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Bidding farewell to 2016 and welcoming 2017

By **HERALD TIMES STAFF**
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RBC Contentious, tumultuous and full of surprises are all ways to describe 2016. It was “the best of times, and the worst of times.” Here’s a brief glimpse at some of the things that transpired during the last 12 months in Rio Blanco County.

■ Pioneers Medical Center welcomed a new general surgeon, Dr. Asem Bakkar.

■ Consumer Affairs.com ranked Rangely No. 3 in Colorado for the lowest odds of being burgled.

■ A Tabernash, Colo., small plane pilot died in a crash about 15 miles west of Meeker.

■ An 18-mile span of land on the White River between Meeker and Rangely sold for \$9.5 million.

■ Heavy snow in February caused a roof to collapse on a mobile home in Meeker. No one was injured.

■ Russell George announced his resignation as CNCC president after five years in the position.

■ It was a great year to be a Meeker Cowboy. The Meeker High School wrestling team brought home its eighth state team wrestling title. MHS senior T.J. Shelton became the 19th wrestler in Colorado history to win four individual state titles and was named the 2A outstanding wrestler. Head coach J.C. Watt was named the 2A coach of the year.

■ The new Rio Blanco County Justice Center opened for business.

■ The “Open the TANK” fundraising event topped the amount sought, raising \$61,315.

■ At the start of March 2015, the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners, comprised of Shawn Bolton, Jeff Eskelson and Jon Hill, announced that the account balance in the Rio Blanco County Capital Improvement Trust Fund was at its highest level since 1983, with \$19.9 million in the account.

■ Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue celebrated 83 years of service to the community.

■ Three Meeker teens were seriously hurt in an automobile accident on Flag Creek Road.

■ Rangely got a new mayor in Joseph Nielsen, and new town council members in Andy Key, Trey Robie and Tyson Hacking.

■ Meeker re-elected Regas Halandras for a second term as mayor, and chose Travis Day, Wendy Gutierrez and Melissa Kindall for board seats.

■ Incumbents Rick Dodds, Sherri Halandras and Doug Overton were re-elected to the Meeker fire board.

■ The long-awaited Rangely Automotive Museum opened publicly in May to rave reviews for owner Bud Striegel.

■ Rangely High School graduated 19 students for the Class of 2016.

■ MHS graduated 37 students in the Class of 2016.

■ Ethel Starbuck and Joe Sullivan were the oldest couple at the annual Old Timers dinner and dance.

■ The bodies of a husband and wife were discovered at a private residence in Rangely in June.

■ Ronald Granger of Wyoming was named the new president of the CNCC campuses.

■ Former Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kristin Steele was charged with theft and computer crimes.

■ WREA opened the Meeker Solar Garden just south of the high school.

■ Meeker hosted the second annual Meeker Classic National Cattle Association Finals.

■ Former sheriff Si Woodruff and Rangely businessman Jeff Rector beat incumbent county commis-

sioners Jeff Eskelson and Jon Hill in the Republican primary, making them the new commissioners come January.

■ ERBM celebrated its 35th anniversary.

■ The

from Better City consultants to build an “Outdoor Adventure Center” in Meeker at an estimated cost of \$10 million, among other ideas county-wide.

■ Half a dozen young

September. The Bettis’ had owned the paper since 2001.

■ The Meeker School District dedicated the renovated Bob King Track at Starbuck Stadium. The district will be able to host track meets again in 2017.

■ The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials celebrated its 30th anniversary.

■ The Meeker Cowboys football team started the season strong and ended it by hosting the state championship game against the Strasburg Indians. Both teams went into the game undefeated for the season. The Indians won 34-14.

■ The Lost Solar Fire east of Meeker filled the valleys with smoke and closed a number of trails in the area.

■ Two adults were charged with providing alcohol to minors in Meeker.

■ The Meeker Housing Authority was named in a federal civil suit citing violations of the Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which provides civil rights for people with disabilities.

■ Konnie Billgren, formerly from Louisiana, was hired as the new Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce director.

■ A new reservoir has been proposed between Meeker and Rangely just north of Highway 64. The Wolf Creek Reservoir would be the largest in the region, with a capacity of up to 90,000 acre-feet of water.

■ Rangely’s Tom and Dorothy Collins received the Jack Snow Award for Outstanding Volunteers at the Colorado Tourism Conference.

■ The county’s broadband project took giant steps toward completion in 2016, including the installation of wireless towers in Meeker and Rangely.

■ The Meeker School District was ranked ninth in the state of Colorado.

■ RBC voters opted, as usual, for a straight Republican ticket in the November election.

■ The Town of Dinosaur voted to approve the sale and production of recreational and medical marijuana.

■ A Michigan hunter who went missing east of Meeker was found safe after three nights in the wilderness.

■ Rangely hosted the second annual Polar Plunge in November to raise funds for Special Olympics.

■ Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue hired a new fire chief.

■ Senior citizens united against a proposal to change the location and staff for meal preparation for the senior nutrition program in Meeker. The county had suggested the plan as a way to cut costs.

■ For the first time in 42 years Nichols Store in Rangely closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

■ U.S. Senator Cory Gardner visited Rangely to discuss economic development issues, expectations for new presidential administration.

■ The TANK released a CD of Christmas carols, and was featured on a number of local, national and international media.

■ Debbie Cook, former Meeker coach, will be inducted into the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in January in honor of her more than 40-year career.

■ RBC Commissioner Shawn Bolton is in the running for a position in President-elect Trump’s administration as director of the Bureau of Land Management.

■ Rio Blanco County announced they are facing a \$19.4 million deficit in the 2017 budget.

■ The Town of Rangely and the Rangely Development Authority continue pursuing plans to bring a full-scale grocery store back to the town as part of their economic development plan.

■ Members of the Ute Tribal Council announced a proposal, with the Town of Dinosaur, to build a casino in the Dinosaur area.

2017

fourth annual Wagon Wheel OHV Rendezvous in July had more than 160 vehicles registered for the event.

■ U.S. Senator Cory Gardner visited Meeker in August.

■ An 86-year-old mystery was solved when DNA testing on a human skull that had been sitting on a shelf in the sheriff’s office since 1957 was identified as “Hermie” Park, who went missing in eastern Rio Blanco County in 1930.

■ Economic development became a hotly contested topic of discussion this year, with proposals

Meeker thespians went to New York City to experience Broadway, attend classes and audition individually and receive feedback from Broadway casting director Michael Cassara.

■ A poker run was held in August to raise funds for Bradi Bland’s medical expenses. Bland was one of the three teens involved in the car accident in April.

■ OHV trail rides were added to the slate of events at Septemberfest in Rangely.

■ The Bettis family sold the *Herald Times* to Pat and Niki Turner and their daughter Caitlin Walker in

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New Year’s Day: 34/19



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■ **Blitz Membership** starts at 5 a.m. Jan. 1 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Get your annual membership for 50 percent off from Jan. 2 through Jan. 15. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **PIGS.** Jan. 6 from 1-4 p.m. bring your crocheting projects to the Meeker Recreation Center for conversation and crafting. Call 878-3403 or visit meekerrecdistrict.com.

■ **The Meeker Library Book Club** meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays). The next meeting will be Jan. 9. All interested readers are welcome. Stop by the Meeker Library for details.

■ **Community ladies are meeting** to make grocery bag mats for the homeless. Mondays 1-4 p.m. beginning Jan. 3 at 600 Main St. Anyone interested can attend. Used grocery bags are greatly needed. Please drop them off at 600 Main St. in Meeker.

■ **A free legal clinic** for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 2-3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meeker Public Library at 490 Main St. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law,

property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders. Please contact the Meeker Public Library at 970-878-5911 to be added to the sign-up sheet. The next clinic date is Jan. 11.

■ **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 before 5 p.m. on Monday.

DANCE TEAM IN SAN ANTONIO ...



Thirteen of the fourteen members of the Meeker Traveling Dance Team were in San Antonio Monday, with the last member of the troupe scheduled to arrive Tuesday. The dance team will perform at the Alamo Bowl halftime show in San Antonio, Texas, tonight.

