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## Digging deep: Meeker High School students help rebuild more than fences in wake of wildfire



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**Meeker High School students Holton Harvey, Augie Halstead, Tucker Chinn and Said Rodriguez carefully level and set a fence post while helping rebuild teacher Kathleen Kelley's ranch after the Lee Fire. The students worked under hot, challenging conditions, clearing debris and repairing damage as part of a student-led effort to support their community.**

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**MEEKER** | Charred trees still stand as reminders of the destruction left by the Lee Fire. But amid the blackened landscape, new signs of hope have come from an unexpected source: a group of Meeker High School students who volunteered their time to help a teacher rebuild.

Seniors Holton Harvey and Augie Halstead, along with juniors Tucker Chinn and Said Rodriguez, spent their free time clearing trees, repairing damage and tackling projects to support English teacher Kathleen Kelley.

Harvey didn't wait to be asked. He emailed Kelley directly and asked how he and his classmates could help. Within days, he organized the group, set a time and place, and led them through long days of work.

"I was inspired to help Mrs. Kelley with the fire because of how much she must have gone through," Harvey said. "I noticed that if I were ever in her shoes,



COURTESY PHOTO

**Meeker High School students pour concrete into a hole to set a fence post while helping rebuild teacher Kathleen Kelley's ranch after the Lee Fire. The students worked together on a variety of recovery projects, from clearing debris to repairing damaged structures, as part of a student-led effort to support their community.**

I would want some help and to have someone there for me. I learned a lot about leadership through this ... I just have a huge amount of respect for Mrs. Kelley."

Chinn, who has gone out twice to cut trees and clear debris, said the work was rewarding.

"The work consisted of building fences and clearing the dead trees and limbs from around her house," Chinn said. "Since we knew we were greatly helping out Mrs. Kelley, none of us minded the physical work at all. Just seeing how thankful Mrs. Kelley was was enough of a reward."

Chinn said the project also motivated him to stay involved. "I definitely see myself continuing to volunteer in projects like this ... I think it is very important and worthwhile to give back to the community," he said.

Halstead credited Harvey's leadership with making the effort possible.

"It was nice of Holton to take control of the situation," Halstead said. "Holton and I have been friends for as long as I can remember, so we have done a lot of projects together. We were comfortable with each other and knew what to expect, which helped a lot in making things run smoothly."

The group replaced a fire-damaged gatepost with a fireproof pipe, dug post holes, and cleared limbs. "Without him the project would not have been complete," Halstead said. "It was great to see how happy Mrs. Kelley was ... even though it wasn't a huge project, it had a great impact."

Rodriguez said the choice to help was easy. "It felt great to be part of a student-led effort ... doing this felt like I was giving back to people that needed it when



COURTESY PHOTO

**Meeker High School students, from left to right: Said Rodriguez, Holton Harvey, Tucker Chinn, and Augie Halstead, take a water break while volunteering to help rebuild teacher Kathleen Kelley's ranch after the Lee Fire.**

times were difficult," he said. "Mrs. Kelley does a lot for our school, so I feel like it was only right to help her back."

For Kelley, the students' efforts were extraordinary.

"These young men, led by Holton Harvey, volunteered, showed up, and did really grueling work in 90-plus degrees literally digging post holes in rock," Kelley said. "They took pride in their work, leveling the post with meticulous care ... I did not hear a single complaint. I heard the opposite — men willing to step up and help out when help was needed most. Every one of these young men came from parents who expected excellence, and I am a very happy beneficiary. I am extremely grateful."

Their efforts did more than clear trees and rebuild fences. They brought a measure of stability back to a teacher's ranch, showed the strength of small-town connections, and reminded the community that even in the aftermath of fire, resilience can take root.

For these Meeker High School students, the work was never about recognition. It was about stepping forward when help was needed most — and in doing so, they left behind more than repaired fence posts. They left a lasting example of what it means to lead with kindness.

## Free admission for Meeker locals to the 2025 Meeker Mustang Makeover



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**Delayed by fire activity, the Meeker Mustang Makeover will commence on Sept. 26-27 at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Admission is free for Meeker locals this year.**

PRESS RELEASE

**MEEKER** | Mark your calendars for Sept. 26–27, 2025, because the Meeker Mustang Makeover (MMM) is back and bigger than ever—right here at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds! This home-grown event is quickly becoming a fall tradition for locals and visitors alike, and best of all, admission is free for Meeker locals.

This year's Makeover is designed with families, friends, and neighbors in mind. It's the perfect way to enjoy Meeker during one of the most beautiful times of the year. With crisp mountain air, golden aspens, and wide-open spaces, fall in our valley makes the ideal backdrop for a weekend of fun, community, and western tradition.

Bring the kids, bring your friends, and don't forget to invite out-of-town family—it's a budget-friendly, unforgettable way to show off everything Meeker has to offer.

**What to Expect This Year:**

- New Mustang Only Horse Show on Friday, highlighting the unique skills and stories of America's wild horses.

- New Adult In-Hand Division, where trainers demonstrate the trust and connection they've built with their mustangs through groundwork.

- Two full days of excitement, as local and regional trainers showcase the transformation of once-wild mustangs into willing partners ready for adoption.

- Vendors, food trucks, and fun creating a festival atmosphere that's fun for the whole family.

Under Saddle Trainer Alicia Rodriguez-Alexan-

der shared her excitement for this year:

"The Makeover has been an incredible challenge to my horsemanship. The mustangs I've had the privilege of working with have shaped my approach to training and deepened my appreciation for these amazing horses. This year, I'm most excited to showcase the partnership Johnny Ringo and I have created, and find him a great new home."

Every mustang you'll see was once roaming wild across the West. Through the Bureau of Land Management adoption program and countless hours of training, these horses are given new opportunities and new families. Many spectators walk away not only inspired but also as the proud new owners of their forever horse.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover isn't just about horses—it's about community, courage, and connection. By attending, you're helping support Meeker, local businesses, and wild horse adoption efforts. Merchandise sales also benefit the program and can be found online at [chaosink.com/meeker-mustang-makeover](http://chaosink.com/meeker-mustang-makeover).

So, let's show off Meeker at its best—welcoming, beautiful, and proud of our western roots. Whether you stop in for a few hours or make a weekend of it with local lodging, you won't want to miss this annual celebration that continues to grow every year.

Join us Sept. 26–27, 2025, at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds. Free admission, family fun, and the living legacy of the American mustang await!

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# Hospital board, fire recovery top items for commissioners at meeting

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**RBC** | The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners held its regular public meeting last week in Meeker. Commissioners Doug Overton and Callie Scritchfield attended, while Commissioner Jennifer O’Hearon was absent as she was in Washington, D.C., on county business meeting with senators.

The meeting opened with public comment from resident Bobby Gutierrez. He asked about moving the health service district board back to a seven-person board, which voters first approved in 2006.

“The resolution to change the will of the people by illegally as there is no Colorado revised statute allowing a board to go from seven members to five,” stated Gutierrez.

He cited an Aug. 19, 2021, resolution sent by Pioneers Medical Center with a letter to commissioners at the time.

“The commissioners never did discuss the resolution, nor did they put it on publicly; they didn’t discuss it publicly back in 2021. Nor did they put the resolution on the agenda to determine if it was a material modification of the district service plan from seven to five members. With no response

from the commissioners after 45 days PMC attorney Christina Harney submitted the motion for the district court to accept the amendment to their by-laws reducing the number of board members from 7 to 5, explained Gutierrez.

He went on to explain that the motion was denied by Judge Anne Norrdin on April 29, 2022.

“Yet PMC ignored the court order and amended their bylaws April 26, 2022, two weeks before an election with seven people on the ballot running for three seats. You as Rio Blanco County Commissioners have the authority to correct this immediately by appointing two members. We recently had an election and appointing the next two highest vote getters from the May 26 election to get us back to a seven person board like the voters of Rio Blanco County originally voted for,” stated Gutierrez.

He was the only person to speak during public comment. No online comments were received.

The board then approved its agenda after moving item 3n, a request from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, to the top of business items in order to hear from NRCS representative Todd Bolt, who joined remotely from Fort Collins.

Business item “n” concerned a request to Clint Evans of NRCS for federal

assistance under the Flood Control Act of 1950 and the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to restore damage sustained in Rio Blanco County by the Lee and Elk RBX fires on Aug. 25.

Bolt, who oversees NRCS’s emergency watershed program statewide, explained the process.

“It is set up to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by a watershed impairment, and a watershed impairment is a fire and then we have flood. The watershed is impaired it cannot act the way it’s supposed to act.”

He described the sponsor process and responsibilities. “A sponsor has to request assistance from our agency. Our boss is Clint Evans, that’s why you referenced him, and you have to send in a request to him and say ‘Hey we need assistance under this program due to this fire and the flooding that we’re getting’ and you have to do that within 60 days and then we have some time to come in and help you out and assess the damages,” explained Bolt.

“NRCS in this program works through the sponsor to provide technical and financial assistance that address the issues that are occurring on private property and also any public infrastructure that



might be impacted postfire,” Bolt stated.

Bolt said NRCS covers 75% of the cost while the sponsor provides 25%, preferably in cash, though in-kind services can be counted.

“The county’s budget right now is not in very good shape, if we decide that we want to pursue this, can we get the private landowners to kick in the 25% and is that an option,” questioned Overton.

Bolt replied that it was an option but difficult.

“Whenever there was a change order during construction, and all of a sudden there was an increase in cost the county had to go through this whole process to work with the land owner for the increase in cost for the additional 25 feet and it just turned into a nightmare from an administrative standpoint,”

stated Bolt.

He advised against pursuing landowner contributions unless necessary.

After the NRCS discussion, commissioners considered item C: approving a resolution under CRS 31-1-902(51b) to increase the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District board from five to seven members.

“I don’t know if that was ever legally a five-man board but that’s not our issue,” Overton said. The issue now is that they used a statute to go back to a seven-man board. The statute that they used to do that does not give us authority to appoint people. It does not give the hospital district the authority to appoint people. It has to go to an election.”

“The way that the hospital filed for this, there’s nothing we can do and there’s nothing the hospi-

tal can do. It has to go to a special election unless they file something different,” Overton said.

Near the end of the meeting, County Administrator Vicky Edwards provided an update on fire recovery. She said the state emergency management team has been working with the county on a potential FEMA public assistance declaration, which would cover infrastructure such as utilities, roads, bridges and the old Meeker landfill.

“There’s a lot of damage that has been done because of both fires and then the floods that came in the rapid flooding that we had right after that. They are helping us move through that,” stated Edwards.

She added the infrastructure damage was greater than expected.

## RIO HAPPENINGS: SEPT. 7-13, 2025

### ARRESTS

**9/10/2025**- A 27-year-old male was arrested by Rangely PD for Violation of a Protection Order and 2nd Degree Criminal Trespass

**9/11/2025**- A 45-year-old male was arrested by Rangely PD for Internet Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Internet Luring of a Child. He remains in custody.

### CALL SUMMARIES

**9/07/2025 @ 11:06 am.** Local food truck rebrands as “Hot Potato Delivery” after scattering flaming spuds across the highway. Fire crews called in to help cool down the side dishes. #TooHotToHandle #HashBrownArson

**9/8/2025 @ 8:43 pm.** Deputies responded to a single-vehicle rollover incident on County Road 17. Upon arrival, the vehicle was found unoccupied. A deputy located one of the vehicle’s occupants walking nearby, who stated that his friends were walking through the trees, attempting to return to their Airbnb. Shortly thereafter, two additional males emerged from the treeline. The occupants claimed there were no injuries. Colorado State Patrol is handling the investigation.

**9/09/2025 @ 4:44 pm.** An off-duty police officer called in a traffic complaint reporting that a truck was driving recklessly almost causing her to run off the road on Highway 13. A deputy located the vehicle and made a traffic stop. The elderly driver was unaware of her actions and was given a warning.

**9/9/2025 @ 4:52 pm.** A vehicle ran into a fence on private property on County Road 8 and left the scene. Deputies were able to locate the run vehicle at County Road 8 & Highway 13. Pro tip for future hit-and-run drivers; if half your car is

still sitting at the scene, the officers don’t really need Sherlock Holmes to find you!

**9/10/2025 @ 2:57 pm.** A two car accident occurred at 7th & Water St in

Meeker. One occupant was transported to the hospital.

There were several reports of mud, debris and rocks on roadways due to the rain.

