action Plan and has a tobacco-free work environment policy.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 13-17

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On September 5, 2013, 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)	Angelia L Coulson
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys- Inc. acting solely as nominee for Indy- Mac
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Federal Bank, FSB
Date of Deed of Trust	Wells Fargo Bank, NA
County of Recording	July 31, 2008
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	Rio Blanco
Recording Information (Reception Number)	August 01, 2008
Original Principal Amount	293124
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$97,470.00
	\$91,685.74

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:
LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK 5 OF COLTHARP'S ADDITION TO COLTHARP'S SUBDIVISION, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 703 E Rangely Avenue, Rangely, CO 81648.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 01/08/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Court- house, 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	11/14/2013
Last Publication	12/12/2013
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 AND/OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF CERTAIN 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; 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; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;

DATE: 09/06/2013

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:

Robert J. Aronowitz, Esq. #5673

Monica Kadrmas #34904

Randall M. Chin, Esq. #31149

Stacey L. Aronowitz, Esq. #36290

Andrea Rickles-Jordan #39005

Susan J. Hendrick #33196

Joel T. Mecklenberg, Esq. #36291

Joan Olson, Esq. #28078

Lisa Cancanon Esq. #42043

Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, L.L.P. 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 813-1177

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.

Attorney File # 9105.06137

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HELP WANTED: GENERAL



Production Operator
Natural Soda, Inc.

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The Rangely Middle School Girls' Basketball team is looking for an Assistant Coach. The season runs from Dec. 9th through February 15th. The assistant coach must be at all practices and games. Practices are from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and games are usually on Saturday. If you are interested please contact the district office at 970-675-2207. All positions are contingent upon passing a fingerprinting/background check. Position is open until filled. Rangely Public School District RE-4 is an equal Opportunity Employer

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

HELP WANTED: R&T Oilfield Services is looking for a few people to help transfer water in PA for W.P.X Frac's. Will work 21 days on & 7-14 days off. Also need people to work in Stanley, ND. 14-21 days on & 14-21 days off. Must have valid drivers license and pass a U.A. Be able to repair or replace pumps and make outside deliveries to drilling rigs. Call (970) 878-4077.

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SPORTS OFFICIALS The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking Sports Officials with immediate openings for Youth Basketball. The season runs from January through March. There are ongoing openings for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball, Youth Flag Football, and Youth Soccer. Part time without benefits; hiring range is \$11.81-\$14.43/hr. Requirements include, but are not limited to: knowledge of sport and rules, ability to multitask and communicate effectively with adults and children. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. The ERBM Recreation & Park District is an equal opportunity employer.

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HOMES: MEEKER

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HOMES: MEEKER

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3BDR 1BA home, fenced yard, decent storage room, large kitchen, new furnace. \$650 per month, references and security deposit required. Call (970) 220- 2150.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated- 4BDR, 1BA home. All appliances included. Water and sewer paid. NS, NP. \$850.00 a month. Call (970) 878-3257.

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3BDR, 2BA, fenced yard, private location. References and security deposit required. \$850/month. Call (970) 878-5828.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
789 8th Street — Unique and immaculate 5 BD home with income potential. Large property with separate apartment, garage and storage areas. \$475,000

1407 Silver Sage Road - 4 BD, 3BA, custom-built home with 3 car garage and panoramic views, one of the highest quality homes in Meeker. \$439,000

1411 Silver Sage Road - Beautiful ranch style home, 4 BD, 2.5 BA, large garage. \$380,000

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1145 Michael Cr. 3BD, 2BA home located in a quiet neighborhood with garage and rec room. \$204,000. **SHORT SALE, MAKE OFFER**

NEW 855 5th St. 5 BD, 2BA home with good location, new roof, windows, carpet, wood flooring, siding etc. ... large lot. \$200,000

1045 Lance Cr. — 5 BD, 2 BA home with custom garage and large yard on a quiet cul-de-sac. \$198,500

973 Main Street - Nicely remodeled 1BD/1.75 BA home, garage and cottage on 2+ lots. Deck, privacy fence, shade trees, garden space and more! \$188,000