COURTESY PHOTO

Dance team to perform at Alamo Bowl tonight

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MEEKER | The Meeker Traveling Dance Team left early Monday for San Antonio, Texas, where they will perform during halftime at the Alamo Bowl.

This is the third time the dance team has performed at a college bowl game. In 2010 the group traveled to San Diego, Calif., to perform at the parade and halftime show of the Holiday Bowl. In 2013 another group of dancers went to Tampa, Fla., to perform at the pregame and halftime show of the Outback Bowl.

“Because of the strong work ethic and performance ability of the Meeker dancers in the past two trips, I get asked regularly to bring my students to college bowl games,” wrote dance instructor Kari Ruchti via email.

Fourteen dancers from Meeker will join approximately 300 other dancers and 300 high school band students for the halftime show. Madeline Amack, Kendra Nelson, Delenn Mobley, Shovonah Dade, Shelby Steele, Kallie McCain, Savana May, Mikayla Cardile, Annelise Amack, Jennifer Kincher, Madison Kindler, Brynlee Williams, Rylee Butler and Reese Miller each raised \$1,200 for

the trip.

“Between fundraising and practicing their routine, they have been working very hard to get to San Antonio,” Ruchti wrote. “It is all worth it when you get to watch them perform live in front of 70,000 fans at the game. It’s such an amazing experience to watch my dancers go through, and I’m so proud to have each and every one of them going with me.”

The teams playing in this year’s Alamo Bowl are the University of Colorado Buffaloes versus the Oklahoma State University Cowboys. Ruchti said she’s hopeful there will be

more coverage of the halftime performance on local channels since a Colorado team is playing.

The game will be broadcast on ESPN at 7 p.m. today, and can be live streamed at www.espn.com/watchESPN/. Whether the halftime show is filmed is at the discretion of ESPN. Ruchti said she hopes to live stream the performance on Facebook on the Meeker Traveling Dance Team group page “unless there is a licensing issue.”

The dancers will receive copies of the recorded performance.

“Watch for them in the turquoise and gold dresses,” Ruchti said.

Rangely's TANK featured on CBS Sunday Morning

By NIKI TURNER
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RANGELY | In the last few weeks the TANK Sonic Arts Studio has been featured by Denver's Fox 31 news, Colorado Public Radio and on Christmas Day on CBS Sunday Morning's national broadcast.

While the unusual musical venue has been in the spotlight of state and local media multiple times during the last few years, and even featured in a Canadian national radio broadcast in August, the CBS program is the first nationally broadcast television feature for the site.

Rangely residents have been waiting for the CBS story to air for quite some time. The program featured Bruce Odland, who could be

considered the creative genius behind saving the TANK, and Rangely resident Elaine Urie, who performed a stunning rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

To watch the Fox 31 story, visit bit.ly/2i8aThS. The CBS program can be viewed at cbsn.ws/2i8biHL.

For more information about the TANK, or to order a CD, visit the TANK's website at tanksounds.org.

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MEEKER | Active duty military members who are home for the holidays are invited to a Welcome Home reception Friday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at 600 Main St. in Meeker (home of LAI, Meeker Embroidery and the Meeker Spirit Store). There will be light refreshments, potluck style. Bring a dish if you like. Information will be provided on the forthcoming Blue Star Moms Chapter in Meeker. The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization made up of more than 6,000 mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. For more information about the reception or establishing a Meeker chapter for Blue Star Moms contact Dawn Jastrem at 970-942-3388.

Broadband celebration Jan. 3

MEEKER | Rio Blanco County is proud to be the first county in Colorado to provide Google standard service to its residents. Join county officials Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Fairfield Center in Meeker to celebrate RBC's successful broadband initiative rollout. RSVP to Keely Winger at keely.winger@rbc.us or 970-878-9582.

Historical Society annual meeting Jan. 8

MEEKER | The annual membership meeting for the Rio Blanco County Historical Society will be held Sunday, Jan. 8, from 1-3 p.m. at the Old West Heritage Culture Center in Meeker (517 Park Ave.). There will be a luncheon, annual reports, and the election of officers. The historical society board will provide soups and breads. Everyone is welcome bring a salad or dessert to share.

Ice fishing day rescheduled for Jan. 7

MEEKER | The ERBM Recreation & Park District Family Ice Fishing Day has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7. For more information, please contact ERBM Recreation & Park District at 970-878-3403.

Meeker Education benefit Jan. 29

MEEKER | On Jan. 29 (the Sunday before the Super Bowl), the Meeker Education Foundation will hold its third annual benefit dinner and auction. The evening's proceeds will help fund the foundation's grant award program for the coming school year which provides staff/student grant awards for academic/activity enrichment opportunities and classroom needs. Thanks to the community's generous support, the program has enjoyed success. To date, last year's effort, combined with a Fairfield Trust grant and additional donations, has put \$61,985 into our schools' classrooms during the current school year. The awards have purchased textbooks, curricular materials and other supplies. The 2017 event will feature student entertainment and displays, live and silent auctions in addition to a good meal. Watch for more details in the New Year and plan to join the fun on Sunday, Jan. 29.



ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL ...

Caleb Bradford and his sister Kylee spent Monday night in their truck in below zero temperatures after getting stuck while hunting. The two hiked more than a mile to get cell service. An airplane dispatched by Moffat County spotted the 2001 Dodge truck, where the siblings were found warm and safe Tuesday morning. "We want to thank everyone for taking time from their families at Christmas to come find us," Caleb said. "I'm just glad to be back into the little loving town of Meeker, Colo.—always make sure when you go hunting that you have extra supplies and are nice and packed up with food and blankets in case you have to stay the night out there. We are glad to be home." The siblings got by overnight on a bag of Hershey Kisses, water and Gatorade

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The surreal post-truth year that was 2016

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Every year in December the world's leading lexicographers choose a "word of the year." Their choice is based on criteria like how many times the word was referenced in the media, or how many times someone searched for its definition.

Sometimes the word of the year is a benign word that we've all picked up and started using, like "selfie," which was the word of the year chosen by Oxford Dictionaries in 2013. Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2013 was "science."

This year Oxford Dictionaries chose "post-truth" and Merriam-Webster chose "surreal." Fitting choices for the year we will leave behind this week.

Surreal, which means "marked by the intense irrational reality of a dream," was chosen because of a dramatic spike in the number of searches for the word throughout the course of the year. A lot of things felt intensely irrational and yet real this year, from an unprecedented in-oh-so-many-ways presidential campaign, to the unexpected deaths of beloved icons, to shocking attacks on civilians at home and abroad.

If we had to name a "question of the year" for 2016 I think I'd go with "Are you kidding me?"

Post-truth is a newer word. At first glance it looks like it means "after-truth," but it has come to be defined as "relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." (Oxford Dictionaries)

In my mind it's the equivalent of a jury choosing to pronounce a sen-

tence based not on evidence, but on perception—how the defendant looks or dresses, or talks, or how the case makes the juror feel.

Maybe it's always been this way, but the recent proclivity to adopt what we want to be true as reality instead of finding legitimate evidence and making a decision based on facts has increased exponentially. Perhaps

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.
~Benjamin Franklin

that's because it's so easy now to share our opinions with the world without any kind of requirement to cite our sources.

Years ago I wrote an article that refuted local folklore that said the White River freezes from the bottom up. In the article I shared scientific evidence and data that explained the phenomenon that made it appear as if the river was freezing from the bottom (frazil ice). It wasn't meant to be a sensationalistic piece, just an informative one.

Imagine my surprise when we received angry letters to the editor and people coming into the office demanding a retraction. Not of an opinion article, but of cold (literally),



scientific facts.

As someone has said, "you can lead a man to knowledge, but you cannot make him think."

Those upset readers wanted to believe what they'd always been told instead of what the facts said. In fact, they may still believe the river freezes from the bottom up, and that's their prerogative. But that's a fairly harmless example.

When we allow personal beliefs and emotions to override facts and then allow those unsubstantiated "post-truths" to create public policy, that has the potential to create a dangerous problem. Remember the Salem witch trials? How about the Holocaust? How about ISIS, for a current-day example?