TOTAL CALLS: 525 — 911 CALLS: 61 — ADMIN: 464		
CALL TYPE	SHERIFF	MEEKER PD
911	8	2
ABANDONED VEHICLES	1	0
ALARM - POLICE	0	1
ANIMAL	5	5
ASSAULT	0	1
ASSIST COLORADO STATE PATROL	4	0
ASSIST MEEKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	7	3
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2	0
ASSIST RANGELY POLICE DEPT	4	0
ATTEMPT TO SERVE	4	0
BURGLARY	0	1
BUSINESS CHECK	2	2
CERTIFIED VIN	2	0
CITIZEN CONTACT	3	0
CIVIL	0	3
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0	1
CRASH	1	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	0	1
DEATH	1	0
DIRECTED PATROL	1	8
DISTURBANCE	0	1
FINGERPRINTS	5	0
FIRE - WILD	5	0
FRAUD	0	1
HARASSMENT	0	1
INFORMATION	4	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	2	1
PHONE FOLLOW-UP	2	4
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	0	1
PUBLIC RELATIONS	1	0
PROPERTY	1	0
CIVIL STANDBY	0	1
SUICIDE THREATS	0	1
SUSPICIOUS	2	2
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	2	1
TRAFFIC HAZARD	3	1
TRAFFIC STOP	9	8
VIN INSPECTION	1	3
WELFARE CHECK	1	0
TOTALS	74	53
TOTAL INMATES IN JAIL AS OF 9/16/2025: 6		

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Circle Park closed through September

**MEEKER** | Circle Park will remain closed through September as Phase III work continues. Remaining tasks include installation of a permanent ADA-accessible vault toilet, new grass growth, irrigation, and other key features. These upgrades will serve to ensure the park is more comfortable, functional, and sustainable for future use. In the meantime, please continue using the improved access points at 3rd and 10th Streets for your river recreation. Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this final stage of the project.

## Surveys open for wildfire impact

**MEEKER** | Thorough documentation of damages and loss from the wildfires is essential for recovery and mitigation efforts. If you are a business owner, a rural landowner, an agricultural producer, or an outfitter, please complete one of the following surveys: **BUSINESS OWNERS**, <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/5eda5d67a83a4a3184e-96ca7a21e7318>. **AG PRODUCERS, OUTFITTERS & RURAL LANDOWNERS**, please complete the team's Ag and Natural Resources Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyTEB3K7JNYKqKw835-fxCHs-D9244OgRHIVHq95JLvwPKYQ/viewform?pli=1>

## Family Night Luau Pool Party Sept. 18

**MEEKER** | Bring the whole family to the MRC Pool Thursday, Sept. 18, and enjoy extended hours from 4-7 p.m. We'll be hosting a Luau Party with games, inflatables, and special surprises! Normal MRC drop-in fees apply. Members: Free, Tots 0-3: Free, Kids 4-12: \$4/each, Youth

13-17: \$5/each, Adults 18-61: \$7/each, Seniors 62+: \$5/each. Towels are available to rent for \$1 plus collateral. Participants ages 7 and under must be accompanied in the water by someone 13 or older at all times. All other pool rules apply.

## Volunteers wanted for National Public Lands Day project Sept. 20

**MEEKER** | ERBM and BLM invite you to celebrate National Public Lands Day by volunteering to improve our local trails on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will start at the Ute Park trailhead (12th and Hill St.) Bring a sack lunch, plenty of water, and sunscreen! Participants will receive a T-shirt, drinks, and a snack courtesy of BLM. Youth 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## Awana Club meetings start Sept. 30

**MEEKER** | Awana, an international evangelical Christian nonprofit organization in child and youth discipleship, will be holding club meetings at the Rio Blanco County 4-H Extension building beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. for kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade. For details, call Christopher Singer at 303-669-5530.

## Fairfield Trust grant applications due on Wednesday, Oct. 1

**MEEKER** | Applications for the October semi-annual Fairfield Trust grants are due Wednesday, Oct. 1. Applications available at the Herald Times office (304 4th St.) and mailed to P.O. Box 2302 or dropped off at White River Electric Association (Attn: J.H.).

## Reserve your booth space for Pumpkins Eats 'N Treats

**MEEKER** | ERBM's annual Pumpkins Eats 'N Treats event will return to downtown Meeker this Halloween! Business owners and local organizations, please join us to hand out goodies to the community. Reserve your booth space by calling Kari at 970-878-7421.

## Babysitter Training Course Nov. 14-15

**MEEKER** | Learn how to provide quality care to children of all ages and obtain your Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED certifications. This American Red Cross class will be taught Friday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$75 each for certification and Training Handbook, ages 12+. Register by Nov. 7 at [erbmec.com/babysitter](http://erbmec.com/babysitter)

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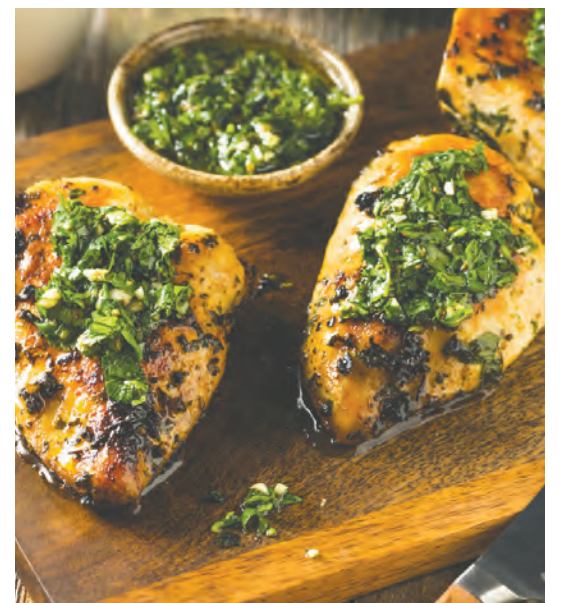
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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

### Can we bring back bicycle safety programs?

*"Biking is freedom, but safety keeps it that way." ~ Unknown*

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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To the concerned citizen who left the letter to the editor in the office door, your letter is not published because it was unsigned. That's standard newspaper policy, not a critique of what you wrote, which I will address here, because it's something I've been meaning to write about for a while: bicycle safety.

As I write this, one of my grandsons



is getting an elbow bandaged after a bike crash. I'm thankful it's an elbow. This summer I heard far too many calls over the scanner about kids on bikes vs. cars, some resulting in significant injury with long-term impacts. And I remember too well the death of a young former neighbor who crashed his bike and hit his head on a curb — no helmet. He was in a coma for a few weeks before he died.

One of the wonderful things about living in a small town is that our kids and grandkids can ride their bikes all over, and they do. All too often they do so without helmets or safety instructions.

It has come up in casual conversation, in a recent town board meeting, and in my own car on Saturday when a kiddo failed to stop at the stop sign and proceeded to angrily wave his little arms at me as if he had the right-of-way (he did not).

As the unsigned author of the letter writes, "When I was in grade school we had bicycle training." I remember that, too. And I remember when my own kids were small, the town had both a bicycle safety program and access to free bike helmets. What has to happen to bring those programs back? It's not a perfect solution. There will always be accidents,

and there will always be foolhardiness and ignorance, but it also might prevent a tragedy or two, and that would be worth the effort.

Thanks to the letter writer for reminding me to mention it.

The world feels like it's spiraling to a dark place without the incentive of a handbasket right now, and we're basically helpless to do anything about most of it. When there is something we can do that's positive, proactive, and beneficial, we should. In the immortal words of Bill and Ted, "be excellent to each other." That would be a nice change of pace.

## LOOSE ENDS: The color green

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**  
Special to the HT

"Green, Green, they say, on the far side of the hill" is a repetitive verse in one beloved old folk song. It wouldn't be surprising to hear it now, during the long recovery period predicted for the land traumatized from the Lee and Elk fires. The sight of the newest green patches could lull us all a bit, as Mother Nature has a way of unleashing her fury until that power is spent. The losses of many landowners are too great to recover quickly. While the sight of



Dolly Viscardi

the green patches gives those of us who lost nothing a degree of hope, the sight of something green may

also lighten the emotional burden carried by the entire community.

The heavy weight borne by those depending on making their living on the land is incomparable. The land, stock, as well as the structures and equipment needed to make any

profit make it difficult to picture those farm and ranch residents being able to resume any semblance of normalcy. This may require accepting a way of living on the land that could become the "new normal."

The burn scars are already unable to withstand the recent intense rainstorms and wind, resulting in mudslides after the Lee and Elk fires. Both fires ferociously consumed hay fields and both summer and winter grazing pastures. Those farmers and ranchers, as well as county residents,

will be making some difficult decisions for their families. Continuing to live on the land that has meant so much to their families over the years will require so much time and effort. The ranch and farmlands are scorched beyond recognition, yet are already greening up because of the recent rainstorms. The eroding banks of the White River are causing it to rise and branch off into small creeks and streams.

The songs of the past will continue to recognize the importance of the color green representing hope for the future. The new,

healthy plants highlight the importance of the sights and smells of the earliest growing season of plants. The love for green fields and lawns never ends if one is raised in the Midwest or the coastal East. After enduring long, hard winters for many years, all of us long for spring and the sight of those first green shoots to appear. The experts consulted on a timetable of recovery and restoration gave numbers. The one to five years that many of them predicted for a full restoration might not have been good news to

the residents who had been barely holding on to the family land. Everyone tries to think positively, but those who hope for the shorter time could be thinking it will still allow them to make the changes needed to resume the ranching life. Some folks seemed more positive than others and had a plan of action already in place. Others have talked about following a new plan of action that might take a bit longer. No matter how long the recovery and restoration process takes, it is well worth the wait.

## HISTORY LESSONS: Henry J. Hay, Founder

By **ED PECK**  
Special to the HT

Henry J. Hay and his brother J. Fletcher Hay journeyed to the White River valley in May of 1880 (according to "This Is What I Remember"). However, the Hay family history states that the two brothers traveled thru the Milk Creek battleground in 1879 and saw dead mules, still in their harness.

The White River Valley land was still owned by the Utes, but that did not stop Henry and Fletcher from locating their first ranch outside the military garrison boundaries. The Hay brothers settled on Dry Piceance. They were not the first settlers to the valley. I would say that title belongs to Duncan Blair, who came from Wyoming with a native wife.

Two years later, the Hay brothers relocated to lower Powell Park. There, they recovered the famous Agency plow which sparked the disagreement between the Utes and Nathan Meeker. The plow is presently displayed at the White River Museum.

Henry and John were

true pioneers and watched as Meeker become a town in 1885 and Rio Blanco become a county in 1889. Henry was a shareholder in the Meeker Townsite Company in 1883.

When Rio Blanco split off from Garfield County in 1889, Governor Job A. Cooper appointed Henry our first county treasurer, a post he was reelected to several times until 1894. He served on the Meeker school board and held the office of U.S. Commissioner as Meeker from 1913 to 1923. As commissioner, he dealt with homestead applications in our region.

Meeker was growing. Capital was needed to fuel that growth. In 1890, Columbia Building and Loan

Company of Denver had a local Meeker board with Henry J. Hay President; L. B. Walbridge, secretary; E.E. Fordham, treasurer and Charles S. Attix, insurance agent.

In 1892, in addition to being county treasurer, Henry owned an interest in Meeker's two newspapers: the Rio Blanco News and the Meeker Herald. By November 1892, Henry had concluded that he was not cut out to be a journalist and James Lytle bought back control of the Herald.

Lytle declared the paper solidly Democratic as he took back his role as editor. The Dec. 30, 1899, issue of the Meeker Herald described Henry Hay's

almost finished house: "It is a seven room frame with hallway, numerous closets and three well lighted attic rooms...The seven rooms on the ground floor are grouped together in a manner which makes access from one to the other easy and convenient. The style of architecture is a modification of the Swiss chateau." The article goes on in detail much like today's Home and Garden magazine. Closets in bedrooms were a luxury. Stand-alone wardrobes were the norm.

In 1923, Henry moved his family to Denver. Before they left, the Meeker Commercial Club gave him a big goodbye in recognition of all his hard work

in promoting Rio Blanco County by writing many pamphlets.

Once in Denver, Henry's health failed to the point that he was confined for six weeks and died on March 4, 1924, at the age of 76. Henry J. Hay was born July 23, 1847, in Peoria, Illinois to John Fletcher Hay Sr. and Cora Ault. Henry had one adopted son: Clarence Wilbur Hay and one daughter: Irene Cora Hay who was married to Dr. Harry Wear. Harry's brother, Fletcher, another Meeker pioneer, died in 1927.

