

# Herald Times



## First day of winter...

Winter officially starts at 3:44 a.m. MST on Wednesday, Dec. 21. After that our hours of daylight will start increasing again.



## Bolton in the running to be national BLM director

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton, first elected to the board in 2010 and currently serving as chair, has put his hat in the ring for a new position: national director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Trump administration.

Bolton said he contacted members of Trump's transition team to find out about putting in his application and put his name in the pool.

"I think it would be a great thing for our county," he said. "We need to bring back grazing rights, energy development and recreation to what it should be."

Bolton said he's heard good things and received a great deal of support from many sources since announcing his candidacy for nomination, including Colorado Counties, Inc., where Bolton has been very involved during his tenure for the county.

The national director of the BLM works directly under

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## Synthetic 'designer' narcotic cause of Rangely man's death

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The Rangely Police Department and the Rio Blanco Coroner's office have concluded their investigation into the sudden death due to respiratory arrest of Martin Dean Elder, 30 on Oct. 1. Elder was staying in his grandparents' house at the time. The Rangely District Hospital EMS crew and Dr. Timothy Hsu attempted to resuscitate Elder at the location but were not able to do so. The death was ruled an accident.

An autopsy performed in Grand Junction revealed no abnormalities to explain the sudden death of an otherwise healthy young man. However, blood tests revealed a toxic level of furanylfentanyl, an illegal "designer" narcotic closely related to fentanyl.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigations recently analyzed a white substance found near Elder's body at the time of death and determined that the substance was, indeed, furanylfentanyl, also known as "Pink" or "U47700."

Further investigation determined that Elder obtained this substance online from an overseas address, and had possibly been using the drug for some time.

An overdose of furanylfentanyl is considered the most likely explanation for Elder's death.

Fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic narcotic used in medicine for the treatment of severe, disabling pain, particular for cancer patients. Minute

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## RANGELY'S SNOWFLAKE BABY ...



Everlea Goddard was the winner of the annual Snowflake Baby contest during Rangely's Christmasfest celebration. See more photos on page 6A.

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## County faces \$19.4 million deficit in 2017 budget

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RBC I** "There's no way to sugarcoat this budget. It's kind of ugly." That's how county finance and budget department director Chris Singleton introduced the 2017 county budget Monday at the Fairfield Center. The budget shows a deficit of \$19.4 million.

Multiple factors are to blame, Singleton explained.

First, revenue is down. Property tax revenue is expected to drop by 29 percent because of reduced valuations. Specific ownership tax (paid on motor vehicle registra-

tions) is down 24 percent, sales and use taxes are down 36 and 39 percent, respectively. Intergovernmental funds (severance taxes, federal mineral lease funds, and Payment in Lieu of Taxes) are expected to decrease by 9 percent. Overall, the county is looking at somewhere between an 8 and 16 percent overall decrease, depending on what comes in from intergovernmental sources.

Singleton said county departments were asked not to turn in requests for capital spending for 2017 unless it's "absolutely needed." Some items have been postponed. Personnel expenses have been held to their current levels, and non-personnel expenses were set by averaging costs from 2014-2015

and adding a 12 percent cushion.

Property tax, which supports the county's personnel costs, has been knocked back to 2009 levels. Assessed valuation for oil and gas is down 43 percent.

"We did a lot with those good years," Singleton said of the high points in 2008 and 2009 and the subsequent justice center and broadband project. Now, however, the county is going to have to tighten its belt and watch its spending, particularly operations.

While personnel is the biggest cost of operations, the 2017 budget includes no cost of living adjustments or merit increases for the 147.56 full time employees. Like everyone else, the county is being hit with health

insurance premium increases. Wages are down \$109,000, but insurance costs are up \$210,000.

"Operating revenue is going to exceed expenditures for a few years. Instead of relying on revenue, we have to rely on fund balances. We've got to make that stretch as far as we can," Singleton said.

Another part of the challenge is that after several years of capital projects like the justice center, the courthouse and broadband, 2017 will be the year some of those bills come due and the money has to be paid out. The money has been in the budget all along, but now it's time to pay the bill. That means the ending fund balance in 2017 will be

lower than normal for the county, and there is some uncertainty as to how much money will need to come from contingency funds to cover operating expenses.

Singleton urged the commissioners to maintain a contingency fund high enough to cover 12 months of operations for "as long as you can." The cost of operations for the county runs about \$1 million a month. Policy dictates maintaining a minimum of three months in contingency for operating costs.

"Everything is going down," Singleton said. "I hope that things start turning (around) with new policies toward energy in the White House, but it's going to take a while."



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

A snow-covered Highland Cemetery in Meeker reveals some of the improvements that have been made by the Meeker Cemetery District during the last few years. Some residents feel the district is getting too much money.

## Meeker residents express discontent with cemetery district's 2017 budget

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER I** Half a dozen Meeker citizens attended the budget approval meeting for the cemetery district Dec. 8 to voice their concerns about the size of the proposed budget for 2017.

The cemetery district is one of 18 special districts in Rio Blanco County funded by property taxes. Some special districts are established by counties to provide necessary services, infrastructure and amenities for residents like hospitals, libraries, sanitation, recreation, etc. Others are set up by the landowners for the purpose of protecting natural resources.

The Meeker Cemetery District's mill levy is set at 0.867 on a valuation of \$783,475,580. Rio Blanco Fire

District, Eastern Rio Blanco County Health District and the Meeker Regional Library District all draw from that same valuation, which encompasses the eastern two-thirds of the county.

According to the county assessor's office, the Meeker Cemetery District received \$679,273 in 2015 to maintain and manage Highland Cemetery and several historic cemeteries in the area. The proposed 2017 budget estimates total revenue to be \$556,711.90.

The budget is planned to match that amount, although that total will not necessarily be spent during the year, resulting in a carryover of revenue for the following year. For example, the total proposed budget for 2017 is \$505,416.50. Several years of spending below what was budgeted have generated a healthy reserve fund

for the district, despite the fact revenue has dropped by \$150,000 a year since the downturn of the economy.

"What we've been able to do up here is because of the tax increases that came while we were flush," said manager Art Cox. "We didn't have a capital reserve back then."

In the last few years Highland Cemetery has added an office at the cemetery site, instead of sharing a building in town, added new outbuildings to house and protect equipment, and made improvements in signage, fencing and more. In addition, they've worked to create a database of historic graves and replace disintegrating headstones.

"We are not a line item budget. We

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Dec. 12. We will be discussing "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Teens and Tweens Winter Wonderland Party.** Swimming party at the Meeker Rec Center pool Friday, Dec. 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. Swimming and movie watching for 6th-12th graders. "Elf" (starring Will Farrell) will be playing. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Tootsie Care Day** Saturday, Dec. 17 at MVCC, 290 Fourth St., from 12-3 p.m. All are welcome, no appointment needed. Donations greatly appreciated.

■ **MHS Holiday Hoops Basketball Clinic** from 10 a.m.-noon at the MHS gym for youth K-8th grade. Free! Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. at Kilowatt Komer. Bring your sewing machine and project.

■ **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MES Gym. Adults 18+ invited to volleyball open gym. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Game Day** for adults 50+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshments. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Pickleball Open Gym** from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the admin gym for adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **Adult Open Gym Basketball.** Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the MES gym. Adults 18+. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

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

■ **Gentleman's Club** meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday morning at the VFW, 290 4th St. in Meeker.

Please send calendar items to [calendar@theheraldtimes.com](mailto:calendar@theheraldtimes.com) before 5 p.m. on Monday.

# Cook to be inducted into hall of fame

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | A true pioneer in Colorado girls' athletics, Debbie Cook began blazing trails back in 1974, when she was graduated from the University of Northern Colorado and began her teaching and coaching career with the Meeker School District. Now after more than 40 years of continued service—teaching, coaching and inspiring hundreds of kids—Cook's accomplishments will be recognized in January when she is inducted into the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

Cook's husband Jim, her daughters Jennifer and Wendy, along with her friend, former student/coach Hallie Blunt will host an open house Dec. 23 and they invite Cook's former students/players and their parents to their home from 3-6 p.m., to share stories and celebrate her induction into the Hall of Fame.

"This is so overwhelming, I look at the other inductees and I'm out of my league," Cook humbly said of the recognition bestowed her and the seven other inductees, which include former Battle Mountain star athlete Jeff Campbell. "But it's not just about the coaching, it's about all of the relationships, the extra projects and activities, those are the things I love about all of this."

According to a CHSAA press



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeker pioneer girls' coach Debbie Cook, right, will be inducted into the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in honor of her accomplishments in a career, which covered more than 40 years and continues. Cook is pictured with former student/athlete Vicky (Frisby) Tate, who came back to Meeker after earning a teaching degree to assist with coaching duties. Cook's family will host an open house at the Cook home on Dec. 23 from 3-6 p.m. to share stories of Cook's Hall of Fame career.

release, "Cook's teams posted a 393-125 mark in volleyball during her 22 years at the helm, winning nine con-

ference titles and going to the state tournament nine times. Cook was named Coach of the Year three times by the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports and she was named the Northwest League Coach of the Year eight times. Cook also coached track for 16 years and girls' basketball."

Ironically, Cook had a Hall of Fame coaching career, although she never played any of the sports she later coached while growing up in Glenwood Springs.

"There were no girl sports at all," Cook said of her high school days. "When I came to Meeker in 1974 (to teach Physical Education and Health), they had G.A.A.—Girls' Athletic Association, we played war-ball for the first three weeks, they had no girls' volleyball or basketball and it was the first year for girls' track," Cook continued. "Bob King was the superin-

tendent, he had daughters in high and four of the school board members had girls."

Cook said King and the school board were all supportive of starting basketball and volleyball programs and the journey began.

"The first year we had one play, pass the ball to Vicky (Frisby) Tate and she made the basket, bless her heart," Cook said. "The second year, I didn't want them to lose because I didn't have the knowledge, so we went to camps and clinics, brought in coaches to teach us. We did everything we could to be the best and in the third year we went to state in basketball and our mile relay team (Tate, twins Lois and Lori Englert and Amy Chambers) won a state title and set a record, which stood for 12 years."

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# Colflesh named employee of the year by state association of conservation districts

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | Within 14 months of joining the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts as the district manager, Chris Colflesh earned state recognition at the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) annual meeting in November 2016. Colflesh was recognized for his hard work, dedication and diligent research.

Colflesh played an instrumental role in the development of the Land and Natural Resource

Plan and Policies document, a joint project between the districts and Rio Blanco County. The Land Use Plan establishes a mechanism for local land owner input into future federal land management agencies' planning. Colflesh took initiative to become highly engaged, asked valuable questions and could see what needed to be done next to ensure the process was followed to develop a quality product completed within the guidelines of state statute.

"Chris is first and foremost a real problem

solver. That makes him a great organizer, researcher, coordinator and asset to our districts," said district executive director Callie Hendrickson.

Additionally, Colflesh has coordinated workshops, the districts' biennial natural resource tour for 50 people, two input sessions for the districts' long range planning process and annual meetings for both districts and many other projects. He does an excellent job of the necessary administrative duties for the district including the bookkeeping and required state reporting.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Meet CNCC president in Meeker Thursday

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

### Broadband discussion in Dinosaur Friday

**DINOSAUR** | Moffat County Broadband Planning will host an informal presentation and discussion Friday, Dec. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dinosaur Town Hall. Sponsored by Moffat County Broadband Committee. For more information call Audry Danner, 970-321-2021.

### Ice fishing day cancelled

**MEEKER** | The ERBM Recreation & Park District Family Ice Fishing Day on Saturday, Dec. 17 has been cancelled. The ice has been deemed unsafe to hold the event. The event is rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017. For more information, please contact ERBM Recreation & Park District at 970-878-3403.

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

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

### Community Networking Meeting Dec. 20

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

## WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

### Nov. 28-Dec. 5

This last week the dispatch center received a total of 465 incoming and placed 116 outgoing phone calls, received 24 911 calls and 60 calls for Meeker PD. These calls resulted in 116 calls for service, 72 for the Sheriff's Office, 40 for Meeker PD, eight calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue and nine for the Colorado State Patrol. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of five accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted 18 traffic stops issuing two citations and 16 warnings, while the Meeker PD had seven stops all issued warnings. Agency assists totaled 21, 16 for the Sheriff's Office and five for MPD.

Other calls for the Sheriff's deputies included eight assists with Colorado State Patrol; seven attempts to serve papers, three each for jail transport, motorist assists and business checks; two thefts and three traffic accidents and six warrant arrests.

A male driver was arrested on a 20-year-old warrant issued in Rio Blanco County after he reported his involvement in a traffic accident.

Meeker Police Department calls included two animal calls, five motorist assists, seven suspicious incidents, two traffic accidents, three VIN inspections and one warrant arrest.

There were eight arrests and the Detentions Center currently has 11 inmates.

Assists to the Colorado State Patrol were nine with three injury accidents.

No DUI arrests were made.

### Dec. 6-11

This last week the dispatch center received a total of 454 incoming and placed 113 outgoing phone calls, received 30 911 calls and 35 calls for Meeker PD. These calls resulted in 129 calls for service, 72 for the

Sheriff's Office, 48 for Meeker PD, six calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue and three for the Colorado State Patrol. (Please note the department breakdown of calls reflects a different number because of incidents with multiple agency response). A total of five accidents were reported throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office conducted nine traffic stops issuing three citations and six warnings, while the Meeker PD had eight stops issuing four citations and four warnings. Agency assists totaled 15, 13 for the Sheriff's Office and two for MPD.

Other calls for the Sheriff's deputies included six animal calls, six assists to Rangely PD, 10 civil paper services, three business checks, three jail transports, four suspicious incidents, three traffic hazards, two VIN inspections and four warrant arrests. An investigation into a sexual offender not registering resulted in a warrant and arrest.

Meeker Police Department calls included eight animal calls, one attended death and one unattended, two citizen assists, one domestic violence, seven suspicious incidents and five VIN inspections.

There were 10 arrests and the Detentions Center currently has 11 inmates. Twenty-four people were arrested, sentenced by court, bonded or are currently in the jail.

There was one assist to Colorado State Patrol on a vehicle rollover that resulted in no injuries.

No DUI arrests were made.

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35,000 ...

In celebration of their 35th anniversary, the ERBM Recreation & Park District has been promoting the goal of reaching 35,000 visits in 2016. This feat was reached on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. when the 35,000th visitor signed in for the day. Meeker's Suzan Pelloni was awarded with some ERBM gear, a gift card and applause from staff.