What does that all mean for us in 2017? I believe more than ever we need to ask questions, seek information and do real research about the issues that affect our lives.

We need to ask ourselves why we believe what we believe, who told us to believe it and what's in it for them if we buy their version of the truth? Who paid for that medical study? Who paid the guy to write that article? Who is backing that politician's campaign and why?

Those are the kinds of questions we need to be asking in this post-truth era.

All that said, New Year's is my favorite holiday. I love the idea that we can turn the page on the calendar and start fresh. There's an impetus for change and promise that comes with that shiny new calendar that makes me feel hopeful and encouraged.

I hope each and every one of you have your new calendar ready! Happy New Year.

GUEST EDITORIALS

Keeping New Year's resolutions demands strategic planning

By BRYAN GOLDEN
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Almost 90 percent of Americans will make at least one New Year's resolution.

Less than 20 percent will succeed in accomplishing even one.

The beginning of the year is a great time for life improving resolutions. Common resolutions include losing weight, giving up smoking, maintaining a budget, saving money, finding a better job, getting healthier, becoming more organized and spending more time with family.

Whatever your resolutions, here are some specific strategies to help you succeed. First and foremost is to take the first step, which is to start. Without action, there will be no success. Action creates results. Intention alone will not work.

Have written goals stating what you want to accomplish. If you want to lose weight, how much and by when? If you want to live within a budget, what is the amount? If you want to continue your education, what school will you go to and which classes will you take?

Take small but consistent steps.

Habits are formed by frequent repetition over time. Change occurs by the same process. A resolution is not all or nothing. Partial change is okay. Any progress in the desired direction, regardless of how small, is a success. Accomplishing a resolution is a process, not a one-time effort.

Positive goals are more effective than negative ones. Rather than saying you will eat less, resolve to have a healthier diet. Instead of spending less time at work you can endeavor to spend more time at home. Bad habits can't just be eliminated; they have to be replaced by good ones.

Identify potential obstacles so they don't surprise you. If you experience a setback, don't give up. Don't blame yourself if you stumble. Failure only occurs when you stop trying. Difficulties are an opportunity to learn. If you slide backwards, get back on track, get back in gear, and resume your progress.

Don't keep your plans a secret. Develop a support system utilizing friends and family. Visualize how great you will feel as you succeed. Take credit for all accomplishments. It doesn't matter if your progress is slower than you would like.

Don't try to change too many things at once or you risk becoming overwhelmed and discouraged. You can have a long list of resolutions so long as you realize all of the items don't have to be addressed simultaneously. Each accomplishment can be followed by another. Change can begin at any time, not just on Jan. 1.

Believe in yourself and your ability to change. Change can feel difficult, uncomfortable, or painful, but you can do it. Become determined to succeed. Don't procrastinate. Although doing nothing is often an appealing alternative, it leads to frustration.

Each day is a new opportunity to work on your resolutions. If you were successful yesterday, fantastic, keep going. If yesterday was a disappointment, today is a new chance to make progress. Replace the word "try" with "will." Do whatever it takes to get the results you want.

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Shifting focus to helping others in the new year

By CAITLIN WALKER
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RBC I 2016 was not my year.

I mean, it was better than some people's—rest in peace Prince, David Bowie, Alan Rickman, Muhammad Ali, Carrie Fisher (Tuesday morning found me screaming at my computer, "NO, NOT PRINCESS LEIA, TOO!") and so many more—but when the nicest thing you can say is, "Welp. I didn't die," it officially qualifies as a bad year.

We moved, which was a great decision—less the actual moving process. I continued my battle with depression and anxiety. My best friend moved five hours away. We spent some time in the ER. I became part owner of a business, which is a good thing but is also completely and utterly terrifying. And the politics. Holy catfish. We might not see eye-to-eye on anything else, but I think we can all agree this election cycle was insane.

In September, I lost my grandmother to pancreatic cancer. We've been oddly lucky in our family (knock



Caitlin Walker

on wood), so this was the first time I've really dealt with this sort of grief. She was the glue that held us all together and the loss hurts more than I could have imagined.

In the day-to-day grind, I ran around forgetting things, putting ice cream in the cupboard and cans in the freezer, feeling constantly overwhelmed and much too fragile to handle life's curveballs. And my skinny pants still don't fit. Boo.

I was sitting in pajamas this past holiday weekend whining about how awful the year had been to my husband when I noticed a pattern: I, I, I, me, me, me.

2016 was a tough year. It really was. But, perhaps, part of the problem is all those "me's" I've been focused on.

Traditionally, this is the time of year when we concoct grand schemes and great plans, making resolutions centered primarily around ourselves. That's not bad, of course, but let's forget the "I" and the "me" for a moment and think about how we can instead

better someone else's life in the new year. I don't mean packing up and high tailing it to a remote African village to build mud huts (unless of course you want to do that), but little things, small good deeds used as bricks in the foundation of a life well-lived. As Winston Churchill put it, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

My resolution this year is to focus on helping others, and even here in our small communities, there are so many ways to do so. Donate to the local food bank. Volunteer anywhere. Get involved in local government. Box up those nice clothes you never wear and drop them at the thrift store. Write thank you cards and send cheery letters. Visit relatives. Don't publish that nasty comment on Facebook. Shop local. Smile at someone. Refrain from clawing your morning lark spouse's face off when they greet you with entirely too much cheer at 5:30 a.m. Play with your kids for 10 minutes. Pay for someone's coffee. Make something beautiful and share it with the world.

There's so much more to focus on than our own little universe. That's what this past year taught me as I was dragged through it kicking and screaming.

So thanks for that, 2016. Now don't let the door hit you on the way out.

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Thank you to fire, sheriff, ambulance, dispatch departments and WREA

Dear Editor:

A huge thank you to the above people who successfully extinguished our house fire last week. Their prompt response, necessary equipment, and man/woman power in the middle of the night was crucial to saving our home with minimal damage.

Thanks again!
The Moyer Family
Meeker

Drug can counteract opioid overdoses if given in time

Dear Editor:

The use of Naloxone can save a life. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is an opioid antagonist used in opioid overdoses to counteract the life-threatening depression of the respiratory system. It allows an overdose victim to breathe normally.

Although traditionally administered by emergency response personnel, naloxone can be administered by lay people or public, making it ideal for treating heroin and other opioids overdoses. The training is simple and use of Naloxone results in a life saved.

Here is what occurs in an opioid overdose. When too much of any opioid, like heroin goes into too many receptors, the respiratory system slows and the person breathes more slowly, then not at all. Because Naloxone basically knocks the opioids out of the opiate receptors in the brain, the overdose is reversed and the person is able to breathe again.

However, it is a temporary drug that will wear off in 30-90 minutes and the person should be watched for signs of continued overdose. The overdose victim must seek medical assistance or call 911.

Lack of oxygen from opioid overdose may lead to brain injury in as little as 4 minutes, yet the average EMS response time is 9.4 minutes. Seconds can count during an opioid overdose so it is vital if you have a loved one or friends who use, you need to have a plan

in place. Most life threatening opioid emergencies occur in the home, witnessed by friends or family.

Brand names of Naloxone are Evzio, Narcan injection, Narcan Nasal Spray. They all come with simple, lifesaving directions and are easy to administer. Upon purchase, read and know how to use these devices and keep them readily available.

Some states have a third-party law where a concerned parent, employee or nurse at a school can obtain Naloxone and administer it without facing legal repercussions (known as the good Samaritan act). If you come in contact with a high-risk individual, you should have this lifesaving overdose antidote.

Ray P. Clauson
Narconon/New Life Retreat
Denham Springs, La.

Editor's Note: In April 2015, Colorado passed a new law expanding access to the life-saving drug naloxone. As a result of the new law, a physician—or any medical professional with prescriptive authority—can write a standing order for naloxone that can be dispensed by other designed individuals (such as pharmacists and harm reduction organizations). With these standing orders, pharmacists and harm reduction organizations can now provide naloxone to those who might benefit from it the most, including: a family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of overdose; an employee or volunteer of a harm reduction organization; a first responder; an individual at risk of overdose. In addition in Colorado, Walgreens has made naloxone available over the counter as well as installing prescription return boxes at many of their locations.