769.5 Pine Street - Private 3BD/2BA remodeled home with stainless steel appliances, wonderful shaded porch, chain link fence, garage and storage shed. \$179,000

780 11th Street — Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA bi-level home with fenced yard. \$167,900

1170 Cleveland Street, large home with full basement, family room, rec room, carpet, nice trees. \$158,900

NEW 1007 Wall St., 3BD, 2BA home with large back yard, deck and garage. \$158,000

1160 Main Street - 3BD/1 BA home with new siding and roof. Walk out basement, wood burning stove and fenced backyard. Lots of space for the price! \$119,000

RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
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945 RBC Rd. 14 — 5 BD, 3 BA, custom log home on 5 acres, located approximately 25 miles up the White River. **Reduced to \$475,000**

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281 RBC Rd. 57 — Beautiful log home with 3 BD, 2 BA on 1.4 acres. 10 miles east of Meeker on the Flat Tops Scenic By-way. \$349,000

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Featured Property of the Week

NEW LISTING: 1036 Lance Circle - large custom built home, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, large corner lot in quiet Cul de Sac. List Price: \$295,000.

- NEW! 642 12th Street Cute and Clean Bi-level, VERY motivated seller . . . \$165,000
- 1394 Ridge Road, move in ready, 3 bdrm, 2ba **PRICE REDUCED!** \$265,000
- 1343 Sage Ridge Rd - New 3bdrm home, full basement \$219,000
- 1246 Cleveland Street - Tri-level home, clean, move in ready \$160,000
- 517 Park Avenue - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PRIME location \$170,000
- 1217 Main Street - Great starter home, 15000 SF corner lot \$149,500
- 242 Park Ave. - large site, 2+ bdrm home, large shop \$145,000
- Garfield St. Townhouses - 5 units **SALE PENDING!** \$29,900-\$49,900
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HOMES IN MEEKER ...

- NEW 560 5th St. - Great Rental Property -lg family home or can be a 2, 3, or 4 plex, big shop. \$175,000.
- NEW 910 Water St. Spaca 6 - Very nice doublewide in trailer park, 3 BR, 2 BA, new carpet, appliances. \$59,000
- 1369 Juniper Rd. - Beautiful home on 2 large lots, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, attached garage, landscaped w/ sprinkler system, covered patio. \$275,000. **REDUCED!** Also a 3rd adjacent lot available with a storage shed @ \$35,000
- 917 4th St. - Beautiful 5 BR, 3 BA home on 2 quiet, private lots. Basement, garage, trees. **Reduced to \$260,000.**
- 830 Water St. - 3 BR, 2BA one level home, fenced corner lot. Garage. Move in ready. \$175,900
- 588 Cleveland St. - 3BR 3BA home like no other in the heart of Meeker, attention to detail in every areal Private fenced back yard, shop, big carport, trees. **SCHEDULE A SHOWING. \$448,000.**
- 970 9th St. - 4 BR 3-1/2BA two story log home, large lot, carport. \$169,000 **REDUCED!**
- 939 Park Ave. - 4BR, 4BA home. Updated kitchen, granite countertops, new S.S. appliances, new flooring, new jetted bathtub, new deck, attached garage and a huge heated shop. \$234,900 **REDUCED!**
- 11 East Main St. - 3 to 4 bedroom log home, 1.75 baths, living & family rooms, oak floors. **REDUCED \$193,500**
- 562 Larry Lane - Corner lot, 1 level, 3 BR 2BA, fenced yard, garage, deck. \$149,000. **MAKE AN OFFER!**
- 643 12th St. - 4 BR, 2 BA bi-level home. Garage, carport, fenced back yard. \$129,000. **PRICED REDUCED!**
- NEW 864 Hill St. - 4 BR, 2 BA home. New windows, stucco siding, detached garage \$170,000 **SOLD!**
- 145 5th St. - Log home, 4 BR, 1BA, large deck, heated garage with shop area \$145,000 **SOLD!**

RANCHES — RURAL RESIDENTIAL — HUNTING PROPERTIES...

