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Following override failure, MSD vows it will do its best

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MEEKER I "Sure we are disappointed, but we will carry on and continue to provide the best education possible for our students," was how Bill deVergie, president of the Meeker School Board, reacted to the defeat of the second attempted tax mill levy increase in two years.

The \$950,000-plus raised from the override would have been used to restore some programs and instructors as well as repair district infrastructure.

By roughly the same margin as last year, the measure was defeated by an 888-820 margin, which is 1.5 percent of the vote.

Meeker School District Superintendent Mark Meyer echoed deVergie's sentiments that the district and teachers will do everything they can despite the defeat to provide students the best education possible.

"We may be all right this year as we have already made \$600,000 in cuts compared to the \$700,000 shortfall last year," Meyer said. "Hopefully we won't have to mention the word 'cuts' the rest of this year, but we won't be getting the \$470,000 the state returned to us last year."

Of the election results, he said, "It turned out really close, as I figured; it was about the same margin as last year."

Meyer said there has been no thought given as yet on trying for another tax levy override again next year.

"We haven't even thought about it," he said. "It may not even be legal for us to seek the tax increase again for three years in a row. We'll just have to live within our budget."

deVergie added, "I truly thought the override would be best solution, but I guess I am in the minority."

Asked what he thought the MSD board would do next, he said, "I really don't know; we haven't really discussed it since the election. The board will sit down soon and figure out the best way to the future."

"Our best hope at this point is that the state government/Legislature comes through to refigure the financing, but that is unlikely at this late date," he said. "It is time for us to once again reassess and re-evaluate, but it looks that we will be underfunded again this next year."

How much of a shortfall the district could see depends on the tax funds that will start coming in, in January, he said.

"We are certainly going to keep the schools open and educate the kids," deVergie said. "And despite only a small raise in the past couple of years, I am certain that the teachers will do their best to provide a good education."

"Certainly there is grumbling from the district employees regarding pay," he said. "The cost of living continues to rise and these folks have only had a small 1 percent raise in the last three or four years. Costs keep going up and their pay is not matching the inflation, and that makes it tough to meet just the basic expenses."

"One way or another, we will continue moving forward," deVergie said. "It's not going to be easy, but we will all do the best we can."

Thanks for your service! Korean War, WWII vets unveil Rangely's veterans memorial

By HEATHER ZADRA
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I Cold, clear weather marked the Veterans Day unveiling of the sculpture "Sacrifice and Resolution" in Rangely's Hefley Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Hundreds turned out for the dedication, among them veterans of the Korean War and World War II. Early in the ceremony, Master of Ceremonies and Veteran Service Officer John "Hoot" Gibson invited these men to unveil the statue.

"To you gentlemen who served in those two wars and made this country what it is today, you have our deepest gratitude," Gibson said. "We honor you."

People clapped and cheered at the first glimpse of Meeker sculptor John Kobald's piece on its custom stone pedestal. The 1-1/4-life-sized bronze of a present-day foot soldier matches the sculpture unveiled in Meeker on July 4, 2013, and is the result of three years' joint effort between the Rangely and Meeker VFW posts. Hundreds of individual, group and corporate donations made the sculptures and memorial spaces possible.

"It's just a pleasure to live in such a great county," Gibson said. "The support we've gotten is just awesome. It hasn't been one VFW post against another, it hasn't been Meeker versus Rangely. It's been Rio Blanco County from start to finish. And hopefully this will help to bring the county even stronger together."

During the ceremony, Kobald spoke of the intellectual process that went into the pieces.

"We came up with the idea of a modern foot soldier, a soldier pressing onward in an uphill struggle, ever-vigilant of what could lay ahead," he said. "While sculpting this statue, I had plenty of time to think about our servicemen and women - the thought of the sacrifices they would make while serving our country and the resolution they had to continue forward in some very dire circumstances. The



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Veterans from World War II and the Korean War unveiled John Kobald's "Sacrifice and Resolution" memorial for all Rio Blanco County veterans on Tuesday afternoon in Rangely.

title, 'Sacrifice and Resolution,' came to be."

Guest speaker Army Sgt. Major Corky Powell, Jr. echoed other speakers' sentiments in thanking current and former service men and women and those who spearheaded the memorial's fundraising and planning efforts.

He encouraged listeners to think specifically about the people, places and organizations that make up military efforts worldwide, giving particular credit to those entering the service now.

"When I joined the military, there were no conflicts, so I really wasn't sure what I was getting into," he said. "But every day, men and women join in this day and age knowing for a fact, 100 percent, that within six months they will be deployed to a combat area. My hat is off to them."

Speaker George Smitman, a retired U.S. Navy lieutenant commander, said military service

thrives thanks to people who serve in other ways.

"All the veterans we have here today are the product of the American people," he said. "We often forget about parents, families, loved ones, friends and relatives, neighbors who've all had a part in our lives."

The service people, doctors... our ag people who provided us with the food. Our commercial merchants who provided us with our needs... It's all of these people we should be thinking of today; veterans as they are also, civilian and military."

Others involved in the dedication included Angie Kenney singing the national anthem, Rangely mayor and veteran Frank Huitt and Parkview Elementary School fifth-graders leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastors and veterans Mark Futch and Rodger Reed opened and closed the dedication in prayer.

Veterans reflect on military life

By HEATHER ZADRA
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RBC I Events like this week's Veterans Memorial Park dedication tend to get people thinking. Below are highlights from interviews with three Rangely veterans who reflected on the meaning of recognition, remembrance and why they matter.

Question: How can civilians better understand or connect to Veterans Day and its meaning, especially if their family doesn't have a tradition of service?

Mike Gillard (U.S. Army, 1997-2011, Platoon Sergeant, three tours of duty in Kirkuk, Tikrit, and Baghdad, Iraq): I think people can start off by thinking about the freedoms they have, how fortunate they really are. It's amazing how naïve even a soldier is of their freedoms until they've gone overseas and experienced places where people don't have any. All of the freedoms we actually have, whether it's celebrating holidays, being able to practice our religion or being with our families all the time—I don't take them for

granted anymore.
Lisa Hatch (U.S. Army Reserves, 1990-2011, Major, Commander of 419th Transportation Co. in Operation Desert Shield/Storm): I think it helps to look at our history and the reasons people have served and fought. This nation wouldn't be so great without the sacrifices of our military people. From the beginnings of this country, the conflicts we've been part of have helped

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On a roll ...

The Meeker Cowboys football team soundly defeated Rye 41-6 Saturday to advance to the state 1-A semi-final game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Buena Vista. The 10-1 Cowboys will advance to the state championship finale if they win. For more on the Cowboys, please see story and photo on Page 7A.



Hunting season going well except for weather, misidentified moose

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RBC I Except for two moose cows that were mistaken for elk and the fact that high temperatures and low precipitation have kept the elk high up in the mountains, the first three of four area hunting seasons this year have "gone very well, with some nice trophies having been harvested," Colorado Parks and Wildlife area game manager Bill deVergie of Meeker said Monday.

"It's been a real mix," deVergie said. "We are seeing the best trophies in several years as far as the elk and deer are concerned. We are seeing some very good deer numbers and the harvest hasn't been this good for deer in at least three or four years. As far as the elk are concerned, we are seeing some really nice trophies and the overall largest we have seen in years, but the numbers are down for the second year in a row just due to the weather."

deVergie said the largest gatherings of elk are holding tight in the "dark timber up high and not many hunters have been able to flush them out." He said they are, however, pretty scattered throughout the area.

"We have great quality and size; better than I can remember," he said. "And the amazing thing is that it is all over the region—from high in the east all across to the Utah line and in many of the valleys. There have been some great elk harvested, but the mere numbers aren't there, indicating that the majority of the elk are still holed up high."

He said that while many of the elk that have been spotted have been in tremendous shape, the outfitters, landowners, the guides and the meat processors are just not reporting the numbers of elk harvested in a really good year.

deVergie also said the deer hunting so far this year has been "really

good."
"Again, across the entire area, we are seeing more deer, seeing nice mature bucks in good shape," he said. "Even the does are doing well. We have fewer licenses this year, but the hunters had good luck there too with some nice big does."

Regarding the bears being hunted this year, deVergie was highly optimistic.

"We have had by far the highest recorded harvest ever in this area," he said. "Once again, the bears aren't just in a few places but in all the units in the northwest corner of the state."

"We keep raising the number of licenses, and this was the third year for the increases," he said. "We have lots and lots of bears, and we have really been pushing hunters of other animals to buy a bear license as well."

"There are a lot of bears out there, and we are really trying to lower the population of bears all around the area," he said. "Because they are so tough to really spot when taking a survey, we don't have a perfect picture of how many bears there are. But the sightings and numbers of bears reported in close proximity to the towns and homes indicate there are plenty of animals."

The entire region only has four moose licenses, deVergie said. Of the two bull and two cow permits, he said he believed that the two bull licenses were filled this year and that neither one of the cow permits was filled.

Those two bull moose were harvested in the Ute Creek and Farm Creek areas, both of which are up County Road 8. Ute Creek, deVergie said, is just above Buford and Farm Creek is just above Buford but a bit farther south and east, a little farther off County Road 8.

deVergie said it has has been a

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The peak has passed for Rio Blanco County color-changed leaves with the frost and snow the past two weeks. Shot just south of Meeker the day before the snow fell, this small group of aspen was spotted along Highway 13, south of the intersection with Highway 64 toward Rifle.

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Elizabeth Robinson Wiley celebrates 10 years of business in pottery studio

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RANGELY I When ceramic artist Elizabeth Robinson Wiley moved to Rangely 10 years ago, she had little idea how the community's life would integrate with her own.

A botany major captivated by pottery, Wiley spent her twenties working in clay studios across the country honing her craft. In 2002, she earned a master of fine arts degree at Ohio University before accepting a position as program director at a non-profit art center in Carbondale, Colo.

Her trajectory changed again when she married Colorado Northwestern Community College instructor Joe Wiley in 2005. Beth's decision to open a pottery studio in a remote high-desert area not known for its arts and cultural scene but for oil, gas and coal resources, proved challenging and instructive.

Some of Wiley's first acquaintances were town officials who helped the couple navigate building codes to renovate a 500-square-foot stucco building on Main Street into her studio and showroom. The space had been gutted and empty for years.

"When we initially considered buying the building, we naively thought I could slap a coat of paint on the walls and start making pots," Wiley said. "But because it had been vacant for years, we learned we would need to do a more complete renovation before it could be occupied."

The process took months of proposal writing, town council meetings and making upgrades, which Joe and Beth completed on their own. When finished, it featured an interior sheathing of five-eighths inch sheetrock, new wiring, lighting, bathroom, doors and windows, drainage and ventilation, improvements to the foundation to prevent further decay, a heating system, off-street parking, an exterior shed and a new coat of paint.

The 1940s-era building, one of Rangely's oldest structures, had been a shoe-repair shop for decades before local Shirley Sinclair bought it in 1970, dubbed her salon "The Beauty Bar," and ran the business for the next 28 years.

To Sinclair, seeing the shop restored and functioning again felt like a homecoming.

"I went in when she was first remodeling it," Sinclair recalled. "She had utilized the space so well. Every day I go by it and think, 'You know, that was mine.' I'm glad it has a new life and a new purpose

now." The building also helped Wiley to plant roots. Her moving from place to place and traveling to learn ceramics had resulted in years of transient living. Making the commitment to the studio was also a commitment to settle in Rangely.

For the first few years in the studio Wiley worked alone. The pottery she made, hailed in the ceramics world as 'your grandmother's china meets Wabi Sabi,' was shipped to galleries nationwide. While people occasionally dropped in and bought pieces, her clientele was largely elsewhere.

Over time, that started to change. A turn came with the Wileys' first child in 2007. As she struggled to adjust, Beth reached out to other moms for support.

To her surprise, some were interested not only in parenting but pottery.