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Sally Carter Brown

June 3, 1946~Dec. 25, 2016



Sally Carter Brown

With heavy hearts, we share the news that Sally Carter Brown earned her angel wings on Dec. 25, 2016. Sally was born on June 3, 1946, to Lynndyl and Gladys Carter of Provo, Utah. She attended Provo city schools and on May 22, 1965, married David Brown of American Fork, Utah.

As a loving wife and caring mother, Sally devoted her life to others first. She was always quick to raise spirits with a thoughtful greeting, a quick joke and a warm hug. Those close to her knew of her sporty accomplishments with a hole in one on the golf links and a near-

perfect score on the bowling lane. The Town of Meeker was a brighter place with her frequent grocery store and post office visits—a quick errand usually turned into four hours of chit chat and story sharing.

Her most prized accomplishments in life were carrying the labels “Mom” and “Grandma.” Her three children and eight grandchildren were the twinkle in her eyes.



Of, course this would not have been possible without her husband and soul mate of 51-1/2 years.

Sally is survived by her husband, David, of Meeker, Colo.; her children Troy

(Lina Remezaite) of Vilnius, Lithuania; Darren (Danna) of Meeker, and Tina Mott (Dave) of Vacaville, Calif.; her eight grandchildren (Mason, Taura, Evelina, Laura,

Colton, Jordan, Brewster and Brady); her two sisters, twin Susan Johnson of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Judy Seegmiller of Provo, Utah; and her brother Michael Carter of Albuquerque, N.M..

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother (Douglas), and two sisters (Bonnie Aliotta and Joan Glover).

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. at the Meeker Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints followed by a graveside dedication then lunch at the church. A one-hour viewing will precede the service.

Marilyn Cunningham

July 21, 1929~Dec. 8, 2016



Marilyn Cunningham

I have been tasked with putting into words my mother's “dash,” that little line between the dates of birth and death that truly defines not how long but how much a person lived. Anyone who knew Marilyn knew that her dash was substantial, filled with positive energy, a zest for life and a passion for helping others.

Marilyn Hilton was born to Guy Hilton and Louise Powers Hilton on July 21, 1929, in Marblehead, Mass. She and her older sister, Betty, spoke fondly of their younger years, spending time not only in town but on the Dorsett show sheep operation and farm that Guy managed. Marilyn loved the farm animals, fresh cow's milk, and especially the “trick” border collies that her Dad showed. One of her fondest memories was meeting Roy Rogers and Trigger at Boston Gardens behind the scenes, as Guy was on a “Wild West Tour” with Rogers at the time. Guy would later remarry and have a daughter, Debra, who became close with Marilyn in later years.

Marilyn attended Marblehead High School and was graduated in 1947. As the drum major of the MHS marching band, she loved to recount the story of nearly running down a reporter who was in the way of the feisty major as she proudly marched the majorettes and band down the field—the photo snapped at the time reveals a beautiful girl with a look that could kill!

Marilyn went on to attend the University of Kentucky but her future husband, Robert “Bob” Leonard Cunningham, handsome football standout and three years her senior,

would have none of that. Bob whisked Marilyn off her feet and the two wed on Aug. 7, 1948. Marilyn moved to Maine with Bob where he was attending the University of Maine at Orono to become a chemical engineer. Bob and Marilyn would eventually have seven children and move to various locations, as Bob worked his way up in the leather tanning industry. The family ended up back in Marblehead for several years and then in Topsfield, Mass., where they remained from 1976-2003.

Marilyn loved raising her children and was often quoted saying she was hoping for 12 but had to stop at seven. After raising her own children she enjoyed spending time with her six grandchildren who called her “Yia Yia.” All of the grandchildren fondly recall being able to eat as much ice cream as they wanted at Yia Yia's house, along with chips, Coke and other goodies.

Marilyn's interests were many and varied. Besides being a full-time homemaker, she was an accomplished artist, enjoyed volunteering at various school and church functions, enjoyed boating with Bob and the family, and worked as an activities aid at Masconomet Health Center. Her true love, however, was for horses. She was an accomplished equestrian and always found a way to buy (sometimes sneak) horses and ponies for her daughters who shared in her interest. She brought her girls to riding lessons, countless horse shows and competitive trail rides while growing up but finally had time to devote to her own riding in her 50s once the kids were grown and gone.

For the next two decades she enjoyed riding with friends, showing in western classes and finally purchased her last horse Cymon at the age of 68, a beautiful white Arabian whose energy matched her own.

Bob passed away in 2002 and Marilyn began a new chapter in her life. She moved to Meeker, Colo., to be closer to her youngest daughter and two youngest grandsons. Marilyn quickly knit herself into the fabric of her new hometown. As a devout Catholic she attended Holy Family Catholic Church and served on the St. Vincent DePaul Committee for several years. She volunteered at the Walbridge Wing in the activities department and anyone who came into the room was quickly caught up in her challenging word games and puzzles.

When Marilyn returned to the Walbridge Wing in April 2016 she felt like she was “coming home.” She remembered many friends and co-workers from her earlier years and was remembered by many more. She spent much time socializing and enjoying the mountain views from the porch, visits from family and

weekly meals prepared by her youngest grandson that always included a visit with her beloved Welsh Corgi “Timmy.”

We are comforted by the knowledge that Marilyn was very strong in her Catholic faith and did not fear her own mortality. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and grandson, Jake Massey. She is survived by her sister Betty Lalonde; sister Debra Doll; son Michael Cunningham; son Robert “Bob” Cunningham Jr.; daughter Sue Cunningham; daughter Linda Cunningham and husband Steve Czarnecki; daughter Teresa Sholomith and husband John Maher; daughter Cindy Cunningham; daughter Mary Gillespie and husband Lee Gillespie. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Robert “Bob” Cunningham III, Robert “Bob” Walczak, Amanda Walczak Doherty, Joe Sholomith and Nick Massey; and six great-grandchildren: Julia, Jacob and William Cunningham, Rozlyn and Farrah Sholomith and Ellie Paige Walczak.

A memorial service will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Meeker, Colo., on Jan. 9, 2017, at 11 a.m. with an onsite luncheon to follow. Donations may be made in Marilyn's name to the Holy Family Catholic Church, P.O. Box 866 Meeker, Colo., 81641.

“For it matters not how much we own,
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.”
~Linda Ellis

Loving God's Moral Law (2)

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

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Ps. 119:11)
O how love I thy law! (v. 97)



Dr. J.D. Watson

The Law by which God rules us, is as dear to Him as the Gospel by which He saves us,” observed Puritan William Secker. Another Puritan, Ezekiel Hopkins, likewise encouraged, “We find the same rules for our actions, the same duties required, the same sins forbidden in the Gospel as in the law.” God's Moral Law (The Ten Commandments) is called such because it reflects

His own moral nature and, therefore, touches our entire being, first the *head*, the intellect.

Second, it touches the *heart*, the emotions. We use the word “heart” here as does our Western culture, as the seat of our emotions. “What is the sum of the Ten Commandments,” asked still another Puritan, Thomas Watson. Quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, his answer was to “love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Think of it! If we say we love God, how can we not love His commandments? “If ye love me,” Jesus said, “keep my commandments” (Jn. 14:15), and, “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love” (15:10). To love God is to love His Law, and to love His Law is to love Him. There is no dichotomy here, rather a wondrous unity. As “righteousness and peace have kissed each other” (Ps. 85:10), law and love embrace at the Cross. “Man's law binds the hands only,” Watson again observed, “God's law binds the heart.”

Third, the Moral Law touches the *hands*, that is, the will. What goes on in the head and heart is not theoretical; it is real and energizes actions. What the *head* cogitates, and where the *heart* meditates, the *hands* are sure to reciprocate.