Throughout the next day, a hospitality table with treats was set up for all the patrons as a token of ERBM's thanks. The first 100 visitors after the goal was reached were also given the chance to win Chamber Bucks and other goodies.

The yearly appreciation drawing is happening now until Dec. 21. Come place your name in the box for a chance to win a free membership or a center gift card. The annual 50 percent blitz membership sale will take place Jan. 2-15. This is your only chance to get an annual membership for 50 percent off in 2017.

The ERBM board and staff would like to thank all patrons and supporters of the District. Thank you for making 2016 a year to remember.

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| 20 oz. Dole                      | <b>PINEAPPLE</b>        | 3 for \$4         |
| 10.5-11 oz. Western Family       | <b>MANDARIN ORANGES</b> | 59¢               |
| 32 oz. Progresso Chicken or      | <b>BEEF BROTH</b>       | 3 for \$5         |
| 8-12 oz. Hershey's               | <b>BAKING BITS</b>      | 2 for \$5         |
| 12 oz. Carnation                 | <b>EVAPORATED MILK</b>  | 3 for \$4         |
| 7 oz. Western Family Marshmallow | <b>CREME</b>            | 99¢               |
| 16 oz. Western Family            | <b>MARSHMALLOWS</b>     | 99¢               |
| 6-5-12.9 oz. Nabisco             | <b>CRACKERS</b>         | 2 for \$4         |
| 10-15.35 oz. Nabisco             | <b>COOKIES</b>          | \$2 <sup>99</sup> |

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|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 20 oz. 40 Knots           | <b>SHRIMP RING</b>     | \$12 <sup>99</sup> |
| 19-48 oz. Rhodes          | <b>ROLLS</b>           | 2 for \$7          |
| 8 oz. Western Family      | <b>WHIPPED TOPPING</b> | \$1 <sup>19</sup>  |
| 28-42 oz. Marie Callendar | <b>PIE</b>             | \$5 <sup>99</sup>  |

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| 8 oz. Western Family                     | <b>CRESCENT ROLLS</b>  | 2 for \$3         |
| 12.4-13.9 oz. Western Family Cinnamon    | <b>ROLLS/DANISH</b>    | 2 for \$3         |
| 32 oz. Meadow Gold                       | <b>EGG NOG</b>         | \$1 <sup>99</sup> |
| 16-16.5 oz. Pillsbury                    | <b>COOKIE DOUGH</b>    | \$2 <sup>79</sup> |
| 32 oz. Western Family (excluding medium) | <b>SHREDDED CHEESE</b> | \$6 <sup>99</sup> |

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| Bone-in Ribeye                       | <b>HOLIDAY ROAST</b>   | \$5 <sup>99</sup> /lb. |
| Beef Sirloin                         | <b>TIP ROAST</b>       | \$3 <sup>69</sup> /lb. |
| Farmland Whole Lean                  | <b>HAM</b>             | \$1 <sup>99</sup> /lb. |
| Cook's                               | <b>SPIRAL CUT HAMS</b> | \$1 <sup>99</sup> /lb. |
| Western Family Butt or Shank Portion | <b>HAM</b>             | \$1 <sup>29</sup> /lb. |
| 10-16 oz. Land O' Frost Premium      | <b>LUNCHMEATS</b>      | \$3 <sup>99</sup>      |
| 20 oz. Western Family                | <b>BACON</b>           | \$4 <sup>99</sup>      |
| 12-16 oz. Jimmy Dean                 | <b>SAUSAGE ROLL</b>    | 2 for \$6              |

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| 16 oz. Baby Cut                        | <b>CARROTS</b>           | 99¢               |
| 8 oz. Dole Spinach Cherry Almond Blue  | <b>SALAD KIT</b>         | 2 for \$5         |
| 12.9-14.4 oz. Dole Chopped             | <b>SALAD KITS</b>        | 2 for \$5         |
| Fresh                                  | <b>AVOCADOS</b>          | 4 for \$5         |
| Bunch                                  | <b>GREEN ONIONS</b>      | 2 for \$1         |
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EDITOR'S COLUMN...

When should you speak up? Before you're angry and before it's too late

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now, not when they're getting ready to sign the check or pass the resolution. And it's not when you and all your friends and neighbors have the torches and pitchforks out. Your concerns are more than likely very valid, but they should be addressed before you are embroiled in a seething cauldron of resentment, rumors and wrath.

Sometimes it's necessary to air a grievance or speak up to right a perceived wrong, but when and how we choose to make our complaints and concerns known is crucial to achieving the best outcome.

If you thought there was a terrible problem with the mechanical components of an airplane you were on, it would be a bit foolish to wait until after take-off to speak up, right?

Along the same vein, approaching a situation after you've let your discontent simmer for months (or years) puts you at a disadvantage: The other party is going to be put on the defensive, and productive communication will be hindered.

The same holds true in government, particularly local government, where we have the greatest potential impact as citizens. The time to get involved if you feel like something is malfunctioning is

As we get ready to enter a new year, think of all the things you catch yourself grumbling and grouching about (we all have them) and determine the most productive, peaceful way you can let your concerns be known in a timely fashion.

Attend board meetings, they're open to the public. Write letters, request more information from the source, not from hearsay. Get involved, before the 11th hour when it's too late.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for Christmasfest help

Dear Editor:

Christmasfest 2016 was an incredible weekend and we are so thrilled to watch it grow over the years. We began the festivities this year with the Elf on the Shelf, which the chamber headed up. Snickerdoodle made his way through businesses and when you found him and took your sELFie with him, you were entered to win chamber bucks. This was an amazing event, but we are hoping to see more participate in it next year.

Friday night was spent down at Wildlife Expressions where the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District provided sleigh rides to over 200 community members. There was a nice touch added this year by Wildlife Expressions with chili, hot chocolate, smores and each child getting an advent calendar.

Saturday was the busy Christmasfest day and kicked off with Breakfast with Santa from 8-10 a.m. where the Rec and Park district served more than 100 people breakfast and took pictures with

Santa. Every child received a present at this event also. Next we headed on over to the Rangely Jr/Sr. High and had the Elf Land Carnival where many groups came together to make this so successful. This was a first-year activity and will be continued yearly due to success and participation.

Thank you Rangely Hurricanes, Rangely homeschoolers, Rangely TOPS, Rangely Outdoor Museum, New Eden and Rangely STUCO for participating in this event with the Rec District to make it so incredible. Snowflake Baby was once again adorable and such a joy of an event, we had 12 kids come out dressed to impress.

The highLIGHT of the evening was the parade of lights which had nine floats this year but each one put extreme time and effort into them and looked amazing, huge thanks to Rangely Fire Department, Alvin Halcomb, Dave Cassavaugh, New Creation Church, Rio Blanco BOCES Preschool Class, Rangely 4-H and Marlena Miller for lighting up main street and spreading so much joy and cheer this holiday season. The ending to Christmasfest 2016 couldn't have been more per-

fect!

Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District sponsored F.O.G. (Fat Old Guys) an a cappella group. I think it would be safe to say that anyone who was blessed enough to witness this group received an early Christmas present and are wanting them to come back for more!

Thank you to everyone that comes out to support the events the WRBM Rec and Park District sponsors and the businesses and people that volunteer and donate to make this community what it is. Christmasfest wouldn't be a success without donations and this year we would like to thank Moon Lake Electric, State Farm, Friends of the Tank, Joyce Key and Kenneth Myers. Rangely is truly a great place to live. Alliance Energy Service Company and Ed and Christina Miller donated their winnings from the light up contest to help a family out this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Across the Street: Rankin ready to 'go big, go bold'

By JOYCE RANKIN  
Special to the Herald Times



Joyce Rankin

RBC I "Go Big, Go bold!" That was the message I heard at the Excellence in Education conference (Excelined) that I attended in Washington, D.C., last week. I passed that inspirational word along to local school board members at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) meeting in Colorado Springs this past weekend. We don't know the details of the direction that the new Federal administration will take but local school boards should be ready and take advantage of every opportunity to better serve their students and

taxpayers. The state board of education will confront several challenges in the upcoming year including: choosing a new commissioner, evaluating schools and districts that need dramatic academic improvement, revisiting state academic standards, and swearing in two newly elected state board members

and electing a chair and vice board. In order to better serve the students in Colorado I hope we "Go Big, Go Bold."

Our K-12 system may need more funding but great districts in western Colorado with great leaders are accomplishing amazing things with the funding they have. I've enjoyed getting to know and represent them. I'm inspired by ideas that I hear about at national and state level conferences but I'm even more excited to hear about the successes that some of our local schools are achieving. Local school boards are improv-

ing their academic goals and achievements by learning from those districts that are experiencing great success. One of the districts in western Colorado that recently received the highest district rating, Accredited with Distinction, was Hinsdale County School District led by Superintendent Leslie Nichols. Her school in Lake City has only 110 students. The 2016 designation has continued since 2009. What is this small district doing that might be duplicated in other, larger, school districts?

As we look forward to upcoming educational challenges, let's not forget the opportunities that will present themselves in 2017. Let's embrace the change and "Go Big, Go Bold!"

Joyce Rankin was newly elected in November to serve on the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District. She writes the monthly column, "Across the Street." The Department of Education, where she is also a Legislative Aide at the Capitol for Representative Bob Rankin, House District 57.

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GUEST EDITORIALS

# How to talk politics during the holidays without starting a family feud

By JIM SULLIVAN  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The national media has been encouraging people not to talk politics over the holidays. The reasoning is that we are so divided that political discourse will tear families apart and cause irreconcilable differences. This feeling came home the day after the election when my friends and family and I were in a restaurant discussing the election results when the family at the next table said that they didn't have to listen to this crap and walked out. Imagine that in Meeker.

When we can no longer talk to one another the only recourse left to us is violence. Violence is no solution. It does not resolve differences it only highlights them. So I would like to offer some thoughts on how we can talk politics, argue and even create better solutions.

Communication at its best is shared meaning. You know what I mean and I know your thoughts as well. Too much political rhetoric stops at name calling. For most of us decision making at its core comes down to an emo-

tional choice. If we start our discussions with emotional triggers we will never get over being pissed off and fail to address the substance of what really matters. So here are seven ways we can talk. These eight things take the heat out of anger and give us all a path to better solutions for all Americans.

1. **Identify and agree to the facts.** A fact is something that different people with different points of view see as the same. When we agree that you and I see the same thing, that agreement reduces tension. How many times have you listened to people in heated disagreement when one person was talking turkey and another was focused on the fine points of stuffing? Facts help people be objective. How do you see the facts? Are we talking turkey or stuffing over the holidays?

2. **Be specific.** Generalizations such as all liberals are gun haters doesn't make for straight shooting. On the other hand, statements such as "Joe is a dead shot. He killed an antelope facing him at 600 yards," has the necessary who did what when. Now we can argue over the length of your stride as you counted off the yards. What

you hear people say and do provides detail and is clear, concise and to the point.

3. **Be direct.** Address issues head on. This means we have a clear understanding of what is being discussed. When exploring an issue we recognize all sides and points of view. We are flexible. We focus our discussion and avoid sidetracking. We explore an issue until resolution is clear.

4. **Be open and honest.** Where you really stand on an issue requires honesty. You have to state your position. Saying what you really believe lets people know where you stand. As new information emerges you are entitled to change your mind. Lying creates distrust because it produces uncertainty. Productive change happens when people are honest with one another. This is where better solutions are created. Everybody changes their mind a little bit creating a new reality.

5. **Avoid judgments and assumptions.** Saying you are right or wrong, good or bad is a judgment. A judgment implies that a person is measured against a standard that they may not know about or agree with. An

assumption implies that you think like I think or that you would do what I would do. Both judgments and assumptions intensify emotional commitments.

6. **Focus on process.** Process is "how" things get done. "What" defines the thing to be done. Narrow views limit creative opportunity. Switching back and forth between "what" and "how" expands opportunity and breaks deadlocks.

7. **Time feedback for receptivity.** You can't talk turkey when the person you're speaking with is focused on prime rib. Timing feedback for receptivity means that you are a strategist. You anticipate and prepare to guide the discussion. You give others time to talk. And you seek understanding first. You work on timing your words to coincide with other's thoughts.

8. **No name calling.** This is the ultimate emotional trigger. Of course, if you follow steps 1-7 there is no time for name calling. Chances are you wouldn't even think of referencing canine heritage in the offspring of your opponents. You would be too busy solving problems.

OBITUARIES

## Laura Edna Maybury

Dec. 15, 1943~Dec. 9, 2016

Laura Edna Maybury died unexpectedly in her home in Meeker, Colo., of natural causes on Dec. 9, 2016, at the age of 72.

She enjoyed the outdoors, crafting and spending time with her family. She was a talented person who loved bright colors. You could always be sure to see her in her colorful shirts and socks and her lovely smile.

She was very dedicated to her family and is the beloved wife of Loren Maybury and loving mother of Larry Nielson, Michelle Harper, Ada Campbell and Laura Cunningham; grandmother of Ella Nielson, Loren Harper, Cody Harper, Wyatt Harper, Michael Garren, Kelly Campbell,



Laura Edna Maybury

Kristeen Rockafellow, Karissa Blum, Sterling Purcell, Tyler Cunningham, Jon Cunningham and eight great-grandchildren. She joins grandson Carl McDaniel and son-in-law Tosh Cunningham in the afterlife.

A celebration of her life is planned for summer 2017. We will always carry your memory in our hearts.

## Harry Forward

Oct. 14, 1951~Nov. 30, 2016

Our amazing husband, father, grandpa and friend passed away after his short but courageous battle with cancer.

Harry was born on Oct. 14, 1951, one of four children to Gertrude and Eddy Forward. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School from 1965 to 1969. Shortly after, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and deployed to Vietnam.

In 1980 he moved to Rangely to begin a life in the booming oilfield. He met and married Sue Stearns in 1981. Together they raised five children. He was a rig up truck driver for Colorado Well Service for 17 years, he then owned and operated RS contracting, through EnCana oil and gas. He retired, but never really did. He bought a food trailer and with the help of Sue, he was able to fulfill his love of cooking, and was able to share it with many.

He was a free-spirited, fun-loving guy who enjoyed life. Some of his favorite hobbies were fishing, hunting, riding his Harleys and playing poker with the guys. He cherished his friends, loved his family and so much more. He was a one-of-a-kind man



Harry Forward

and we will miss him so much.

Harry was preceded in death by his mother and father, grandson Derek Wilkerson and good friend Rod Smuts.