"I had never met a potter before; I thought her pieces were beautiful," said Julie Noyes, who eventually purchased a custom-made dinner set from her friend. "One year, Beth suggested I make Christmas ornaments at her shop to give as gifts. It was fascinating to see how many steps it took to create one small piece of pottery."

Slowly, as home life demanded more, Wiley's studio time diminished. Another boy, born in 2010, meant a more drastic shift away from work.

Career-wise, there was an upside: with less time to make pots, her output increasingly shifted to special orders, some for locals. She began making more pieces to sell from the shop, forming a partnership with talented local artist Julia Davis.

The two agreed that Davis would make her own work with shop equipment and materials in exchange for offering regular business hours and other help.

The transition opened up other opportunities. Wiley took on apprenticeships with friends' daughters who were eager to work and learn. She also accepted a few interns, introducing them to the nuances of form and structure.

Locals Jolene and Shayne Armstrong, once students in Joe Wiley's classes, connected instantly to Wiley's art. When Jolene fell in love with a platter, she squirreled money away for months to purchase it. And when the couple moved to Hawaii earlier this year, multiple items stayed in storage while all of Wiley's pieces made the trip.

Now the pottery the Armstrongs display and use every day evokes their former home.



In 10 years of making pottery in her Main Street studio, Elizabeth Robinson Wiley of Rangely has found meaning in the various ways she's integrated her art and abilities into the community. Above are photos of the new and old décor of the business. To the right is a photograph of Wiley at work on her pottery wheel.
On Saturday, Wiley is inviting friends and visitors to a 10-year anniversary celebration from noon to 6:30 p.m. The shop will feature a new line of handmade, fair-trade items from local and global crafts men and women.

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"Every time I take my bowl out of the china hutch, I smile," Armstrong said. "We lived in Rangely for 10 years. It makes me think about everyone who touched our lives there."

These days, Wiley's passions continue to evolve. Whether she is organizing a week of art in her son's classroom, helping Boy Scouts earn a pottery badge or hosting "Paint Your Own Ornament" booths at local fairs, her art has become more interactive and less solitary.

The process is similar to one Wiley experienced in herself. Her latest efforts include heading up the community's new Children's Garden at the Community Gardens, a creative and process-oriented space, much like the time-intensive processes of ceramics. She also uses her graphic design and marketing skills to promote local businesses, whether via a utility bill insert, this year's Chamber Gift Guide or the town's Shop 'N' Dine campaign.

"I think my core interest has shifted from merely making thoughtful, useful objects and finding homes for them to creatively integrating business and community involvement, seeing my little shop as part of a bigger whole, working together with my neighbors to care for each other," Wiley said.

In September 2013, another idea simmering in Wiley's mind came to fruition. Under her guidance, local non-profit organizations hosted the Harvest Bowls Festival, a fundraiser in which participants share a locally-harvested meal in the Community Gardens.

The event raised approximately \$1,450 each for four local groups and one global hunger relief organization. It also brought more than

300 people together over soup-filled bowls—235 of them—made by Wiley and Davis and decorated with drawings by local school children.

Now, more than a year after the event, the bowls continue to hold sustenance and meaning for their owners.

"I love the feel, the look and the size," said Tracey Hayes. "They hold the shape of the pasta, they hold the heat in. I'm loyal to the town, so the kids' drawings also meant a lot to me."

This weekend marks another beginning for Wiley.

Saturday from noon to 6:30 p.m. the community is invited to her studio to celebrate the business' 10-year anniversary. In addition to pottery, the shop will feature a new line of fair-trade, handmade items from local and global craftspeople.

It's the latest expression of individual and community stories melding together and of how Wiley connects with the people and art she cares for.

To find out more about Wiley's studio, visit her website at www.elizabethrobinsonstudio.com.



Elizabeth Robinson Wiley

Veterans should get travel compensation

RBC I If there are Rio Blanco County military veterans who do not currently receive travel compensation for trips to Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals or clinics, your county veteran service officers want to know.

In Rangely, please contact: John "Hoot" Gibson, jgibson@RBC.us, Rio Blanco County Annex, 17497 State Hwy. 64, Rangely, Colo. 81648 or call 970-878-9695.

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MEEKER VFW ...

The Meeker VFW Women's Auxiliary led a Veterans Day service in front of the Veterans Memorial statue in front of the Rio Blanco County Courthouse on Tuesday morning despite frigid temperatures. Right, VFW Auxiliary President Vicki Crawford led the service, giving the history of Veterans Day, which started as Armistice Day to honor World War I veterans. She also gave instructions on the correct way to burn a damaged flag, including cutting it up into three portions of red and white stripes and one section of the blue and white stars, called the Union, demonstrated by auxiliary member Colleen Patterson (left). The VFW also provided lunch for veterans at Barone Middle School.

SEAN McMAHON



VETERANS: Reflections

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shape the United States into what it is today. In World Wars I and II, terrible things were going on.

People's rights were being taken away, people were being slaughtered. We went to fight for other countries to make sure they also had their freedoms (and that they could live without oppression.

John 'Hoot' Gibson

John "Hoot" Gibson (U.S. Army, 1966-1968, 1st Lieutenant, toured in Vietnam with 610th Maintenance Battalion): From my perspective and from a lot of other people's perspective, when we joined the military, we took an oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. And the majority of us who took that oath do not think the oath expired the day our enlistment expired. It's a lifelong commitment to our country. And I think most people who served are very proud of their service.

What are the appropriate responses to a veteran when acknowledging his or her service?

Gillard: I think the biggest thing for me is just a thank you. It really is that simple. A lot of times, people try to delve into details to have a better understanding of things. And sometimes those are questions that veterans really can't afford to even hear, let alone answer, without putting them back into a place that they don't want to go. It's a form of compassion, being mindful of where that person may have been or may not have been.



Mike Gillard

Hatch: If people can look in the eyes of a veteran, say thank you and see what their eyes tell them back, it's an amazing thing. They don't have to talk about the suffering they went through and what their service meant to them. Their eyes will tell them.

Gibson: A thank you means a lot,

but I also think it's important to realize the risk or commitment some people have gone through for their community. We have four gentlemen who served in World War II still in the community. We have a number who served in Korea, and there are less of them every year. The Vietnam generation, we're at an age where we're dying off, too. I think it's important for our grandkids to know what this country meant to us and what it should mean to them.

What have the Rio Blanco County Veterans Memorials meant to service members here? How might these spaces get people thinking about service in new ways?

Gillard: It all means a lot. As a veteran, I've gone down to Elks Park and seen the bench at the park's entrance. It puts me back, makes me think about those kinds of things again. When people talked about doing the memorial at Hefley Park, I was all for it. The more it's progressed ... it's just touching.



Lisa Hatch

Hatch: Any time you can put something visible in front of people to get them thinking about it—anyone who sees that memorial, the kids who participate in the ceremony Tuesday—it matters. If people take a moment to reflect, get a chance to talk with a veteran or help in their homes, they're going to feel more a piece of it. We're a visual people, and when we see it, we begin to think about it and we feel more a part of it. That memorial's going to force people to think more about what veterans have done.

Gibson: I think because the statue is of a modern-day soldier, it's going to mean a lot to these younger vets. Most of us in Vietnam served one tour. It was either a year or 13 months in the Marine Corps. Some people volunteered for more than one tour.

Some of these younger guys have done up to seven or eight tours in the Middle East in their three- or four-year commitment to service. I feel they've just really asked these kids to do a lot that they didn't ask us to do. This is one way to honor what all servicemen and women have done for our country.

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Thanks veterans; an election review; and congratulations to the Cowboys

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A massive thank you goes out to all of our veterans of all the Armed Forces as we celebrate Veterans Day this week.

There are so many reasons to be thankful for our nation's veterans that we should know to keep the men and women—past and present—of our U.S. Armed Forces forever in our minds, our hearts and our gratitude.

One doesn't have to look far outside their windows to see what a beautiful, free and bountiful country in which we live.

Once again, ladies and gentlemen, "Thank you for your service!"

There is one thing for certain we learned during the Nov. 4 election in Rio Blanco County. Republicans are in a strong majority around here.

That is not a surprise statement since GOP candidates did so well in Colorado and Rio Blanco County, but the percentages of Republican support are much stronger in this county than seemingly much of the rest of the state.

The first indication is that there were no county Democrats on the election ballot for the two main offices—those of sheriff or county commissioner. But there were no Democrats opposing the county clerk and recorder, the county treasurer, the county assessor, the county surveyor or the county coroner.

The only thing interesting about those races is the total number of

votes that were cast for each one of those unopposed county candidates versus each other.

The total vote for a whole series of unchallenged candidates is traditionally a great indicator of the popularity among those running for office. If all the numbers are close, then those candidates can pretty well assume that people voted for them.

There are always voters who don't care for a particular candidate and they won't vote for them or others who won't cast a vote when a candidate is unopposed. But when the number of votes for most candidates are close, then there is usually a clear message sent when one or two candidates trail far behind.

You can draw your own conclusions from this year's candidate vote totals.

There were a total of 2,779 ballots cast. From top to bottom, the number of votes received by the seven Rio Blanco County unopposed Republican candidates were, as follows: County Clerk and Recorder Boots Campbell with 2,303 votes; County Treasurer Karen Arnold with 2,280; County Coroner Albert Krueger with 2,255; County Surveyor Jonathan "Leif" Joy with 2,240; County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola with 2,220 votes; County Assessor Renae T. Neilson; and District 1 County Commissioner Shawn Bolton with 2,002.

Regarding how Republican Rio Blanco County voters are, consider the votes cast for the Democratic ver-

sus Republican candidates for Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative for U.S. House District 3, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state board of education from Congressional District 3; and state representative for District 57.

The winning candidates, with the exception of incumbent Democrat John Hickenlooper, who only won because he was running in a state race, were all Republicans. The number of county votes is listed below with each Republican candidate and the number of county votes received by Democrats are listed in parentheses.

Needless to say, with the exception of Gov. Hickenlooper, it was a good day to be a Republican: In Rio Blanco County the Republican candidates all outpaced their Democratic opponents, whose numbers are in parentheses: U.S. Senator Cory Gardner with 2,085 votes (Udall 354); U.S. House District 3 winner Scott Tipton drew 2,298 votes (Tapia 241); gubernatorial candidate Bob Beauprez drew 2160 county votes (Hickenlooper 430); Secretary of State Wayne Williams drew 2,045 county votes (Neguse 352); State Treasurer Walker Stapleton with 2,043 county votes (Markey 421); Attorney General Cynthia Coffman drew 2,170 county votes (Quick 278); State Board of Education winner from District 3 was Marcia Neal with 2,175 votes (Roman 339); and



State Representative from state House District 57 Bob Rankin drew 2,251 votes (Mero 247).

Those figures show that the statewide Republican candidates on the Rio Blanco County ballots outpolled the Democrats by a minimum ratio of four to one; sometimes as high as seven or eight to one.

That safely confirms that Rio Blanco County is firmly in the hands of the Republicans. So is much of the state, with the top state positions all going to the GOP except the governor's position, and it took 24 hours after the polls closed on Tuesday evening for Democrat Hickenlooper, who did visit Rio Blanco County within the last two months, to be declared the winner over Republican Beauprez.

The votes I cast on the two state amendments and two state propositions were the same as Rio Blanco County and state voters cast their ballots, I am happy to say.

This was certainly one place where a vast majority of voters of both parties were on the same page. That is one of the promising things to come out of this past election.

Amendment 67, the definition of a person and child, which would have changed the abortion picture in Colorado, was soundly defeated in the state as well as in Rio Blanco County. This points to the fact that the subject of abortion is not the pivotal theme of the election although the Udall camp seemed to make it a one-argument election until the last three weeks before the election. The pro-choice vote seems to have won out over those individuals who were backers of pro-life issues.

Amendment 68, which would have allowed full casino action at

four racetracks in the state, was soundly defeated in the state and in Rio Blanco County. Too many questions, too many disbelievers and too few ties to Colorado.