Thankfully, this is as true of good as it is evil. David again teaches us here. He first declares, “The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.” But why did God do so? David answers, “For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.” Even more specifically he elaborates, “For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me” (Ps. 18:20-22). Specifically, not only did David keep God's “statutes,” but he also kept God's “ways.” This is the Hebrew *derek*, which literally speaks of a “road” or “trodden path” and therefore metaphorically to a marked-out pattern of life, as Deuteronomy 8:6 commands: “Thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his [patterns of life], and to fear him.”

As we prepare to meditate on these commandments, let us realize that a desire to keep these moral mandates is proof positive of a regenerated life. By our very nature, none of us desires to obey God (Rom. 3:10-12). Such desire comes only by a transformed life. What does it mean to be a “new creature”? It means that “old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17).

Scriptures for Study: What do the following verses add to our thoughts today: Proverbs 2:1-5; 2:10-11?

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STOCKING WINNER ...



The winner of the giant Christmas stocking at Samuelson's True Value in Meeker this year was 1-1/2-year-old Ellie Rundberg. COURTESY PHOTO

A real-life Christmas miracle

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Once in a while you are lucky enough to see the real meaning of Christmas. This year was one of those times.

There was a mother with three children whose sister fell ill with brain tumors. After several surgeries she had problems with reoccurring strokes and tumors and was no longer able to take care of herself and two young children. At that time the mother took in her sister and children. Later on the mother found out that her son's half-brother was homeless and needed help. She brought in the teenager and gave him a home, no questions asked.

About a month ago the mother punctured her lung. As the only working person in the household,

the medical situation was devastating. Christmas was rolling around and there wasn't enough money for food and household items, let alone toys for Christmas.

A notice was placed in an online group about a local family in need. The morning after the notice was posted there was an unexpected outpouring of support. Person after person opened their hearts and brought food. Box after box filled up. In three short days there was enough food for the family for at least a month.

After the food was taken care of people still wanted to help. Presents of clothing and toys were donated. People from every walk of life pitched in to help out. Children rounded up toys and clothes to donate, sometimes giving their favorite toys, just to

bring joy to someone else. Families brought what they could, even though they might not have quite as much food for themselves, while others bought presents for the children even though it meant their Christmas was going to be small. People donated more than anyone ever expected.

Due to the outpouring of love and kindness the needy family was able to get the help they desperately needed. For this family so many community members were true angels, bringing to light the real meaning of Christmas and delivering a very unexpected miracle.

This season as you walk down the streets keep in mind how very lucky we are to live in such a wonderful community where there are real life angels among us.

Snowpack in Yampa/White River Basins at 108 percent of normal

By **NIKI TURNER**
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RBC | Despite a meager amount of precipitation and unusually warm weather this fall and winter, the Yampa and White River Basins are reporting 108 percent of their median

snowpack with 100 percent of water precipitation for the year to date, according to a Dec. 26 report from the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

There are three Snowpack Telemetry (SNOTEL) sites in Rio

Blanco County. The sites measure snow and transmit the data wirelessly.

The SNOTEL site at Trappers Lake, has the lowest reported percentage of snow in the basins with just 57 percent of average, and 87 percent of water precipitation for the year. Ripple Creek, east of Meeker, is

reported 134 percent snowpack and 113 percent of precipitation. The site at Burro Mountain, southeast of Meeker, is reporting 115 percent snowpack and 81 percent average precipitation. Last year at this time Trappers Lake had 99 percent, and Ripple Creek had 141 percent.

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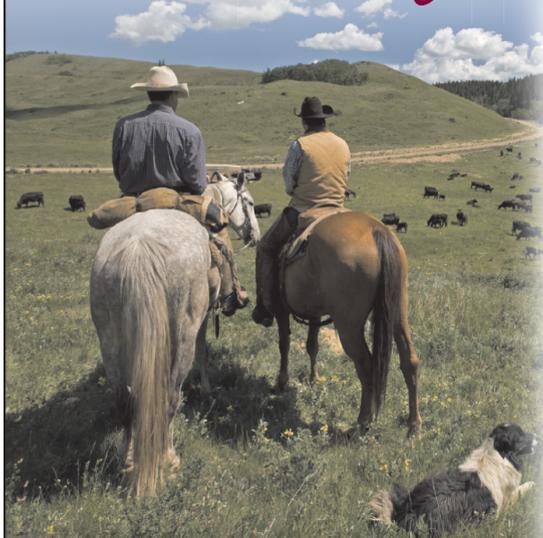
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
— 100 years ago

■ Miss DeHart, the Little Beaver teacher, was in Wednesday, making arrangements for an entertainment to be given at the school house Friday evening, Dec. 31.

■ Quack, quack, quack. The world is well supplied with quacks. There are quack doctors, quack philosophers, quack newspaper and quack statesmen. To one of a pessimistic turn of mind it sometimes seems as if the prevailing noise in the world is one continuous quack, quack, quack. The “when-all-other-doctors-fail-come-to-me” quack is not the one who makes the loudest noise these days. The quack statesman—the “friend-of-the-people” quack—is the quack who makes the most noise and does the most damage. All quacks have certain traits and pretensions in common. They are all of the “know-it-all” pachydermatous type of beauty. They are all self-conceited vain fellows of shallow accomplishments. They all look upon the public with supreme contempt, and think that the people are imbeciles. They are all loud in proclaiming their own greatness and accomplishments. Each one believes in blowing his own horn. They are all engaged in the business of trying to “put something over” on the people. The cardinal purpose of every quack is to bunco the public. Let us organize a “Swat the Quack Club.”

■ After some cold weather during the forepart of the week a thaw set in. The snow is disappearing fast and mud is now taking its place on the main thoroughfares. However, the numerous clouds in the sky indicate more snow in the near future.

The Meeker Herald
— 50 years ago

■ The ski season at Nine Mile, which opened soon after our first big snow, is seeing a lot of action from local residents as well as outsiders. As this is possibly the

Colorado’s No. 1 sport of the season, we appreciate having a ski tow in our community and this one is free to everyone!

■ Three Meeker women have been listed in the “Outstanding Young Women of America.” The ladies listed from Meeker include Mrs. Sue Mantle, Mrs. Betty Etter and Mrs. Shirley Harp.

■ The *Herald* office has been informed that the snow on Pine Street between Fifth and Sixth streets has been left undisturbed by the city maintainer and barricaded so that the young people will have a safe street for sledding.

■ Not long after housewives protested in an effort to force food chains to lower prices, a government investigation revealed that the major reason for the rise in food costs is the decline in U.S. Farm surpluses ... because of government crop controls and increasing foreign-aid shipments. Grain shortages have led to higher prices for bread, feed for livestock, meat and milk. The rise in fruit and vegetable prices is also due to government policy. And there you have it, one government agency telling what is wrong with another government section.

The Meeker Herald
— 25 years ago

■ “Relatively quiet,” reports Meeker Police Department spokesman Rodney Gerloff of this past Christmas week’s criminal activity which resulted in two arrests and a couple of fire alarms.

■ White River Valley residents said goodbye to one former millionaire and hello to another as Henry Kravis purchased Malcolm Bricklin’s ranch for \$5.5 million case, just a week before the ranch was to go into foreclosure. Kravis made other real estate purchases locally in 1991 including the Seven Lakes Guest Resort and Delbert Pollard’s property upriver.

Rangely Times
— 50 years ago

■ Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were in

Rangely Dec. 13 to investigate a broken glass in the Bank of Rangely side door. The agents, after their investigation, expressed an opinion that the glass was broken accidentally, possibly from gravel thrown by a passing car on Grand Avenue near the door.

■ Rio Blanco County Judge Keith Dunbar is reminding bicycle riders of special rules which apply to them. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it was designed and equipped. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to the roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and not the roadway.

■ Panther Purrs... by Cheryl Striegel: Santa Claus (Mike Calhoun) checked out the elves’ gift-making progress last Friday in the pep assembly. Santa brought with him his reindeer and a special gift for the student body—Mr. Tarvin all wrapped and tied with a bow.