Sources: Rio Blanco Historical Society; This Is What I Remember books; Parr family; ColoradoHistoricalNewspapers.org. Meeker Herald.

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**MEEKER** | Back-to-school season is an interesting time in our communities. Transitioning between the long, empty days of summer and the shorter days of fall – which are packed with sports, extracurriculars, and academic obligations – can be positive for some and challenging for others.

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October 8, 1879  
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The following dispatch from General Crook just received. It looks reliable.

P.H. SHERIDAN,  
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General P.H. Sheridan,  
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The following just received at Rawlins and given you for what it is worth:

The mail-carrier says, in response to why General Merritt has not sent a courier, that he thought

probably he has sent one and he was picked up by the Indians.

Rawlins, the 8th-1:30 a.m.

General Crook, Fort Steele:

Mail in. No dispatches. Mail-carrier reports that he left Snake River at one o'clock yesterday morning; that William Listige went with Merritt's command from Snake River to Payne's command, and returned to Snake River yesterday morning. Merritt had a severe fight with the Indians Monday afternoon, two miles east of Payne's

command, thrashed the Indians, killing 37 of them, and formed a junction with the besieged garrison; the latter were all right, having lost but two men killed since they entrenched. The colored cavalry company joined Payne last Friday night, but had a severe fight in doing so, having lost all their horses but two. Merritt had a conversation with the Indians

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# Sports & Recreation

## Meeker rolls past Gunnison in home opener

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker Cowboys opened their home schedule Friday with a 40-8 win over the Gunnison Cowboys, earning their first victory of the season.

Both teams entered the game with 0-2 records, with Gunnison looking for revenge after a 26-12 loss at Meeker last season. Meeker jumped out to a 40-0 lead by halftime, forcing a running clock in the second half.

Head Coach Andy Coryell said he liked that everyone on the team got playing time in front of their families. “Finally, we got to stay home, and everybody got minutes tonight. It was good for everybody,” he said.

Junior quarterback Cade Mills led the way with 194 total yards, rushing for 152 yards and a touchdown while throwing for 42 yards and adding two successful two-point conversions.

Mills reflected on the performance after the game that evening: “I would say it takes every play one at a time and having trust in my team and coaching. Breaking loose on some of the tackles felt good. I knew if I made one or two people miss we could get a few extra yards. The balance on offense was on point and we’ll keep working on this next week against Olathe. I was happy to see all the support we have gotten from the community in the

stands, and I would like to thank everyone who made and supported us this last Friday.”

Junior running back Tucker Chinn powered the ground game with 102 rushing yards and three touchdowns, including a 54-yard score. He praised the offensive line and teammates: “On that 54-yarder, all that was left for me was to just beat the defenders down the open field. All my touchdowns were thanks to the guys up front. The offensive line did very well opening things up for the running game. They made the backs’ part of each play much easier. I love being able to both catch and run the ball. It is so much fun being able to contribute in different ways to this team. Going into this week’s matchup against Olathe, we are much more confident about our abilities and hope to keep the energy up as we go into these important league matchups.”

Junior Said Rodriguez added 61 rushing yards, a touchdown and two conversions, while freshman Liam Thompson had a 31-yard reception, the team’s longest of the night.

On defense, senior Augie Halstead led the Cowboys with five tackles, and juniors Carlos Carrillo and Wesley Thompson each recorded tackles for loss. Halstead said the defensive effort came down to everyone doing their job: “My approach was doing my job and contributing my part to the team. As long as everyone did their job and filled their

gaps, we didn’t have much trouble and everyone obviously proved themselves on Friday. Throughout the week we worked hard on any possible situation Gunnison might have thrown at us, so everyone knew their responsibilities and there were no surprises. The younger guys have been a huge help this season, filling in where needed and giving it their all. It’s important to carry the momentum from last Friday night into this Friday and not let up after one win. Hopefully we can string a week of good practice together and come out strong again on Friday.”

Special teams were highlighted by junior Wyatt Ross, who kicked six times for 225 yards, and freshman Jake Grieser, who had a 25-yard kickoff return. Ross said he was nervous at first but found his rhythm quickly: “I mean it felt good, but at first I was kind of nervous and then as soon as I got that first kickoff I just went for it and had fun.”

After the game that evening, Head Coach Andy Coryell gave his overall thoughts on his team’s performance, starting with improvements that need to be made before their next game, players that stepped up for the Cowboys, and what their main focus will be in practice this week for a non-league game against the Olathe Pirates.

“We made plenty of mistakes. We’ve got lots of stuff to work on Monday. I think our front five guys, front seven if you count those tight ends, I thought were really physical. I



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO  
**Meeker junior running back Tucker Chinn runs in for a touchdown during Friday night’s home opener against Gunnison. Chinn powered the Cowboys’ ground game with three touchdowns on the night, helping Meeker secure their first win of the season.**

thought those front guys played great tonight. Like it always is, we’re going to try to get better on Monday, so we can stack that into Tuesday, we can’t see big pictures. We just see what’s in front of us.” stated Coryell.

Meeker rolled up 462 total yards while holding Gunnison to 87. The Cowboys scored five

touchdowns and will look to carry momentum into their home game Friday against the Olathe Pirates, who enter 3-0 after a 20-16 win over Ignacio last week. Good luck to the Cowboys this week as they look to defend their home turf against the visiting Pirates and as always go Cowboys!

## Panther cross country competes at Arvada meet

Special to the HT

**RANGELY** | The Rangely High School cross-country teams tested themselves against larger schools at the Demon Invite in Arvada, competing against 4A and 5A programs from the eastern slope.

Both the boys’ and girls’ squads turned in strong performances, with several athletes setting personal records.

“It was a good opportunity for our runners to compete against athletes they don’t see every week,” coach Scoggins said. “They didn’t know who they were racing, so they focused on time and place and worked on running as a pack.”

**Boys’ results**

The boys’ team finished eighth overall.

Senior Jay Valdez led the way, placing 28th with a personal-best time of 18 minutes, 30 seconds. Sophomore Tavan Morgan followed in 38th with a personal record of 19:08, while fellow sophomore

Kyler Fouts clocked 19:34 for 44th.

Three runners finished close together: Titus Friedrich (62nd, 22:07), Alec Gillard (63rd, 22:14) and Antonio Prieto (64th, 22:14).

**Girls’ results**

The girls’ team placed seventh overall.

Junior Taya Wren led the effort, finishing fifth in 19:55. KJ Benson ran a personal best of 23:04, improving her previous mark by more than three minutes.

Despite a broken wrist, Faith Prieto finished 50th in 25:37. Kylee Caldwell ran 28:54, and Courtney Casto rounded out the team in 29:26 for 57th place.

**Upcoming**

The Panthers are off this week before competing at Loudy-Simpson Park in Craig on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The Rangely middle school cross-country team is scheduled to race this weekend in Meeker.



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**The Rangely Panthers headed to Arvada last weekend to take on larger schools at the Demon Invite, competing against 4A and 5A schools. The boys’ team finished 8th and the girls’ team finished 7th overall.**



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## Cowboys head into home meet after strong Coal Ridge performance

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School cross country teams continued their season Friday at the Coal Ridge Invitational, highlighted by multiple personal records and a strong pack effort on the boys' side. The Cowboys finished 10th overall with 263 team points.

Head coach Marty Casey said he was encouraged by the way the team competed against another large field of runners.

"The boys ran well. We saw some solid competition again this week, but the team performed well, specifically among the other 2A teams," Casey said. "That group continues to impress. They push each other during practices, and work together in competitions."

Sophomore Bradley Conrado led Meeker with a 19:36 finish, improving from his 20:17 effort a week ago at Eagle Valley. He credited the fast course and the support of his teammates.

"Going down from a 20:17 to a 19:36 was certainly a surprise," Conrado said. "Ryan, Landon and I were in a group for most of the race, which I believe

led to our fast times. Our home meet should be one of the fastest courses we run this year. We changed the course from Sanderson Hills Park to Ute Park, making it a very flat course, and I'm hoping to set an even faster personal record."

Freshman Landon Damitz followed closely at 19:41, also benefiting from the pack racing approach. Sophomore Ryan Hanberg broke the 20-minute barrier for the first time, clocking 19:48.

"Brad, Landon and I ended up running in a pack about halfway through until the end of the race," Hanberg said. "I realized that sticking together would lead all of us to a faster and stronger finish. As one of our top finishers, I feel like my role is to help keep everybody motivated and pushing for new PRs."

Senior Cameron Hanberg provided consistency for the Cowboys, finishing in 20:36. Casey described him as "the steady hand of the team."

Sophomore Ashton Tapia battled through injuries to finish in 23:34, while freshman Jackson Steele set a new personal record of 24:19.

"I feel great about that, and progression is the key

to my goal," Steele said. "The middle of the race felt great. I need to work on my start specifically."

Senior Remy Broussard also corrected his official time, noting the staggered heats weren't factored into results. He said his actual time was 29:05, and it came with one of the most memorable finishes of his career.

"I definitely ran the hardest I've ever run, especially in the last 200 meters," Broussard said. "Funny enough, as I crossed the finish line, I tried to slow down and ended up sliding clean off my feet. Definitely a memorable finish."

Broussard said he hopes to set another season best at Meeker's home meet, which will also be his last of his high school career.

"I am sad and wish it could have lasted longer," he said. "I'm definitely going to miss my fellow seniors as we move on to start the rest of our lives."

On the girls' side, senior Haylee Steele posted a corrected time of 26:33 after the same timing error from staggered heat starts. She said the hills were tough, but practice prepared her well.

"No matter the difficulty that comes, I can always



Theresa Hamilton Photo

**Freshman Jackson Steele (right) pushes through the Coal Ridge Invitational course on his way to a personal record of 24:19. Steele said he felt strong in the middle of the race and is focused on improving his starts.**

strive for my best, and I learned a lot of that from running," she said. "After my high school career, I can still run and learn new things every day."

Casey said Steele is closing in on her career best and praised her leadership.

"Haylee has been putting in the work," Casey said. "She should be able

to beat her PR in the next couple of weeks."

With four straight meets behind them, Casey said the Cowboys are eager to test themselves on their new home course at Ute Park.

"We are full of enthusiasm and great work ethics," he said. "This year we will be on a new home course at Ute Park, which I

can only hope works out as well as planned."

Meeker will host its home meet Saturday at Ute Park, the final time its seniors will compete on home turf. The first race begins at 9 a.m.

Good luck to the Cowboys this weekend as they run on their home course looking to set more personal records.

## Meeker splits weekend matches with Vail Christian, Soroco

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School volleyball team returned home Friday night for its season opener, hosting Vail Christian. The Saints had edged the Cowboys 3-2 last September, and this time the result was the same, with Meeker falling in five sets.

Vail Christian took the first set 25-13 before the Cowboys rallied to win the next two, 25-23 and 25-20. The Saints closed strong, winning the fourth set 25-17 and the deciding fifth set 15-5.

Head coach Greg Cravens said serve receive and blocking proved to be the biggest challenges.

"That one serve receive in the first set, it bothered us big time, but I thought we did a great job of coming back the second set, not letting that bother us," Cravens said. "And I thought we passed well the rest of the match. They are a high flying, hit-the-ball-high team, and we just didn't challenge them enough on our block, on their left side hitter. So we need to continue working on that, and we'll get better."

Senior Rylee Sullivan recorded 11 kills and a team-high 20 digs. She said balancing her role on both sides of the ball comes down to mindset.

"My idea behind the game is that you have to play defense to be able to play offense, so the balance comes naturally," Sullivan said. "Keeping the team's energy can be hard, but it is key to keep the mindset of always knowing you're in it, and players all need to do their role. I learned that we all have integrity and won't quit on each other."

Freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh led the offense

with 12 kills and a .480 hitting percentage in her home debut.

"I have spent a lot of time watching Meeker volleyball since I was a little girl. It was super cool to play at home in front of such a big crowd and the energy in the gym was part of the reason that I feel like I had a good night," Clatterbaugh said. "At the net, I don't know if Vail Christian was expecting me since I am a freshman and I haven't played against them before."

She added that the Cowboys adjusted well after the opening set.

"I felt like our team adjusted after the first set and we really started to gel as a team. Our seniors are great leaders, and they kept us all focused during a long, tight game," she said. "I think that our main focus heading into next weekend will probably be serve receive. We will continue to work out the little things as a team."

On defense, senior Braydin Raley had 17 digs and 46 receptions. She said she focused on positioning against Vail's outside hitters.

"Vail had a big outside hitter, so coach told me to protect the middle," Raley said. "There were a few plays where she would hit deep, but for the most part, if I lined up with our blockers and took a shuffle step in, she would put it right on my platform."