Proposition 104, forcing school districts to carry out collective bargaining sessions in public, passed with county and state voters by very wide margins. That measure will force school boards to be much more transparent, and that is deservedly so in many districts, I am sure, in Colorado as well as around the nation.

Proposition 105, which would have made Colorado label all foods with their genetically modified past, regardless of whether it was directly modified or three or four generations away from being genetically modified.

It would have unjustifiably labeled many state products as genetically modified when indeed they were not and put up those state products with warning labels when sent outside the state, most likely tainting the beliefs of those outside Colorado to the point it would have cost Colorado producers millions of dollars when put on the shelves with other products that could be just as "modified" or more so than the Colorado products may have been. Colorado has followed national guidelines for years, and this vote keeps Colorado on a level playing field with other states.

Huge congratulations go out to the Meeker High School Cowboy gridders as they easily defeated Rye in the second round of the state playoff system. The team has worked hard this year as a whole, and while it may seem as if two players have carried the team to victory week after week, be assured it has been a great team effort.

Cowboy senior quarterback Jake Phelan and running back T.J. Shelton have had outstanding seasons so far. But it is important to remember that there are several other players on the team who have kept the defenders away from Phelan or opened those holes for Shelton.

Coach Shane Phelan should be proud of his entire team because, as we have all seen, at any level of any team sport, to excel takes the entire

team, and the Cowboys have excelled.

After two home playoff victories the Cowboys will be heading on the road to play Buena Vista, a tough team indeed, on Saturday. Again it will take a full team effort.

Congratulations on a great season so far, team, and the best of luck again this weekend. You can do it, and know all of Meeker is behind you.

It all looked a little shaky in the first quarter, but it was great to see the Denver Broncos come back against the winless Oakland Raiders and pass on to a 41-17 final.

After two dismal interceptions early by Manning, it was a huge relief to see the future Football Hall of Fame quarterback come alive and throw five more touchdown passes, adding to his record total of NFL career touchdown passes, which now stands at 518.

This weekend, the Broncos travel to St. Louis to wrap up their three-week road tour against the tough Rams. One of the major surprises of the season, the Rams are leading their NFC division and have proven to be a tough opponent for some good teams so far this year.

Good luck, Broncos. Let's see that record jump to 9-2 and come home with another big win.

We have been incredibly lucky this fall with good weather and much warmer-than-normal temperatures. However, it looks like the inevitable is upon us and that this week and next might actually show us a return to winter.

We may have dodged the proverbial bullet this week with the extreme cold remaining on the Front Range, but all the forecasters say it is coming to us soon—possibly as early as next week.

Hey, winter is a reality in Colorado and particularly this north-west corner of the state. We knew it was coming; it may now be time to embrace it for the next five or six months—a much shorter time than we had to enjoy winter last year.

It was great weather and slow hunting for elk the first three seasons this year, and with the fourth and last season having started Wednesday of this week, that reality may remain.

Bill deVergie, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife area wildlife manager in Meeker, said that like last year, good weather has kept the elk in the higher altitudes.

He said there have been some excellent big elk bulls harvested this year, and the same is true with some very large bucks, but that the large

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meeker businessman wants to open retail marijuana store

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the citizens of Meeker:

Thirty-eight years ago, Cheryl and I moved from Kansas to Meeker with the dream of living in the mountains, raising two sons and making a living. We did all of that and much, much more. If you have lived in Meeker for any time, you have either done business with us or know us.

It is no secret we were very successful for quite some time and failed in 2002, when we built Valley Grocery in Rangely. What a great adventure we have had. Having said that, we would like to do one more project.

Only once in a lifetime does a brand new, never before, ground floor industry come along. That time has come for me. This industry is licensed by the state, regulated by the state, enforced by the state, however, must have local authority approval, which in this case is the Town of Meeker. I would like to open a 400-square-foot discreet retail marijuana store in Meeker.

I have no intention of getting into a debate about whether marijuana does or does not have medicinal value, whether marijuana should or should not be sold for recreational use, or whether it should or should not be a schedule I substance under Federal Law. This has been debated

and documented since 2900 B.C. (historical timeline of marijuana) and will probably be debated for many, many more years by much more intelligent and well-versed people than myself.

The undisputed fact is that in 2012 Colorado passed Amendment 64 that legalized marijuana to be sold legally by legally licensed retail stores for recreational use. There are many restrictions on said licensees and all rules and regulations must be followed to the letter. It is a clean, discreet business. There is a demand for the product. It generates tens of millions of tax revenue dollars for state and local authorities, has proven to decrease crime, decrease illegal black market marijuana on the street and is a profitable business. The side benefit to a small rural community is that this business has become a destination for people from out of town, county and state, who, in turn, bring additional customers and dollars and tax revenues to Meeker. Meanwhile, it competes with no other locally owned merchant. As in most destination businesses, while in your town, the buyers will spend other dollars (i.e.) gas, food, lodging and incidentals as well.

In my due diligence that started in January, I have interviewed pot shop owners, customers, licensed growers, law enforcement leaders, attorneys in this field and attended seminars conducted by attorneys, doctors and investors. The rules and regulations are subject to change and seem to be in flux as they would be

in any new industry. However as I stated, this is managed by the state.

There are currently pot stores in Aspen, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Silt, Palisade, Dubeque, Craig, Steamboat and Oak Creek, just to mention a few within 90 minutes of Meeker. Some offer "Meeker Discounts," which indicates dollars that leave Meeker and Rio Blanco County and these dollars never return.

Please, please do not think that I am proposing that this small business will be a "boom" to Meeker. This small business, if approved, would merely show that Meeker is willing to accept changes and move into the 21st century. Like it or not, the pot business is here to stay. It is here to stay and will only grow as did the repeal of prohibition for the alcohol industry.

The "White River Cannabis Co." would be totally funded, managed and operated by myself. I will accept all liability for any and all (if any) consequences that may arise. The Town of Meeker would be responsible for zoning and approval of the license.

In my interviews I have learned some very interesting facts. These are just a very few:

The average age of a customer is 52; 40 percent of customers come from out of town, county and state; there are 44 Starbucks in Denver and the surrounding area and more than 200 MJ stores in the same area; Most customers were raised in the sixties and early seventies. Remember VietNam; The black market pot is still alive and used by a younger crowd, but is starting to swing to the legal side; Meeker has always had and always will have pot, this is merely a transition from illegal to legal; There have been more than

100,000 illegal plants destroyed since pot became legal, most were grown illegally on public lands (estimated black market street value of more than \$320 million).

There are many numbers as to tax revenues generated, however it has been in the tens of millions of dollars. (Pot has a 15 percent excise tax plus 10 percent state sales tax plus county and city taxes (if any). This averages 28.6 percent total. These numbers are sales tax only and do not account for associated additional income from grow facilities, infused product facilities, employment of over 10,000 new jobs, service industries, facility rentals and brick and mortar construction, local utility expenses paid, use tax on equipment and fixtures, regulated transportation for product, insurance requirement premiums, security and tech requirement expenses, testing facilities, legal expenses, tourism tax, just to list a few.

These numbers are estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars generated. In 10 months. This has become a huge new industry for Colorado. Approximately 28 states are currently considering similar legalization laws.

The application fee is \$5,000 (non-refundable), license fee is \$3,000 per year. This alone has generated tens of millions of dollars for the state.

Applicants for licensing will be investigated by FBI, CBI, IRS, and local authorities before license is issued. (i.e. all money invested by applicant must be clean). An applicant must be at least a two-year state resident. All retail transactions must be recorded and available for inspection. Licensees must keep 20 days of recorded transactions on file. The intent is to verify 21 years of age and state residency. No advertising is per-

mitted (ie) no billboards, flyers, radio, T.V. or newspapers.

This month, Oregon and our nation's capital, Washington D.C., passed similar laws as Colorado and pot became legal in those states. Nevada approved 361 new stores, cultivation facilities and test facilities this month. A Florida amendment failed and will be on the ballot again in 2016.

After at first banning stores, Aurora approved 21 new stores this year and was also voted one of the top five towns in the nation for "Best Town to Retire In." This is probably just a coincidence, but interesting none the less.

Since the passing of Amendment 64, Colorado has set new growth records in the recreational industry (i.e) skiing, camping, hunting and tourism in general. Colorado has become more of a destination state than in the past.

In closing, I have submitted my business plan to the Town of Meeker and the trustees for approval or denial. The council does have the authority to make this decision without including it on a ballot, would be in April 2016.

In summary, I am simply a local business man who is willing to invest in Meeker at no cost to the town, county or its citizens. I live here. I have investments here and wish to continue.

I would appreciate it if you have comments, either pro or con, to address them to me personally at 878-4423 or your town trustees, via Town Hall, or come to the town board meet-

ing at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18. I am on the agenda for that meeting and will be happy to answer any questions straightforward and to the best of my ability and knowledge.

I have approached this project from a strictly business point of view and, of course, would prefer to continue down that path. As Meeker has enough controversy at the moment, I do not desire to add another. I would prefer that the Meeker trustees make an informed decision so we can all move forward.

The time frame for a project of this kind, if approved locally, taking into consideration for approval of licensing through the state, remodel of facility, installation of security and technology required by the state, and the fact that I am 70, yes, I said, 70 years of age, would be a minimum of six months. Time is of the essence. As a side note, Cheryl is much younger!

I do thank you for your consideration and participation.

Larry D. Steiner
Meeker

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number of elk has remained high in the "dark wooded areas," making it tough for the hunters to find them.

The good news is that the harvest seems to be up with deer and bears in particular and that the high success rates for those critters cover the entire region for which he is wildlife manager.

"From the east to the high mountains and to the Utah line and valleys, the deer and bear numbers harvested

have been much higher than we have seen in at least three or four years," he said

And that, folks, will bring the hunters back to Rio Blanco County and add to the town/county coffers. It appears that hunting will continue to bring hunters and their dollars into the county.

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What's In a Name?
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Dr. J.D. Watson

WHAT'S in a name?" Shakespeare asked. "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" (*Romeo and Juliet*, II.2.43-44). How important is a name? In Western culture, names aren't all that important. As one Greek authority tells us, in ancient Near Eastern thinking, however, names were very significant. A person's name, in fact, "often carried more significance than an identification mark; it was considered to be a description of character or conditions." In the OT, for example, *Eve* means "the mother of all living" (Gen. 3:20), *Nabal* reflects the fact that he was a fool (1 Sam. 25:25), and *Isaac* means "he laughs," a reminder of his parents' laughter at the thought they could conceive a child in old age (Gen. 17:17, 19; 18:12). The same is true in the NT: *Peter* (from *petros*) means "small stone"; likewise, the Roman name *Paul* means "little," in contrast to his Jewish name *Saul*, which means "desired"; and *Nicodemus* means "victor among the people," reflecting his position as a ruler of the Jews and a distinguished member of the sect of the Pharisees.

This is all the more significant when we turn to the names of God, which are many: *God* ('*Elōhīym*, "the Strong One, who is to be feared and revered because of who He is"); *Jehovah* or *Lord* (*Yāhweh*, His covenant name emphasizing self-existence and unchangeableness); *Lord* ('*Adōnāy*, which speaks of dominion, possession, and sovereignty); and many others.

In the same way, as we noted a few installments back (9/4/14), there is perhaps no better way to get to know Christ more deeply and intimately than understanding His names. While we might think that is limited to "Jesus Christ," the fact is that more than 50 names are ascribed to Him in Scripture. But why so many names? Multiple names serve three purposes that could never be served by any one name. Let's review them.

First, multiple names more fully describe His nature—what He is. Among the countless attacks upon Christianity through the ages, none has been more violent in its execution or critical in its importance than the exact nature of Jesus Christ. Man, philosopher, sage, revolutionary, and a god have all been used to describe Him. This question is answered, however, simply by turning to His names.