Harry is survived by his wife Sue Forward; children Kody (Brad) Pederson of Vernal, Utah, L'Oreal Podzimek, of Casper, Wyo., Scooby (Rick) Pickering of Grand Junction, Colo., Holly (Michael) Pope of Vernal, Utah, and Clint Forward of Dinosaur, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and one soon-to-be great-granddaughter; his sister Sandra DePucci, two brothers, Michael and Morris Forward.

A service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at the Rangely Christian Church at 11 a.m. If anyone has anything they would like to share about Harry, there will be an open speaking time.

## Charles William 'Bill' Grove

Nov. 19, 1938~July 12, 2016



Bill Grove

years. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, cowboying, riding horses and fly fishing. He was an accomplished fly tier and he enjoyed attending rodeos and wrestling trips.

Surviving Bill are his loving wife of 48 years, June Grove of Cortez; his children, Shelley Christiansen (John) of Lemoyne, Neb., Kevin Grove of Pinedale, Wyo., Brian Grove (Colleen) of Crawford, Neb., Ginnie Swanson of Washburn, N.D., Roger Grove (Sue Fittanto) of New Castle, Colo., Bill Grove (Dianna) of Westminster, Colo., and Jim Bob

Grove (April) of Dolores; 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and by his sister, Carol (Grove) Jones (Jerry Igard) of Tucson, Ariz. Bill was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial contributions may be

made in Bill Grove's name to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. To send condolences log on to [www.ertelfuneralhome.com](http://www.ertelfuneralhome.com) and click on the obituary section.

Memorial services for longtime Cortez, Colo., resident Charles William "Bill" Grove were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Empire Chapel.

Bill was born Nov. 19, 1938, in Denver, Colo., the son of Ralph William and Florence (Jones) Grove. He passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Valley Inn Nursing Home at the age of 77.

Bill attended Rio Blanco High School in Meeker, Colo. He then went on to college at Colorado State University and Chadron State College. He married June Vaughn on March 22, 1968, in Silverton, Colo. Bill began his career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1963. He was instrumental in water projects in North Dakota, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Bill was passionate about wrestling and he coached the Cortez Wrestling Club for many

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## Delighting in God's Word

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
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*I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. (Ps. 119:16)*



Dr. J.D. Watson

To further demonstrate his deep affection and adoration for God's Word, David not only uses the word "love" in Psalm 119, but he also uses **delight**. As we have seen, he uses "love" in conjunction with four of the eight synonyms for God's word in this psalm: commandments, law, precepts, and testimonies. In the present text, however, he uses still one more of those synonyms.

**Statutes**, which appears 21 times in this psalm, translates the Hebrew *choq*, which is derived from a verb that means "to cut, inscribe, or engrave." Oh, what a word this is! The old idiom "set in stone" illustrates it. God's statutes (or decrees) are engraved in stone, showing their permanence. Its first occurrence is in verse 5, where the psalmist says: "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!" God's Word is not "up for grabs," not open for debate, not subject to reinterpretation for the times. *God's Word is set in stone!*

With that in mind, we then observe that there are actually three Hebrew words that are translated **delight** in this psalm. The first, which is here in our text, is *shā'a'*, which speaks of taking joy or enjoyment from something. The one in verse 24 (*sha'ashu'im*) is another form of that word that is used figuratively in the phrase "a pleasant plant" in Isaiah 5:7 to refer to God's pleasure in the people of Judah. It appears, in fact, several times in this psalm (vv. 24, 77, 92, 143, 174).

A final word, however, is *chāpēsh*, which indicates a stronger *emotional delight* than the others.

Shechem, son of Hamor, for example, had an emotional **delight** in Jacob's daughter Dinah (Gen. 34:19). It appears also in Proverbs 31:13, where the Virtuous Woman "worketh willingly [i.e., with emotional delight] with her hands." (What an encouragement to Christian ladies today!)

It is this word that David uses in verse 35: "Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight." He took emotional **delight** in God's clear, definite, and authoritative "commandments." At one time or another we've all probably thought that God's commands are burdensome, but they are a delight to the godly believer.

As the bird delights in the seed,  
So upon Your Word I feed.  
As the bee delights in the flower,  
So do I long for the Word's power.  
As the deer pants for the water brook,  
So do I upon Your Word alone look.  
As the miser delights in his silver and gold,  
So do I desire only Your Word to hold.

**Scriptures for Study:** What do the following verses say about delight: Isaiah 58:13-14; Romans 7:22; 1 John 5:3?

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# Christmasfest sets tone for season in Rangely



Gabriél visited with Santa during the Breakfast with Santa portion of the Christmasfest events.



Lexi LeBleu had her face painted at the Elfland Carnival.



F.O.G. (Fat Old Guys) performance at the Rangely Junior/Senior High School auditorium Saturday was "amazing" according to attendees.



The oldest contenders for the Snowflake Baby title, ages 3-5.



Keighton took the time to stop and chat with Santa. There were 122 participating at the Breakfast with Santa Saturday.



Some of the littlest contestants in the Snowflake Baby contest.



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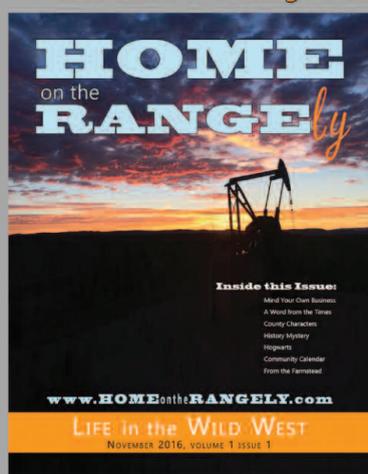
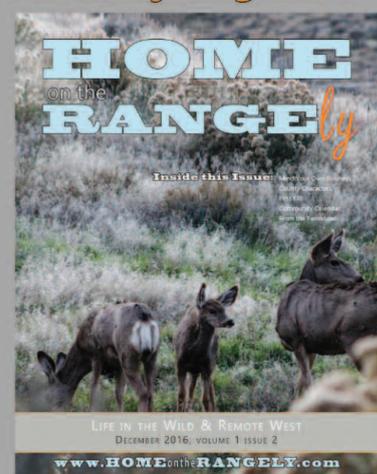
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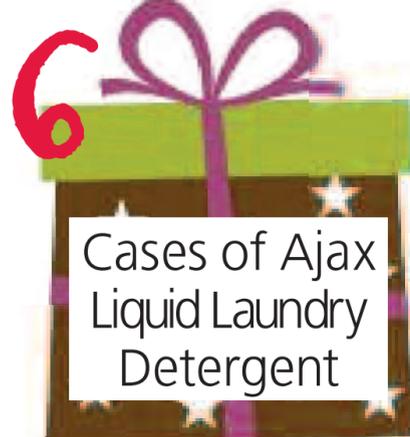
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# COOK: A legacy-maker

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Tate, went to college, earned a teaching degree and returned to Meeker and assisted Cook with the coaching duties for several years.

Cook instilled her core values of; Cowboy pride—how to act, react, perform, practice, dress, how to accept a victory or a loss—and her always positive attitude has influenced and inspired many of her former students to become teachers and coaches of young minds.

All three of Meeker's current school principals were former students of Cook's and MHS principal Amy (Joy) Chinn played on her state runner-up volleyball team in 1989. Many of Meeker's current coaches were also taught or coached by Cook.

"It's fun when people make you

feel like you made a difference and they love what they do as much as you," Cook said.

Through the years, Cook introduced many new programs to the district, including Drug Free Red Ribbon Week, the annual food drive for the food bank, Jump Rope for Heart, the Elk's Hoop Shoot, 9Health Fair and she is known to have more students pass the President's physical fitness test than any other Colorado school district.

Although she has been officially retired for several years, Cook continues to be active in the Methodist Church and PEO, all the while still teaching and inspiring kids, including her grandchildren: Thea, Sophia, Brady and McKelvie.

## Book delivery for shut-ins

**MEEKER** Inspired by a service that delivered and picked library books for her homebound mother in Jefferson County, former Meeker Elementary School teacher Peggy Strate has volunteered to start a similar program in Meeker.

"It's for anybody who has a hard time getting to the library," Strate said. All that's required is a phone call to the library (970-878-5911). The library will then contact Strate. She will call to find out what kind of books the person likes, pick some out, deliver them, and pick them up again.

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## Plowing snow from private drives onto county roads creates a traffic hazard; culprits could be summonsed

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**RBC** Winter is here again, with all the problems snow and ice bring with it. The Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department's priority in the winter is to keep county roads as safe as possible for travelers.

When it snows, county crews start at 3 a.m. on Piceance Creek Road and 4 a.m. on all other paved

roads. The department's number one priority is to make school bus routes as safe as possible for the morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off.

Folks living in the rural areas of the county usually plow their private drives after the snowplows have passed.

As a reminder, it's very hazardous to plow the snow from driveways across county roads. Ridges

can be created which can cause serious accidents when vehicles hit them. These ridges must be completely eliminated by the landowner or risk being issued a summons by law enforcement.

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## Meeker Parade of Lights winners

### MEEKER I

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## BOLTON: Decision after Jan. 1

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the Secretary of the Interior. The President-elect has tapped Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Montana) for that position. Zinke is a staunch advocate of oil, gas and mining extraction, and is expected to undo policies put in place under the Obama administration that have hindered energy development.

The BLM controls 250 million acres of public lands across the United States and is responsible for managing use of that land for recreation, oil and gas leasing, conservation and more.

As of press time, the only other candidate publicly announced in the media is Utah state Rep. Mike Noel (R-Utah). Noel has previously worked for the BLM, and says he has the support of Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the Utah governor's office and other state leaders, according to a report from Utah's Fox13.

Bolton said he was told last week that his name is in Washington, D.C., and New York City right now in the consideration pile, and said he was told he has a good chance.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Bolton said. "Any other administration I wouldn't have a chance, but this one is doing things differently."

Bolton ran for commissioner in 2010 on a pro-business platform, stating in a *Herald Times* article, "I'm not a politician, I'm a businessman."

That might make him just the right fit for a place in the Trump administration.

He won't know until after the first of the year, possibly not until February or March, the outcome. The details of what he and his family will do, and what will happen to his position as county commissioner—if he's chosen for the directorship—remains to be seen.

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## CEMETERY: Budget approved

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don't spend everything we have and we don't put anything in our budget that will not balance to our revenue," said retiring office manager Lila Cox. Janny Varland will take her place.

Citizens addressed specific concerns related to payroll increases, which show an increase of \$78,000 since 2015.

Cox said that can be attributed to adding an additional full-time position in 2016, a state-approved 4 percent cost of living increase, and a spike in the cost of health insurance premiums. The district employs two full-time staff positions, one year-round part-time employee and one or two part-time seasonal employees for grounds maintenance.

Board member Joe Conrado, just appointed to the board this fall, said, "I, as a board member, think we should vote on raises. We need to decide if 4 percent is fair to the taxpayers and the employees."

Business owner Melinda Parker made a comparison between the budget for the Meeker Cemetery District and the Rangely Cemetery District. The Rangely district has a valuation of \$427,437 and has a lower mill levy (0.098), resulting in revenue (from the 2015 tax summary) of \$41,889.

Matt Grenfell, who manages the Rangely Cemetery, said their prices are \$60 for a plot and \$200 for a burial.

"I really feel that the budget is way too high for this facility," Parker said. "Rangely's isn't the showplace that this place is, but I'm not sure a town of 2,500 needs a showplace. To me this has gotten out of control."

Kim Rule, business owner, asked how many burials are done on average each year. Cox said 26 is the annual average.

"If you privatized this, I could do this on a quarter of what this budget is. I look at all these special districts, I look at the schools struggling because we won't vote a mill levy because we have all the special districts," Rule said.

Privatization of the cemetery would result in dramatic increases in the cost of burials, according to Cox. The Meeker cemetery district charges \$300 for a standard burial for residents or family, \$1,500 for non-residents with no family ties to the area. The price goes up slightly if the funeral is on a weekend. A cremains lot is \$150 for a resident. Veterans are buried at no charge.

According to Cox, without the mill levy to cover the care and maintenance of the cemetery, a standard burial would cost \$13,563.46 for a resident, and \$33,908.65 for a non-resident with no family ties to the area. A cremains lot would go up to \$10,172.60.

Brian Conrado asked who has oversight of the board and the district. As a Title 30 special district, the board is appointed by the county commissioners to serve six-year terms. The district is audited annually and has access to legal guidance from the county attorney and financial guidance from the county's CPA.

"For your protection I would think you would want a line item budget," said incoming RBC commissioner Si Woodruff.

Other questions raised had to do with grants given by the district to other taxing districts and to the community, including money granted to the school district and scholarships.

"We weren't spending it and we wanted to give it back to the community," said board member Jan Oldland.

Conrado said he would like to look into the possibility of giving a "tax holiday" for a year.

"Why are we just taking this money if we don't really need it?" Conrado asked. "I would like, as a board member, to go through some of these items. What do the taxpayers want us to do?"

The three-person board, absent member Bill Jordan, set a special workshop meeting for Dec. 12 to go over the budget again.

The 2017 budget was passed Monday without changes at the special meeting.

## NARCOTIC: Overdoses at all time high in U.S.

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amounts are very effective.

While fentanyl is only available by prescription, Chinese laboratories have "tweaked" the formula for to create multiple versions, or analogs, of fentanyl, which are then sold over the internet. Fentanylfentanyl is one of those analogs, and was added to the Schedule I list of controlled substances by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency on Nov. 28, following the death of a 30-year-old Illinois man in March 2016 thought to be the first overdose linked to fentanylfentanyl.

The concentration of the effective drug in a powder obtained illegally may vary greatly and the toxic doses are easily reached and exceeded. The drug induces respiratory suppression and the subsequent arrest is fatal.

"Any substance consumed can cause harm and death if taken in excess," wrote Rio Blanco County Coroner Dr. Albert Krueger. "Many substances like fentanylfentanyl and other opioids cause dependency and require the user to increase the amount consumed to obtain the desired

euphoric effect. That in turn takes those individuals closer to the toxic amounts, causing respiratory arrest."

Officially, in the U.S., 325 deaths have been related to this drug alone in the first ten months of this year, not counting Elder, who leaves behind a grieving family, including a young child.

"Anybody who becomes addicted to narcotics like fentanylfentanyl can find help in Rio Blanco County," Krueger wrote. "Professionals at Rangely District Hospital and Pioneers Medical Center are there to help. Mindsprings professionals are there to help. Rio Blanco Public Health Nurse will help. Your police will lead you to help. Individuals afflicted by addiction just need to ask for help to start the road of freeing themselves from addictive substances."

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# Tourism workshop consensus? We're better together than apart

By PAT TURNER  
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**RBC** I People from both towns and chambers, local businesses, and county and state representatives came together for a tourism workshop last week.