- NEW 1190 CR 63 - 376 Acre Hunting & Grazing Property-12 mi. E. of Meeker, 3 BR, 2 BA home, borders Oak Ridge state hunting land. Cattle grazing land, Creeks, ponds. \$1,100,000.
- 1161 CR 8 - 5 acres, river view, remodeled 2-BR 2 BA, carport, deck, A/C, new heating system. \$349,000
- 950 CR 14 - Mountain cabin 26 miles up river, 2 BR, 1 BA with great views, in the woods. \$289,000.
- 13245 CR 8 - 5 acres 14 miles up-river, well, trees, nice 3 BR, 2 BA home, decks, garage, shop. \$390,000
- 444 Agency Dr. - 4 BR 3-1/2 BA log home, over 3,500 sq. ft. on 5 acres, barn, irrigated pasture, attached garage, near golf course. What a deal! \$369,000
- 4637 CR 8 - 77 irrigated acres, 2 story home, barns, shop, sheds, hay pastures, good water. \$690,000.
- River Property - CR 12 - 5+ acres 28 miles up river, with 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, good well, fish pond. \$295,000
- 2000 County Rd. 119 Forest Service cabin on Ute Creek, 1BR, 1BA, Beautiful setting! \$65,000 **REDUCED**
- 710 Shaman Tr. - 3+ BR, 4BA, Custom built 4,534 sq ft home on 5 acres, great views, garage. \$448,000
- 24530 County Rd. 8 - A-frame cabin on small acreage, up-river, vacation home, views! \$169,000
- 40 Acres up South Fork - Lots of trees, water, 4 BR, 2 BA lodge, Nat. Forest access, **HUNTING. \$585,000.**
- 13051 CR 8 - 52 Acres, 14 miles up river, 2 living quarters buildings, garage, hunting. \$435,000.
- 850 County Rd. 10 - 32 acres with 2 log homes, 2 wells, 2 septic systems, 2 electric meters, shop, garage, fenced, pond. Near the river, Lake Avery, and great hunting. **\$695,000 SOLD!**

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ...

- 109 Market St. - 3+ lots on the corner of 1st & Market. Great location. \$299,000 - **REDUCED**
- Rifle, CO-9 vacant lots near City Hall & new theater, excellent investment opportunity. \$1,800,000
- Rio Blanco Store - Great potential, 1/4 acre on Hwy 13, 3,000 sq ft store, café, living quarters. **Reduced \$130,000.**
- Silt, CO - 15 Acre River Front Commercial- 1-70 frontage road, just off of Silt exit, next to Holiday Inn Express. Excellent visibility & access. Utilities to boundary. Water rights. \$950,000.
- 304 4th St. Commercial building on corner lot downtown, great office space, 4,437 sq. ft. \$220,000
- 265 6th St. - Commercial building, high traffic location 3,232 sq. ft. \$65,000 **SOLD!**

RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...

- County Rd. 8 - mile marker 29 1/2, amazing 29 acre parcel with a driveway, building site, water rights & more, borders BLM & National Forest \$349,000
- Juniper Rd. - large lot in Sage Hills with a storage shed on site. \$35,000
- 860 Shaman Trail - 5.5 acre lot just east of Meeker, Ute Terrace Sub., town water, awesome views. \$80,000
- Ridge Estates - 2 to 3 acre lots. Community well, irrigation water to each site. Prices reduced, additional discount available. Prices starting from \$75,600, 1 mile south of town.
- 359 Love Lane - 5 acres, Cross L Estates, Lot 13, great horse property, well. \$100,000.
- River Property - 19.6 Acres 12 miles west. Irrigated hay, good home sites, river. \$150,000.
- Several nice building lots on Mimi Circle and Michael Circle priced between \$22,500 and \$25,000.
- 20 Acres, Strawberry Creek Minor Subdivision, Lot 3, \$63,000.
- Little Beaver Estates - Lot 4: 35 acres, fenced, good pond, loafing shed, great site. **REDUCED TO \$79,000.**
- Little Beaver Estates - Lot 5: 35 acres, pond, pasture. Partially fenced. \$83,000.
- Little Beaver Estates - Two 35 acre lots bordering DOW hunting land. Lot 11 - \$95,000, Lot 12 **SOLD!**
- Little Beaver Estates 35 acre lot bordering Division of Wildlife public land, Lot 14. \$100,000
- 1187 Park Ave - 2 corner lots, zoned for multi-family, lots of trees. Town Ditch. \$65,000.
- 879 Pine St. - 11,250 Sq. ft. lot, great neighborhood, nice building site. \$28,000.
- 100 acres 29 miles east of Meeker, surrounded by Nat Forest, covered with Aspens. \$1,395,000.00.