Second, Jesus' names delineate His character—who He is. There is perhaps no better summation of Christian character than Galatians 5:22-23. The reason those nine characteristics can reign in the Christian is because they are the very character of Christ, and His names delineate that character.

Third, Jesus' names display His work—what He did. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk. 19:10), and His names display it in vivid pictures.

So, with our desire to know and pursue Christ firmly rooted in our hearts, we turn now to that wondrous adventure.

Scriptures for Study: What Christ-likeness of character do we read in Galatians 5:22-23? What does Philipians 1:11 add?

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Recent fracking information was alarming, but it isn't true

By **CHRIS FAULKNER**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I University of Maryland researchers just concluded that hydraulic fracturing—the process of shaking oil and gas free from below—could endanger the health of nearby residents by exposing them to air and water pollution. This would certainly be cause for alarm, if true.

But it's not. The study doesn't hold up to scrutiny. And its baseless claims could threaten a drilling technique that has actually lessened the harmful health impacts of the energy industry by reducing our reliance on coal.

Maryland researchers largely base their research on flawed emissions data from the Colorado School of Public Health. The Colorado study, which blames fracking for high levels of local benzene, relies on air samples at well sites located within a mile of a major interstate. Vehicle exhaust is the

largest source of benzene, but the Colorado research doesn't even control for its share of emissions.

What's more, the Colorado data relies on unrealistic inputs. The researchers assumed it takes five years to develop a well, when it actually takes as few as six months. Industry experts from the Independent Petroleum Association of America estimate this assumption causes the study to inflate pollutant-exposure times by as much as 900 percent.

Even Colorado's own public health department has questioned this data.

After conducting its own air quality monitoring near local fracking wells, the department found "concentrations of various compounds comparatively low and not likely to raise significant health issues of concern."

Yet Maryland researchers used this data set, ignoring the growing body of research that shows fracking poses a very low threat to air quality.

For instance, Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection monitored numerous fracking sites across the state and found that nearby levels of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and several other pollutants did not exceed federal air quality standards.

Likewise, the Commission on Environmental Quality in Texas conducted a study on fracking in the Barnett Shale. Researchers found "no immediate health concerns from air quality" and that "oil and gas operations do not cause harmful excess air emissions."

The Maryland study also claims that fracking exacerbates water pollution. But this has been thoroughly debunked. A landmark study from the U.S. Department of Energy found no evidence of water contamination from fracking in western Pennsylvania.

Given this huge body of countervailing evidence, the University of Maryland's find-

ings are highly questionable.

They also miss the bigger picture. The natural gas produced through fracking is helping America transition away from a dirtier fossil fuel: coal.

Smog, soot and greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power and manufacturing plants here in the United States, China, and around the world remain among the biggest environmental threats of our age.

Thanks to fracking, we now have a cost-competitive and cleaner energy alternative. Natural gas produces significantly less smog and soot than burning coal. Indeed, the emergence of gas and decline of coal has reduced the American power sector's annual sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions by an estimated 40 percent.

In Pennsylvania, over the half decade since fracking achieved widespread use, annual sulfur dioxide emissions from single, identifiable pollution sources have fallen 60

percent. Nitrogen oxides volumes have dropped 18 percent and volatile organic compounds by 17 percent.

The fracking-enabled switch to natural gas reduced national greenhouse gas emissions, as well. Between 2005 and 2012, U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have fallen 12 percent.

Researchers have every right to investigate the health impact of fracking.

However, but sounding a false alarm—could do serious damage. Fracking is helping to wean our country off environmentally-unfriendly energy like coal. This practice is improving, not hurting, public health.

Chris Faulkner is chief executive officer of Breitling Energy Corporation and author of the recent book, "The Fracking Truth." He is also the producer of the documentary, "Breaking Free: The Shale Rock Revolution."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taxes too high already

Dear Editor:

As one of the voters who voted down the recent school mill levy override, I think I speak for the majority of those who made the choice not to increase taxes on the hard-working people living here. These folks cast a "no" vote because they are already strapped with taxes and feel like our county, with its huge surplus of taxpayer money, should not be asking for more tax money from a commerce-poor community.

Folks like me feel like the county has spent millions and millions of dollars in the name of the taxpayers without doing a damn thing for the merchants, businesses, and people struggling to survive in this unfriendly business community.

Take one look at our downtown, and you see a complete disregard for healthy businesses and commerce in Meeker. It reflects very poorly on the town and people living here to see

the attrition in our business community.

Had the proponents of the mill levy built-in a condition on the ballot that the taxpayers would receive some of the enormous surplus taxes our county has, back to them through offsetting tax reductions, the school mill levy override would have been a slam dunk.

If the county tax spenders really care about the education for our youth, let's find ways to give some of the "huge" surplus tax dollars to our school students by giving them scholarships, endowments and finding other creative ways to show financial support for their educational needs. At the same time, let's help small businesses and merchants have a chance around here by supporting them, too.

The fire district recently had a \$3,000,000 surplus—yes, \$3 million.

With a small portion of that money, Wade Bradfield and the fire district board of directors found a way to help the school district by helping with fire suppression costs that saved the school district around \$50,000. That's a good start by find-

ing a way for existing tax dollars to fund our school district without asking for more tax money from you and me.

Did you know that we are one of the richest per-capita counties in the state in tax funds?

There's no excuse for the county and tax districts that serve the taxpayers and our community to increase our taxes. Creative ways to spend our tax money for the benefit of the people living here "right now" is way more important than building new unneeded hospitals and justice centers and increasing taxes.

Even though 80 to 90 percent of our tax surplus is funded by energy, every hard-working taxpayer living here is still paying 100 percent of their share.

Quality of life is way more important than having more people. Our rural character is what makes us special (and we're tax rich!). Let's show more support for our local merchants and small businesses. What do you think?

Shawn Welder
Meeker

ANOTHER OPINION

Holidays hazardous to our health

By **GINNY GRIMSLEY**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I It's a sad statistical fact: The holidays, from Halloween through Christmas and on to New Year's Day are a treacherous time when it comes to our health.

"There's a spike in heart attacks and other cardiac issues," says Dr. John Young, a physician specializing in the treatment of chronic illnesses through biochemical, physiological and nutraceutical technologies, and the author of "Beyond Treatment: Discover how to build a cellular foundation to achieve optimal health" (www.YoungHealth.com).

"The incidence of pneumonia cases spikes—in both cold and warm climates—and deaths from natural causes spike. In fact, more people die of natural causes on Christmas Day than any other day of the year!"

While those numbers are well-documented, the causes are not.

"Stress plays a role, particularly if

your immune system is weakened," Dr. Young says. "If you look at how most of us eat from Halloween through New Year's, it's easy to see how the immune system takes a beating and otherwise-healthy people become more susceptible to illness during the holidays."

It's basic biochemistry, he says. "We eat a lot more refined sugar, for instance, which is a carbohydrate that's been stripped of all the vitamins, minerals and proteins that make up a complete carbohydrate," he says. "Our bodies can't use that, so the cells in our digestive organs work overtime, burning up a lot of energy, vitamins and minerals to digest it, and they get nothing back. So, eventually, they grow weak."

So—can we have a little sugar and good health, too? Dr. Young says we can.

"The occasional slice of pumpkin pie is fine as long as you're also feeding your cells with the nutrients they need—the minerals, vitamins, good

quality protein, amino acids, essential fatty acids—to stay healthy." He offers these tips for staying healthy through the holidays and throughout the year.

■ Get your vitamin D. Vitamin D is actually a hormone, not a vitamin, and one of our best sources for it is sunshine. Unfortunately, many people work indoors all day, so they get little sun exposure. When they do go outside, they wear long sleeves and sunblock to protect against skin cancer. And, of course, in the wintertime, people in cold climes tend to stay inside. As a result, many of us are vitamin D deficient and should be taking supplements.

"Vitamin D is crucial to many physiological systems, including our immune defenses," Young said. "It helps fight bacterial and viral infections, including the flu. It supports our cardiovascular system; optimal vitamin D levels can reduce hypertension,

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MEALS ON WHEELS—\$3,000 awarded. Volunteers delivered 2,496 meals; that is an average of 9-10 people receiving a nutritious meal Monday thru Friday.

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PALLIATIVE & HOSPICE CARE—\$42,000 awarded. PHF is proud to support this program, its clients and their families.

There are many ways you can show your Pioneering Spirit with a donation to support local healthcare. For a list of donation/sponsorship options, please visit PioneersHealthFoundation.org.



Cowboys throttle Rye, advance to state semi-finals in Buena Vista

By **BOBBY GUTIERREZ**
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MEEKER I "We were awfully excited about the way we started," Meeker head football coach Shane Phelan said after his Cowboys jumped out to a 28-0 first half lead in the Colorado 1A state playoffs against the Rye Thunderbolts in a filled to overflowing Starbuck Stadium Saturday.

The Cowboys (10-1) won the game 43-6, and they will travel to Buena Vista to play the undefeated (11-0) Demons on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Cowboys played the Thunderbolts in the first game of the season, and the rematch was similar to the first. Meeker won the first game in zero-week 26-14, scoring all of its points in the first half. On Saturday, the Cowboys jumped out to a 28-0 lead after two quarters of play.

The Cowboys needed less than two minutes to get on the scoreboard, after receiving the opening kickoff and after senior classmates Jake Phelan and Raul Lopez started playing catch. Phelan completed 14 of 19 for 220 yards and half of the completions were to Lopez, who compiled 170 yards and three touchdowns, including the first two of the

game. Meeker's defense forced the Thunderbolts to punt their first two possessions and senior Tristin Pelloni intercepted on Rye's third possession. The Cowboys capitalized when junior T.J. Shelton scored his first of two touchdowns.

After another punt by Rye, Phelan connected with Lopez again, this time for a 45-yard touchdown pass, and a two-point reception by Devon Pontine gave the Cowboys a 28-0 lead at halftime.

"They are a team that likes to run the ball and when we got up on them early, we put ourselves in good position," Coach Phelan said.

The Thunderbolts had the leading rusher in the state, Trey Zupancic, who rushed for 200 yards against the Cowboys in the first game. However, a tough defense held him to only 71 in the playoff.

"Rye had to get out of its game plan and it helped us out," the coach said.

Coach Phelan said the coaches warned the team of being in the "exact same spot" in the first game and needed to come out strong in the second half, which they did.

Lopez, who recovered a fumble in the first half, intercepted a pass to stop Rye's first drive of the second

half, but Meeker did not capitalize on it.

The Cowboys did take a 36-0 lead after senior Dillon "Dozer" Frantz recovered a fumble and Shelton scored from one yard out.

"Our offense complemented our defense," Coach Phelan said.

Sophomore Casey Turner led the Meeker defense with 14 tackles while Shelton and sophomore Chase Rule each were in on eight. Phelan, Pelloni, Frantz and Jensen were each in on six tackles, and senior Cade Rowlett finished with five.

Rye finally scored late in the third quarter. However, on their next drive, senior Robby Jensen recovered a fumble and freshman Doak Walker scored his first touchdown in a playoff game to end the scoring.

Coach Phelan said Buena Vista is "a lot like us."

"They have some offensive weapons, like we do, but now, every team left in the playoffs is a really good team," he said.

Coach Phelan was appreciative of the large hometown crowd and he is ready for the journey to continue.

"We are excited we get to be together for another week, practice together for another week, then make the trip to Buena Vista and see what happens from there," he said.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Meeker offensive linemen Chase Rule, Tyler Ilgen, Kash Atwood, Jake Henderson and Noah Overton provided protection for their two quarterbacks to throw for a combined 222 yards, and they blocked for eight teammates who carried the ball for a combined 202 yards. The Cowboys will travel to Buena Vista for the Colorado 1A state semifinals, where the winner will advance to the state championship game against the winner of the game between Resurrection Christian and defending state champion Paonia.

FIRST ELK...