County Economic Development Director Katelyn Cook brought in representatives from the Colorado Tourism (CTO) office as well as Russell Walters, who is the North American Strategic Director for the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA). Walters led the charge and helped the group understand trends in adventure travel and how the county is in a prime position to take advantage of potential revenue opportunities.

Small group discussions helped identify local challenges and then discussed possible ways to overcome them. The Meeker folks did the exercise at Mountain Valley Bank in the morning and the Rangely folks did the same thing at Rangely District Hospital in the afternoon.

Thursday both groups came together in Rangely for the rest of the workshop to compare notes and identify commonalities and differences. The general consensus seemed to be an attitude of "wow, we have more in common than we thought." The agen-

das for both towns are very similar in terms of how to promote tourism while keeping our culture safe, and increasing opportunities to generate revenue to help both towns and the county at large. Someone said, "We are stronger together!" and it's true.

Cook has been working with Atlas Marketing to put together individual branding and marketing plans for both towns.

Walters helped the group narrow down and identify the main objectives, because sometimes with all the great ideas coming from the community members you can still "be a mile wide but only an inch deep."

The group agreed that the focus boils down to three things, summarized as "OMG."

**O equals trails and OHVs**—We have a tremendous opportunity to develop our trails to connect both sides of the county and beyond. We have great trails for motorized and primitive travel which can be used to bring people in if we will do some necessary work to promote and care for them. If we can put together some plans and packages for activities then hopefully we can bring some people in to stay at our local hotels and eat at our restaurants and shop at our stores.

**M stands for marketing**—The general idea is to get a plan that includes both towns and the county.

We know we need more marketing, and need to expand into the digital space with excellence. So the goal is to get all the entities working together from a hub that connects us all and from which we can share and cross-promote businesses, events and opportunities.

**G stands for grazer, or grazer opportunities**—What, you ask, is a "grazer" and why do we want them? A grazer represents a type of tourist who likes to come into town and just graze around a bit, maybe take a short hike or a tour and then get a bite to eat and a massage for their feet. They have some cash to spend and are looking for an experience. If we can show them what great opportunities we have for recreation then they can come in and graze a bit and the towns can increase and feed off the profit. Most of our current tourists are what are referred to as "enthusiasts," which is good, but they only come seasonally and get what they need and go. What do we do with our assets for the rest of the year? The opportunities are there but we must learn a new way to cater to a different crowd. In the words of Stephen R. Covey, we need "a new mindset, skill-set and tool-set to achieve greatness in the 21st century."

Walters encouraged everyone to check out the Colorado Tourism Office at Colorado.com. You can



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Russell Walters, the strategic director for the Adventure Travel Trade Association, led a group of about 25 participants from both towns through small group sessions and discussion regarding promoting tourism opportunities.

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# Yamaha awards \$19K grant to Wagon Wheel OHV club

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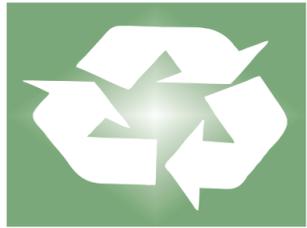
**MEEKER** I The Wagon Wheel OHV Club is pleased to announce it has received a Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative grant of \$19,398 for the 2017 Patterson Park Trail Project in cooperation with the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest. The grant will also provide tools and OHV dump trailers for the Club's use when annually clearing and maintaining OHV trails. The grant was awarded as part of Yamaha's Outdoor Access Initiative promoting safe, responsible riding and sustaining riding areas.

The grant provides hand tools, chainsaws, safety equipment, and two small dump trailers to use for annual trail clearing and maintenance, and to implement special trail projects. A storage unit will also be purchased through the grant. Geo-grid and gravel will be purchased

through the grant to stabilize the Patterson Park Trail #2292 where it passes through a wet meadow and crosses a stream. Due to the wet conditions, trail braiding has occurred, causing resource damage and erosion. This project will be in partnership with the Forest Service.

The Wagon Wheel OHV Club has become more active in the area to address resource and safety issues on trails, and to insure future motorized and non-motorized access and maintain riding privileges. The Club is pursuing additional grants and community financial support.

Club information can be accessed through Facebook or within the Wagon Wheel Trails website. Riders and businesses in the area can support motorized recreation and insure trails remain open for all users through safe and responsible riding by joining the Wagon Wheel OHV Club.



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Meeker junior Zack Dinwiddie goes up for two of his 12 points against the Hayden Tigers in the first round of the White River Electric Cowboy Shootout, in which the Cowboys finished second after losing 55-32 to Fruita Monument. The Cowboys will host the Grand Valley Cardinals this Friday, with the varsity tipping off at 7:30 p.m.

## Cowboys finish 2nd in WREA Shootout

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** After four games and just a few days of practice for Cowboy football players out for basketball the Meeker boys' basketball team is 2-2 with a second place finish in the 2016 White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. The Cowboys will host the Grand Valley Cardinals this Friday in their final competition before the Christmas break.

The Cowboys opened the season in Silt with a 35-63 loss to the Coal Ridge Titans before defeating Hayden 66-14 in the first round of the Shootout last Thursday. Meeker then beat the Aspen Skiers 40-33 in the semifinals to advance to the championship game, where they lost 55-32 to Fruita Monument's JV team.

"I thought we improved every game," Meeker head coach Klark Kindler said. "Fruita's zone caused us some problems, since we haven't had time to work on a zone offense

yet." Meeker junior Logan Hughes was named the tournament's MVP and led the Cowboys with 25 points and 22 rebounds in the three games played in the WREA Shootout. Classmate Zack Dinwiddie scored 23 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in the tournament, while Doak Mantle finished with 22 and five rebounds, Valentine Rosas scored 20, Trapper Merrifield had 18 points and 14 rebounds and Eli Newman scored 17 and recorded 11 rebounds, while varsity players Kale Burke and Brennan Jensen also contributed to Meeker's scores.

"There were a lot of good teams this year, the competition definitely increased," Kindler said of the teams at this year's Shootout.

The varsity is scheduled to tipoff against the Cardinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"It will be nice to play after a full week of practice," Coach Kindler said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

Rangely junior Brennan Noyes blocks a shot of a Moffat County player, surrounded by teammates Kobie Broome (4), Mikey Sheppard and Troy Allred (5), in the Panther's first game of the WREA Cowboy Shootout which Rangely won 64-40. Noyes finished the game with 13 points and six rebounds and his team finished fourth in the tournament. The Panthers will play the host team in Utah Friday in the Manila Holiday Classic.

## RHS SENIOR WINTER ATHLETES...



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Rangely's senior winter sports athletes this year are: Mikey Sheppard, basketball; Troy Allred, basketball; Landon Rowley, wrestling; Lindsey Thacker, basketball; Antoinette Dorris, basketball; Sidney Shaffer, basketball; McKenzie Webber, basketball; Katie Allred, basketball; Adriana Lopez, wrestling manager.

## Harvey wins tourney in Delta, Cowboys take fourth

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** The defending 2A state champion Meeker Cowboys still do not have a full team but they did fill 11 of 14 weight divisions in the Delta Invitational last Saturday and placed eight of them in the top four, including one champion.

Many of the varsity wrestlers played in the recent state football championship game, then wrestled after only four days of practice. Meeker finished fourth as a team behind champions Cedaredge, Hotchkiss and Delta.

The Cowboys will close out the 2016 part of the season by competing in the annual Warrior Classic this weekend in Grand Junction.

"We are not in wrestling shape yet," Meeker head coach J.C. Watt said. "The kids wrestled well though, we just ran out of gas."

Meeker senior Sheridan Harvey won the 145-pound bracket, winning three matches, a 12-0 major decision and two pins, including one in the championship match against Cole Roberts of Delta.

Meeker sophomore Tannen Kennedy (126), along with seniors Caleb Bradford (220) and Tyler Ilgen (heavyweight), also advanced to the championship match of their respective brackets and all three finished as runners-up.

Freshman Colton Wille (106), sophomore Jacob Pelloni, senior Garrett Frantz (138), and Hunter Garcia (160) all placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

Freshman Tevin Pelloni (132) and senior Cody Nielsen (152) both won a match but did not place and freshman Ridge Williams wrestled two matches in the 195-pound bracket.

"The Warrior is also a tough, early-season tournament, again, we are not in shape yet but hopefully we continue to get better," Coach Watt said.

## Football players and coaches honored by Northwest League



BECKY HUGHES PHOTO

Many Meeker football players and their head coach were recently honored by the Northwest League when it was announced head coach Shane Phelan was named "Coach of the Year" and junior quarterback Logan Hughes was named the league's "Player of the Year." Pictured with their coaches and all-conference certificates are: (front) Trapper Merrifield, Cole Brown, Hunter Garcia, Sheridan Harvey and Casey Turner. (Back) assistant coaches Darby Finley and Brock Campbell, Tanner Slaugh, Eli Newman, Logan Hughes, Chase Rule, Tyler Ilgen, Doak Mantle, head coach Shane Phelan and assistant coach Ben Quinn. Assistant coach Andy Coryell is not pictured.

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**MEEKER I** Meeker High School football coach Shane Phelan and 11 of his players were recently honored by the Northwest League, naming Phelan the "Coach of the Year" and junior quarterback Logan Hughes, "Player of the Year."

"Anytime a player receives that kind of honor, he has a lot of good teammates, who do their job, perform well and help make them look good," Coach Phelan said of Hughes' award.

Meeker seniors Cole Brown, Hunter Garcia, Sheridan Harvey, Tyler Ilgen, Chase Rule and Casey Turner, along with juniors Hughes and Doak Mantle, were named to the Northwest League's first team, All-conference team, while senior Tanner Slaugh and juniors Trapper Merrifield and Eli Newman were honorably mentioned by league coaches.

"They were all very much deserved, especially the seniors,"

Coach Phelan said. "They worked hard the last several years and they became outstanding players. It's nice to see them recognized."

Hughes completed 145 passes for 2,529 yards and 31 touchdowns, against 10 interceptions for a quarterback rating of 117. Hughes also rushed for 514 yards, scored a total of 62 points and gained 3,042 total yards, recorded 42 tackles on defense and recovered five fumbles.

Brown caught 39 passes, including 11 for touchdowns, gained 710 yards, scored 80 points on offense and recorded 43 tackles on defense and had three interceptions.

Garcia scored 44 points, caught 36 passes for 692 yards and five touchdowns. He gained 446 yards returning kickoffs and punts, recorded five interceptions and finished the season with 102 tackles.

Harvey led the Cowboys with 44 receptions and 744 receiving yards, scoring five touchdowns, rushed for three more and recored 85 tackles on defense, with one sack and one interception.

Ilgen, Rule, Slaugh and Newman played as linemen on both sides of the ball. Rule led the Cowboys with 168 tackles, averaging 12.9 tackles per game. Merrifield rushed for three touchdowns, recorded 66 tackles and had two interceptions during the season.

Turner recorded 155 tackles, including six sacks and he scored 66 points for Meeker, including five rushing touchdowns (89 carries for 551 yards) and four receiving touchdowns.

Mantle carried the ball 189 times for 1,058 yards and 11 touchdowns. Mantle caught three passes for touchdowns, had 1,453 total yards on offense, while recording 82 tackles and six interceptions on defense.

Coach Phelan was also appreciative and complimentary of his coaching staff, which included Andy Coryell, Ben Quinn, Darby Finley and Brock Campbell.

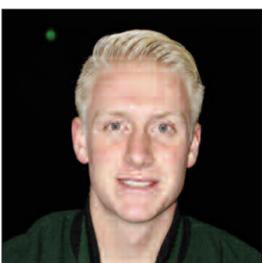
"The coach of the year is more like the staff of the year," Coach Phelan said, sharing his honor with his staff.



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### Logan Hughes Junior MHS Boys Basketball

Hughes was named tournament MVP of the WREA Cowboy Shootout, leading the Cowboys with 25 points and 22 rebounds in three games.



**The third-fourth grade ERBM volleyball team:** (back) coach Angie Follman, Carys Walton, Hayden Garcia, Rylee Sullivan, Chloe LeBlanc, Lissbeth Sanchez, Addison Knowles, coach Holly Knowles; (middle) Callie Stout, Jacey Follman, Taylor Garcia, Natalie Knight; (front) Adison Selle, Emma Bauer, Emma Buckler. Not pictured: coach Casey Sullivan and Jorja Burum.



**The fifth-sixth grade ERBM volleyball team:** (back) coach Nicolle LeBlanc, coach Cassi Hobbs, Eva Scritchfield, Nevaeh LeBlanc, Stacie Mack, Emma Luce, Lyndsie Palmer, Jayden Overton-Linsacum, coach Kathy Thorsby; (middle) Natalie Kracht, Melayni Wangniid, Jessica Pelloni, Brealyn Garcia, Autumn Hobbs, Grace Roberts; (front) Vivian Brown, Jayda May, Wagner Brown. Not pictured: Isabella Blazon and Ainsley Selle.

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## Two Panthers place in Oak Creek

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** Three Panther wrestlers competed in Oak Creek last Saturday and two of them placed in the top three. The Panthers will compete in another tournament Saturday in Kremmling.

Rangely freshman Tytus Coombs advanced to the championship match

in the 120-pound bracket and finished second. Freshman classmate Justin Rusher was the consolation champ in the 132-pound bracket and senior Landon Rowley did not place in the 138-pound bracket.

"We have lots to work on but for our first showing this year, I was very happy with how we wrestled," Rangely head coach Travis Witherell said.

## Jr. high boys end season

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Junior high boys' basketball finished up this weekend at the district tournament in Craig. Both the A and B team played Craig first.

"Both teams came out with a loss but there were a lot of good things," said coach Jimmie Mergelman.

In the A game Marsten Wagner led the scoring with six points and Timothy Scoggins led with eight rebounds.

In the B game Anthony Dorris led with six points. Both teams then played Meeker.

"They all played well, just fell short," said Mergelman.

Anthony Dorris led the B team with 15 points, Fisher Winder led the A team with six points, followed by Andrew Dorris and Scoggins with five apiece.

"It was a good finish to the season and I am looking forward to next year," Mergelman said.

## COWBOYS TAKE OUT TITANS ...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

The Meeker girls' basketball team was idle last weekend but did play and beat the Coal Ridge Titans 56-42 in Silt, Dec. 6. Sophomore Megan Shelton led the team with 18 points, 20 rebounds, five assists and seven steals in the game. The lady Cowboys will host the Grand Valley Cardinals Friday at 6 p.m.