With the loss, Meeker dropped to 3-3 on the season. The Cowboys bounced back quickly, defeating Soroco 3-2 on the road Saturday. Meeker took the first two sets 25-11 and 25-8 before dropping the next two 25-19 and 25-17. The Cowboys edged the Rams 15-13 in the deciding set to improve their record to 4-3.

Sophomore Hailey Schwartz led the team with 13 assists and said connection with hitters was key.

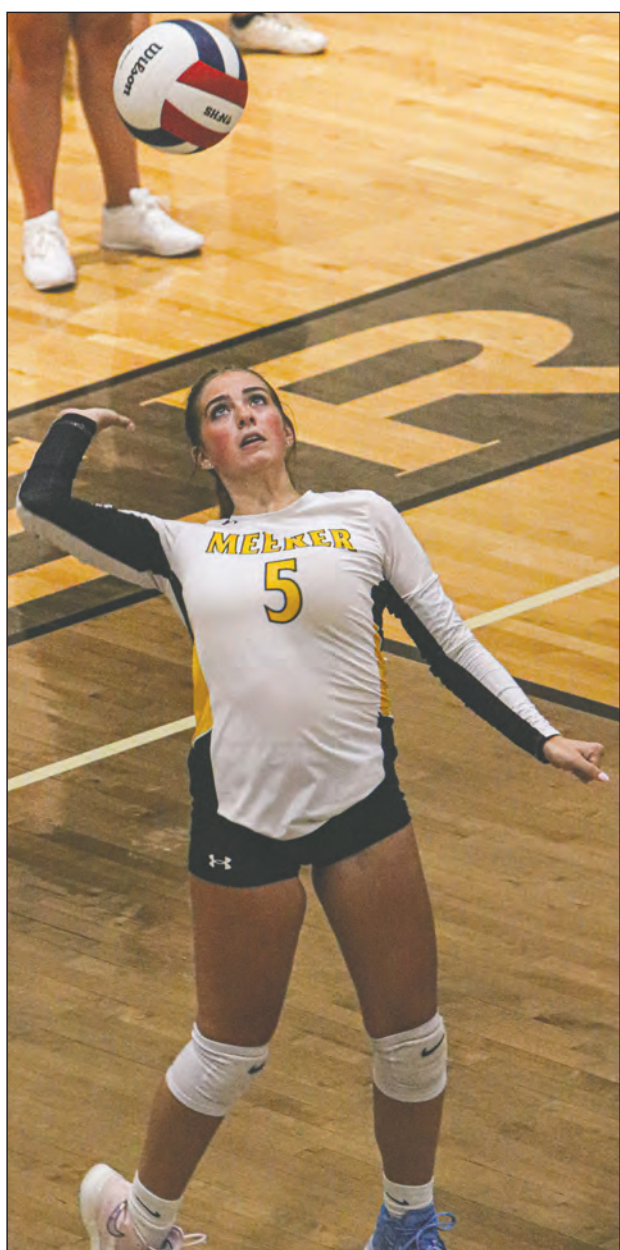
"The thing that worked best for me to connect with my hitters was understanding where each of them was on the court, so I knew what my sets should be like for each of them," Schwartz said. Junior Sawyer May added four aces and served at 85 percent serving efficiency.

"My mindset at the line is to stay confident and not overthink it," May said. "It wasn't just about aces but keeping steady pressure. As a team, we stayed composed and trusted each other. Even after losing a set, we reset and kept pushing."

Senior Jacey Follman would finish the day with 11 assists and 10 digs for the defense. She explained how she balanced offense and defense that day, how she brings steadiness in matches that go the five full sets, and what she noticed about her team's energy when things got tight in the fourth and fifth set.

"As a setter, I can put my focus towards our offense because I get the opportunity to control where the ball goes. But I also try to benefit my team defensively

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Jared Henderson Photo

**Meeker senior setter Jacey Follman serves the ball during the Cowboys' home opener against Vail Christian on Friday night in Meeker. Follman helped lead the team on both sides of the court, Saturday afternoon later finishing with 11 assists and 10 digs in Meeker's five-set win over Soroco.**



### NORTHWEST COLORADO OUTDOORS - REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE Meeting

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# RHS volleyball shows growth through tough week

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**RANGELY** | The Rangely Panthers began last week on the road at Moffat County High School in Craig, Colorado, on Sept. 9, bouncing back from a loss to North Fork the previous Saturday with a 3-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

The Panthers won the first two sets 25-22 and 25-21 before dropping the third 19-25. They closed out the match 26-24 in a tightly contested fourth set, needing the two-point margin to secure the win that evening.

Seniors Addison Scott (No. 7) and Aubrianna Tapia (No. 13) led the attack with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Sophomore setter Rylee Kenney (No. 10) paced the offense with 25 assists and added 13 digs, while senior Kaelyn Geer (No. 6) anchored the back row with 20 digs. Kenney

and sophomore Natalie Bollinger (No. 14) combined for 23 points at the service line, including three aces from Bollinger.

Head coach Angie Hill said the team could have executed better. "It got too scrappy and a little too panicked at times," she said, noting Kenney's ability to adjust as a setter was key to the win.

The victory pushed Rangely's record to 5-3. The Panthers returned home Friday for a rematch against Caprock Academy, pushing the Eagles to five sets after losing 3-1 earlier in the season. Rangely won the first set 25-18, dropped the next two 25-20 and 25-19, rallied to take the fourth 25-15, but fell 15-9 in the decisive fifth set.

Tapia led at the net with seven kills and three blocks. "Swinging with confidence definitely helped with my kills, and as for blocking, I finally adjusted to their hitters and got their timing down," she

said.

Scott added eight kills, freshman Teagan Behunin (No. 4) contributed strong serving and consistent defense, Geer added 18 digs, and Kenney had 20 assists to distribute the offense. Hill noted a struggle in serve receive during the fifth set proved costly. "We really dug a hole in serve receive in the fifth set, which made it harder to come back from," she said.

The Panthers traveled to Vail Mountain the next day for another five-set matchup, winning the first set 25-18, losing the second 25-19, winning the third 25-12, and dropping the final two sets 25-22 and 15-13. Hill praised the team's resilience. "I love that they just keep going. To me, they don't even show that they're tired or defeated," she said.

Geer anchored the back row with 22 digs and strong serve-serve. "Communication is definitely key, and positivity keeps everyone up and going! I genuinely

do my best to stay as positive as possible for my team, and as team captain I also do my best to make it known that I am here for everyone, which in ways helps on the court. While we don't win every game we play, it is obvious that we improve every game! Whether that's physically playing or meshing as a team, we constantly get closer and do better. For this upcoming weekend, our team will most likely focus on personal and team goals that we come up with on Mondays. Keeping a positive and determined mindset will really allow us to play to our potential!"

With a 5-5 overall record, Rangely will travel to Soroco on Friday before returning home Saturday to host Meeker. "After this weekend, our main focus is going to be getting more touches on defense," Hill said. "I think these girls can handle whatever is thrown at them. They are resilient and will be ready to play."

## (Cont.) Cowboy volleyball

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whenever possible. "My role as a senior is very important because I know all the younger players are looking up to us and how we handle matches under pressure. Bringing positive energy and support to each player, both on and off the court, is vital to our performance through a five-set game."

"We honestly trusted each other even more in the 4th and 5th set. We

realized that the only way to pull through a tough game was to be loud and uplifting. Each girl gave so much energy, which motivated us to keep fighting for the next point. The closest matches always pull our team together the most," continued Follman.

Cravens said he was encouraged by the team's resilience.

"It was good to see the girls gather themselves and get that win," he said. "Things weren't going our

way, but the girls stepped up and got it done."

Looking ahead, Meeker travels to Rangely on Saturday. Cravens said the Cowboys' main focus will be on ball control.

"Volleyball is all about ball control," he said. "We need to be better on keeping our offense in system and creating more out-of-system balls for them. We have the capabilities — we just need to show them off."

## DAYS GONE BY

### MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO

If the political liar could be eliminated from our campaigns, it would be a long step towards cleaner politics. The man who lies to obtain a business end gets the contempt of all respectable persons. Why shouldn't the same rule hold good in politics?

Equinoctial storms were slightly in evidence the past few days.

Meeker is "enjoying" a sugar famine. None to be had at Rifle, New Castle or Glenwood, either.

### MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO

The editor of this paper is on the sick list latter part of this week, and is under the doctor's care, hence the delay in getting to press, and please overlook any errors. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delaney of Glenwood motored over last Saturday and spent a few days with the Oldland family.

Of course we are all "idealists." Doesn't "our leading citizens" usually mean "our richest man"?

### MEEKER HERALD ~ 75 YEARS AGO

Mr. Freeman Fairfield, former Meeker boy, who is now an oil company executive in Long Beach, California, last week sent a check to County Superintendent Josephine Holland with which to purchase one of the used army airplanes for instructional purposes in our high school vocational agriculture department.

Before another year we hope to see a state and federal aid project started which will put the Meeker-Rangely road on a permanent standard highway basis.

### MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO

Last Saturday was another red-letter

day for Meeker Airport Manager Gary Coulter as he added another plane to his fleet to meet the growing demands of the area.

Dirck Garcia, No. 80, left end for the Meeker Cowboys, almost broke loose for a quick Meeker touchdown in the second quarter, after catching Paul Edwards' pass for a 56-yard gain to the Roaring Fork 19. However, the Ram defense stopped the drive on the 11-yard line and it took the Cowboys another three minutes before they got the ball back and were able to tie the score at 7-all.

### MEEKER HERALD ~ 25 YEARS AGO

The Meeker Historical Society will be hosting an open house to let the public take a look at the renovated Garrison Building on Sept. 29.

Long time WREA employee Dick Welle will become the new General Manager with the retirement of Joe Holeyfield. Since 1975, Holeyfield has been the General Manager of the WREA.

My grandmother came here from Wales in 1884 — the Meeker Herald was started in 1885. Outsiders always want to come to this pretty little town and when you get here, you want to change everything. Did you put it to a vote to change the name of the Meeker Herald?

### RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO

At a regular meeting of the Rangely Panther Booster Club held last Thursday evening, Cecil Lollar was designated as President for the 1975-76 school year. Almer Hazlewood was selected as Vice-President with Betty Hayden as Secretary and Pat Hejl as Treasurer.

Rangely residents with claims of sonic boom damage may submit them to the Claims Officer at Lowry Air Force Base.

Rod and Lenore Smuts announce the arrival of a baby boy named Jesse Cole, born in Meeker on Monday, Sept. 8.

## RHS football takes on Dolores at home, head to Soroco this weekend

Special to the HT

**RANGELY** | The Panthers hosted the Dolores Bears on Friday night. The game was a defensive battle in the first half. The Panthers gave up a touchdown and the score was 7-0 at halftime. Rangely struggled on getting anything

going offensively throughout the game. The Panthers committed many turnovers in the game. This made it an uphill battle in the game. The athletes continued to compete the entire game, but we could not overcome the hole we had dug ourselves. The Panthers will travel to Soroco for their next contest.

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# OBITUARIES

## Arda Beth Harp

May 8, 1931 ~ Sept. 11, 2025



Arda Harp

Arda Beth Harp passed away on Sept. 11, 2025, 94 years young and with a lifetime of good memories.

Arda Beth (Madsen) Harp was born on May 8, 1931 in Maybell, Colorado, the daughter of Harold Madsen and Estella Ottosen Madsen.

She was born during the worst part of the Great Depression, when the only doctor available was in Steamboat Springs, attending to her brother who had a ruptured appendix. So her mother gave birth to her by herself, while still caring for her other children. Arda came into this world as part of a long line of strong women, lived her life that way, and left her family legacy that way to continue through generations.

As a young girl, the family moved to Meeker where Arda attended schools, grew up riding horses, and exploring the country around Marvine Creek. Arda met her husband, Harry (Bud) Harp, in 1946 at her sister Iris's wedding. Arda was still in

high school at the time, so she and Bud waited to get married until after she graduated. They wed on September 26, 1948 and began building their family in Meeker in 1950.

Arda and Bud lived a beautiful life in Meeker, raising a family and running businesses. Arda's work carried her across many different industries — banking, shale oil, and electrical — to which she always brought her never ending spirit and good nature.