COURTESY PHOTO

Twelve-year-old Tanner Ridgeway of Meeker took his first elk recently, hunting just south of Meeker with his dad, DJ Ridgeway. Tanner shot the elk with his .243, hunting on L07. His uncle, Olle Larson, who is from Sweden, was along on the adventure.



RENÉ HARDIN

Terrylee Wedgeworth, No. 3 for Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, takes a jump shot against Western Wyoming Community College of Rock Springs in the CNCC Spartan women's season basketball opener on Nov. 5. The Spartan women won their opener against WWCC, which is traditionally a tough team, by a margin of 64-61.

Spartan men and women cagers open season; women topple Western

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartan women's basketball team opened its season with a victory while the men's team was not quite as fortunate.

The Lady Spartans have an entirely new coaching staff, headed by Brian Ortmeier from the University of Nebraska and assistant

coach Kyle Entringer from South Dakota State University.

The men's team is being led again by coach Adrian Hayes, who has a new assistant coach, David Siverly.

The Lady Spartans won their contest 64-61, topping Western Wyoming Community College of Rock Springs.

The Spartan men lost their matchup by a 73-51 margin against

CWCC's team.

"The crowd turnout was great, and hopes are that it will continue to be that way," coach Hayes said.

Starting Dec. 11, the next four games will be home games for the Spartan teams.

"We really hope the kids can look forward to the continued support of the community to cheer us on," Hayes said. "It really does help."



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are members of the Colorado Northwestern Community College Equine Team, which competed Nov. 5 in Montana. From left to right are: equine team instructor and IHSA coach Stacey Bailey, team members Tasha Gibson, Catalina Lagüera, Kelsey Priestley, Amber Parmley and Kathryn Costales, and equine instructor and equine program director Dustin Davis.

Several members of CNCC equine team place in Montana competition

By **STACEY BAILEY**
Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Nov. 5, the Colorado Northwestern Community College Horse Show Team traveled to Billings, Mont., to compete Saturday and Sunday in an IHSA Horse Show hosted by Rocky Mountain College, showing well and placing several members within the top 10.

There were five other teams in the region that CNCC competed against: Utah State University, Rocky Mountain College, Montana State University, University of Montana and University of Montana Western.

There are six levels of Western

IHSA Showing. CNCC does not currently have a "full" team, which still held their own in the region and team members all did well individually.

The weekend consisted of three separate horse shows: Saturday morning CNCC tied for third; Saturday afternoon the team tied for fifth; and Sunday the team finished fourth.

Five students made the trip, and veterans Amber Parmley and Tasha Gibson proved to be great assets to the team competitively and great role models for freshman participants. Freshman Catalina Lagüera and Kelsey Priestley showed they were

ready to step up to the challenge of being on the team and Kathryn Costales was our team assistant for the weekend.

Following are individual placements for each student/show: Amber Parmley (intermediate horsemanship) second, fourth and first; Tasha Gibson (open horsemanship) fourth, third and fourth and (open reining) third, fourth and second; Kelsey Priestley (intermediate horsemanship) sixth, fourth and second; and Catalina Lagüera (beginner horsemanship) third, sixth and fifth.

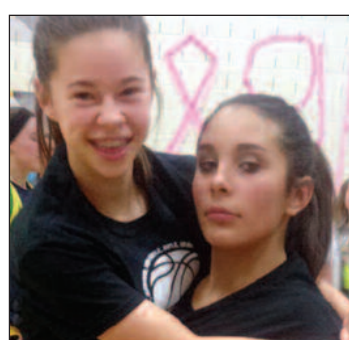
The team's next show is scheduled for Nov. 22-23 at Utah State University in Logan.



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Champions of the Week

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SKYLAR THACKER & KAYLALLE (KK) FORTUNATO
Rangely Junior High School

Eighth-graders Skylar Thacker and Kaylalle (KK) Fortunato were nominated for the "All League" Team in the Rifle Little Swishers Basketball League. They played in the "All-League" game Saturday night after the end-of-season tournament. The two were voted in by the eight other league teams' coaches.



JAKE PHELAN
Meeker High School

In Saturday's quarterfinal Class 1A football playoff in Meeker against Rye, quarterback Jake Phelan led the Cowboys to a 43-6 win over Rye. He completed 14 of 19 passes for 220 yards and he amassed six tackles on defense.

Sen. Bennet seeks interns for Washington, D.C., Colorado offices

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet is accepting internship applications from undergraduate students, recent graduates and graduate students for his offices in Washington, D.C. and Colorado.

Washington interns attend hearings and briefings, research legislative issues, meet with congressional officials and staff, conduct U.S. Capitol tours and draft correspondence.

Colorado interns assist Constituent Advocates as they meet

with and assist Coloradans who need help navigating the federal government, represent Sen. Bennet at local meetings and events, research legislative issues and draft correspondence.

"Interns play an important role helping our office. They will acquire hands-on experience learning about

legislation, federal policy and how the federal government operates. They play a pivotal role in serving Coloradans, and it's a great way to jump-start one's career, especially for those interested in public service," Bennet said.

Internships are available on either

a full-time or part-time basis. Interested students and recent graduates should apply online at www.bennet.senate.gov/services/internships/.

The deadline to apply for an internship in Washington for the spring semester is Nov. 15. For internships in one of Bennet's Colorado

offices, applicants will be considered on a rolling basis and can apply any time. If you have questions, please contact Angela Clexton at Angela_Clexton@bennet.senate.gov for the D.C. program, or Savannah Krieg at Savannah_Krieg@bennet.senate.gov for the Colorado program.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ken Hayden of Rangely had a good elk hunting season recently as the 79-year-old hunter was able to bag this 6x6 bull elk in Area 10. Hayden said he shot the bull with the Model 70, .308 Winchester given to him by his wife 60 years ago as a wedding gift. He added that he is telling friends this was his last trophy hunt, despite the fact that he said he still has a passion for hunting. "I'm pretty well used up," he said, adding that he can now "bask in the glory and memories."

FFA fruit, nut sales continue through Nov. 24

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | FFA fruit and meat sales are in full swing for 2014, and now is the time to get your ripe fruit, home-grown meat products and other gourmet items in time for the holidays.

FFA members will be selling fruit packages containing pears, grapefruits, apples, oranges and clementines. The meat packages will include jerky, sausage and beef sticks. There will also be apple cider, cheese, pecans and

peanuts available for sale. The sale takes place through Nov. 24.

Contact Trina Smith at trina.smith@meeker.k12.co.us or one of the many Meeker High School FFA members if you are interested in purchasing one of these packages. Each purchase helps send FFA members to regional, state and national leadership and career development events.

This is a good time to invest in the future leaders of our community and country while receiving special holiday treats.

Northwest wastewater operators set meeting

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Garfield Clean Energy will host a free roundtable meeting for wastewater treatment plant operators throughout Northwest Colorado to discuss opportunities for saving energy in plant operations.

The two-hour roundtable and tour will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the

conference room of the new Glenwood Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant in West Glenwood.

Energy coaches Mike Ogburn and Matt Shmigelsky of CLEER will lead a discussion on the advantages of energy efficiency in plant operations.

The roundtable setting gives all operators a chance to share their

experiences, questions and knowledge.

The meeting will end with a tour of the new plant, led by plant operator Trent Mahaffey.

All wastewater plant operators in the region are invited to attend.

For more information and directions to the plant, call CLEER at 970-704-9200.

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Si usted está esperando un nuevo bebé o si el embarazo es en su futuro, por favor, únase a nosotros para una presentación y un recorrido por nuestro centro de maternidad. Drs. Scott Ellis, Jim Summers y Elise Sullivan, junto con pediatras Dr. Kristie Yarmer y Kelly Follett, informarán a las mamás y los papás acerca de qué esperar durante el parto y estar disponible para contestar cualquiera de sus preguntas. Todo el mundo es bienvenido.

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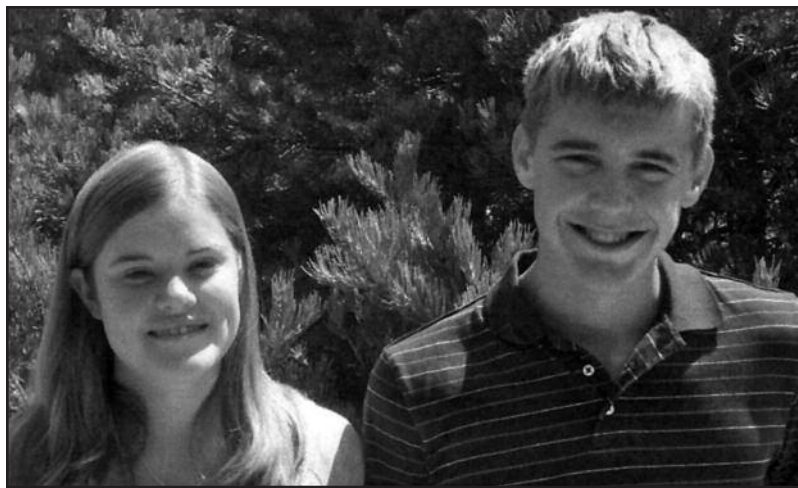
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COURTESY PHOTO
Faith Patterson and Jacob Henderson, juniors at Meeker High School, were chosen to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar in Denver this past summer. School staff nominated the two during their sophomore year. HOBY provides selected students a unique four-day leadership training, service learning and motivation-building experience. Patterson and Henderson now have an opportunity to experience HOBY's World Leadership Congress in the future.

Meeker business lunch Nov. 20

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The Meeker Chamber of Commerce will host another Business Leaders Luncheon on Nov. 20 with representatives from area energy companies joining in, including Enterprise Products, Natural Soda, WPX Energy and the West Slope Oil and Gas Association.

The luncheon is open to anyone interested in networking with other business leaders, owners and managers to discuss important issues that affect Meeker's business communi-

ty. It is a good time to enjoy lunch from a local restaurant, listen to a guest speaker and discuss timely topics.

The luncheon will be held at Kilowatt Korner, located at 6th and Market streets from 1 to 2 p.m.

Cost of the lunch will be \$8, featuring pizza from Ma Famiglia.

If you have a topic you would like to see discussed, please let the chamber know.

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday at 5 p.m. to the chamber at 878-5510.

NW Colorado schools get \$2.9 million grant

Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet announced Thursday that Northwest Colorado Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) won a \$2,914,997 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Investing in Innovation (i3) grant program to provide teachers with strong professional development assistance through its innovative

System for Educator Effectiveness Development (SEED) project.

"Teachers in small schools and rural communities often face unique challenges to ensure they have the best tools and resources to educate our kids," Bennet said. "The Northwest Colorado BOCES is working to meet those challenges and leading the country with innovative solutions to teacher professional development to ensure that their teachers are

well-prepared and have access to new technologies and effective support in their careers. This grant is a smart investment in our rural teachers who are responsible for preparing our kids for the 21st century global economy."

The SEED project provides K-12 teachers in Northwest Colorado with dynamic, blended learning professional development that is linked to its teacher evaluation system. Teachers gain access to an interactive

online bank of resources and Teacher Learning Communities to aid in their continued development.

Bennet wrote to Education Secretary Arne Duncan in support of the Northwest Colorado BOCES grant application.

The i3 program is aimed at developing innovative approaches to improve student achievement and replicating effective strategies across the country.

Rangely 4-H planning special events

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I On Oct. 23 at the Western Annex Building in Rangely, a group of 4-H members and parents gathered to establish the ground floor of special events planning for the area.

Ten kids and four adults were present to discuss committees, upcoming events and a trip to Arizona Nationals to compete in a judging contest and Skillathon. Some of the other events they would like to participate in are: agricultural sales, illustrated speech, a photography contest, quiz bowls, etc.

On Nov. 15, posters created on Nov. 6 will be mailed in bulk to Arizona Nationals to compete for wall space and money prizes. If you do a search on the Arizona National

Livestock Show website, you can find the rules for the poster contest under "Contests."

Elections were held for special events president, vice president, secretary/ treasurer and reporter.