■ New Year’s Day is the most important January holiday, and the only one the entire world observes, regardless of race or religious belief. No doubt the greeting, “Happy New Year” in various languages has been most often heard around the globe. This holiday is the oldest one; and both primitive and civilized peoples have noted its arrival with some kind of festivity. Through the centuries, numerous traditions and customs have been associated with New Year’s Day; therefore, when we modern celebrate the day, we engage in some practices that are reminiscent of antiquity.

EAST TO WEST...



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Looking from the eastern sky to the western sky at sunset offered two very different views last week.



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Hoops for Charity champions give to local non-profits

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | These are the champions of the 2016

Hoops for Charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held Dec. 20 and hosted by the ERBM Recreation & Park District. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to each division

winner's charity of choice. Not pictured are the third-fourth grade girls' "Thunderbolts" team: Rhiwan Williams, Addison Knowles and Rylee Sullivan, who donated to the

Meeker Lions Club and the third-fourth grade boys "Wildcats" team: Connor Rose, Will Schwartz and Sam Conrado, who donated to the Meeker Animal Shelter.



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Fifth- and sixth-grade champion girls' team: "Sassy Girls" consisting of Ellie Hossack, Vivian Brown, Jayda May and Wagner Brown. The team donated to the Meeker Animal Shelter.



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Fifth- and sixth-grade champion boys' team: "Chimpanezze's" consisting of Hayden Shults, Brenden Clatterbaugh, Clay Randall, Jake Blazon and Jonathan Fitzgibbons. The team donated to Horizons Specialized Services.



Seventh- and eighth-grade champion girls' team: "Smackdown" consisting of Sarah Kracht, Hailey Knowles and Karly Orris. The team donated to the Meeker Lions Club.

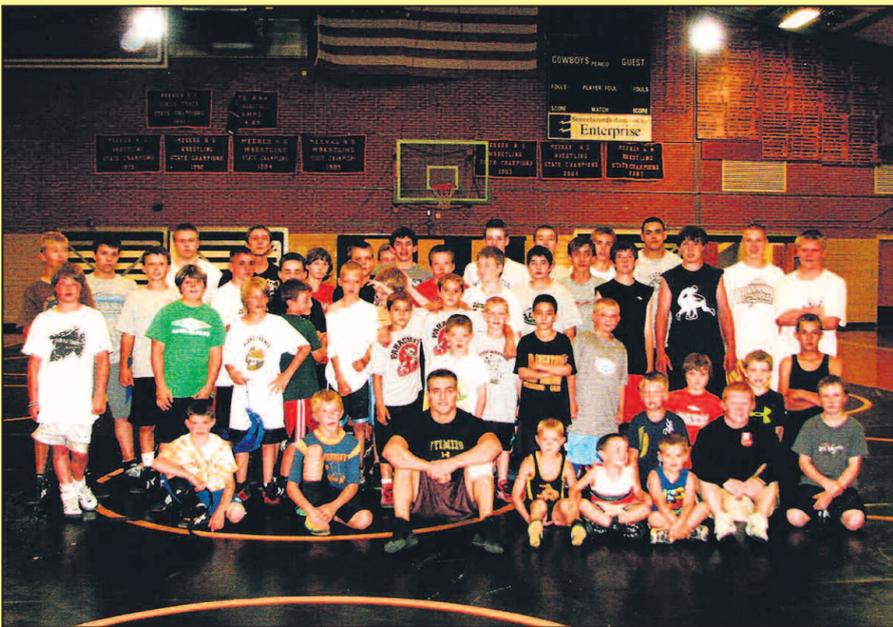
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Seventh- and eighth-grade boys' champion team: "LBJR" consisting of Ryan Phelan, Brayden Garcia, Jeremy Woodward and Lane Anderson. The team donated to the Meeker Animal Shelter.

WRESTLING CLINIC TODAY...



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO

In the spirit of the Christmas season, former MHS graduate and four-time All-American Joe LeBlanc, pictured in a file photo surrounded by young wrestlers, will host a free wrestling clinic today in Meeker's wrestling room from 9 a.m. until noon. The clinic is open to all wrestlers of all ages wanting to get mat time during the Christmas vacation.

Cowboys named to all-state team

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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RBC | Post-season accolades continue for Meeker football players who played on the Cowboys' state runner-up team. Six of them were recently named to the 2016 Colorado 1A, all-state teams presented by CHSAANow.com, Coloradopreps.com and Maxpreps.com.

Meeker seniors Tyler Ilgen, Casey Turner and Chase Rule, along

with junior Logan Hughes, were all named to the first team, while senior Cole Brown and junior Doak Mantle were named to the second team. This was the second year for Ilgen to be recognized, as he was also named to the first team last year.

"I'm excited for these guys," Meeker head coach Shane Phelan said. "A lot of good kids, who worked hard and I'm proud of their accomplishments."

Players who are named to their

all-conference teams around the state are then nominated for all-state teams, then coaches vote on the players to determine the teams for each classification.

"I hope the younger guys learn from them, as these guys have worked really hard during the off season," coach Phelan said. "They have put in a lot of effort, desire and determination the past four years, as all-state players are made, not born. Good players make other players around them good too."

Three MHS students swim for MoCo team

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER | Since Meeker High School does not have a swim team, freshmen Jeni Kincher and Kolbi Franklin, along with junior foreign exchange student Isabel Enzo Feichter swim for Moffat County's high school team and they are contributing to the varsity team.

The trio has already swam in two meets and will swim next Jan. 6 in Delta.

Kincher and Franklin both swam the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races, as well as the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, while Feichter swam the 50 and 100 freestyle races and the 100- and 200-yard backstroke races in the first meets.

"They all posted great times and they all swam on relay teams as well," Shelly Rogers said.

Rogers is the recreation manager at the ERBM Recreation and Parks District and a volunteer coach to the trio of Meeker girls so they don't

have to drive to Craig every day. Meg Francine is the Moffat County head swim coach.

"They practice with me Monday through Thursday, then practice in Craig on Friday," coach Rogers, who also coaches Meeker's summer league team, the Meeker Makos, and the USA Swim Team, said.

"They all swam smart (in the two meets) and they have been working on their pacing and stroke mechanics during practice," coach Rogers said. "I am proud of each of them."



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Our Rangely champ of the week is Rangely School Superintendent Matt Scoggins, who faithfully provides photo-tos for the newspaper of Rangely sports and other events. Thank you, Matt, for all you do!



Tyler Ilgen MHS Football

For a second year in a row, Meeker Cowboy lineman Tyler Ilgen was named to the Colorado 1A, all-state first team, presented by CHSAANow.org, Coloradopreps.com and Maxpreps.com. Ilgen anchored the Cowboys' offensive and defensive lines.

King finishes cross-country run



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Phil King came through Rio Blanco County in early September on a quest to run across the country for suicide awareness. He began with his feet in the Atlantic Ocean March 28 and completed the 4,000 plus mile journey, which consisted of about one marathon, or 26.2 miles, of running per day, on Nov. 26 in San Francisco, Calif., running the last 100 yards across the beach and straight into the Pacific Ocean while family and friends cheered him on. The run was dedicated to King's mother, Lisa, who died by suicide. Find out more about what King's up to next at www.runforisaking.org or learn more about suicide prevention at the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention's website, www.afsp.org.

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Alivia Green takes a turn on the new WiBit at the Rangely Recreation Center. The center is offering 50 percent off their annual membership prices from Jan. 2 through Jan. 15. Taking advantage of the half-off rate makes a youth pass \$85, a teen pass \$100, an adult pass \$120 and a family pass \$290. All passes are non-refundable. Call 970-675-8211 or drop by 611 S. Stanolind Ave. in Rangely.

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Jan. 7 @ Soroco, 2:30 pm
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Jan. 6 @ Hayden, 7 pm
Jan. 7 @ Soroco (Oak Creek), 7 pm
WRESTLING
Jan. 6-7 @ Vernal, Tournament of Champions



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Safe driving practices around snowplows

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) encourages drivers to be aware of snowplow operations as crews are actively working to maintain the roadways.