After retiring, Arda and Bud packed up their RV to make road trips across the US and Canada. They traveled throughout the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territory and drove almost every road in that area. They also made

several trips through the Inland Passage on the Alaskan Ferries. They made a couple of trips overseas to Europe - visiting and traveling through Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Arda is survived by four children, Steven Harp and his wife Kathy of Fruita, Colorado; Ed Harp and his wife Lori of Orlando, Florida; Carla Galloway and her husband Jon of Grand Junction, Colorado; and Paula Burress of Falls Church, Virginia. Five grandchildren, Alicia Watt and her husband J.C.; Lindsey Leone and her husband John; Abbey Schmalz and her husband Dan; Jenny Harp, and Michelle Harp. Six great-grandchildren, Anthony,

Avery, Tyler, Reese, Noah and Olivia, and one great-great-granddaughter Olivia Rae.

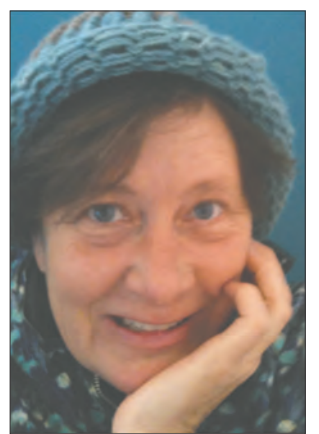
In addition to her parents, Arda is preceded in death by her siblings: brothers Lamar, Dean, and Myron and sisters Elaine, Evelyn, and Iris.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery in Meeker, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Walbridge Memorial Wing in Meeker.

Arda will be very missed not only by her family, but by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Rest in peace Grandma, we love you.

# FUNERAL NOTICES

## Rosemary Brown

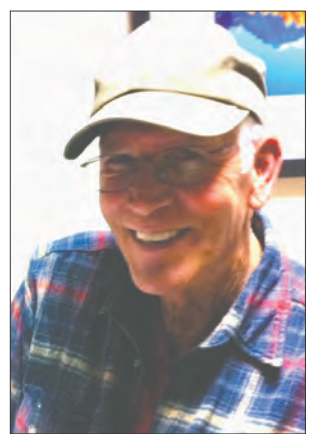


Rosemary Brown

There will be a memorial service for Rosemary Brown of Meeker on Friday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. at the LDS Church (903 3rd St.)

A full obituary will follow next week.

## Gerald 'Gary' Stewart



Gary Stewart

Gerald "Gary" Stewart passed peacefully at Pioneers Medical Center. Please join the family for a celebration of life at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at the park by the river. Please dress casually in your best flannel. If we have inclement weather, an alternate location will be held at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall 2.

ents: Frank and Jane Lancaster, Don and Laurel Polley and Wallace Powell, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life for Jeremy is planned for Sept. 27, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Cedar Ridges Golf course. As per his last request, his family will spread his ashes up above Meeker and at the Dinosaur Cemetery at a later date.

He will always be loved, never forgotten and forever missed by family and friends. Donations can be made to the Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation in memory of Jeremy at any Bank of the San Juans locations or online at [www.bleedgreenlancaster17.team/jeremy](http://www.bleedgreenlancaster17.team/jeremy).

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## Jeremy Len Lancaster

May 14, 1971 ~ Aug. 30, 2025



Jeremy Lancaster

Jeremy Len Lancaster passed away on Aug. 30, 2025, at the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City, Utah following a short illness of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). He was 54 years old.

Jeremy was born in Rangely, Colorado, on May 14, 1971 to Terry and Christy Lancaster. His

Dad was in the Marine Corps and stationed at Camp Pendleton for his first two and a half years of life. That was also where he first became a big brother when his sister Laurel was born there. He grew up in Rangely and enjoyed spending time during his younger years on his Grandpa Don's farm playing with his Uncle Rodger, cousin Derrin and his sisters Laurel and Lendy. He graduated from Rangely High School in 1989 alongside his best friends and cousins Derrin and Amorette. During his school years he was active in sports. Baseball was his favorite. Jeremy earned All-Conference Honors as well as the Golden Glove Award and the Most Valuable Player Award in High School. He was voted Student Body President and Prom King his senior year. He also participated in Future Business Leaders of America where he campaigned for State FBLA President speaking at large conferences in Denver. Jeremy worked during his senior year at our local bank.

After the Marine Corps Jeremy settled in Rangely and worked at the Conoco station for his Dad before moving to Nevada and working in an open pit mine. He returned to Rangely and was employed at Deserado Mine while attending the Law Enforcement Academy at Colorado Northwestern Community College. Soon after, he began his career in Law Enforcement as a patrol officer for the Town of Rangely and also a Sheriff's Deputy for Rio Blanco County. He served on the Rangely Volunteer Fire Department—some of that time as the Fire Chief. Jeremy eventually relocated to Grand Junction and initially went to work as a safety repre-

sentative in the oilfield. He later began working at the Dodge dealership where he was one of their top salesmen. He started officiating football and baseball games in Grand Junction and the surrounding area which brought him back to his hometown on many occasions. Jeremy came home to Rangely in April 2025 and worked at True Value Hardware until becoming the Assistant Manager at the Tractor Supply store where he helped get the store up and running.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Terry and Christy Lancaster of Rangely, Colorado; two sisters: Laurel Lancaster (Erik) of Santaquin, Utah, and Lendy Lancaster of Rangely, Colorado; three children: daughter Rylie Orozco (Eli) of Maitland, Florida, son Gavin Lancaster of Grand Junction, Colorado, and son Grant Lancaster of Grand Junction, Colorado; and two granddaughters: Charlotte and Alora of Mateland, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his grandpar-

ents: Frank and Jane Lancaster, Don and Laurel Polley and Wallace Powell, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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### A eulogy from Jeremy Lancaster's daughter, Rylie

While no words can fully capture who he was, we can hold onto the love, laughter, and memories he left behind.

Dad was a man who lived fully and gave fully. He was funny, always ready with a joke or a laugh, and he never missed a chance to brighten someone's day. He loved his family more than anything and worked hard to provide for us and to set an example of strength and commitment.

He lived a life of service and community. Over the years, he wore many hats—he served as a fireman, a sheriff for Rio Blanco County, and a proud Marine. He was an umpire who loved the game, a softball player in my early years, and a proud supporter when my brothers were on the baseball field. Wherever he went, he gave his time, his energy, and his heart.

He was survived by his three children: myself, Rylie Jo Lancaster, along with my daughters Charlotte and Alora and my husband Eli Orozco; my brothers Gavin Len Lancaster and Grant Lancaster. He is also survived by his loving parents, Christy and Terry Lancaster, and his sisters, Laurel and Lendy Lancaster; nieces Rachel Charlesworth and her family of four, Madeline Pain and her family of five, nephew Caleb, Carrie, Gracie and her son, Hayden. He was truly a family man through and through.

What stands out most about my dad is how much he loved people. He had a gift for making friends wherever he went, for turning strangers into companions, and for always finding a way to connect. He was never too busy for a laugh, never too proud to lend a hand, and never too distant to remind you that you mattered.

Dad was many things to many people—a Marine, a teammate, a friend, a son, a brother—but to us, he was simply Dad. The man who cheered us on, taught us to work hard, and showed us that life is better when it's filled with laughter.

Though we will miss him deeply, his spirit lives on—in the sound of a ball hitting a glove, in the laughter of his grandchildren, in the lessons he instilled in us, and in the countless stories his friends and family will continue to share.

Thank you, Dad, for the love, the laughter, and the life you gave us. We love you, we miss you, and we'll carry you in our hearts always.

Rylie Lancaster Orozco  
Maitland, Florida

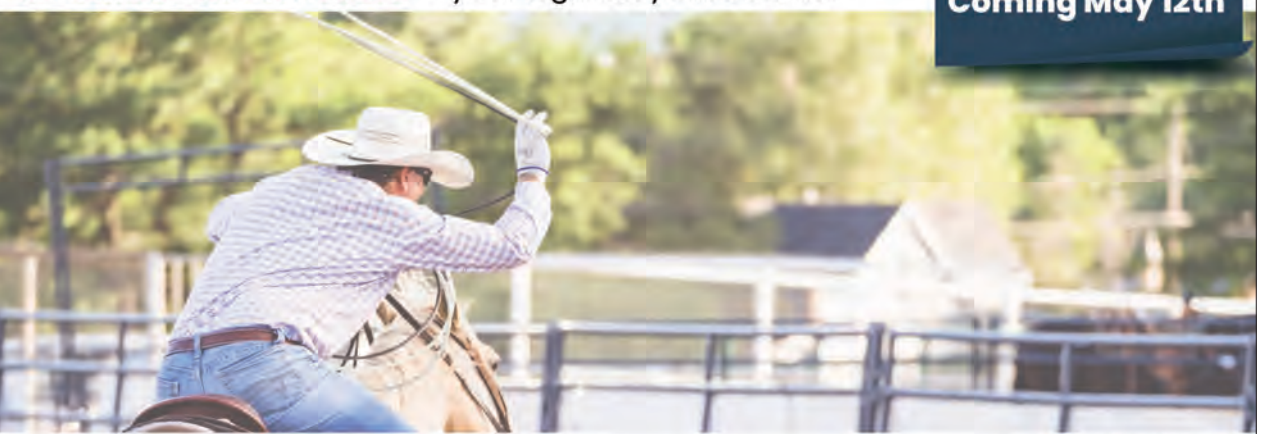


Jeremy Lancaster with his granddaughter.

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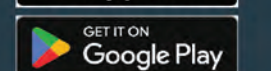
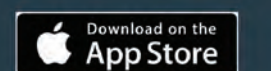
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  - Dwarf buffalo
  - "On Golden Pond" bird
  - Isolated
  - Atomizer output
  - Enthusiasm
  - Pueblo people, pl.
  - \*Pre-game party (2 words)
  - Doomsayer's sign
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  - Assess pro rata
  - Lorraine's neighbor
  - Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
  - Temporary stay
  - Chicago's Navy \_\_\_\_, tourist destination
  - \*Popular fall spectator sport
  - Hutu's opponents, 1994
  - Quinceañera or bat mitzvah
  - Biblical captain
  - Rocky ridge
  - Having wings
  - Russian parliament
  - Diamond or ruby
  - An affirmative
  - Dog command

- DOWN**
- Cameron, to friends
  - The Fonz: "Sit \_\_\_\_!"
  - Civil rights icon Parks
  - Richard Wright's "\_\_\_\_ Son"
  - Relating to mole
  - Whatever rocks them!
  - "Green Gables" protagonist
  - Walking helper
  - Smiley face
  - "\_\_\_\_ Now or Never"
  - Smooth, in music
  - Before appearance of life, geology
  - \*Patch purchase
  - \_\_\_\_ Hop dance
  - Ewe's mate
  - \*Like air in fall
  - Keyboard key
  - Introduction to economics
  - Twelve angry men, e.g.
  - Carl Jung's inner self
  - Indifferent to emotions
  - Type of probe
  - \*Leaf collector
  - R&R stop
  - \*Bushels of apples, e.g.
  - Impromptu
  - Over the top, in text
  - Time for an egg hunt
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  - Bridal veil fabric
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

555 Garfield Street Meeker, CO 81641  
Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.  
Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/hiv-krde-yoj>

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Borchard will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome of Guests
- Approval of Agenda
- District Celebrations: Student Celebrations: Staff Recognition: General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes) Public/Committee Reports: DAC, MEF, BOCES/SAC, DLT, Employee Council Principal Reports: MES, BMS, MHS Superintendent Report: 20250922 Board Meeting Report Consent Agenda:
  - Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 18, 2025
  - Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on September 2, 2025
  - Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on September 8, 2025
  - Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for August 2025

Action Items:

- Personnel:
  - Approval: Chad Luce (Certified Substitute), Amanda Smith (Certified and Classified Substitute)
- Approval: 2025-2026 Superintendent Goals
- Approval: Policy Second Reading - 20250818 CASB Policy Update
- Approval: Resolution for Emergency Policy Adoption - Senate Bill 25-276 Other BOE Information:
  - Policy Discussion (1st Reading) - 20250820 CASB Special Policy Update
    - JRA/JRC - Student Records/Release of Information on Students
    - KLG & KLG-R - Relations with State and Federal Agencies
  - Assessments (Policy IK) - Annual Assessment Data Report
  - Finance (Policy Group DB)
    - FY26 Revenue & Student Count
    - Uses of General Fund balance
    - Uses of Bond Fund interest
  - School Board Best Practices (Policy BBA)
    - Meeker BOE self evaluation form
    - BOE discussion/training topics
  - Community Survey Action Plan (Policy KCB & ADA)
    - Executive Session (if needed): Adjournment: Published: September 18, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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**TOWN OF RANGELY AGENDA**