Kaylee Mecham is president, Alana Wiley is vice president, Alexis Wiley is secretary/treasurer and Cia Buxton is reporter. Chairmen for the various committees are Buxton (round-robin training) and A.J. Garner and Corbin Lucero are co-chairs for the Skillathon contest and awards.

There will be open 4H training sessions for members wanting assistance in livestock selection before it is the season to begin selecting projects; the first is Nov. 13. Each date will be split into swine, beef, goat/sheep with wool judging on the night that Kaylee

Meacham will be teaching on note taking and oral reasons. Interested members should watch for posters with dates and times.

A Skillathon training will be held Dec. 18 with a guest coming to review nutrition, meat cuts, feed stuff, hay evaluation and other information crucial to raising good livestock. Before this meeting, an evening trip will be taken to Vernal to go through a large meat counter and to attend a movie and supper.

The kids talked about the Hereford Jr. Nationals Trip in the summer and some rules for participating with this group of young livestock leaders who want to help other 4H members. At this time, there are 11 kids in committee and it is closed for the time being.

EnCana Oil and Gas also made a

generous donation to 4H activities being planned by special events.

If there are any questions or suggestions for possible clinics in the future, please talk with any member of the officer team.

You may also contact Jayda in the office at 878-9495 or call Bonnie Long at 620-0697. They will do what they can to help.

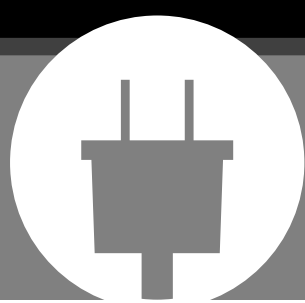
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OBITUARIES

Martha Louise Mitchem

Jan. 19, 1929 ~ Nov. 2, 2014

Martha Louise Mitchem of Rangely, Colo., passed away peacefully in Rangely on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014. Married to Bill Mitchem, she was born Jan. 19, 1929, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the only child of Fred E. Johnson, D.O., and Louise Ethel (Anderson) Johnson.

Martha had a true zest for life and was always willing and eager to try new things, displaying remarkable energy and drive. "It keeps us young," was her standard remark to her children's suggestions that she and Bill were perhaps too busy. She didn't slow down much even in her last year, gathering all five children, their spouses and many grandchildren for Christmas and visiting Patti and her family in Maine in June.

Devoted to family, she and Bill were true partners in raising their five children. Calm and capable, Martha offered quiet support to her children throughout their lives and all five (and some grandchildren) visited her in recent weeks to offer support and encouragement, love and admiration. Her unwavering faith, cheerful optimism and bright-eyed smile never deserted her.

Martha met Bill at Colorado State College of Education, now the University of Northern Colorado, when they were freshmen. They were married at the end of the summer following graduation and, instead of teaching, went into ranching near Kiowa, Colo. Sister-in-law Peggy McElwain was impressed that



Martha Mitchem

Martha, the city girl, "jumped right in to milk the cows when Bill broke his leg" shortly after they were married. The economics of ranching weren't good then, either, so the couple fell back on their teaching degrees and taught in Agate, Colo., before moving to Rangely with Patti and Jim in 1956. After having three more sons, Martha transitioned from the classroom to high school librarian. She and Bill retired in 1988.

Her sense of humor and whimsical eye found expression in photography, which she took up when she became yearbook advisor in 1982. Martha won many awards in photo competitions and was an active and respected member of two successive camera clubs in Grand Junction (1986 to 2014). She and Bill also exhibited at the Rio Blanco County Fair for a number of years.

Highlights of the couple's retirement years include trips with other photographers, exploring landscapes and enjoying the companionship of others with common interests. Always eager to learn, Martha—with and without Bill—took part in several Road Scholar programs over the years all over the United States.

In addition to photography and travel, she also enjoyed board games, puzzles, whitewater rafting, camping, sewing and was a champion at stain

removal. An excellent cook, she loved to try new recipes and preserve produce from the garden. Her peach jam is legendary. She had great respect for formal family dinners, a tradition passed on to her children through dinners at Grandmother Johnson's table.

Martha was an active member of the First Baptist Church and, for 52 years, of the Rangely chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA). In her last weeks, she was planning a charity opportunity for ESA. As a dedicated and knowledgeable volunteer at the Colorado Welcome Center in Dinosaur for 24 years, she logged more than 5,000 hours.

With her love of life and eager enthusiasm, Martha will be missed and remembered by friends and family alike. She leaves behind: her devoted husband of 63 years, Billy Edward Mitchem; five children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; daughter Patti Mitchem (husband Fred Wildnauer and daughters Johanna and Maggie Wildnauer) of South Berwick, Maine; sons Jim (daughter Mira Love and granddaughter Ashlyn Love) of Milner; Brian (wife Sherry, daughter Kelli Fulks, granddaughter Bria Fulks; son Alex (wife Elizabeth)) of Paonia; Jeff (wife Randi, sons Joe and Jacob, daughters Emily and Katelyn) of Broomfield; and John (wife Tracie and daughter Mallorie) of Whidbey Island, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents and by Jim's daughter, Renee.

Memorial services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Rangely at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent to Rangely High School Alumni Scholarship Fund, c/o Rangely High School, 234 Jones Ave., Rangely, Colo. 81648.

Richard James Watt

July 14, 1950 ~ Oct. 29, 2014

Dick was born July 14, 1950, to Thomas and Elizabeth Watt of Meeker, Colo. He died Oct. 29, 2014, at his home in Collbran, Colo.

His life was full of adventures and great stories, all created with memories shared by his family and friends. He loved to have fun and to enrich the lives of his loved ones, always giving others a reason to smile.

Dick is survived by: his loving fiancé, Mercie Lumacad; his two lovely daughters, Becky Center and Bobbi Jo White; his two sons, T. Vance and Jake Watt; his ex-wife and longtime friend, Renee (Edwards) Watt; his brothers, Tom and Harry; and his sisters, Anne Gentry and Sally Smith.

Dick was a genuine cowboy, working the ranch he purchased from his father in 1981, camping, riding hors-



Richard 'Dick' Watt

es, herding cattle and working the land he owned through the end of his life.

Dick was a state champion wrestler in 1968. He owned and operated the Meeker Co-Op, Twin Peaks Fertilizer and raised peaches in Palisade. He also enjoyed his summer haying operation around the local area.

Dick was a risk taker, always pushing things to the edge—then just a little further to see just how far he could go.

Thankfully, Dick was also a very lucky man, as he is remembered by those who love him. He was always searching for new, exciting ways to do things, and he lived life to the fullest in every moment.

At the age of 64, Dick breathed his last breath, succumbing to the esophageal cancer he had been diagnosed with only three months prior. He was surrounded by his daughters, sons and his fiancé at his home in Collbran, Colo.

Ruth Pearce

Jan. 1, 1925 ~ Nov. 8, 2014

Ruth Imogene Warcher Pearce was born Jan. 1, 1925, in Yuma, Colo., to Arthur and Martha Waecher.

Ruth and her older sister, Frona, were raised in the Yuma area by their father after losing their mother to tuberculosis when Ruth was 6 years old.

Following graduation from high school, Ruth attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in education. She taught in Monte Vista, Colo., for a year prior to moving to Meeker in 1948. She taught English and Spanish at Rio Blanco County High School for several years.

Not long after moving to Meeker, she met Hal "Tom" Pearce standing in front of Meeker Drug. At the time, she was living with Joe and Jennie Spence, and, after meeting Tom, she was late returning to the Spence residence. The doors were locked so she crawled through a window to get back in.

Ruth and Tom were married June 21, 1950. To this union were born four children: Christine Ann, Hal W., Mark H. (who died in infancy) and Denise Jean.

In addition to being an active partner with her husband in the Pearce Ranch, Ruth was very active in the community. She served on the hospital board, the



Ruth Pearce

school board, the Rainbow Girls board, was a 4-H leader, a member of the Meeker United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, where she served on numerous committees and was church treasurer for many years, was secretary treasurer of the Colorado Rural Electric Association Women's Task Force, and was a member of Mesa Club, which was a community home demonstration club.

Ruth was known for her outstanding cooking, gardening and canning abilities. She was often referred to as the "jelly queen" at the county fair for her countless blue ribbon jellies and jams. She was also known for her delicious homemade biscuits and pies.

In 2006, Ruth was honored along with her husband as the Range Call parade marshals, and they served as the presidents of the Rio Blanco County Pioneers Association that same year.

Ruth is survived by her three children: Christine, Hal and wife Julie, and Denise. She is also survived by three grandsons: Tom and wife Heidi, Jim and Matt. Ruth's great granddaughter, Hallie Ruth Pearce, also survives her.

In addition to her infant son Mark, she was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and her husband.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday Nov. 17, 2014, at the Meeker United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at the Highland Cemetery under the direction of Grant Mortuary.

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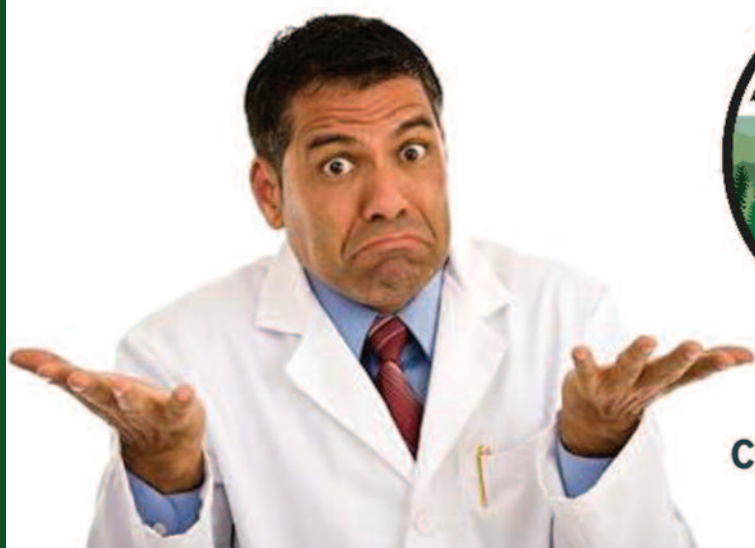
MEEKER

Thursday, November 20th
2:00 - 6:00pm
Meeker Town Hall
345 Market St
Meeker, CO 81641

RANGELY

Friday, November 21st
10:00am - 2:00pm
Rangely Town Hall
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Questions? Call MEEKER 970-878-9640 or RANGELY 970-878-9531 for more information.



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HUNTING: Final season

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fairly peaceful law-abiding season so far with the two major infractions being that two cow moose were accidentally shot by hunters who thought they were elk.

"Two is not good, but it is actually better than normal," deVergie said.

He added that the trespassing offenses have also improved this season, due, he said, to an increase in global positioning systems (GPS) in use. He said the GPS systems give hunters a clearer look at where property lines are and where they are positioned.

The fourth and final season began Wednesday this week and runs through Sunday, deVergie said.

The fourth season is a little bit limited for in-state and out-of-state deer and elk hunters, but deVergie said he expects a good mix of both during the season.

"If we do have real cold with the storm that is coming in early this week and if we get a lot of snow high, then the elk may start to come down," he said. "I don't think we will see a lot of elk dropping down just by the end of this week because of the weather. But other than those that remain quite high, there have been some fairly good elk numbers in all parts of the units in the region."

For the past two years, the animal numbers have been tremendous but the elk harvests have been a bit down.

"That usually brings a number of hunters to an area the next year because they know the numbers are up," deVergie said.

"If we have an early, cold winter next year and the weather stays relatively mild this year, the number of animals harvested next year could be a record," he said. "But it is up to Mother Nature; she seems to control what is going to happen."

River outfitter applications now available

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The 2015 Colorado Parks and Wildlife River Outfitter license application is now available at cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Boating/RiverOutfitterApplication.pdf.