## Lady Panthers take out Plateau Valley Cowboys 56-41

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**  
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**RANGELY I** The Rangely High School girls' varsity basketball team increased their record to 3-1 after beating the Plateau Valley Cowboys 56-41; the JV team also won and remains undefeated. The varsity will cross the state line to play in the Manila Holiday Classic tournament this weekend in Manila, Utah, playing the host team Friday at 5:30 p.m.

"Solid defense forced 17 turnovers, which led to a strong first half," Rangely head coach Quinton Kent said about the 36-18 lead the Panthers had at halftime against Plateau Valley. "It also helped that we were balanced on offense with seven of our ten players scoring."

Rangely senior Katye Allred scored 14 points, as did Katelyn

Brown (nine points coming from three baskets behind the three-point arch), while sophomore Skylar Thacker also finished in double figures with 10. Senior Lindzey Thacker scored eight, senior Sydney Shaffer and sophomore Kaylalle Wyman each finished with four points and sophomore Kassidee Brown had two.

"On the defensive end, everyone contributed with solid ball pressure and we rarely gave them two shots in any given possession, meaning we rebounded well," Coach Kent said.

The elder Thacker pulled down eight rebounds, Allred recorded seven and Kassidee Brown pulled down six.

"It was a good team win," Coach Kent said. Coach Kent said his JV team remains undefeated after winning their game against Plateau Valley by "double digits."

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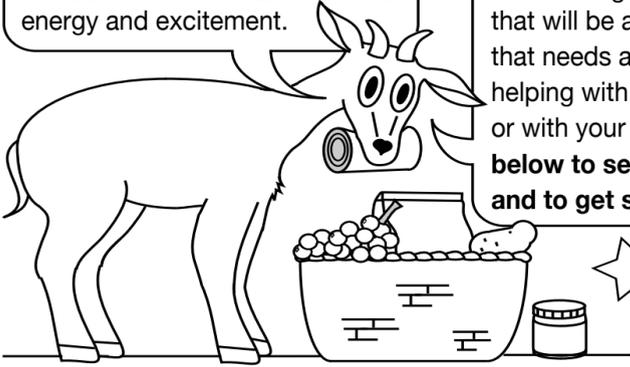
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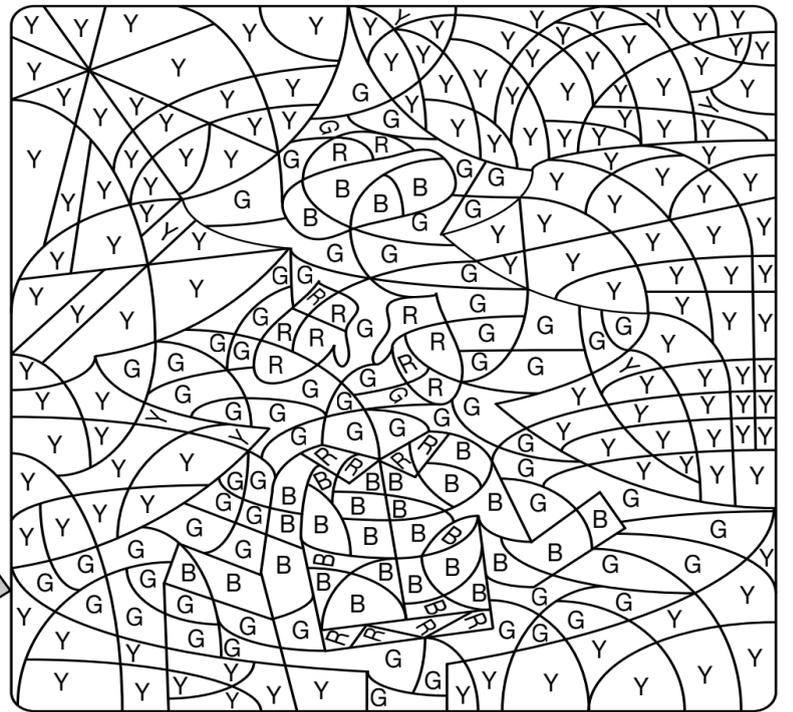
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

*The Meeker Herald — 100 years ago*

■ It is reported by wireless the Fordites are already quarreling among themselves. Thought that "little ben" wouldn't stand for it very long—seeing Mr. Ford occupying all of the front page space.

■ What has become of the old-fashioned kid who could name the capitals of every state in the Union?

■ LOST—A pair of white woolly chaps, with spurs buckled to chaps. Lost on Meeker-Rifle road last Sunday. Reward for recovery.

■ Take note of the Gem Picture Show announcement. Shows on Thursdays and Saturdays, only.

■ Some petty thieving is reported from the western end of the town, and the officers are on the lookout.

■ You can get most anything you want in the way of suitable holiday presents at our stores. Examine the prices before sending your order outside.

Kenneth Shimko

*The Meeker Herald — 25 years ago*

■ Christmas came early for the county's two school districts this past Monday as the RBC commissioners played Santa Claus, presenting them with an unplanned \$96,735 bonus.

■ After it's all added up and totaled, Rio Blanco County ad valorem tax payers will shell out slightly over \$16 million next year to help operate everything from schools, hospitals, sanitation systems and fire departments to mosquito districts. Divided among the county's estimated 6,000 residents, the 23 government entities that had their mill levies set this past week will spend an average of \$2,712 for every man, woman and child in Rio Blanco.

■ Hustling plays by Karrin Borchard enabled her to come up with eight steals in last week's game against the previously undefeated Olathe Pirates. Borchard scored 16 points to lead the Cowgirls to their fifth straight win of the year, 48-37. Meeker will now close out the first third of their season this Friday against DeBeque.

*Rangely Times — 50 years ago*

*The Meeker Herald — 50 years ago*

■ The continuance of the annual Range Call Celebration in Meeker was discussed by an enthusiastic crowd Tuesday evening. It is hoped this much enthusiasm is shown at the next meeting Monday, Jan. 9.

■ Dear Santa: I'd like a clay factory, please, and I would like Miss Susie's Homemaker stuff, also, how's Mrs. Santa Claus? Your friend, Twila Richardson

■ Dear Santa: I want some match-box cars, please. I would like a GI Joe, too, please. I'd like 2 pistols and a knife, also, please. How's the weather at the North Pole? Your friend, Steve Parr

■ Dear Santa Claus: I would like a gun that shoots bullets, please. That's all Santa. Your friend,

■ The biggest event of the year for Rangely youngsters will take place Saturday. A free movie, courtesy of 40 of Rangely businessmen, and a visit from Santa Claus will highlight the afternoon.

■ W.F. McCoy was elected to lead the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce in 1967 at the annual banquet held Saturday night in the Reddy Room at Eddy's Hotel.

■ Continental Oil Co. officials said last week they are ready to proceed with an experimental underground nuclear shot in natural gas deposits south of Rangely.

Continental proposes a 40-kiloton nuclear shot at a depth of about 2,700 feet underground in the Mancos formation of the Douglas Creek-Dragon Trail gas area between Rangely and Douglas Pass.

■ Rangely's ice skating pond was filled Sunday night by members of the Volunteer Fire Department so that residents may enjoy the sport during the winter. The pond is located in the Hildenbrandt Park north of Main Street.

■ Rangely's Pete Miller was named Sunday to the Denver Post's 1966 all-state prep football team.

*Rangely Times — 25 years ago*

■ About 20 middle school

kids from area churches and Young Life teamed up on Wednesday, Dec. 11, in an effort to embrace the community with a door-to-door fund drive. The teenagers gathered two pick-up loads of canned goods, dry goods, clothing and toys.

■ There was no spoken controversy. There was little interest expressed. In fact, many voters did not know about it. As a result, less than 5 percent of eligible voters took the time to vote. The final vote was 39-17 to dissolve the Sanitation District that had been formed in 1952 to provide a sewer system.

■ It runs for 59 pages. It is a revision of the present ordinance regarding animals in Rangely. At the regular meeting of the Rangely Board of Trustees it invoked quite a bit of discussion. The ordinance would increase fees and violation penalties—none of which has changed since 1982.

■ Colleen Poole of Rangely was honored by the Colorado Association of School Boards as one of the State's "Unsung Heroes" at the Association's annual meeting.

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

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

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation  
Date of Deed of Trust January 15, 2015  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 16, 2015  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 309641  
Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 11, 2015  
Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 309774  
Original Principal Amount \$95,340.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$93,518.02

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 EAST NINETY FEET OF LOT 9 BLOCK H WHITE ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 16, 1946 AS RECEPTION NO. 69900 TOWN OF RANGELY, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO STATE OF COLORADO**  
Also known by street and number as: 118 W Bell St, 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, 02/01/2017, at Office of the Public Trustee, Temporary Office, 1032 Jennifer Drive, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s). Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication 12/8/2016  
Last Publication 1/5/2017  
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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Denver, Colorado 80203 Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
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DATE: 10/06/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
MARCELLO G. ROJAS #46396 SUSAN HENDRICK #33196  
Klatt, Odekirik, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 9745 EAST HAMPDEN AVE., SUITE 400, DENVER, CO 80231 (303) 353-2965  
Attorney File # CO160240  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-25

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

Original Grantor(s) Amanda L Fausett and Dalin Fausett  
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primesource Mortgage, Inc. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
Date of Deed of Trust December 14, 2012  
County of Recording Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 18, 2012  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 305328  
Original Principal Amount \$152,959.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$143,268.28

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**LOT 36 AND 37 OF BLOCK 2 OF THE COLTHARP SUBDIVIDED LOTS TO THE TOWN OF RANGELY, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF VACATED RIO BLANCO AVENUE VACATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 133 STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO**  
Also known by street and number as: 723 E Rio Blanco Avenue, Rangely, CO 81648.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

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First Publication 11/17/2016  
Last Publication 12/15/2016  
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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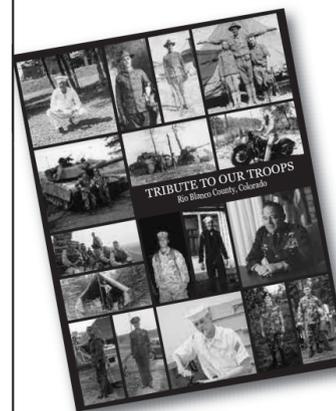
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DATE: 09/14/2016  
Karen Arnold, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
DAVID W. DRAKE #43315 SCOTT D. TOEBEN #19011  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, DENVER, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710  
Attorney File # 16CO00364-1  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge; 570 2nd Street, Meeker, CO 81641 970-878-9590, has filed an application for a Regular (112) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. The proposed mine is known as the Bachmann Gravel Pitt, and is located at or near Section 3, Township 1N, Range 93W, 6th Prime Meridian. The proposed date of commencement is April 1, 2017, and the proposed date of completion is December 31 2044. The proposed future use of the land is Rangeland. Additional information

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and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's office; 555 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641, or the above-named applicant. Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017. Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and

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similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board. Publish: December 8, 2016, December 15, 2016, December 22, 2016, December 29, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
RIO BLANCO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 23, 2017 the Rio Blanco Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing begin-

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ning at 1:15 p.m. at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641 to consider the following: Lee Overton Limited Impact Review (PLIR) PLIR-0001-16. The applicant is requesting to operate a Tire Recycling Facility. Located at 73550 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado, in Section 29, T1N, 94W. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Community Development Department at 200 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9456 for more information between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Published: December 15, 2016 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT  
2016 EMERGENCY CR 77 BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of January, 2017 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with T & M Contracting of 2853 RBC Rd. 4, Meeker, CO 81641 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as 2016 Emergency CR 77 Bank Stabilization Project. 1)Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERI-

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FIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims. 2)All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before January 5, 2017. 3)Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim. Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 12th day of December, 2016. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN First Publication: 12/15/16 Last Publication: 12/22/16 Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE**

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

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

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

**COLLEEN E. FLOYD**

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY TREASURER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/S/ Karen Arnold, Rio Blanco County Treasurer

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

Published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

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

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

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

| FEDERAL LEASE NUMBER | ACREAGE                      | Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado<br>LAND DESCRIPTION  |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| COC29225             | 2,367.78                     | <u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, S½NE¼, and SE¼;<br>sec. 7, NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, and SE¼;<br>sec. 8 and 17;<br>sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, E¼, and E½SW¼.   |
| COC012347601         | 2,255.22                     | <u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S½NW¼, and SW¼;<br>sec. 6, lots 1 thru 6, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, and SE¼.<br><br><u>T. 4 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 29, lot 1, N½SE¼, and SW¼SE¼;<br>sec. 31, lots 1 thru 4, E¼, and E½W¼;<br>sec. 32, lots 2 thru 4, W¼, and S½SE¼.   |
| COC012347501         | Tract 1<br>2,081.57          | <u>T. 4 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 29, SW¼;<br>sec. 30, lots 1 thru 4, E½W¼, and SE¼.<br><u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 24, lot 9, E½SW¼, and SW¼SW¼;<br>sec. 25, lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and 13, N½;<br>sec. 35, lots 2, 3, and 6, W½E¼, W¼, and SE¼SE¼;<br>sec. 36, lots 1, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 18, and S½S½.  |
| COC034365            | Tract 2<br>27.84<br>2,604.79 | <u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 26, lot 3.<br><u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 2, lots 10, 13, 22, and 23, SW¼NW¼, SW¼;<br>sec. 3, S½N¼, and S½;<br>sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, S½NE¼, S½SW¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼, and S½;<br>sec. 9 and 10.<br><u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 19, lots 1 thru 3, E¼, and E½W¼;<br>sec. 20, lot 1, N½, SW¼, N½SE¼, and SW¼SE¼;<br>sec. 21, lots 1, 3, 5 thru 8, and 10, N½, N½SW¼, and NW¼SE¼;<br>sec. 28, lots 4 thru 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 24;<br>sec. 29, lots 2, 3, and 13. |
| COC29226             | 1,894.55                     | <u>T. 3 N., R. 93 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 1, lots 7 and 8, SW¼NW¼, N½SE¼NW¼, SW¼SE¼NW¼, N½NW¼SW¼, and SW¼NW¼SW¼;<br>sec. 2, lots 5 thru 8, S½N¼, SW¼, N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, N½SE¼SE¼, and SW¼SE¼SE¼;<br>sec. 3, lot 5, E½W¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼, and E½SE¼;<br>sec. 10, NE¼NE¼;<br>sec. 11, NW¼NE¼NE¼, N½NW¼NE¼, SW¼NW¼NE¼, NW¼SW¼NE¼, N½NW¼, NE¼SW¼NW¼, and N½SE¼NW¼.<br><u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 34, S½NE¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼, E½SE¼, and E½W¼SE¼  |
| COC68590             | 1,406.71                     | <u>T. 3 N., R. 94 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 16, N½.<br><u>T. 4 N., R. 94 W.</u> ,<br>sec. 25, lots 2, 4, 6, and 8 thru 12;<br>sec. 26, lots 2 and 4;<br>sec. 35, lots 1, 4, and 5;<br>sec. 36, lots 2 thru 9, 12, 13, 15, and 17.  |

TOTAL FEDERAL ACREAGE: 12,638.46

State of Colorado

Lease Number

257-13s 960.16

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL ACREAGE: 960.16

TOTAL ACREAGE: 13,598.62

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

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION**

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

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

/s/ Ruth Welch

Ruth Welch

State Director

Published: Dec. 8 & 15, 2016

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**NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL**

Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties  
Serial No. COC-76595

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

The Federal lands proposed for exchange are described as follows:

Parcel C-1 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 4, lot 6.