"In the past few weeks, several passenger vehicles have crashed into our plow trucks while they were clearing snow from the roads. All were attempting to pass our plows," said David Vialpando, superintendent for CDOT's Maintenance Section 7. "In order for our plows to remove snow efficiently and apply sand or deicing agents safely, a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour is required. This speed

may seem slow to some drivers following a snowplow, but to attempt passing is very risky."

Meanwhile Greg Stacy, superintendent for CDOT's Maintenance Section 3, headquartered in Durango said, "The ultimate advice to avoid causing a crash is simply: Do not crowd our plows. When a plow is in a crash it can no longer maintain the roadways for everyone."

1. Never pass on the right.

Never a good idea. Many plows use a blade extension (wing plow) on the right-hand side of the truck. The blade extends the plowing area toward the shoulder of the road, leaving no room to pass. Also, plows are

designed to push all the snow, slush, rocks and other debris to the right of the truck. The flying debris will damage your vehicle and obstruct your view of the road.

2. Never pass during tandem/echelon plowing.

Tandem/echelon plowing staggers multiple plows to cover all lanes and clear the entire roadway in one coordinated sweep. This is the safest and most efficient snow-removal method to clear the entire roadway. It is extremely dangerous for motorists to try and pass plows in this formation because you could encounter whiteout conditions, ridges of snow between lanes or get trapped between the

snowplow trucks.

3. Never tailgate.

Plows need to drop deicer and sand, so make sure you stay back at least three to four car lengths of space. If you're too close, your visibility is reduced, and deicer and sand could hit your car. You also never know when a plow might need to suddenly stop; make sure you have plenty of room to do the same.

Stacy added, "We believe it is extremely important to educate the public about snowplowing operations and safety while driving near plows. We encourage everyone to visit www.cdof.gov to access this helpful information."

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BLM taking public comments on sage-grouse projects

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The Bureau of Land Management is accepting comments on a plan to streamline the approval process for habitat improvement projects to benefit Greater Sage-Grouse and other wildlife in northwestern Colorado.

As BLM begins developing a programmatic environmental assessment that takes a broad look at possible projects in sagebrush and pinyon-juniper habitats on BLM-administered lands in northwest Colorado, it wants to hear any issues or concerns from the public.

Biologists have identified one of the greatest threats to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat in northwestern

Colorado is pinyon and juniper trees gradually moving into sagebrush communities. This pinyon-juniper encroachment creates cover and perches for potential sage-grouse predators and eventually crowds the sagebrush out. Greater Sage-Grouse will avoid such areas.

"We are planning a number of projects to restore sagebrush habitat throughout northwestern Colorado in the coming years," said Northwest District Manager Andrew Archuleta. "Rather than do a number of separate, redundant environmental assessments, we can do one larger programmatic assessment that will streamline the approval for most projects."

The programmatic EA will analyze techniques to improve sagebrush

habitat and battle encroaching pinyon-juniper, including hand-thinning, mechanical treatments such as mowing or roller-chopping, prescribed fire, seeding and erosion control.

These treatments will benefit sagebrush-dependent species like Greater Sage-Grouse, as well as stimulate plant growth that will increase forage for a variety of wildlife including deer and elk.

This broad evaluation will provide a comprehensive document for individual projects to reference, which will eliminate the need for a separate analysis for each project. Site-specific surveys and clearances for special status wildlife, plants and cultural resources would be required for each project plan area prior to implement-

ing treatments.

The programmatic EA will cover the Northwest District plus the Grand Junction Field Office.

Comments will be most helpful if received by Jan. 19, 2016. Information about how to comment and the, the proposal are available online: bit.ly/2hS1WZC.

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

Applicants sought for noxious weed management grants

RBC I The Colorado Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for 2017 Noxious Weed Management grants. This year, the Department plans to award more than \$755,000 in grant funds to organizations and associations for projects that focus on controlling the state's designated noxious weeds. Of that amount, over \$105,000 are from the U.S. Forest Service's State and Private Forestry program. These grants, which are administered through CDA, support projects that reduce noxious weed infestations occurring close to Forest Service-managed lands.

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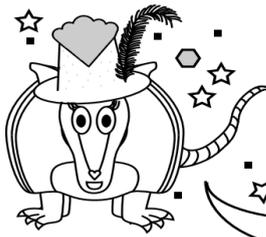
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A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family.



I love celebrating on New Year's Eve and Day! I decorate, bake and make little snacks for my family's party. I write a short list of my *resolutions* – promises and ideas for little changes that I can work on – and then welcome in the New Year at midnight.

What do you like best about the New Year? **Read my clues to fill in my puzzle:**

- falling, shining globe
- its hands tell us the time
- what we do when we gather at parties
- the new year can give us a clean slate
- last month of the old year
- the world's most famous New Year's party is held here
- the Rose Bowl is always played on New Year's Day
- when you see this infant, it means new beginnings
- explosions in the sky
- a march through the center of town
- 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- old man, stands for the past year, history
- the exact moment when the old year becomes new
- a promise to yourself to change
- first month of the new year
- tool to keep track of dates in the new year
- these 'ring in' the new year
- group of people playing instruments
- Auld Lang Syne is a very popular one
- great time had by friends, family with music and food

I'm full of energy and raring to go!

Whew! I'm tired and ready to go.



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A Party All Over the World!

New Year's Day is celebrated all over the world. In most places, people join in the fun by having parties, feasting, visiting, and greeting each other with good wishes. **Read the "party" words. Then, find and circle them in the puzzles.**



- board games
- noise makers
- finger foods
- movies
- friends
- stay awake
- dancing
- streamers
- hats
- a toast
- drinks
- shakers
- family
- music
- horns

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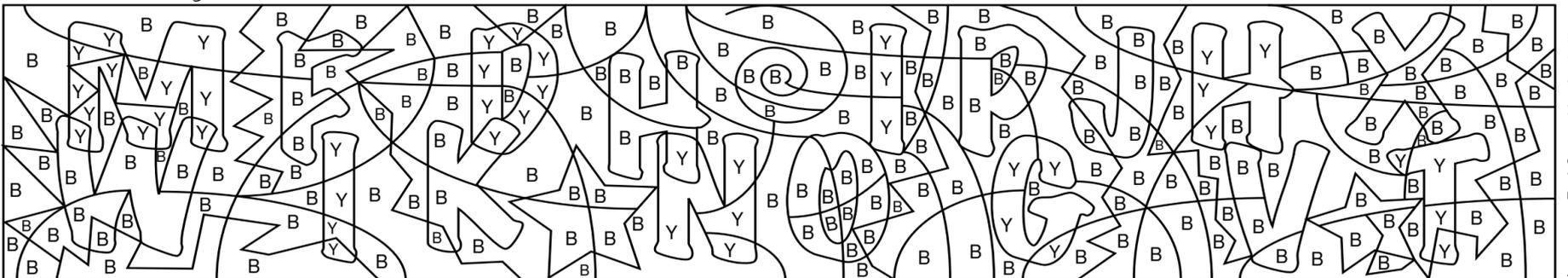
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The Magical Stroke of...

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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, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;
sec. 29, E1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4;
sec. 32, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;
sec. 33;
sec. 34, S1/2SW1/4 and W1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 1,759.57 acres.

Parcel C-2 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 4 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 30, lot 6, NW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 117.31 acres.

Parcel D-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,
sec. 4, that part of lot 4 lying west of the ridge line;
sec. 5, that part of lot 1 lying west of the ridge line.
T. 3 N., R. 94 W.,
sec. 32, E1/2SE1/4;
sec. 33, that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4 lying west of the ridge line.

The areas described aggregate an estimated 323 acres.

Parcel D-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 26, lots 7 and 8.

The area described contains 40.01 acres.

Parcel E-1 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 17, lot 6.

The area described contains 20.17 acres.

Parcel E-2 (Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 17, SW1/4SW1/4;
sec. 19, E1/2NE1/4, and that part of W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710);
sec. 20, N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 29, NE1/4, and that part of N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 lying east of Gray Hills Ridge Road (BLM Road 1710).

The area described contains an estimated 751 acres.

Parcel E-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 9, SW1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-1 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,
sec. 7, lots 8, 18, and 19.