River recreationists come to Colorado from all over the country to pursue adventure on Colorado waters. The CPW, through licensing and regulation, ensures each enthusiast's guide has completed the necessary coursework and has the appropriate skill and ability to lead others on river rafts or boating excursions.

"Licensed outfitters go out of their way to make the public as safe as possible," says CPW Boating Safety Manager Kris Wahlers. "When you go on a raft trip next summer, please ask to see the outfitter's Colorado river outfitter license."

According to the Colorado River Outfitters Association, there were more than 450,000 paying river passengers in 2013, with an economic impact to the state of more than \$145 million.

The River Outfitter Program (ROL) was established by the Colorado Legislature in 1984. This

program gave responsibility to the Parks and Wildlife Commission for enacting rules and regulations necessary to ensure the safety of river-running activities by setting guide training and required safety and environmental equipment requirements.

Under the guidance of Article 32 of Title 33, Colorado Revised Statutes, all persons who provide river-running services such as guide services in Colorado are required to first obtain a river outfitter license from CPW.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 42 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas, all of

Colorado's wildlife, and a variety of outdoor recreation. For more information go to cpw.state.co.us.

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HEALTH: Take care of you

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heart attacks and stroke.

"If I feel I'm coming down with a cold, I'll take 40,000 units of vitamin D at bedtime," he says. "The next morning, I usually feel like a new person."

■ Eat your protein—1 gram for every 2.2 pounds of body weight daily. In this country, we think a healthy diet means eating a lot of fruits and vegetables.

"Our immune system is made up of proteins—our bones are 40 percent protein," he says. "We need protein." When calculating your protein intake, consider: an egg has about 8 grams, and 8 ounces of fish, chicken, beef or pork have about 30 grams. Dr. Young does not give any of his patients more than 100 grams of protein a day.

■ Get a good night's sleep, exercise and manage your stress. Rest, exercise and finding effective, healthy ways to cope with stress are simple ways to pamper your cells.

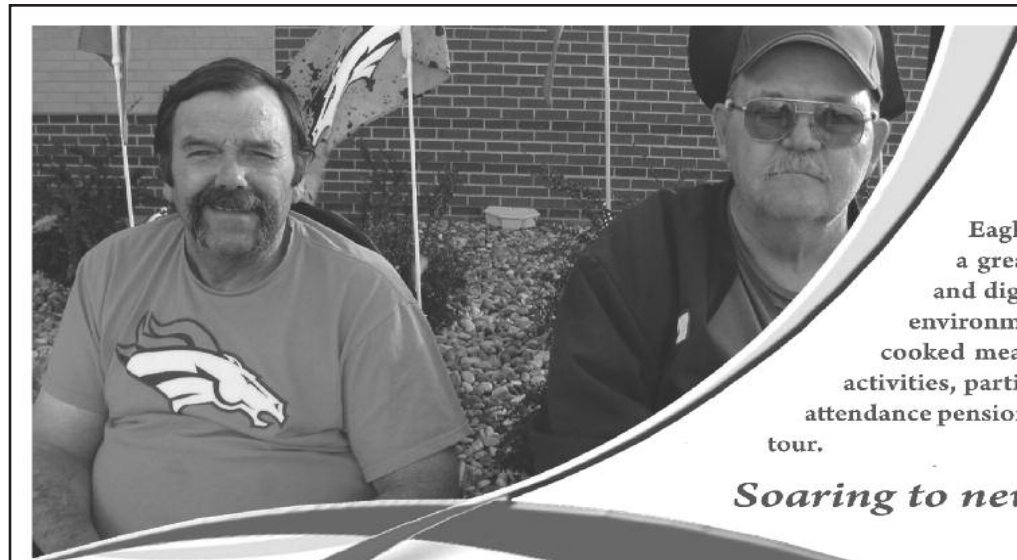
"One of the many cellular benefits

of exercise is that it increases the oxygen in our bloodstream. Every cell in our body requires oxygen, so consider exercise another means of feeding your cells."

It's also important to manage stress during the holidays. With unchecked stress, our body releases large amounts of cortisol which, among other things, suppresses the immune system.

"Take time out to meditate, listen to music or take a walk in the woods," Dr. Young says. "It feels good—and it's good for you!"

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All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

LEGAL NOTICES

Judicial District Court,
County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
Court Address: 555 Main Street/P.O. Box
1150 Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: 970-878-5622

Superior Choice Credit Union

Plaintiff

Vs.

**Eli Mendoza
Unknown Occupants
Unknown Claimant(s)
Defendants**

Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Kleinsmith & Associates, PC
Philip M. Kleinsmith, Atty # 1063
6035 Erin Park Dr. Ste 203
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Phone: 800-842-8417
Fax: 719-593-2193
E-Mail: klein@kleinsmithlaw.com
Case #: 2014CV030021
Division #:

Second Amended Summons

You are required to file a proper response to the Complaint attached hereto.

The response must be filed with the Court Clerk and a copy mailed to the Attorneys above within 21 days of the service upon you of this Summons and Complaint.

If service of this Summons is by publication, that response must also be filed and mailed within 35 days of the last day of publication.

Your failure to timely respond in writing may result in the entry of default judgment against you. A default judgment shall preclude you, in the future, from asserting any claim you may have against the Plaintiff.

A copy of the Complaint is available from: the Court Clerk above or the Attorneys above.

The object of this lawsuit is to determine amounts owed on a debt and to foreclose on and quiet title to the collateral which secures that debt. The collateral is described as:

Real Property: None
Personal Property: 2013 Clayton 76 x 13.33 Manufactured Home
Model Name or Model No. 61MVP16763Att13 Manufacturers Serial No. BUC003982AZ
Dated: September 30, 2014
Kleinsmith & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
by: Philip M. Kleinsmith, #1063
Published: October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2014

LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLICATION LIST
DELINQUENT MANUFACTURED
HOMES PROPERTY TAXES FOR
THE TAX YEAR 2013
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
COLORADO**

M7500090 1
CHUTE, JULIE R.
Subd: CIRCLE N MHP
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E115786
SERIAL: GEBGXADM13680
YEAR: 1975 MAKE: ALPINE
SIZE: 14 X 67
Total Due: \$107.87

M1400118 2
MCCORMICK, SHAY
SIZE: 14X66 MH LOCATED ON
LARRY COOK'S LAND
PRIOR TAXES ALSO DUE
Total Due: \$199.09

M1200020 3
SCOTT, JAMES & LANEAN
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E126948
SERIAL: 2889K YEAR: 1966
MAKE: KIT SIZE: 20 X 50
LOCATED AT COLTHARP
ESTATES 35 2N 102
Total Due: \$100.64

M0300153 4
RUSSELL, PATRICIA A.
Subd: CIRCLE N MHP
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E101417
SERIAL: MY918668V YEAR:1991
MAKE: FRIENDSHIP/ASPEN
SIZE: 14 X 76
Total Due: \$160.26

M1000047 5
SCOTT, JAMES & LANEAN
MBL HOME TITLE: 49E006011
SERIAL: 11721476S3N1522
YEAR: 1973
MAKE: WESTERN UNITED
SIZE: 14 X 72
Total Due: \$98.80

KAREN ARNOLD, TREASURER
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
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MEEKER CO 81641
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LEGAL NOTICES

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Central Office - 555 Garfield Street
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. deVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting October 21, 2014

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. Recognitions/Celebrations
2. BMS STUCO Report
3. Sixth Grade Presentation
4. Meeker County Fiber Ring Report
5. Renewal of Lease Agreements for New Eden/Rock School Report
6. Superintendent Mid-Year, Self-Evaluation Report
7. Rock School/Capital Reserve Expenditure Request
8. Budget Report
9. Policy Report
10. Certified/Classified Report

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Action Items for a Blanket Motion
B. Approval of Contract with Rio Blanco County for Easement Rights to District Property
C. Approval of Lease Agreements
D. Approval of Capital Reserves Expenditure for Rock School
E. Approval of Policy for 2nd Reading JEA, JH, JHB, JH-R
F. Approval of Certified/Classified Report
**OTHER BOE INFORMATION
ADJOURNMENT**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

As the snow season approaches, please remove everything from the street, such as trailers parked along the curb, vehicles that are not used all of the time and basketball hoops. We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (970)878-5344.
Scott Meszaros, Town Administrator
Russell Overton, Public Works Superintendent
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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice has hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the ensuing year of 2015. A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, where it is open for public inspection. The proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, to be held at the office of the District at 236 7th Street, Meeker, Colorado, on November 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Any interested elector of the RIO BLANCO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: November 6, 13, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rangely Regional Library District Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2014; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. Such budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Regional Library District to be held at Rangely Regional Library, 109 E. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Any interested elector of such Rangely Regional Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Publish: November 6, 13, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF BUDGET

RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2015; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District located at 2252 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the Re-scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the District's office 2252 East Main Street, Rangely, Colorado, on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Any interested elector of such Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: November 6, 13, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

LEGAL NOTICES

STRATA Networks provides this notice regarding the Black Sulphur Cellular Telecommunications Facility in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is reviewing the collocation of antenna on the existing Black Sulphur telecommunications facility for potential impacts to historic properties. STRATA Networks plans to collocate an antenna on an existing 100-foot-tall self-supported tower and install new equipment inside the existing building within the 100- by 100-foot compound area. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the Black Sulphur cellular telecommunications facility may have on any historic property may send comments to: Black Sulphur Cellular Telecommunications Facility c/o SWCA Environmental Consultants, 295 Interlocken Boulevard, Suite 300, Broomfield, Colorado 80021, or via telephone at 303-487-1183. Publish: November 13, 2014 Rio Blanco Herald Times

TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday November 18, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO
I. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of the Agenda
IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes
V. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
VI. Public Participation
VII. Staff Updates
VIII. New Business
A. Public Hearings- 7:00 p.m.
B. Request from DACIA, INC dba "Mexican House" for a Liquor or 3.2 Percent Beer License renewal
C. Request from "Hops & Grapes, LLC" for renewal of a Tavern License located at 723 Market Street
D. 2015 Town of Meeker Final Budget Hearing
E. Discussion Item(s): Retail Marijuana Concept- Mr. Larry Steiner
F. R-1 Zoning- Meszaros/Masih
IV. Mayor's remarks
X. Town Manager's Reports
XI. Town Attorney's Report
XII. Other Board Business
Adjournment
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LEGAL NOTICES

Rio Blanco County 2014 Landfill Soft-Covered Building Kit REQUEST FOR BID

PROJECT NAME AND SCOPE
2014 Landfill Soft-Covered Building Kit. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY is soliciting bids for one prefabricated membrane-covered building kit which shall consist of providing one (1) 32 feet wide by 30 feet long open-front rectangular pre-fabricated membrane-covered building kit per specifications in bid documents. Rio Blanco County will construct the kit onto a county-prepared foundation. Kit shall include all components, hardware, plans and instructions necessary for the complete construction of the building.

BID DOCUMENTS
Bid Documents shall be available at the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Dept. in Meeker on November 7, 2014, and on the web at: www.rockymountainbidsystem.com or www.rbc.us.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Any questions regarding this purchase are to be directed to David Overton, Fleet Manager, before Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at (970) 878-9590. Fax (970) 878-3396 or email doverton@co.rio-blanco.co.us.

DELIVERY
The building kit shall be delivered to Wray Gulch Landfill on or before December 31, 2014.
BID SUBMITTALS
Vendor shall include all information required by the contract documents. Bid shall be clearly marked with "Sealed Bid-2014 LANDFILL SOFT-COVERED BUILDING KIT" the name and address of the submitting company and the bid opening date written on the sealed envelope. Mail or hand-deliver to the Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County 200 Main Street, P.O. Box i, Meeker, CO 81641, until 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

OR
Hand-deliver on the date of bid opening to the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners- RANGELY MEETING ROOM, 17497 Highway 64, Rangely, CO, until 10:45 A.M. on Monday, November 17, 2014.
No bids shall be received Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 16.