T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 28, SW¼4NE¼, NW¼, SW¼, W¼2SE¼, and SE¼4SE¼;

sec. 29, E¼2NE¼, SE¼4SW¼, and SE¼;

sec. 32, E¼2NE¼ and E¼2SE¼;

sec. 33;

sec. 34, S¼2SW¼ and W¼2SE¼.

The area described contains 1,759.57 acres.

Parcel C-2 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 30, lot 6, NW¼4NE¼, and SE¼4NW¼.

The areas described aggregate 117.31 acres.

Parcel D-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 4, that part of lot 4 lying west of the ridge line;

sec. 5, that part of lot 1 lying west of the ridge line.

T. 3 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 32, E¼2SE¼;

sec. 33, that part of W¼2NE¼, E¼2NW¼, E¼2SW¼, and SW¼4SW¼ lying west of the ridge line.

The areas described aggregate an estimated 323 acres.

Parcel D-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 26, lots 7 and 8.

The area described contains 40.01 acres.

Parcel E-1 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 17, lot 6.

The area described contains 20.17 acres.

Parcel E-2 (Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 17, SW¼4SW¼;

sec. 19, E¼2NE¼, and that part of W¼2NE¼, E¼2SE¼, NW¼4SE¼ lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710);

sec. 20, N¼2NW¼, SW¼4NW¼, W¼2SW¼, and SW¼4SE¼;

sec. 29, NE¼, and that part of N¼2NW¼, SE¼4NW¼, NE¼4SW¼, N¼2SE¼, and SE¼4SE¼ lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710).

The area described contains an estimated 751 acres.

Parcel E-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 9, SW¼4NW¼.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-1 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 35, SW¼4SE¼.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 36, S¼2SE¼.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 1, NE¼4SW¼.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 2, E¼2SW¼, SW¼4SW¼, and S¼2SE¼;

sec. 3, SE¼4SE¼.

The area described contains 240 acres.

Parcel F-6 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 12, N¼2NW¼.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-7 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,

sec. 5, NW¼4SW¼;

sec. 6, N¼2SE¼.

The area described contains 120 acres.

Parcel F-8 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,

sec. 36, SW¼4NE¼ and SE¼4NW¼.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel G (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,

sec. 17, SW¼4NW¼, N¼2SW¼, SW¼4SW¼, N¼2SE¼, and SE¼4SE¼.

The area described contains 280 acres.

Parcel A-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,

sec. 2, lot 7.

The area described contains 39.62 acres.

The Federal lands described above have been segregated from appropriation under the public land and mineral laws for a period of five years. The BLM proposes to convey surface estate only, subject to valid existing rights. In exchange, Proponent will convey the following described non-Federal land to the United States, subject to valid existing rights:

Parcel A-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,

sec. 17, SW¼4NW¼, N¼2SW¼, SW¼4SW¼, N¼2SE¼, and SE¼4SE¼.

The area described contains 280 acres.

Parcel A-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,

sec. 30, lots 7 and 8, and E¼2SW¼;

sec. 31, lots 5, 6, and 7, and E¼2NW¼.

T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,

sec. 25, SW¼4NE¼, NW¼, E¼2SW¼, NW¼4SE¼, and SE¼4SE¼;

sec. 26, S¼2SE¼;

sec. 27, E¼2SE¼;

sec. 34, NE¼4NE¼;

sec. 35, NE¼, NW¼, NE¼4SW¼, and N¼2SE¼;

sec. 36, NE¼, NW¼, SW¼, and N¼2SE¼.

The area described contains 1,920.51 acres.

Parcel B (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR  
SETTLEMENT  
2016 COUNTY ROAD 5 STOCK PASS 4  
PROJECT**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of January, 2017 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Precision Excavating of 1545 West Jefferson, Hayden, CO 81639 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as 2016 County Road 5 Stock Pass 4 Project.

1) Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims.

2) All such claims shall be filed with Van Pilaud, County Engineer, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before January 5, 2017.

3) Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim.

Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 12th day of December, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
BY SHAWN J. BOLTON, CHAIRMAN  
First Publication: 12/15/16  
Last Publication: 12/22/16  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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**Board of County Commissioners  
Of Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
Monday, December 19, 2016  
Rio Blanco County Annex Building  
17497 Highway 64  
Rangely, Colorado 81648  
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 19, 2016 Tentative Agenda  
Approval of the December 19, 2016 Agenda  
CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 19, 2016  
Consent 1\_Consideration of the Board Minutes of December 12, 2016  
Consent 2\_Budget Variance Request - 016 FCI

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Constructors Inc., RBC Courthouse Renovation Project 10-16-014 to furnish and install the Commissioner's hearing table and (2) side tables as indicated per drawings issued in PR-05, on 11/20/16 in an amount of \$19,097.00. (All Sign)

Consent 3\_Budget Variance Request - C040 FCI Constructors Inc., RBC Courthouse Renovation Project 10-16-014 for Central States Roofing to furnish and install (2) rows of "SnoGem" snow guards along the lower edge of the sloped metal roof above Room 329 as indicated per RFI-076 in an amount of \$3,013.00. (All Sign)

Consent 4\_Approval of the Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and Melanie Hershershot, MC, Rd, CSO to provide dietetic services for the White River Roundup Senior Nutrition Program, beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. (All Sign)

Consent 5\_Approval of Contract for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Visual Lease Services for Oil and Gas Property Evaluation Services for the Rio Blanco County Assessor beginning on January 1, 2017 and continuing through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00. (All Sign)

Consent 6\_Approval of Contract for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County and Value West for the 2017 Reappraisal of Industrial and Commercial Properties Property Evaluation Services for the Rio Blanco County Assessor

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beginning on January 1, 2017 and continuing through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$24,720.00. (All Sign)

BUSINESS AGENDA  
General:  
Business 1\_None.  
Bid Openings:  
Bid Opening 1\_None.  
Bids Awards:  
Bid Award 1\_Notice of Award to a Vendor To Be Determined for the Lower White River Pest Control District for the Tarnask/Russian Olive Removal Project.  
Bid Award 2\_Notice of Award to Elderado Signs for the Rio Blanco County Rangely Directional Signage Project.  
MOU's, Contracts and Agreements:  
MCA 1\_Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and a Vendor To Be Determined for the Lower White River Pest Control District for the Tarnask/Russian Olive Removal Project, in an amount to be determined.  
MCA 2\_Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Elderado Signs for the Rio Blanco County Rangely Directional Signage Project in an amount not to exceed \$17,950.00. (All Sign)  
MCA 3\_Approval of an Agreement for Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the Town of Meeker

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and Better City, LLC for economic development strategy implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Resolutions:  
Resolution 1\_  
Other Business:  
Public Comments  
County Commissioners Updates  
1:15 Public Hearings:  
\*Adjourn

The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. A Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado will be held on December 22, 2016, for the Certification of Mill Levies. The meeting will be held in the County Administration Meeting Room, located in the Fairfield Center, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2017, at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado. Please check the County's website for information. If  
http://www.rbc.us/departments/commissioners.

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you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9683 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
Published: December 15, 2016  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Meeker is accepting sealed bids on the following item: Blue 1987 Chevy 1 ton truck, 2-wheel drive with dump bed, V8 diesel, 2 door, and standard transmission with power steering. May be viewed south of the Town Shop, 111 3rd Street.

No minimum bid is required. Items will be sold as is/where is, with no warranty expressed or implied. Bid will be awarded to the highest submitted bid. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to change, add, or amend the specifications, to waive any informalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals.

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

**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 6, COLORADO  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS  
IN WATER DIVISION**

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are hereby notified that the following pages comprise a resume of Applications and Amended Applications filed in the office of Water Division 6, during the month of **NOVEMBER, 2016.**

**16CW3037 RIO BLANCO**-Concerning the Application for Water Rights of Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Application for Conditional Water Rights (Surface), Applicant: Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, c/o Shawn Bolton, Chairman, P.O. Box 1, Meeker, CO 81641, (970) 878-9680, c/o Edward B. Olszewski, Esq., Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C., P.O. Box 916, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 928-9100. Names of structures: Rio Blanco County Spring 1, Rio Blanco County Spring 2 and Rio Blanco County Spring 3. Legal Descriptions: *Rio Blanco County Spring No. 1:* UTM Coordinates: Easting 737592.821m Northing 381989.865m Zone 13, Accuracy: 12 +/-, NE ¼ SW ¼ of Sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 91 W. of the 6th P.M., at a point 1940 feet from the South Section line and 1645 feet from the West Section line. *Rio Blanco County Spring No. 2:* UTM Coordinates: Easting 737654.063m Northing 381910.908m Zone 13, Accuracy: 12 +/-, NE ¼ SW ¼ of Sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 91 W. of the 6th P.M., at a point 1685 feet from the South Section line and 1840 feet from the West Section line. *Rio Blanco County Spring No. 3:* UTM Coordinates: Easting 737667.857m Northing 381892.076m, Zone 13m, Accuracy: 12 +/-, NE ¼ SW ¼ of Sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 91 W. of the 6th P.M., at a point 1635 feet from the South Section line and 1910 feet from the West Section line. Source of all UTMs: Hand Held Garmin GPS, measured from USGS topo map. Source: springs tributary to the North Fork of the White River, tributary to the White River. Appropriation: date of appropriation: 8/2015, initiated by formation of intent to create wetlands and by irrigation of wetlands for mitigation. Date water applied to beneficial use: 07/2016. Amounts: 0.033 c.f.s. (50 gpm) from each spring, absolute for irrigation of 4 acre of wetlands and conditional for irrigation of an additional 6 acre of lands. Uses: Irrigation. Number of acres historically irrigated: 0; proposed to be irrigated 0.4 acre currently being irrigated and another 0.6 acre potentially being irrigated. Applicant does not intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right. Legal description of irrigated acreage. Lands located within the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 91 W. of the 6th P.M. Landowner: Applicant. Remarks: The springs claimed herein are being adjudicated for wetlands irrigation and propagation. The Applicant prays for a decree of this Court and finding the Applicant has exercised appropriation toward the aforementioned water rights and granting Applicant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate. (4 pages)

**16CW3038 RIO BLANCO**-Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Philip E. Lopez, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6312. E-mail: philip.lopez@coag.gov. APPLICATION FOR INSTREAM FLOW WATER RIGHTS TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO A REASONABLE DEGREE IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO. 2. Name of water right: Piceance Creek Instream Flow Water Right; 3. Legal Description: The Piceance Creek Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of Piceance Creek from the confluence with Dry Fork Piceance Creek to the confluence with the White River, a distance of approximately 9.96 miles. A map depicting the approximate location of the Piceance Creek Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. A. Upstream Terminus: Confluence with Dry Fork Piceance Creek at: 1. UTM: Northing: 4433646.00; Easting: 222937.34 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) 2. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 00' 27.26"N and longitude 108° 14' 45.17"W B. Downstream Terminus: Confluence with the White River at: 1. UTM: Northing: 4442727.72; Easting: 223357.83 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) 2. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 05' 21.85"N and longitude 108° 14' 41.41"W C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: Piceance Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2016. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on January 26, 2016, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2016). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2016. 6. Amount of water claimed: Instream flow of 4 cfs (1/1 - 12/31), absolute; 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2016), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2016). As an instream flow water right, the CWCB's appropriation does not require diversion structures or storage. See *Colo. River Water Conservation Dist. v. Colo. Water Conservation Bd.*, 594 P.2d 570, 574 (Colo. 1979); § 37-92-103(4)(c), C.R.S. (2016). As a surface water right, the CWCB's appropriation of instream flow water rights does not involve construction of a well. 9. Remarks: This appropriation by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, is made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) & (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) & (10), C.R.S. (2016). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriation is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 18, 2016, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2016), that the natural environment of Piceance Creek will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriation to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights. 10. Terms and Conditions: The CWCB requests that the Court approve the inclusion of the following term and condition in the decree to be issued in this case: Tributaries of Piceance Creek may contain dry sections due to natural hydrologic variability and/or existing surface water diversions. Due to the intermittent hydrologic connectivity of tributaries to the mainstem, surface diversions on tributaries to Piceance Creek upstream of the designated instream flow segment on Piceance Creek do not, at times, have a direct relationship to the flow rate within the instream flow segment. Consequently, the Division Engineer shall enforce any future call by the CWCB against junior surface rights on tributaries to Piceance Creek upstream of the instream flow segments only if the Division Engineer or his or her staff has, through field verification, first determined that such a priority call on upstream surface water rights located on tributaries to Piceance Creek would make water available to the CWCB's instream flow reaches. Moreover, such call on a tributary shall only be enforced during the period that the tributary stream flows are sufficient to ensure that any curtailment order would make water available to the instream flow water rights on the mainstem. The information set forth above shall govern the administration of the claimed Piceance Creek instream flows by the State and Division Engineer, and any change of water rights or plan for augmentation involving diversions upstream of the claimed instream flows.