Budget Worksession - 5:30pm  
September 23rd, 2025 - 7:00pm  
Town of Rangely Council Chambers  
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
Ron Granger, Mayor  
Andy Shaffer, Mayor ProTem  
Todd Thayne, trustee

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**Request for Proposals**

Request for Proposals for the Rangely Chamber of Commerce to receive an additional \$20,000.00 contribution for 2025. Informational Items

- CNCC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Sept 27th, 2025 4pm
- Rare Pitch Competition Sept 29th, 2025 Board Vacancies
- RDAR/DC
- Scheduled Announcements
- Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 9th, 2025, at 11:00 am in Meeker
- Giant Slep Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 11th, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for September 2025
- Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 16th, 2025, at 6:15 pm
- Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 16th, 2025, at 12:00 noon
- Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 18th, 2025, at 12:30 noon
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**Request for Proposals**

Request for Proposals for the Rangely Chamber of Commerce to receive an additional \$20,000.00 contribution for 2025. Informational Items

- CNCC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Sept 27th, 2025 4pm
- Rare Pitch Competition Sept 29th, 2025 Board Vacancies
- RDAR/DC
- Scheduled Announcements
- Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 9th, 2025, at 11:00 am in Meeker
- Giant Slep Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 11th, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for September 2025
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

2025, at 6:30 pm  
I. Rangely District Hospital Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 25 th , 2025, at 6:00 pm m. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for October 9th, 2025, at 7:00 am  
17. Adjournment  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Rio Blanco County Annex 17497 State Highway 64 Rangely, Colorado 81648  
Tentative Meeting Agenda  
September 23, 2025  
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel at: <http://youtube.com/c/RioBlancoCountyColorado>  
If you would like to participate in this meeting and are unable to travel to Rangely, we will be having a virtual link to the meeting set up in Meeker at the Historic Courthouse located at 555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Meeker, Colorado.  
I. Call to Order 11:00 AM.  
a) Pledge of Allegiance.  
b) Public Comment Period: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views. To ensure there is adequate public comment time, please provide your name and address prior to the meeting by contacting the Board assistant at (970) 878-9683. If any member of the public would like to comment at this time, please state your name and address for the record.  
c) This is a tentative agenda which includes all information available as of September 15, 2025. The final tentative agenda will be posted at the RBC Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO, and at the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main St., Rangely.  
d) Consideration of the approval of the September 23, 2025 Agenda including any changes.  
II. Consent:  
a) Move to approve the below listed items of the Consent Agenda.  
b) Consideration of the Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2025.  
c) Consideration of the Special Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2025.  
d) Consideration of the September 12, 2025 Payroll Management Reports.  
III. Business:  
a) Interview with Derek Nielsen for County Fair Board and consideration of appointment. @ 11:00  
b) Consideration of approving a Financial Statement Management Representation Letter, from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Paul D. Miller, CPA, LLC for the audit of Rio Blanco County Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024.  
c) Consideration of approving the Financial Assurance Certification, from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment stating that the County has complied with all landfill requirements for the Solid Waste Landfills as of December 31, 2024.  
d) Consideration of approving the Representation Letter – Applying Agreed-upon Procedures, from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to Paul D. Miller, CPA, LLC for the Solid Waste Landfill as of December 31, 2024. - Being Sent from Paul Miller  
e) Consideration of the 2024 FY CDOT Audit Certification Form  
f) Consideration of the approval of hiring a Budget and Finance Director.  
g) Consideration of granting permission to fill the fleet assistant position upon opening at the beginning of October.  
h) Consideration of approving the bid award and Contract for the 2025 Sand Salt Mix product to (name TBD).  
i) Consideration of a letter to the Town of Meeker approving Hangers West, LLC to connect to the water service line located at the Rio Blanco County Meeker Airport (Coulter Field – EEO, for the purpose of installing four (4) water taps to serve their new hangar development with domestic water service.  
j) Consideration of sending a letter requesting long term recovery funds for Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), due to the Lee and Elk fire damage.  
IV. Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and Convene as the Board of Social Services @ 12:30.  
V. Adjourn as the Board of Social Services and Re-Convene as the Board of County Commissioners.  
VI. Resolutions:  
VII. Public Hearing: None  
VIII. Other Business  
a) County Administrator Update  
b) County Commissioners Updates  
IX. Adjourn.  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2025 in Meeker, Colorado. If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9575 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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cash, \$75.00  
Networking of the Rockies: IT Support, \$1,250.00  
Orkin: Pest Control, \$184.00  
Rio Blanco County Fleet Dept.: Fuel, \$478.12  
Rio Blanco Herald Times: Publish Accts. Payable, \$17.97  
Streamline: Website Maint., \$200.00  
Town of Meeker: Water Svc., \$40.10  
UNCC: Locates, \$1.55  
Valley Hardware: Misc. Supplies, \$57.98  
Von Flue Auto Parts: Vehicle Supplies, \$29.97  
Watt's Ranch Market: Misc. Supplies, \$29.25  
Wes Moody: Maint. Of sludge property, \$840.00  
WR Distributing: Bottled water, \$54.50  
WREA: Electric Svc., \$5,089.58  
Your Parts Haus Corp: Auto parts, \$34.65  
Total Accounts Payable, \$75,148.67  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE TREE & BUSH TRIMMING

In order to create a clear operation area for all Town maintenance equipment along all streets within the Town, all trees, tree branches and other objects which are causing visual obstruction at intersections must be removed to permit the safe operation of Town equipment and promote the safe movement of vehicular traffic. The clear zone and/or obstructed intersections must be cleared by the property owner by October 15, 2025, prior to commencement of the Town Public Works Department clearing operations. More information may be obtained at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Mandi Etheridge, Administrator  
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### TOWN OF RANGELY CHECK REGISTER

August-25  
AMOUNT DESCRIPTION  
ACTIVE 911 INC, 810.00, Expenses  
AFLAC, 254.51, Payroll Deduction  
ALL COPY, 1192.16, Expenses  
ALLEN, SARAH, 116.77, Expenses  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 56.85, Expenses  
ANIMAL CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES LLC, 78.13, Expenses  
AT & T MOBILITY, 200.20, Communication  
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, 3598.20, Expenses  
BASIN TRANSMISSION & ENGINE EXCHANGE, 7650.00, Expenses  
BLUE MOUNTAIN INN & SUITES LLC, 218.00, Expenses  
BOLTON CONSTRUCTION LLC, 80782.07, Expenses  
BUCIGONZALES, LUIS FELIPE, 172.78, Expenses  
BURR, BRADLEY, 40.00, Expenses  
CALDWELL, JEANNIE, 40.00, Expenses  
CANNON LAW OFFICE, 2550.00, Attorney  
CANYON PINTADO VETERINARY CLINIC, 1192.42, Services  
CASELLE INC, 1771.00, Software Support  
CEBT, 42990.31, Health Insurance  
CENTRYLINK, 1471.12, Communication  
CF INVESTORS PARTNERSHIP LLP, 4391.37, Expenses  
CIMARRON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC, 115.00, Communication  
CIRSA, 279.90, Expenses  
CO STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMIS, 500.00, Expenses  
COLOCPA SERVICES INC, 70.00, Expenses  
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, 84.67, Expenses  
COX, MARYBEL, 40.00, Expenses  
DENNY, GARY, 80.00, Expenses  
DIRECTV, 547.50, WRV Expenses  
DOTSON, KEVIN, 3333.34, Colo Welcome Center Mngr  
DUCEY'S ELECTRIC, 800.00, Expenses  
ELAM, ROBERT, 200.00, Council Stipend  
EMPOWER RETIREMENT LLC, 22323.44, Payroll Deduction  
FEDERAL EXPRESS, 125.52, Expenses  
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #1116, 764.00, Expenses  
FILLENWORTH, DAVID & MICHELLE, 84.88, Expenses  
FIRST BANKCARD, 4993.88, Expenses  
FPPA, 1137.98, PD Insurance  
GALLS, 109.78, Expenses  
GONZALES, ABRIANNAH, 120.34, Expenses  
GRANGER, RONALD, 300.00, Council Stipend  
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, 704.17, Communication  
GREEN ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, 117.00, Expenses  
GROUND ENGINEERING, 7000.00, Expenses  
HACH, 172.35, Expenses  
HAMBLIN, TIRYNN, 40.00, Expenses  
INTELLICHOICE INC, 2816.02, Expenses  
ITRON INC, 11443.39, Expenses  
LEBLEU, DYLAN, 50.00, Expenses  
LOWES, 220.36, Expenses  
MAIL SERVICES, 931.32, Expenses  
MESA PLANNING & DESIGN LLC, 12355.00, Expenses  
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSN, 24033.98, Electricity  
MORGAN, MICHAEL SHAWN, 200.00, Council Stipend  
MOUNTAIN STATES PIPE & SUPPLY, 9645.40, Expenses  
MULLEN, JOCELYN, 40.00, Expenses  
NETWORKS UNLIMITED INC, 3331.61, Support/Services  
NORTHWEST PLUMBING & HEATING, 989.31, Expenses  
ORKIN PEST CONTROL, 504.28, Expenses  
PATCH, NORRAH, 197.13, Expenses  
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses  
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 2753.34, Insurance  
POTTER, JESSICA, 228.55, Expenses  
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH OF NWCO LLC, 1294.79, Expenses  
PURCHASE POWER, 325.00, Postage  
QUILL CORPORATION, 241.31, Expenses  
RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 582.66, Expenses  
RANGELY COMMUNITY GARDENS, 900.00, Expenses  
HARDWARE, 3733.25, Expenses  
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 19400.33, Sales Tax Funding  
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 4433.00, Services  
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 7857.95, Utilities  
RICHENS, JAMIE, 66.54, Expenses  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 27644.74, Expenses  
SBT INTERNET, 45.00, Internet Services  
SENERGY PETROLEUM LLC, 809.05, Services  
SEWELL, WENDY, 1405.83, Expenses  
SHAWFFER, ANDREW, 200.00, Council Stipend  
SIMS, TERESA, 150.00, Judges Fee  
SMITH, CAROLINE, 122.40, Expenses  
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANIES, 860.59, Life Insurance  
SUMMIT ENERGY LLC, 5,181.31, Gas

Transmission/Transport  
THAYN, TODD, 200.00, Council Stipend  
TIMBER LINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL, 17291.35, Expenses  
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, 2637.24, Post Reimbursement  
TRANJUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 76.80, Services USA  
BLUEBOOK, 4520.06, Services  
VERIZON WIRELESS, 871.14, Communication  
VERNAL WINNELSON CO, 248.08, Expenses  
WEBBER, TIMOTHY, 200.00, Council Stipend  
WEX BANK, 6314.27, Fuel  
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 353.69, Expenses  
WILCZEK, KAREN, 600.00, Judges Fee  
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 103.75, Expenses  
WREN, KYLE, 200.00, Council Stipend  
TOTAL 372,606.46  
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### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION 1-13-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3)C.R.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Rangely Junior College District, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on November 4, 2025 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13-513(6), C.R.S.  
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
Lonnie Tolley 4 year term until November, 2029  
Lisa Piering 4 year term until November, 2029  
Linda C. Gordon  
Contact Person: Linda C. Gordon  
Telephone: 970-629-1116  
Address: P.O. Box 375, Rangely, CO 81648  
Published: September 18 and 25, 2025  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION BY CONSOLIDATED NOTICE CASE: 24DR14

Petitioner: Macy Rae Ridgeway  
Respondent: Dakota Wayne Perla  
The foregoing proceedings have been filed and are served by this publication. If your name appears above, you may obtain a copy of the petition and summons from Rio Blanco Combined Courts at 455 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641. If you fail to respond within thirty-five (35) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.  
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### RIO BLANCO COUNTY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PUBLICATION LIST