BID OPENING
Bids shall be opened and read in public at 11:15 A.M. on November 17, 2014 at the RANGELY Commissioners' Meeting Room, 17497 Hwy. 64, Rangely, CO. Bids submitted after 10:45A.M. will be returned not opened. Bids submitted and opened shall not be withdrawn for 30 days thereafter.

BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Rio Blanco County.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: November 13, 2014
By: Jon D. Hill, Chairman
Publish: November 13, 2014
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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On August 14, 2014, 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) HERMAN L ROACH AND DEANNA D ROACH
Original Beneficiary(ies) CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt February 23, 2009
Date of Deed of Trust February 23, 2009
County of Recording Rio Blanco
Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 27, 2009
Recording Information (Reception Number) 295105
Original Principal Amount \$203,057.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$190,726.19

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
The property to be foreclosed is:
LOT 3 AND THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT A, BLOCK 3, TOWN OF MEEKER, COLORADO PARCEL ID NUMBER: 1409233003
Also known by street and number as: 336 MAIN STREET, 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, 12/17/2014, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY AND/OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF CERTAIN SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED; IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
DATE: 08/18/2014
By: Karen Arnold, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
David R. Doughty #40042 Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Matthew B. Peters #41905
Janeway Law Firm 9800 S. Meridian, Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80134 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 14-002673
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

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

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

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

NEW EDEN Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpcs@gmail.com or (970)878-5117 and 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SAFEHOUSE
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.
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FOOD BANK of the Rockies mobile pantry truck will be in Rio Blanco County providing Food assistance to community member. Scheduled Dates for 2014: November 20 & December 18. The Food Bank will be at the Meeker Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

FFA Fruit and Meat Sales are in full swing for 2014! This annual FFA fundraiser has finally arrived! Make sure to get your freshly ripened fruit, home-grown meat products, and other gourmet items just in time for the Holidays! FFA Members will be selling fruit packages containing: pears, grapefruits, apples, oranges, and clementines. The meat packages will include: jerky, sausage, and beef sticks. There will also be apple cider, cheese, pecans, and peanuts for sale. This fundraiser is taking place from November 3rd to November 24th. Contact Trina Smith at trina.smith@meeker.k12.co.us or one of the many Meeker High School FFA Members if you are interested in purchasing one of these packages - each purchase helps send FFA members to Regional, State, or National Leadership & Career Development Events. Invest in the future leaders of our community & country - and receive special holiday treats in the process. Support the Blue and the Gold TODAY!

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32nd ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR AT Parachute/Battlement Mesa, Colorado
Saturday, November 22nd, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Valley High School in Parachute. 135 booths full of hand crafted items!! Wonderful shopping! Free admittance! Plenty of parking! Concession stand and delicious baked goods on site!! Well Worth the Drive! Information: 970-285-0388

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the Board Room of the Meeker Sanitation District, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado, the Board of Directors of the Meeker Sanitation District, will conduct a public hearing concerning the annexation of the following described land into the Meeker Sanitation District: COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN TRACT 71 AND TRACT 73A OF THE 1908 GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE RESURVEY IN SECTION 24, T1N, R94W OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT AP (ANGLE POINT) 2 OF SAID TRACT 73A, WHENCE AP 1 OF SAID TRACT 73A BEARS EAST, 1330.13 FEET;
THENCE S43°11'00"W, ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 221 PAGE 199 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, 145.40 FEET;
THENCE S46°49'00"E, ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE, 107.32 FEET;
THENCE S02°42'03"E, ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 277472, 296.23 FEET TO A POINT ON A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED IN BOOK 423 PAGE 38;
THENCE N42°46'08"E, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 9.47 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 73A, WHENCE SAID AP 2 BEARS N00°06'08"E, 468.40 FEET;
THENCE S00°06'08"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 108.78 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY NO. 13, SAID POINT BEING A POINT ON CURVE OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2232.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10°57'03";
THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 426.60 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEARS N36°22'54"E, 425.95 FEET;
THENCE N2r2i'30"E, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 61.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 162 PAGE 19;
THENCE N43°11'00"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, 45.87 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 162 PAGE 19;
THENCE N46°49'00"W, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 162 PAGE 19, 18.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY NO. 13;
THENCE N2r2i'30"E, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 140.30 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 73A; THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 343.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 2.98 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.
The above described property is owned by:
The Department of Highways
State of Colorado
4201 E. Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80222
DATED this 5th day of November, 2014
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
By: \$Michael Hoke
Michael Hoke
Chairman of the Board
Published: November 13, 20, 27, 2014
Rio Blanco Herald Times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF INVITATION
FCI Constructors, Inc. is hosting Prebid informational meetings for subcontractors wanting information on participating on bidding the Rio Blanco Justice Center Project on the following dates:
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 2:30 p.m.
&
Monday, November 24, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.
Location: FCI Jobsite Trailer, 455 Main Street, Meeker, CO
Plans & Specs will be available on Monday, November 17, 2014 on FCI's website: fciol.com
Please contact Brad Keller or Chadd Nelson with any questions at 970-434-9093

Colorado Master Gardeners' Program Colorado Gardener Certificate Training
Apply today for the upcoming training to be held in Rio Blanco County. A ten meeting course every Thursday over ten weeks. Classes are taught by CSU Extension campus-based and county-based faculty. Class information is focused toward the non-commercial, home gardener. Topics include the following:
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• The Science of Planting Trees
• Weed Management
• Vegetables and Small Fruits
• Mountain Gardening
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Local Presentations and CMG Orientation
For more information call: Bill Ekstrom CSU Extension agent. 970-878-9494

AUCTIONS

MOVING ESTATE Auction Sat. Nov. 22nd 10 am 10031 County Rd. 311, Silt, CO. Divide Creek Farm Robbie George owner. Tables, Chairs, Roll top desk, Trunks, Dressers, Recliners, 2 Gas BBQ Grills, Small frig, Freezer, Antiques & Collectables, 2009 PJ Trailer, snow machine trailer, Generator 8000W, tires, Brush hog, Roto tillers, 22 ft. Teepee, large Coolers, Ammo, Spotting scopes, Bamboo fly rod, Elec. & hand Tools, Job Box, Horse Feeders, Elec. Fence Supplies, Stihl chain Saw, Ladders, Much Much More. Pictures and List on web site SilvernickelAuction.Com. More info. 970-571 1608



AUCTIONS

CONSIGNMENT AUCTION Sat. Nov. 29th 10 am Garfield County Fair Grounds, Rifle. To Consign call 970-571-1608 Silver Nickel Auction Service, or Email Silvernickel_live.com

ESTATE AUCTION- Saturday November 15th, 10:00am. 0767 County Road 338, Parachute Colorado (off I-70 exit 75, go South 5 miles). This is a don't miss auction if you like antiques, guns, collectibles. John Deere B tractor, 1981 Subaru Brat, iron wheeled yard art, sleepcamp feedwagon, modern fencing, hand & power tools, multiples of antiques, stoves, furniture, glassware, toys, books, crocks, lanterns, tools, saws, leather sewing machine, treadle sewing machines, victrolas, violin, marbles, coins, jewelry, guns, bells, irons, tractor seats. There will be items found late. For more info call Steve Claypoole, CP Auction Service 970-260-5577. Must see web www.cpauction.com. "Call me about a sale for you."

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Lifeguards: The ERBM Recreation & Park District is seeking applications for one full time benefited lifeguard. Lifeguards are trained professional rescuers who ensure the safety of patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies in and out of the aquatic facility. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older; know how to swim; be available for daytime shifts, early morning, evening, split and/or weekend shifts; and be available a minimum of 12 hours per week. As part of the interview process, candidates will be asked to swim 300 yards using crawl stroke and breast stroke, perform a brick dive in the deep end of the pool and tread water for 2 minutes. Candidates do not need to hold a lifeguard certification card as we will train selected candidates on site. Lifeguards are also responsible for performing maintenance and inspection of the facility on a daily basis; reporting any unsafe conditions or equipment to the supervisor(s); monitoring pool water chemistry and filling out required records and

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

reports. Salary range \$9 -\$11/hr. A completed ERBM Recreation & Park District job application is required for consideration and should be returned to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd., Meeker, CO 81641. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center and on the website, www.MeekerRecDistrict.com. Complete job description is available upon request and online. ERBM Recreation & Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 970-878-3403. Applications will be accepted through November 21, 2014.

Vacancy Notice: Food Service Department

Part-time Position/5 hours per day Position begins immediately Qualifications: Experience working with children. Personal qualifications of team work, good judgment, positive and caring relationship with students, parents and staff. Food preparation experience preferred. Must be flexible and able to accept a variety of assignments. Applications may be found on the website meeker.k12.co.us or picked up and returned to: Meeker School District Administration Office 555 Garfield, Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-9040 E-mail: admin@meeker.k12.co.us Website: www.meeker.k12.co.us

Middle School Coaching Vacancy

The Meeker Re-1 School District is seeking qualified applicants to serve as the girls' basketball coach at Barone Middle School for the 2014-2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office or directly to Jim Hanks at Barone Middle School. This position will remain open until filled. Applications can be found on our website meeker.k12.co.us or picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street. The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

Coaching Vacancy Girls Basketball
Meeker School District Re-1 is seeking qualified applicants to serve as an assistant Girls' Basketball coach at Meeker High School for the 2014/2015 season. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a completed coaching application to the Meeker School District office. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications may be picked up at the District Office located at 555 Garfield Street or on our web site at www.meeker.k12.co.us The Meeker Re-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HELP WANTED: GENERAL

THE RIO Blanco Herald Times is looking for a part-time freelance reporter with newspaper experience to cover Meeker's school board and/or town board meetings as well as occasional county commissioners' meetings. If interested, call Editor-Sean McMahon at 878-4017 or 675-5033, or contact him at sean@theherald-times.com

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EASTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Position Opening Announcement
Executive Director



The Executive Director is responsible for the overall administration and operations of the District. The Executive Director reports directly to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director Job Description, which the Board may amend at any time in its sole discretion, describes the authority, duties, and qualifications for the position. A copy of the Executive Director Job Description may be obtained on the District's website www.meekerrecdistrict.com, or by contacting the District's HR Department at 970-878-3403 ext. 404, or at the Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road.

The District is located in Meeker, Colorado and serves approximately 4,000 residents. The District's recreation center is a state-of-the-art facility that includes a pool, fitness room, studio, and lounge. The District also offers recreation programs at other facilities, mainly school sites. The District owns or manages multiple parks owned by the Town of Meeker, and has recently developed two new parks that contribute additional active and passive recreational opportunities. The District provides two playgrounds, multiple sports fields, and an extensive trail system, as well as a wide variety of year-round recreational programming, athletics, and seasonal and special events for all ages.

The District currently has 22 full-time employees and 32 part-time employees. The District frequently works with surrounding agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management, to provide additional recreational opportunities and activities within and outside its jurisdiction.

Hiring Range: \$85,000 to \$125,000 (depending on qualifications and experience) and a benefit package.

To be considered: Submit a letter of intent, complete resume and copies of certifications/degrees stated in the "Mandatory Qualifications and Requirements" section of the Executive Director Job Description by: Mail to ERBM Recreation & Park District, Attn: Human Resources, 101 Ute Rd, Meeker, Colorado 81641 or; Hand Delivered at Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Rd in a sealed envelope, Attn: Human Resources or; Email to: erbmhr@meekerrecdistrict.com or; Fax to: 970-878-3214 with a cover sheet, "Attn: Human Resource, Confidential - Executive Director Application" All applications must be received by the District on or before 5:00 pm (MST) on Friday, December 5, 2014.

The District has the right not to hire any of the applicants for the position, or to modify or terminate the hiring process at any time, in its sole discretion. Applicants are solely responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the application and selection process. Qualified individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation for an evaluation at least three business days before the evaluation.

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HOMES: RANGELY

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COMMERCIAL/ INVESTMENT

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