**16CW3040 RIO BLANCO**-Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 866-3441. Please direct all future correspondence and pleadings regarding this Application to: Philip E. Lopez, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law, 1300 Broadway, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6312. E-mail: philip.lopez@coag.gov. Application for instream flow water rights to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree in rio blanco county, colorado. 2. Name of water right: Yellow Creek (Upper) Instream Flow Water Right, Yellow Creek (Lower) Instream Flow Water Right; 3. Legal Description: Both Yellow Creek ISF water rights are located in the natural stream channel of Yellow Creek. Each segment is described individually below. A. Yellow Creek (Upper) ISF Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of Yellow Creek from the confluence with Barcus Creek to the confluence with Lambert Springs, a distance of approximately 3.66 miles. A map depicting the approximate location of the Yellow Creek (Upper) ISF Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 1. 1. Upstream Terminus: Confluence with Barcus Creek at: A. UTM: Northing: 4446251.97; Easting: 213556.69 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) B. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 07' 4.17"N and longitude 108° 21' 40.23"W 2. Downstream Terminus: Confluence with Lambert Springs at: A. UTM: Northing: 4449129.57; Easting: 211572.39 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) B. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 08' 34.90"N and longitude 108° 23' 8.54"W B. Yellow Creek (Lower) ISF Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of Yellow Creek from the confluence with Lambert Springs to the confluence with the White River, a distance of approximately 3.45 miles. A map depicting the approximate location of the Yellow Creek (Lower) ISF Water Right reach is attached as Exhibit 2. 1. Upstream Terminus: Confluence with Lambert Springs at: A. UTM: Northing: 4449129.57; Easting: 211572.39 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) B. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 08' 34.90"N and longitude 108° 23' 8.54"W 2. Downstream Terminus: Confluence with the White River at: A. UTM: Northing: 4452477.49; Easting: 210214.46 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North) B. Lat/Long: latitude 40° 10' 21.61"N and longitude 108° 24' 11.25"W C. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) of the upstream and downstream termini will be used as the legal description for the decree in this matter. The Lat/Long coordinates are provided as cross-reference locations only. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). 4. Source: The source of both water rights is Yellow Creek, tributary to the White River. 5. A. Date of initiation of appropriation: January 26, 2016. B. How appropriation was initiated: Appropriation and beneficial use of both Yellow Creek (Upper) and Yellow Creek (Lower) ISF Water Rights occurred on January 26, 2016, by the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. (2016). C. Date applied to beneficial use: January 26, 2016 for both ISF water rights. 6. Amount of water claimed: A. Yellow Creek (Upper) ISF: Instream flow of 0.82 cfs (3/1 - 6/15) and 0.4 cfs (6/16 - 2/29), absolute; B. Yellow Creek (Lower) ISF: Instream flow of 1.8 cfs (3/1 - 6/15) and 1.2 cfs (6/16 - 2/29), absolute. 7. Proposed Uses: Instream flow to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. 8. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S. (2016), to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. (2016). As instream flow water rights, the CWCB's appropriations do not require diversion structures or storage. See *Colo. River Water Conservation Dist. v. Colo. Water Conservation Bd.*, 594 P.2d 570, 574 (Colo. 1979); § 37-92-103(4)(c), C.R.S. (2016). As a surface water right, the CWCB's appropriation of instream flow water rights does not involve construction of a well. 9. Remarks: These appropriations by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, are made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) & (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) & (10), C.R.S. (2016). The purpose of the CWCB's appropriations is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on May 18, 2016, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S. (2016), that the natural environment of Yellow Creek will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights. 10. Terms and Conditions: The CWCB requests that the Court approve the inclusion of the following term and condition in the decree to be issued in this case: The claimed instream flow segments of Yellow Creek are primarily spring fed. Above these segments, the creek contains intermittent dry sections. Due to the intermittent hydrologic connectivity of surface flows, surface diversions upstream of the designated instream flow segments on Yellow Creek rarely have a direct relationship to the flow rate within the instream flow segments. Consequently, the Division Engineer shall enforce any future call by the CWCB against junior surface rights upstream of the instream flow segments only if the Division Engineer or his or her staff has, through field verification, first determined that such a priority call on upstream surface water rights would make water available to the CWCB's instream flow reaches. Moreover, such call shall only be enforced during the period that the stream flows are sufficient to ensure that any curtailment order would make water available to the instream flow water rights. The hydrologic characterization of the creek set forth above shall govern the administration of the claimed Yellow Creek instream flows by the State and Division Engineer, and any change of water rights or plan for augmentation involving diversions upstream of the claimed instream flows.

**16CW3042 RIO BLANCO**-Application for finding of reasonable diligence and to make conditional water rights absolute. In the matter of the application for water rights of the Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association. District court, water division no. 6, state of Colorado, 1955 Shield Dr., Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487. Telephone: 970-879-5020. 1. Name and Address of Applicant: Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association, Attn: Chris Dinsdale, President, 1111 County Road 54, P.O. Box 444, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Direct all pleadings to: Glenn E. Porzak, Karen L. Henderson, Corina A. Hach, Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP, 2120 13th Street, Boulder, CO 80302. 2. Overview: By this Application, the Applicant seeks to make some of its water rights absolute, in whole or in part, and a finding of a reasonable diligence on any portion of its water rights that remain conditional, as more specifically described below. 3. Description of the Direct Flow Water Rights: The following direct flow water rights were decreed by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 5 (the "Division No. 5 Water Court") in Case No. 08CW42, with an adjudication date of April 30, 2008. 3.1 Elk Creek Ditch, ECL Enlargement. (a) Location: The headgate is located in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a distance of 62 feet from the South section line and 1,506 feet from the East section line of said Section 23, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 12 cfs, conditional. (c) Source: Elk Creek. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (e) Place of Use: In-ditch and through ECR Ponds 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, as decreed in Case No. 08CW42. (f) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. 3.2 Elk Creek Ditch No. 3, First Enlargement. (a) Location: The headgate is located in the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a distance of 469 feet from the North section line and 985 feet from the East section line of said Section 26, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 2 cfs, conditional. (c) Source: Elk Creek. (d) Place of Use: In-ditch and through ECR Ponds 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, as decreed in Case No. 08CW42. (e) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (f) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. 3.3 Elk Creek Ditch No. 3, ECL Enlargement. (a) Location: The headgate is located in the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a distance of 469 feet from the North section line and 985 feet from the East section line of said Section 26, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 3 cfs, conditional. (c) Source: Elk Creek. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (e) Place of Use: In-ditch and through ECR Ponds 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, as decreed in Case No. 08CW42. (f) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. 3.4 Greenstreet Ditch Ext., ECL Enlargement. (a) Location: The headgate is located in the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., at a distance of 1,299 feet from the North section line and 963 feet from the West section line of said Section 19, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 15 cfs, conditional. (c) Source: White River. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (e) Place of Use: In-ditch and through ECR Ponds 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11, as decreed in Case No. 08CW42. (f) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. 3.5 Nelson Ditch, ECL Enlargement. (a) Location: The headgate is located in the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 91 West, 6th P.M., at a point 553 feet from the South section line and 2,325 feet from the West section line of said Section 18, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 5 cfs, conditional. (c) Source: White River. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (e) Place of Use: In-ditch and through ECR Ponds 6 and 7 described in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 below. (f) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. 4. Description of the Storage Water Rights: The following storage water rights were decreed by the Division No. 5 Water Court in Case No. 08CW42, with an adjudication date of April 30, 2008. 4.1 ECR Pond No. 6. (a) Location: The middle of the dam is located in the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a point 3,589 feet from the South section line and 1,172 feet from the East section line of said Section 24, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 19.05 acre-feet, absolute for all uses except augmentation. (c) Source: White River, specifically by the Nelson Ditch (including any and all extensions and enlargements of same), the headgate of which is located as described in paragraph 3.5(a) above. The maximum filling rate from the Nelson Ditch is 5 cfs. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and augmentation. (e) Appropriation Date: May 3, 2006. (f) Structure: The length of the dam is 1,000 feet. The height of the dam measured vertically from the elevation of the lowest point on natural grade to the crest of the emergency spillway of the dam is less than 10 feet. The surface area of Pond No. 6 (2.76 acres) and its associated wetland bio-filter (0.17 acres) is 2.93 acres. (g) Remarks: ECR Pond No. 6 is an off-channel pond. 4.2 ECR Pond No. 7. (a) Location: The middle of the dam is located in the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a point 4,018 feet from the South section line and 766 feet from the East section line of said Section 24, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 22.65 acre-feet, absolute for all uses except augmentation. (c) Source: White River, specifically by the Nelson Ditch (including any and all extensions and enlargements of same), the headgate of which is located as described in paragraph 3.4(a) above. The maximum filling rate from the Nelson Ditch is 5 cfs. (d) Uses: Recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and augmentation. (e) Appropriation Date: August 1, 2007. (f) Structure: The length of the dam is 1,506 feet. The height of the dam measured vertically from the elevation of the lowest point on natural grade to the crest of the emergency spillway of the dam is less than 10 feet. The surface area of Pond No. 11 (5.12 acres) and its associated wetland bio-filter (0.54 acres) is 5.66 acres. (g) Remarks: ECR Pond No. 11 is an off-channel pond. 5. Description of the Appropriative Right of Exchange: The following appropriate right of exchange was decreed by the Division No. 5 Water Court in Case No. 08CW42, with an adjudication date of April 30, 2008. 5.1 Pond No. 11 Exchange. (a) Exchange from Point: The confluence of the Elk Creek and White River at a point in the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 92 West of the 6th P.M., at a distance of 2,176 feet from the East section line and 1,480 feet from the South section line of said Section 23. (b) Exchange to Point: A point on the White River in the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M., at a distance 1,299 feet from the North section line and 963 feet from the West section line of said Section 19. (c) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2008. (d) Exchange Rate: 2.2 cfs, conditional. (e) Remarks: This exchange is junior in priority to the CWCB's instream flow right on the White River decreed in Case No. 77-W-3652(C). The exchange shall only be operated in-priority and after prior notice to the Water Commissioner and Division Engineer. 6. Description of the Groundwater Rights: The following groundwater rights were decreed by the Division No. 5 Water Court in Case No. 08CW42, with an adjudication date of April 30, 2008. 6.1 Elk Creek Lodge Well No. 1. (a) Location: This well will be located in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., more specifically 542 feet from the South section line and 1,538 feet from the East section line of said Section 23, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 25 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 3.50 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn in any combination with the Elk Creek Lodge Well No. 2. (d) Source: Elk Creek. (e) Uses: Domestic, irrigation, fire protection, and commercial. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Remarks: This well will be located within 100 feet of and within the alluvium of Elk Creek and therefore is administered as a headgate well with no lagged depletions. 6.2 Elk Creek Lodge Well No. 2. (a) Location: This well is located in the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., more specifically 50 feet from the South section line and 1,250 feet from the East section line of said Section 23, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 25 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 3.50 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn in any combination with the Elk Creek Lodge Well No. 1. (d) Source: Elk Creek. (e) Uses: Domestic, irrigation, fire protection, and commercial. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Well Permit No.: 60515-F. (h) Remarks: This well is located within 100 feet of and within the alluvium of Elk Creek and therefore is administered as a headgate well with no lagged depletions. 6.3 Mountain Community Well No. 1 (a) Location: This well is to be located in the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 36, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., more specifically 3,524 feet from the South section line and 4,379 feet from the East section line of said Section 36, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 100 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 10.20 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn with the Mountain Community Well No. 2. (d) Source: Elk Creek. (e) Uses: Domestic and irrigation. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Remarks: This well must be located within 100 feet and drilled into the alluvium of Elk Creek and if so, will be classified as a headgate well, which does not have lagged depletions. 6.4 Mountain Community Well No. 2. (a) Location: This well is to be located in the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 36, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., more specifically 3,383 feet from the South section line and 4,360 feet from the East section line of said Section 36, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 100 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 10.20 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn with the Mountain Community Well No. 1. (d) Source: Elk Creek. (e) Uses: Domestic and irrigation. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Remarks: This well must be located within 100 feet and drilled into the alluvium of the White River and if so, will be classified as a headgate well, which does not have lagged depletions. 6.5 Bench Community Well No. 1. (a) Location: This well is to be located in the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a point 1,796 feet from the South section line and 4,279 feet from the East section line of said Section 24, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 100 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 4.76 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn with the Bench Community Well No. 2. (d) Source: White River. (e) Uses: Domestic and irrigation. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Remarks: This well must be located within 100 feet and drilled into the alluvium of the White River and if so, will be classified as a headgate well, which does not have lagged depletions. 6.6 Bench Community Well No. 2. (a) Location: This well is to be located in the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., at a point 2,057 feet from the South section line and 4,019 feet from the East section line of said Section 24, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 100 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 4.76 acre-feet, which represents a combined total that may be withdrawn with the Bench Community Well No. 1. (d) Source: White River. (e) Uses: Domestic and irrigation. (f) Appropriation Date: April 30, 2006. (g) Remarks: This well must be located within 100 feet and drilled into the alluvium of the White River and if so, will be classified as a headgate well, which does not have lagged depletions. 6.7 Elk Creek Equestrian Well. (a) Location: This well is located in the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., more specifically 300 feet from the South section line and 600 feet from the West section line of said Section 23, as shown on Exhibit A. (b) Amount: 25 gpm, conditional. (c) Annual Volumetric Diversion Limit: 1.65 acre-feet. (d) Source: White River. (e) Uses: Domestic, irrigation, and commercial (stock watering and in-building use). (f) Appropriation Date: September 1, 2007. (g) Remarks: This well has been constructed and assigned Well Permit No. 66104-F, but will not be put to beneficial use until the Applicant completes the lagged depletion study required by paragraph 9(f) of the decree entered in Case No. 08CW42. 7. Claims to Make Water Rights Absolute: During the subject diligence period, the Applicant has diverted and beneficially used all or portions of the subject water rights. The relevant flow measurements are attached as Exhibit B. The water stored in the ponds can also be made absolute for all decreed purposes pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-301(4)(e). There were no calls on the White River during the subject diligence period to prevent the diversion and use of the subject water rights. Therefore, the Applicant seeks confirmation that the following water rights have been made absolute: (a) 7.16 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to the Elk Creek Ditch, ECL Enlargement, for recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (c) The 3 cfs decreed to the Elk Creek Ditch No. 3, ECL Enlargement, for recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (d) The 15 cfs decreed to the Greenstreet Ditch Ext., ECL Enlargement, for recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh the ECR Ponds. (e) The 5 cfs decreed to the Nelson Ditch, ECL Enlargement, for recreation, wildlife watering, fishery, fire protection, piscatorial (including fish rearing and private or commercial fishing), and to refresh ECR Ponds 6 and 7. (f) The 19.05 acre-feet decreed to ECR Pond No. 6 for augmentation purposes. This makes this storage water right absolute for all decreed purposes, as more particularly described in paragraph 4.1 above. (g) The 22.65 acre-feet decreed to ECR Pond No. 7 for augmentation purposes. This makes this storage water right absolute for all decreed purposes, as more particularly described in paragraph 4.2 above. (h) The 47.40 acre-feet decreed to ECR Pond No. 11 for augmentation purposes. This makes this storage water right absolute for all decreed purposes, as more particularly described in paragraph 4.3 above. (i) The 25 gpm decreed to the Elk Creek Lodge Well No. 2, for domestic, irrigation, fire protection, and commercial purposes. 8. Detailed outline of work done to complete project and apply water to beneficial use: In addition to the foregoing claims to make absolute based on the beneficial use of the water, the Applicant seeks a finding of reasonable diligence with regard to the remaining conditional portions of the subject water rights, or any portion not made absolute. As set forth in the decree entered in Case No. 08CW42, the subject water rights are all part of an integrated water system serving the Elk Creek Ranch. Accordingly, pursuant to C.R.S. §37-92-301(4)(b), in determining reasonable diligence in the development of the conditional water rights, work on one feature of the system shall be considered by the Court in finding that reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of water rights for all features of the system. Evidence of the Applicant's diligence includes, but is not limited to, the following: (a) The Applicant hired Colorado River Engineering to design and locate measuring devices on the Elk Creek Ditch, Elk Creek Ditch No. 3, and Greenstreet Ditches, as well as work on a means to measure flows in Elk Creek. The cost of this work was approximately \$2,025. (b) The Applicant spent approximately \$2,200 on material for the weir plates. In addition, the Applicant spent approximately \$4,900 for the construction, installation, and adjustments to the measuring devices. (c) The Applicant also purchased a pump for use with ECR Pond Nos. 6, 7, and 11, at