AUG 29, 2025  
FUND: GENERAL  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME  
AMOUNT MAZZOLA, ANTHONY, SO TRVL, \$70.82  
MOBLEY, TRAVIS, ADVANCES, \$154.00  
DALLIS TRANSPORT, CNTRCT SVC, \$2,600.00  
1st RESPOND, SPPLY, \$41.22  
ACME FIRE ALARM, PURCH SVC, \$2,850.00  
ALL PRO FORMS, PURCH SVC, \$519.89  
ALSCO, PURCH SVC, \$1,170.64  
AMAZON, SPPLY, \$5,962.89  
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, \$525.49  
SQUARE, PURCH SVC, \$277.80  
CNCC, CNTRCT SVC, \$2,500.00  
CO, STATE OF, PURCH SVC, \$784.06  
CO-RESPONDER, CNTRCT SVC, \$9,744.85  
MESHELL COHN, PURCH SVC, \$487.20  
COLUMN, PURCH SVC, \$240.28  
CROSSCONNECT, SPPLY, \$48,036.12  
DA, OFFC, PURCH SVC, \$32,702.50  
DUCEY'S ELEC, PURCH SVC, \$935.28  
DUNGAN, JOSEPH, PURCH SVC, \$252.00  
EATON SALES, PURCH SVC, \$4,362.24  
REBECCA ELDER, AWRD/PRZE, \$766.26  
FIRST ADVANTAGE, PURCH SVC, \$87.74  
FIRSTNET, PURCH SVC, \$1,300.02  
FORGING COURAGEOUS, CNTRCT SVC, \$2,250.00  
HOME MADE, AWRD/PRZE, \$24.00  
KAYSYN KRYSYAL PHOTO, Other Contract, \$1,875.00  
MATT KLOUZEK, PURCH SVC, \$106.33  
MARSHALL & SWIFT, PURCH SVC, \$393.95  
MAZZOLA, ANTHONY, TRVL, \$70.82  
MEEKER AIRPORT, CNTRCT SVC, \$3,000.00  
MGM, SPPLY, \$338.50  
MEEKER PARTS CITY, SPPLY, \$11.98  
SANITATION, UTL, \$700.00  
MEEKER, TWIN OF, PURCH SVC, \$4,093.65  
CUTLER MERGLEMAN, PURCH SVC, \$70.00  
MOFFAT CTY, CNTRCT SVC, \$8,873.40  
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, \$2,919.56  
MVB-VISA, PURCH SVC, \$12,761.02  
MTN WEST INSURANCE, PURCH SVC, \$120.70  
NICHOLS STORE, SPPLY, \$21.00  
OVERTON RECY, UTL, \$4,746.00  
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURCH SVC, \$496.14  
QUALITY HEALTH NET, PURCH SVC, \$171.00  
RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, \$4.69  
RANGELY, TWIN OF, UTL, \$7,000.63  
RANGELY TRASH, PURCH SVC, \$1,429.00  
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, \$529.94  
RBC FAIR BOARD, OTHER CNTRCT, \$2,000.00  
REDLANDS ACCOUNTING, CNTRCT SVC, \$10,426.15  
RB HERALD TIME, PURCH SVC, \$198.00  
JANET ROWLAND, PURCH SVC, \$3,375.00  
SKAGGS, UNFRM/CLTH, \$1,881.63  
SPECIALTY INCENTIVES, PURCH SVC, \$439.46  
STERMAN LAW, PROF SVC, \$1,500.00  
T-MOBILE, PURCH SVC, \$124.92  
THOMSON REUTERS, PURCH SVC, \$157.50  
TYLER TECH, PURCH SVC, \$1,500.00  
UBER FREIGHT, CNTRCT SVC, \$1,097.00  
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, \$562.55  
VALUE WEST, CNTRCT SVC, \$2,180.00  
VITALSHRED, PURCH SVC, \$81.65  
VOIANCE LANGUAGE, PURCH SVC, \$62.13  
WATT'S, SPPLY, \$138.38  
WR DISTRIB, SPPLY, \$294.50  
WREA, UTL, \$10,686.87  
YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, \$434.89  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$48,203.84  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$85,036.98  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$99,192.36  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$64,917.00  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$4,682.36  
TEXAS LIFE INS, SPPLMNT INS, \$505.53

CO ST, STATE W/H, \$21,145.61  
GENERAL FUND TOTAL, \$539,068.28  
FUND: CAPITAL  
NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
SOL, SHRF CAP, \$7,056.00  
CAPITAL FUND TOTAL, \$7,056.00  
FUND: ROAD & BRIDGE  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
RESPOND, SPPLY, \$43.92  
COLUMN, PURCH SVC, \$30.36  
CULLIGAN, PURCH SVC, \$230.00  
GOTSAFETY, TRNG/DEV, \$149.97  
MVB-VISA, PURCH SVC, \$66.96  
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURCH SVC, \$11.84  
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, \$18.99  
SGM, BRKE BRDG, \$22,758.50  
SKYLINE STEEL, SPPLY, \$326.78  
WREA, UTL, \$122.40  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$21,727.29  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$38,673.66  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$48,173.71  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$23,822.57  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$3,675.23  
TEXAS LIFE INS, SPPLMNT INS, \$0.51  
ST, STATE W/H, \$9,315.17  
FAMILY SUPPORT REG, WAGE ASSIGNMENT, \$988.59  
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TOTAL, \$170,136.45  
FUND: PUBLIC HEALTH  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
MEEKER SCHOOL DIST, PURCH SVC, \$24,982.31  
MVB-VISA, PURCH SVC, \$804.26  
T-MOBILE, PURCH SVC, \$41.64  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$1,300.27  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$3,457.00  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$3,115.58  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$2,640.44  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$84.13  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$807.87  
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND TOTAL, \$37,233.50  
FUND: DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
ADVANTAGE TREATMENT, CHLD WLFR, \$180.00  
AMAZON, SPPLY, \$3,813.77  
AXIOM, CTY ADMN, \$62.70  
CO HUMAN SVC, CTY ADMN, \$2,625.00  
GARFIELD CTY DHS, CHLD SPRT, \$9,543.77  
NATALIE HARVEY, CHLD WLFR, \$1,615.59  
HCCC, Adult Protect., \$900.00  
BROOKE MANTLE, FMLY VOICE, \$60.69  
MARYANNE MCCOY, PURCH SVC, \$56.28  
MVB-VISA, PURCH SVC, \$2,145.69  
KARLI PENA, CHLD WLFR, \$226.12  
PITNEY BOWES RES, CNTY EXPNC, \$4.35  
ADIRIANNA PRICE, CHLD WLFR, \$458.01  
SARAH PULLEN, PURCH SVC, \$500.12  
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY, CHLD WLFR, \$29.96  
APRIL RUST, CHLD WLFR, \$356.15  
STEERMAN LAW, Child Support, \$11,500.00  
JO STRATTON, CHLD WLFR, \$950.00  
T-MOBILE, PURCH SVC, \$291.48  
TAYLOR CONSULTING, CTY ADMN, \$852.50  
VITALSHRED, CTY ADMN, \$163.34  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$5,524.12  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$13,215.19  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$21,793.76  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$8,211.66  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$635.72  
TEXAS LIFE INS, SPPLMNT INS, \$157.56  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$3,131.33  
DEPT OF HUMAN SVCS FUND TOTAL, \$89,004.86  
FUND: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
CROSSCONNECT, CAP OLTLY, \$167,894.48  
QYPSYS, CAP OLTLY, \$12,166.93  
STONE SECURITY, CAP OLTLY, \$8,124.31  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TOTAL, \$188,185.72  
FUND: USE TAX  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
AMAZON, SPPLY, \$496.05  
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, \$330.27  
MVB-VISA, FOOD SPPLYS, \$107.90  
PATRICIA A MURPHY, PURCH SVC, \$500.00  
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURCH SVC, \$1.48  
RANGELY AUTO, SPPLY, \$8.49  
RANGELY, TWIN OF, UTL, \$14,662.57  
RANGELY TRASH, UTL, \$203.00  
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, \$466.23  
RB HERALD TIME, PURCH SVC, \$100.00  
SYSO, SPPLY, \$1,440.28  
U.S. FOODS, SPPLY, \$3,188.66  
WATT'S, FOOD SPPLYS, \$450.16  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$2,025.11  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$5,292.09  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$9,467.65  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$3,072.81  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$158.35  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$1,159.65  
USE TAX FUND TOTAL, \$43,130.75  
FUND: SOLID WASTE  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
AMAZON, SPPLY, \$34.97  
MESA CTY, PURCH SVC, \$3,856.82  
MVB-VISA, TRNG/DEV, \$706.00  
OVERTON RECY, PURCH SVC, \$50.00  
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, \$75.55  
SIGN SOLUTIONS, SPPLY, \$1,071.51  
SMA, CLSRPOS, \$4,616.66  
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, \$186.62  
WATT'S, SPPLY, \$9.99  
WREA, UTL, \$125.38  
WHITE RIVER ENERGY, UTL, \$25.00  
TOBEY WILLEY, TRNG/DEV, \$25.95  
YOUR PARTS HAUS, SPPLY, \$19.73  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$3,847.87  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$6,615.28  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$1,336.82  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$2,252.77  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$4.37  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$1,618.92  
SOLID WASTE FUND TOTAL, \$36,480.21  
FUND: WEED & PEST  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
CO STATE TREASURER, UNEMPLMNT, \$1,095.24  
DULTMEIER SALES, SPPLY, \$124.02  
OVERLAND, MSQTO CNTRL, \$11,772.63  
PITNEY BOWES RES, PURCH SVC, \$3.70  
VAN DIEST, CHEM USED, \$13,440.76  
WILD VEGETATION, WEED CNTRL, \$4,800.00  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$1,740.54  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$3,563.60  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$1,719.18  
HEATHER DEERE, \$28597  
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ASPEN SMART NET, SPPLY, \$758.00  
CALIX, PURCH SVC, \$903.76  
ROCK MICROWAVE, SPPLY, \$1,308.60  
PURCH SVC, \$947.31  
GRAYBAR ELEC, CAP OTLY, \$8,246.84  
KPE LOCATING, PURCH SVC, \$2,465.00  
MAMMOTH NET, PURCH SVC, \$3,240.00  
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, \$920.69  
MVB-VISA, PURCH SVC, \$226.76  
RANGELY, TWIN OF, UTL, \$88.01  
TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, \$163.08  
UTILITY NOTIFICATION, PURCH SVC, \$64.77  
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, \$138.28  
WREA, UTL, \$1,832.77  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$1,373.70  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$3,267.10  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$6,380.30  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$2,551.92  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$212.64  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$727.00  
COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL, \$36,854.20  
FUND: FAIRFIELD  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
ATMOS ENERGY, UTL, \$109.71  
R US, PURCH SVC, \$150.00  
MEEKER SANITATION, UTL, \$40.00  
MEEKER, TWIN OF, UTL, \$588.00  
OVERTON RECY, UTL, \$416.00  
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, \$39.98  
WREA, UTL, \$1,404.51  
FAIRFIELD FUND TOTAL, \$2,748.20  
FUND: CENTRAL SVCS  
NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
IMAGENET, CNTRCT SVC, \$1,545.45  
PITNEY BOWES RES, PSTG, \$28.30  
CENTRAL SVCS FUND TOTAL, \$1,573.75  
FUND: FLEET  
VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME AMOUNT  
4 RIVERS EQUIP, PRTS/ACCS, \$402.92  
AMAZON, PRTS/ACCS, \$626.02  
AZUGA, PURCH SVC, \$60.00  
COLUMBINE FORD, PRTS/ACCS, \$228.75  
COMMERCIAL TIRE, TIRES, \$20,367.92  
CORNWELL TOOLS, TOOLS, \$319.95  
GRAINGER, SPPLY, \$62.20  
HUITT, GAS, \$33.00  
INTERSTATE BILLING, TIRES, \$1,363.32  
MEEKER COLLISION, RPRMNTC, \$9,914.61  
MEEKER PARTS CITY, PRTS/ACCS, \$3,561.49  
MONUMENT OIL, DIESEL, \$20,440.53  
MOON LAKE ELEC, UTL, \$62.00  
MVB-VISA, GAS, \$377.20  
NEXTRAN TRUCK, PRTS/ACCS, \$2,816.57  
NICHOLS STORE, SPPLY, \$8.95  
NORTHERN TOOL, PURCH SVC, \$1,845.33  
RANGELY AUTO, LUB, \$1,047.31  
RANGELY COLLISION, PRTS/ACCS,