The area described contains 35.32 acres.

Parcel F-2 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 35, SW1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-3 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 36, S1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-4 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 1, NE1/4SW1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel F-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;
sec. 3, SE1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 240 acres.

Parcel F-6 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 12, N1/2NW1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel F-7 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,
sec. 5, NW1/4SW1/4;
sec. 6, N1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 120 acres.

Parcel F-8 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 36, SW1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 80 acres.

Parcel G (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,
sec. 2, lot 7.

The area described contains 39.62 acres.

The Federal lands described above have been segregated from appropriation under the public land and mineral laws for a period of five years. The BLM proposes to convey surface estate only, subject to valid existing rights.

In exchange, Proponent will convey the following described non-Federal land to the United States, subject to valid existing rights:

Parcel A-3 (Moffat County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 97 W.,
sec. 17, SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains 280 acres.

Parcel A-5 (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 3 N., R. 96 W.,
sec. 30, lots 7 and 8, and E1/2SW1/4;
sec. 31, lots 5, 6, and 7, and E1/2NW1/4.

The area described contains 1,920.51 acres.

Parcel B (Rio Blanco County)

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 18, SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;
sec. 20, SW1/4NW1/4;
sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;
sec. 31, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and NE1/4NW1/4;
sec. 32, NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 1,835.26 acres.

Anticipated public benefits of the land exchange include acquisition of public access between the Windy Gulch and Black Mountain Wilderness Study Areas and disposal of Federal lands that are difficult and uneconomic to manage with limited or no legal access. The non-Federal lands contain habitat for greater sage-grouse and are located within an important landscape for cultural resources. This exchange would be completed on an equal fair market value basis based on approved appraisals. The exchange is in conformance with both the White River and Little Snake Resource Management Plans.

An environmental analysis and other required resource reports will be prepared in order to determine whether to approve the exchange. Interested parties may submit written comments, including notification of any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands being considered for exchange. Comments submitted via facsimile or e-mail will only be considered if the full name and mailing address of the commenter are included. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

To ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed exchange, comments must be submitted in writing to Kent E. Walter, Field Manager, White River Field Office, and must be postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice. Comments may be submitted by email to blm_co_wrflo_bhlex@blm.gov or by mail to BLM WRFLO, Land Exchange Comments, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.

Information about the exchange may be obtained by contacting Heather Sauls at the address above or by phone at (970) 878-3855 or by e-mail at hsauls@blm.gov.

Published: December 29, 2016 and January 5, 12 and 19, 2017

Rio Blanco Herald Times

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS, SULPHUR CREEK FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 527
DOCKET NO. 170100045
TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
APPLICATION LANDS
Township 2 South, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.
Section 29: SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
Section 30: SE1/4SE1/4
APPLICATION

On December 1, 2016, Ursa Operating Company LLC, Operator No. 10447, ("Ursa" or "Applicant") filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to:

1) Approve the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density for the Application Lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS (available online at: <http://coGCC.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then click on "Orders" or "Rules")

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Target Formations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Date: January 30-31, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By _____ Julie Murphy, Secretary
Dated: December 19, 2016

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

Website: <http://coGCC.state.co.us>
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 16-26
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 5, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.

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

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	
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

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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;**

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

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

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov
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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, Odekerk, 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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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Board of Education Work Session
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641
January 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Work Session

- Policy considerations
 - Final edits - GDBC & EEAEA
 - Student travel - JJH
 - On the radar - AC, GCCAF, GCID, GDD
- Superintendent
 - Evaluation
 - Contract
- School Board professional development
 - Self-evaluation
 - Curriculum
 - What is curriculum
 - What does statute/policy require from the BOE
 - What processes are in place
 - What is on the horizon
- Risk assessment from auditor
- Kerr lawsuit
- Final FY17 budget

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Meeker Sanitation District
January 4, 2017
Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado

- Call to order
- Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments
- New Business
- Old Business
 - Shop for Equipment
 - Plant Expansion
 - Plant Manager Report
 - Office Manager Report
- Attorney
- Board
 - Reports
 - Delinquent Accounts
 - Approve Current Bills
- Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change without further notice. Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street. Publish: December 29, 2016
Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday January 3, 2017
7:00 P.M. Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO

- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Previous Minutes
 - Approval of Monthly Disbursements
 - Public Participation
- This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. In consideration of other regularly scheduled agenda items, comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Citizens are asked to approach the podium state their name and address for the record.

- Public Hearing Item(s):
 - Tavern Liquor License renewal for "Chippers Downtown" located at 285 6th Street
 - Retail Liquor Store license renewal request from "Blanco Cellars", LLC located at 645 Main Street
 - Renewal of a Liquor Tasting Permit for "Blanco Cellars"
 - Mayor's remarks
 - Town Manager's Report
 - Town Attorney's Report
 - Adjournment
- Published: December 29, 2016
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 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 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
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Colorado Statewide Classified Advertising Network

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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING
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To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 24, 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) Jody A Atchley and Ramona C Atchley
Mortgage electronic registration System, Inc., as nominee for Bank of the West, a California State Banking Corp.
Bank of the West, a California State Banking Corp.
August 14, 2013
Rio Blanco
August 15, 2013
306886
\$136,482.00
\$130,388.42

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LOT 14 BLOCK 88 IN THE TOWN OF MEEKER COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 1021 Main St, Meeker, CO 81641.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/22/2017, 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 12/29/2016
Last Publication 1/26/2017
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times

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DATE: 10/25/2016
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:
Erin Robson #46557 Holly Shilliday #24423 Iman Tehrani #44076
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # 16-746317
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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LEGAL NOTICES

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 547
DOCKET NO. 170100046
TYPE: SPACING
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
APPLICATION LANDS:
Township 2 North, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.
Section 27: All
Section 34: All
APPLICATION
On December 1, 2016, Anschutz Exploration Corporation (Operator No. 3102) ("Anschutz" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
2) Approve the drilling, completion and operation of up to four horizontal wells in the drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
3) Provide that the productive interval for any of the Niobrara Formation horizontal wells in the drilling and spacing unit be located no closer than 1,200 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore drilled to the Niobrara Formation located within the unit, without the Director granting an exception;
4) Provide that the productive interval for any of the horizontal wells in the drilling and spacing unit so established be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundary of the same, absent exception being granted by the Director or variance being granted by the Commission; and
5) Applicant states that the wells shall be drilled from no more than two multi-well pads.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS (available online at: http://cogcc.state.co.us, under "Regulation," then click on "Orders" or "Rules")
Commission Rule 318.a provides that for any wells drilled to a depth greater than 2,500': (i) interwell setbacks shall be set at 1,200' and (ii) drilling and spacing unit boundary line setbacks shall be set at 600'.

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Date: January 30-31, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

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ing.
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By: Julie Murphy, Secretary
Dated: December 20, 2016
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
Website: http://cogcc.state.co.us
Phone: (303) 894-2100
Fax: (303) 894-2109
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Published: December 29, 2016
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LEGAL NOTICES

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
CAUSE NO. 547
DOCKET NO. 170100048
TYPE: SPACING
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
APPLICATION LANDS:
Township 2 North, Range 97 West, 6th P.M.
Section 28: All
Section 33: All
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1) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S., and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:
Date: January 30-31, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Bldg.
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

LEGAL NOTICES

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
By: Julie Murphy, Secretary
Dated: December 20, 2016
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
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Published: December 29, 2016
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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.
At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than January 13, 2017. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application.
One electronic (cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of January 16, 2017. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

Case Number 2016C0007
Public Notice is given on December 20, 2016, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Rio Blanco County Court.

The Petition requests that the name of Stacy Adele Hansen be changed to Stacie Adele Hansen.
Karen S. Wilczek, Clerk of Court
By: Jlyn Wren, Deputy Clerk
Publish: December 22, 29, 2016 and January 5, 2017
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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January 2017

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1/7 No bus
1/8 AM bus
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1/10 Bus in town
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1/12 Bus in town/Rifle
1/13 Bus in town
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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.

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