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Board of County Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
Thursday December 22, 2016  
Rio Blanco County Administration Building  
200 Main Street, Conference Room  
Meeker, Colorado 81641  
Items of routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the consent agenda. Any Commissioner or member of the audience may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately on the regular agenda prior to action being taken by the Board on the Consent Agenda.  
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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 22, 2016 Special Meeting Board Agenda  
•Approval of the December 22, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda  
GENERAL BUSINESS:

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•Gen Business 1. Certification Of Levies And Revenues For The Various Taxing Entities In Rio Blanco County For The Tax Year 2017 According To CRS Section 39-1-111.  
OTHER BUSINESS:  
•Public Comment  
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

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Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 11:00 a.m., in Meeker at the Rio Blanco County Justice Center, 455 Main Street in Meeker. Please check the County's website for information at: <http://www.rbc.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.  
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12/22 Craig / Bus in town  
12/23 Bus in town  
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12/28 Bus in town  
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12/30 Bus in town  
12/31 No bus  
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12/15

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

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MEEKER HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Pines, 875 Water St., Meeker.

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

NOTICE OF REVISION IN THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO. – 7 GAS TARIFF  
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You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or the "Company") has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), in Proceeding No. 16AL-0839G, an Advice Letter and revised tariff sheets proposing to increase the System Safety and Integrity Rider ("SSIR") surcharge. The SSIR allows Atmos Energy to recover the projected costs incurred to replace system high and moderate risk integrity projects through a monthly volumetric charge by customer class. The increase is proposed to become effective January 1, 2017. The proposed monthly SSIR surcharge and the average monthly bill increase is described in the table below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rangely Victim Services**

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

**ELDER CARE SERVICES**

Would like to provide in-home care service, to include light housekeeping, appointments and shopping. (970)620-0917.

**LAWN AND GARDEN**

Emerald City Lawn Care  
Snowblowing. Free Estimates. Insured (970) 220-2040

**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND:** Set of keys near the clock on Main St. May claim at Rio Blanco Herald Times Office.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**MOTORCADE: MISC.**

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

**AUCTIONS**



**COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
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**SADDLES & TACK CARE**

Saddles cleaned and oiled. Some repair work. New latigos, saddle strings, stirrup leathers, etc. Pack outfits. Call Greg (970)878-4500 or (970)462-6525  
12/15-1/12

**WANTED**

**WANTED:** Old frozen deer, elk, or lamb meat to be used for dog food for two very finicky Westies with digestive issues and allergies. Before you throw it away, call or text 970-948-9547.

**REWARD:** The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District is offering a reward up to \$500 for any information leading to the apprehension of person(s) responsible for vandalism at Kenney Reservoir. Sometime during the evening of Tuesday November 22nd and the morning of Wednesday November 23rd vandals conducted nearly \$4,000 in damages at Kenney Reservoir. If you have information, please call the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office at (970) 878-9600.

**YOUR IDENTITY WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS.**  
12/8-12/15

**HELP WANTED: PART TIME**

The Rio Blanco Herald Times is seeking a Rangely news correspondent to cover assigned community meetings, feature articles, and take photos of various events. Must turn in a minimum of two stories each week by deadline, with accompanying photos when possible. Strong writing skills are essential and writing samples will be part of the application process. Access to a decent camera is a plus. Pay (as an employee, not a freelancer) will include a base weekly rate plus by-the-inch payment for published stories and pay per photo used. Interested individuals should have an understanding of journalistic ethics, a desire to provide honest, reliable community news, and a love for the town of Rangely and its residents. Potential to make \$100-200 a week for a prolific and experienced writer. To apply, send 3-5 writing samples and 2-4 photos to editor@theheraldtimes.com with a cover letter describing why you think you would be the right person for the job.

**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**

**USED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

- 2012 MAC 750 Flameless Heater, \$31,210.
  - 2011 Wacker G70(preT-4) 70 KVA Generator, \$11,944.
  - 2008 Genie Z-45 Boom Lift, \$27,280.
  - 2011 John Deere 310J Backhoe, \$33,264.
  - 2012 John Deere 319D Skid Loader, \$22,336.
  - 2011 John Deere 50D Mini Excavator, \$34,300.
  - 2012 John Deere 544K Loader, \$83,207.
  - 2013 Toyota 74DU35 Warehouse Forklift, \$30,308.
- (970)986-0912

For additional information on these and other equipment, warranty and finance options and 2016 tax deductions.

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**



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

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**

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

- PRN:**
- Patient Care Technician
  - RN - Acute/ED
  - RN - LTC
  - LPN - LTC
  - Certified Nursing Assistant - Wing
  - Transportation Driver

**FULL-TIME**

- [eligible for sign-on bonus & benefits:]*
- RN - LTC
  - LPN - LTC
  - Staff RN - Acute/ED
  - Staff RN - Acute/ED - Nights
  - Physical Therapist

- FULL-TIME**
- [eligible for benefits:]*
- Environmental Services Tech

Submit Resume and/or Application to:  
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100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr.,  
Meeker, Colo., 81641  
Visit our Website at:  
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**Pioneers Medical Center**  
Phone: (970) 878-9147 Fax: (970) 878-1285  
100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641  
Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District

**HELP WANTED: GENERAL**

Ma Famiglia's is looking for kitchen help. All positions available.  
878-4141

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- MEEKER**
- Budget & Finance Director
  - Relief Dispatcher

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to [www.rbcus.org](http://www.rbcus.org) or Rio Blanco County HR at 200 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570.

ADAVEOE

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- Citizens Review Panel
- Columbine Park Board
- Council on Aging Board
- Fair Board
- Fairgrounds Board
- Historical Preservation Board
- Meeker Civic Improvement Board
- Meeker Cemetery Board
- Planning Commission
- Rangely Cemetery Board
- Rangely Library Board



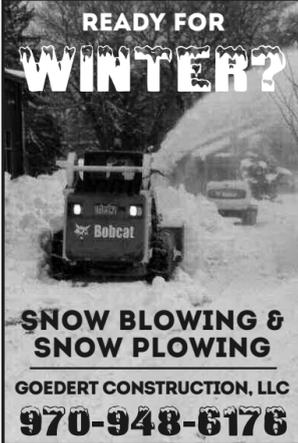
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To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado newspapers for only \$275, contact your local newspaper or call SYNC2 Media at 303-571-5117.

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25 TRUCK DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED!  
Learn to drive for Werner Enterprises!  
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**SNOW REMOVAL**



**RENTALS: MEEKER**

House for sale or rent. 3 bedroom/2 bath, 1 level home with additional bonus room in basement for exercise, playroom or storage. Master bedroom features 2-way fireplace between master bathtub and bedroom. Wood-burning fireplace in open living room. Beautiful views! Excellent water well. 3 miles west of town on 1 acre. Rent \$1400/month. Sale price \$258,000. Available February 1st. Please call 970-629-3797 for more information.

CLEAN REMODELED 2BD APARTMENTS, in-house laundry, storage units available, close to shopping and the downtown area & more. \$575 to \$595 per month. Western Exposures Realty LLC (970) 878-5877.

2 BDR/1.5 BA Duplex, covered parking, fenced back yard, \$600/month + \$600 deposit, pets negotiable. (970)930-5646 or (970)878-5486

Townhouse: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, washer & dryer. \$700/month. Security deposit \$700. Available now. 878-5858

2 BDR/1 BA apartment, all utilities paid. \$600/mo. Call 970-878-5026.

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

Small 2 BDR/1 BA house. Ideal for 1 or 2 people. NS. Pet negotiable. \$600/mo plus utilities. 878-3432

Small 1 room cabin. \$300/month, you pay electric. 970-260-3302.

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

BEAUTIFUL 3 BDR/2BA home, extra large garage, W/D \$1300/ month (970)878-5858

Room for rent-share my home. Complete house privileges, utilities included. (970)620-0917

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

STORAGE DEPOT 10x25 unit. 878-4808.

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

**RENTALS: RANGELY**

Rangely Duplex for Rent 1 or 2 bedroom duplex - Newly remodeled & landscaped. Please contact Rodney 970-462-6538 or Dan 970-462-6858.

**SILVER SAGE RV PARK**

(970)675-2259  
RV Spaces for rent.  
Managers: Dana & Debbie Harvey  
(970)675-2259  
(970)216-0138

2 BDR/2 BA Duplex. Very clean and quiet. No smoking. 970-778-5040

3 BDR/1BA home. Big backyard, pets allowed. \$1,000/mo. Or room available, furnished or unfurnished, \$500/mo. utilities paid. Available Jan. 1. 970-629-5634.

**LAND/LOTS**

FSBO: 22 acre horse property with RV service and new fence. \$85,000 OBO. 4751 County Rd 7. 580-377-9436

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

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

**HOMES: RANGELY**

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

**RE: RANGELY COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT**

3200 square foot warehouse with 3 offices, bath, high garage doors, excellent parking, access and visibility. Call (970)640-2393 for pricing. 10/27-12/29

**HOMES: MEEKER**

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

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

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

Visit [www.westernexposures.com](http://www.westernexposures.com) to view our NEW PROPERTY VIDEOS! Enjoy 1400 Flag Creek; it is a must see.

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW 159 4TH ST. NEW CASTLE, CO. - Custom built 4BD/2BA home with a mother-in-law quarters, walk-out balcony, wooden floors, granite counter tops. Fantastic home, wonderful yard. Close to downtown. Price Reduced: \$392,000 Must see! 585 Cleveland St. - Picturesque 3,806 SQFT home in downtown Meeker. Beautifully landscaped private yard. \$389,000  
959 Garfield St. - Wonderfully kept 4BD/2.5BA home, detached garage, workshop and lots of storage. Price Reduced: \$259,900  
855 5th St. - Wonderful view over town from this 5BD/2BA home. New roof, siding, windows and flooring. \$200,000  
973 Main St. - Glorious yard with garden and privacy. Lovely 2BD/1.75BA home, detached garage and cottage. \$184,000.  
767 12th St. - Two-story, 2BD/1.5BA Townhouse, well-kept and tastefully remodeled. Great fenced area for children or pets. \$70,000  
945 & 975 Cleveland St. - Two older homes, great lot space and potential. \$69,000

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**  
1972 RBC Rd. 36 - Well kept 16+ acres with over 6,500 SQFT in shop space. Hay sheds, spring water, 2,160 SQFT home and cabin. \$589,000  
1400 Flag Creek Dr. - Stunning 4BD/2.5BA home moments from town. Pole barn, acreage and outstanding views. Price Reduced: \$475,000  
945 RBC Rd. 14 - Sensational, beautiful 5BD/3BA log cabin with pristine setting, creek & pond. The ultimate privacy in the White River National Forest. Price Reduced: \$430,000  
1601 White River Rd. - Brand new 3BD/2BA home w/ attached garage. 3.22 acres just south of the golf course. Price Reduced: \$319,500  
269 RBC Rd. 57 - Get out of town and into this 3BD/2BA home with over 1,100 sqft in garages alone, plus 1.37 pretty acres! Price Reduced: \$299,900  
402 Sandstone Dr. - 10 country acres with a custom stick-built 3BD/2BA home with roping & riding arena, tack shed, carport, pasture, pond & views. Located about 4 miles from Meeker. Price Reduced: \$280,000  
8505 RBC Rd. 8 - Lovely up river home on 1.76 acres. Nice views, fenced yard and year round access. Price Reduced: \$258,000

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

**VACANT LAND**  
37 Vacant Lots - Sanderson Hills Subdivision. Located on the northwest side of the subdivision. \$250,000 for all OWNER FINANCING. \$29,000 each or \$25,000 each in packages of 5 lots.  
5 Acres BUCKSKIN VALLEY SUB-DIVISION - This is one of the best 5 acre parcels in the Meeker area with exceptional views, trees, rock outcroppings, central water system and the country lifestyle. Time to build! \$84,995  
459 Cross L Dr. - 3 acres in Cross L Estates, good building location on corner lot. \$80,000  
NEW 49 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 for \$55,000  
NEW 50 Acre Lot - off Highway 13 at Mile Marker 24 with great views for \$55,000

Ridge Estates Vacant Lots - Moments from town, great views, reasonable covenants! SPRING SALE, prices starting at \$65,000  
688 Meath Dr. - 35 acre lot in Little Beaver Estates, cleared building pad. Will consider all offers! \$65,000  
2.25 Acres off Hwy. 13, north of Meeker - Nice building location, close to town! \$45,000  
2 Lots on Silver Sage Rd. - Sage Hills. \$45,000 for both.  
2 Beautiful Lots in Sage Hills - Gentle sloping and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. \$30,000 each.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
NEW Gravel Pit for Sale - WRC Wet Pit is located about 20 miles west of Meeker, containing approximately 110 acres, water rights, and an estimated 1,500,000 tons of gravel ready for extraction. \$1,500,000  
680 Water St. - Playa del Rio Apartments sits on 4 lots, feature 19 apartment units, 17 storage units, off street parking and park area. Buy before the market booms! \$950,000  
Ma Famiglia Italian Restaurant, business offered at \$475,000. Lot and building can also be purchased separately for \$475,000.

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

63322 W Highway 40, Maybell  
128.68 acres with over a mile of Yampa River frontage, senior water rights, partial mineral rights, and a beautiful 5BD/4BA home, plus a 2,160 sq ft. metal barn. Perfect for a cattle ranch headquarters or an equestrian retreat. \$1,250,000

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