\$1,409.12  
RANGELY TRUE VALUE, SPPLY, \$205.80  
SAMUELSON'S, SPPLY, \$3.96  
U.S. TRACTOR, PRTS/ACCS, \$170.23  
VALLEY HARDWARE, SPPLY, \$192.56  
WAGNER EQUIP, PRTS/ACCS, \$4,185.27  
WESTERN IMPLEMENT, PRTS/ACCS, \$749.83  
WREA, UTL, \$280.69  
YOUR PARTS HAUS, PRTS/ACCS, \$4,929.72  
US DEPT TRES, FED W/H, \$2,599.14  
US DEPT TRES, FICA, \$8,902.48  
CEBT, INSURANCE, \$13,221.29  
GREAT WEST, RETIREMENT, \$8,480.64  
AM FIDELITY ASSURANCE, SPPLMNT INS, \$340.37  
TEXAS LIFE INS, SPPLMNT INS, \$42.30  
CO ST, STATE W/H, \$2,010.45  
FLEET FUND TOTAL, \$111,261.92  
\$1,303,960.86  
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### TOWN OF MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, September 22, 2025  
7:00 P.M. ~ Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
I. Call to Order  
a. Pledge of Allegiance  
b. Roll Call  
II. Approval of the Agenda  
III. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
a. Minutes from May 19, 2025  
IV. Public Participation  
V. New Business  
a. Appointment Vice-Chair  
VI. Public Hearings:  
a. Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Short-Term Rental from Daniel & Sabrina Ferguson, also known as Lot 3, 4, 5, 6, and sly 6' of 7, Block 113, Town of Meeker.  
VII. Adjournment  
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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 2.08.020 of the Meeker Town Code, that on Tuesday, September 23rd 2025 at 6:00 p.m., a meeting between the Board of Trustees and the ERBM Recreation & Park District Board of Directors will take place as a Workshop Session at Town Hall, 345 Market St., Meeker, CO 81641. This workshop will include discussion regarding the lease agreement for town parks.  
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### COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 25-08

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On June 12, 2025, 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)  
Dolores J. Weiss and Anthony L. Weiss  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Goldwater Bank N.A., its successors and assigns  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
Carrington Mortgage Services LLC  
Date of Deed of Trust  
July 22, 2016  
County of Recording  
Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
August 03, 2016  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
312956  
Original Principal Amount  
\$637,500.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$295,619.80  
Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(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.**  
**Lot 2 Weiss Minor Subdivision according to the Plat thereof filed June 25, 2012 as Reception No. 304108 Rio Blanco County, Colorado**  
**Purported common address: 15000 County Road 115, 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, 10/15/2025, 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 OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.**  
**● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;**  
**● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**  
**● IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
**● IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

Colorado Attorney General  
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
[www.coag.gov](http://www.coag.gov)  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
PO Box 27170  
Washington, DC 20038  
(855) 411-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)  
DATE: 08/15/2025  
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Amanda Ferguson #44893  
Heather Deere #28597  
Tom H. Owan #30580  
Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155  
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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
Volunteer Opportunities  
The following Boards have positions available. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the following Boards, please complete an Application for Board or Commission and return to: HR, PO Box i, Meeker, CO 81641 or hr@rbc.us, 970-878-9570.  
The Application can be found at the rbc.us website under Elected Offices & Boards.  
• Fair Board

**HELP WANTED**

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Employment Opportunities**

**Meeker High School**  
• MHS Special Education  
Paraprofessional - Full Time  
Position will remain open until filled.

**Meeker Elementary School**  
• Special Education  
Paraprofessional - Part Time  
Position closes Sept 18, 2025 at 4:00pm

Visit our website for vacancy details & application process:  
[meeker.k12.co.us](http://meeker.k12.co.us)

ADA/EOE. Subject to change at any time!  
Meeker School District Administration  
555 Garfield St., Meeker, CO  
**970-878-9040**

**HELP WANTED**

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**  
With the growth of Pioneers Medical Center and Colorado Advanced Orthopedics Sports Medicine & Spine, we are excited to fill several positions. To see the full list of open positions, visit our website or scan the code below.



Complete an application online by scanning the code or by navigating to [pioneershospital.org](http://pioneershospital.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bingo Night! Join us on the last Saturday of the month for Bingo, hosted by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$1 per sheet or \$5 for 6 sheets. Heritage Culture Center - 517 Park.

For immediate fire and demolition clean up, road building, and all other dirt work, contact Wes Moody Construction, 970-987-1250

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**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Rio Blanco County Veterans Services**  
Meeker: POB 599, County Administration Bldg. Wednesday 1300 - 1500  
Rangely: 17497 Hwy. 64, County Shop. Thursday 1300 - 1500.  
(Also, by appointment)  
County Veteran Service Officer:  
Joe Dungan  
(970) 878-9690

**SAFEHOUSE**  
If you are being abused physically or mentally, you can call SAFEHOUSE for confidential shelter and help.  
878-3999

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings in Meeker M-W-F at 7 p.m. Downstairs at Richards' Hall - St. James Episcopal Church - 368 4th St.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."  
Philippians 2:3-4  
Five Legged Stool, LLC

**RENTALS: MEEKER**

Commercial space for rent in Meeker, 685 Main St. Call for more info. 970-220-2031

**STORAGE**

If storage units #33 and #34 are not paid by Sept. 30, contents will be sold. DKG Storage, Rangely.

Western Slope Home Care is currently hiring! We are dedicated to building a reliable community resource right here in our hometown, and we are looking for compassionate individuals to join our team. We are seeking applicants aged 16 and older who are interested in assisting those in need. We offer flexible hours and can find a role that fits your availability and limitations, allowing you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We have a variety of positions available, including:  
• 24/7 Live-in Services: \$285-\$325/day  
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• Homemaker Services: \$15.75-\$17/hour  
• Personal Care Services: \$15.75-\$17/hour  
• Skill Level Services: \$17-\$19/hour  
Applying is easy!  
You can find more information and submit your application on our website: <https://www.westernslopehomecare.com>  
To start your interview process today, please call us at 970-878-7008. We look forward to hearing from you!



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**HT**

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**Meeker Mustang Makeover Searching for Part Time Executive Director**

This week the Meeker Mustang Makeover (MMM) began advertising for their 3/4 time Executive Director for the 2026 event. This is an important and visible position for the right person to help grow the MMM event, helping get the 60,000 wild horses in captivity more attention and increasing adoption, and bringing more economic development to Rio Blanco County. The position requires 2 years of work experience in the business or non profit area and a minimum of an undergraduate degree or equivalent experience. Candidates should have proficiency in social media, computer skills. Experience in marketing, fundraising, grant writing is a plus. The successful candidate will be resourceful, detail oriented, a fast learner and good with communication and collaboration. Interested candidates should contact Sabine Murray for a more complete job description and salary.  
SabineMurray60@gmail.com

**AUCTIONS**

**RT CLAYPOOLE AUCTION SERVICE**

Live Fall Consignment Auction  
Join us Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at our New Auction Yard! 1430 N. Yampa Ave. in Craig, CO. We will be accepting consignments starting Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will accept vehicles, equipment, tools, farm/ranch supplies, hunting/outdoor gear, antiques, and quality/clean household items. Give Tanner a call to schedule delivery of your consignments: 970-756-9353. Keep checking our website for incoming items. [rtclaypoleauction.com](http://rtclaypoleauction.com)  
Email: [rtclaypoleauction@hotmail.com](mailto:rtclaypoleauction@hotmail.com)

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Beautiful sunrises, sunsets and 360-degree views await you as the new owner of Ponderosa Pass Ranch located in history and recreation rich Northwest Colorado. The ranch affords you year-round access with county maintained roads. This 35.06 acre horse property boasts a well cared for 3 BDR, 2 BTH home with an open floor plan, a wraparound composite deck for relaxing with a cup of coffee and taking in the views and wildlife of elk, mule deer or pronghorn which frequent the property. The southern exposure windows supply added views from the living, dining and kitchen areas. A bonus room downstairs has a pellet stove for that extra bit of added warmth on those chilly mornings and evenings. The oversized 2-car garage sits beside the house with a breeze way in between and the fenced yard is completely landscaped. The domestic well supplies water to the house, yard and livestock and has a backup city water cistern. Your horses will have plenty of room to roam and graze inside the well-maintained fenced property which is complete with a shed and corrals. The large 3600 sq ft metal barn has electricity and spacious areas for hay and equipment storage, and two insulated rooms for tack and shop area. The seller is including a Kabota tractor with two attachments in the sale of the ranch. Ponderosa Pass Ranch is located just a few short miles from the town of Craig which has grocery stores, banks, a new hospital, college and restaurants. Steamboat Springs is approx. 40 mi to the east as well as Hayden Airport which is 25 mi to the east. See this property today because your rural Northwest Colorado outdoor adventures lie ahead of you!


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**1509 CR 4** - 4BD | 3.25BA | 3810 SF 2-story home on 3 AC w/ domestic well, 30'x49' shop, 16'x31' loafing shed, w/ views from the mesa overlooking Meeker.....\$765,000

**1351 La Mesa Cir, Rangely** - 5BD | 3.5BA | 6176.8 SF custom home w/ luxury finishes & views from 0.558 acres. Plus a 1976.7 SF garage w/ car lift.....\$765,000

**65701 Hwy 64** - Enjoy river views from this single-level 3BD | 2.75BA | 2518 SF log home w/ domestic well & cistern, on 2706 acres, bordering the BLM. Reduced!.....\$555,000

**4019 CR 4** .....SOLD

**950 Cleveland St**.....Under Contract

**302 W. Main St, Rangely** - Commercially zoned, 3080 SF building w/ paved parking lot, highway frontage, great visibility. Plus separate 2BD | 1BA | 880 SF house. Reduced!.....\$265,000

**9501 County Road 10, Maybell (Greystone)** - 3BD | 2BA | 1782 SF home offered with your choice of land options (120, 80, 40, or 8.469 ± acres) & water tap.....\$275,000 - \$412,500

**807 E. Main St, Rangely** - Commercial lot & 3168 SF shop+office space. Auto Mechanic Trade Fixtures can be purchased for \$86,000. Real estate only.....\$224,000

**NEW! 1109 Park Ave** - 2BD | 1BA | 1150 SF Single level home, corner lot, fenced yard, & shop/shed.....\$210,000

**1058 Sage Ct**.....Under Contract

**NEW! 1129 Gail Cir** - 0.24 acre lot w/ excavation started, water & sewer tap fees paid, soils engineering report available. Ready to build!.....\$67,500

**White River Condos** is a pet friendly, HOA managed complex w/ river access, community green space, an onsite laundromat & use of a private storage facility.

**Unit 10** - 2BD | 1BA | 859 SF 2-story space, updated flooring, & 101±SF storage...\$179,000

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**FEATURED PROPERTY**



**2501 MEADOW CIRCLE, RIFLE \$416,501**

MEEKER: Adams Lodge Outfitters: Outfitting business, camp inventory, horses, truck, trailer, and base property	\$1,400,000
MEEKER: 4000 County Road 4: 37 acres, water, 4BD/3.5BA home, shop & greenhouse	\$1,300,000
SILT: 5939 County Road 233: 10 acres, 4BD/2BA Home	\$860,939
RIFLE: 3768 County Road 237: Horse friendly 40+/- acres bordering BLM, 3BD/2BA home with outbuildings	PENDING \$815,768
MEEKER: 410 Market Street: Established restaurant, bustling location, 2BD/1BA upstairs apartment	\$675,000
MEEKER: 1085 Market Street: Commercial shop and retail space with apartment, corner lot	\$650,000
MEEKER: 1287 Cleveland Street: Unobstructed views, oversized lot, 4BD/1.75BA log home, 30'x50' shop	PENDING \$595,000
MEEKER: 6255 County Road 7: 14.87 acres, pond, well water, shop, freshly remodeled home	PENDING \$589,000
RIFLE: 580 Will Avenue: 2,080 SQFT, 4BD/2BA home on a large lot	\$455,580
RIFLE: 1018 East Avenue: Creekside 1,920 sqft, 3BD/3.5BA townhome with garage	PENDING \$443,118
RIFLE: 2501 Meadow Circle: 2-story, end unit townhome, 3BD/3BA, fenced yard	\$416,501
MEEKER: 3915 County Road 10: 3.1 acres, well water, gorgeous views of the South Fork Valley	\$393,000
MEEKER: 1217 Main Street: Freshly updated 3BD/0.75BA, private double corner lot, abundant storage	\$375,000
MEEKER: 565 4th Street: Tri-level 3BD/3BA, fenced yard, spacious garage, peaceful location	PENDING \$345,000
MEEKER: 267 6th Street: 1,450 sqft downtown commercial building, private offices, conference room, breakroom, 2BA	\$200,000
MEEKER: 1200 Flag Creek Drive: 3.28 acres with views of the river and golf course	\$124,000
MEEKER: 1001 White River Road: Lot 1 in Ridge Estates, 3.48 acres, 1 mile to town	\$121,000
MEEKER: 1000 Flag Creek Drive: 3.32 acre lot in Ridge Estates, year round access	\$119,000
MEEKER: 837 Cedar Street: Large 4BD/1.75BA home on a spacious 15,000 SQFT corner lot	PENDING \$115,000

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