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- NEW: Rangely - 33553 HWY 64, 214 acre ranch with good White River frontage, irrigated pasture & hay production. 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with large kitchen & dining area, big family room. Pole barn for hay, outbuildings and corrals. \$750,000
- 3103 Moffat County Rd 104, Skull Creek Flats, Dinosaur, 1,792 sf single family home w/ 360 sf addition, all on a total of 30 acres, numerous out buildings, include 1200 SF pole barn and finished 1008 SF frame built garage. \$219,000
- 315 8317N. Grand Ave. Duplex: Attractively renovated. Each unit has 1,200 SF, 2 Bed, 2 Bath, W/D hook-up, carport for each side. **Priced to Sell! \$139,500 Excellent income property.**
- 5 acres vacant land on CR 104, Dinosaur. Skull Creek Flats, Area 10 w/ Great views \$7,500
- 757 3rd Street, Awesome 3 BD, 1 3/4 Bath home meticulously remodeled. Italian marble floor in bathrooms w/ Jacuzzi tub in master bath, nice open Kitchen & dining area, beautiful hardwood floors on the main level and a fully finished basement with built-in entertainment center. Covered patio and to complete this property a wonderful 780 SF detached garage wired for sound system. \$245,000
- RIMROCK CAMPGROUND- 73179 HWY 64 Meeker- Great income property, 14.5 acres offering 1,435 SF home w/ 238 SF att. front office, numerous cabins & outbuildings, single wide mobile home rental. Good producing water well. 30 full RV hook-ups w/2 primitive sites, tent sites and fully laundry area w/ coin-op machines. Large established shade trees. Have to see this one — Priced to move \$438,000

1153 & 1163 Market Street ~ SOLD | 208 E. Rio Blanco ~ SOLD | 1025 Jill Drive ~ SOLD
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- 307 & 311 S. Sunset Ave. Duplex on large lot 2 bed 1 bath each \$47,700
- 924 Tropic Sweet 3 BD/2 Bath Manufactured Home on large lot w/garage \$80,000
- 205 E. Raven 1981 Cozy Townhouse 2 Bd/1.75 Bath 941 sq ft living space \$89,900
- 511 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Comfortable 3 Bd/1 Bath home on large lot 1,362 sq.ft. \$120,000
- 207 E. Raven 3BR/1 Bath; 2 Car Garage; Built in 1982 \$150,000
- 606 E. Rio Blanco Ave. Spacious 2 story 3 bed 2 bath 2040 sq.ft. \$148,000
- 121 Foothill Dr. Updated home 3Bd/1 Bath 2 car garage Built in 1946 1,797 sq ft \$168,400
- 1101 Tanglewood Ln. Well kept 3Bd/2 Bath Built in 1982 1,512 sq ft \$169,900
- 226 Morrison Ave. Bi-level next to park 3Bd/2 Bath 1,686 sq ft 960 sq ft garage \$183,000
- 208 Hillcrest Cir Spectacular views 3Bd/1.75 Bath w/sauna Built in 1983 1,960 sq ft \$185,000
- 1524 La Mesa Beautifully updated home. 3 BD/2 Bath. 1544 sq. ft. 2-car garage. \$219,000
- 236 Ridge Rd. Beautiful 3 Bd/2. Bath home. 2,803 sq. ft. \$240,000
- 1380 La Mesa Cir. Gorgeous home 3Bd/2 Bath built in 2006. 1932 sq. ft. \$249,000

COMMERCIAL

111 Foothill Dr. 6 plex Great Investment Property \$350,000

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100 Dakota 3 Bd/2 bath Two-story home w/great finishes in town. \$169,000