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RBC Sheriff's Office announces arrests in Yellow Jacket Fire investigation

PRESS RELEASE

RBC | On Aug. 15, 2025, Rio Blanco County deputies responded to a wildfire in the Yellow Jacket area northeast of Meeker. Rio Blanco County Deputies began an investigation and were able to preserve evidence while there was active fire with firefighters and air support actively engaging the fire.

Rio Blanco County Deputies found evidence indicating the fire was likely human-caused. An in-depth multi-agency investigation was launched, including personnel from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office.

As a result of that investigation, deputies along with the support of the Meeker Police Department and the U.S. Forest Service arrested the following individuals on Sept. 22, 2025:

• Zachary Williams - DOB 12/23/1995

Charged with: CRS § 18-13-109(2)(a), Firing woods or prairie (Class 6 felony), and several federal charges to include: Entering a Forest Closure, Possession of Fireworks, and removing wood without a permit.

• Ashley Renae Trujillo - DOB 10/14/1986

Charged with: CRS § 18-13-109(2)(a), Firing woods or prairie (Class 6 felony), and several federal charges to include Entering a Forest Closure.

• Jason Dwayne Ridge-way - DOB 09/18/1985

Charged with: CRS § 18-13-109(2)(a), Firing woods or prairie (Class 6 felony), and several federal charges.

• Michael Lee Buhler - DOB 10/18/1972

Charged with: CRS § 18-13-109(2)(a), Firing woods or prairie (Class 6 felony), and several federal charge to include: Entering a Forest Closure, removing wood without a permit and fire during restrictions.

• William Argul Ekstrom JR (Billy)- DOB 09-27-1988

Charged with: CRS § 18-13-109(2)(a), Firing woods or prairie (Class 6 felony) and several federal charge to include: Entering a Forest Closure, removing wood without a permit and fire during restrictions.

All five suspects have been taken into custody and/or transported to jail. At this time, these individuals are alleged suspects and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Honoring Angelo (Butch) Theos and the legacy of Theos Swallow Fork Ranch

By **HALLIE BLUNT**
Special to the HT

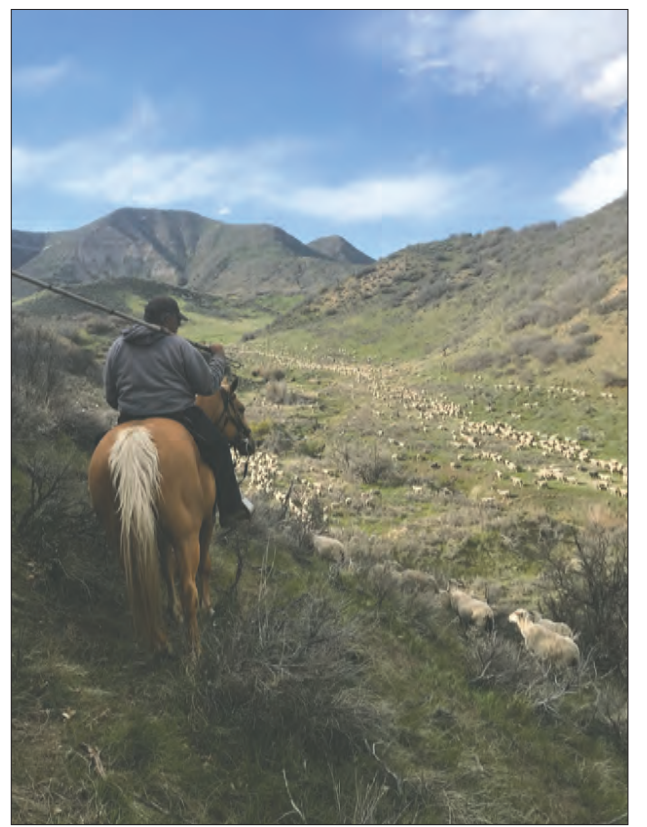
MEEKER | In a world where passing down a family ranch from one generation to the next is increasingly rare, Theos Swallow Fork Ranch stands as a remarkable exception—a shining example of perseverance, tradition, and vision. While many family-owned ranches struggle to survive beyond the second generation, the Theos family has not only held on but thrived. Today, the ranch is a living testament to five generations of hard work, shared values, and an unwavering commitment to both the land and each other. It's a story not of survival—but of strength, stewardship, and success.

Angelo (Butch) Theos represents the third generation of this legacy. He, along with his wife Karin—his partner in life and ranching for over 51 years—built upon the foundation laid before them and worked to ensure its continuity. Karin has been a steady presence throughout it all. She has supported Butch every

step of the way, offered sound advice when needed, and raised their family with grace, strength, and love.

Katrina and her husband, Shawn, have also been important contributors to the ranch. During shearing season and whenever extra hands are needed, Katrina is always ready to pitch in and help keep things running smoothly. Shawn's skills as a heavy equipment mechanic have proven invaluable over the years—he is often called upon to maintain and repair the ranch's machinery, ensuring that critical equipment stays in top working condition. Their support and dedication help keep the operation moving forward and strengthen the family's shared commitment to the ranch's success.

Today, Butch and Karin are proud to partner with their son, Tony Theos—the fourth generation. Tony's two sons, Ari and Thomas, are already showing strong interest in following in their father and grandfather's footsteps. And adding to the generational story, Butch's



COURTESY PHOTO

Long-time local rancher Angelo (Butch) Theos will be awarded one of two Spirit of the Pioneer awards at the Pioneers Association dinner and dance on Oct. 4.

grandson Brady—his daughter Katrina's son—also works on the ranch, representing the fifth generation actively engaged in the operation.

So where did it all

begin?

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Sen. Roberts, Rep. Lukens tour fire/flood impacts



State Senator Dylan Roberts and District 26 Representative Meghan Lukens toured the Elk and Lee burns on Monday, Sept. 22 to view fire and flood impacts to Rio Blanco County. County officials briefed them on efforts to document fire and flood impacts to support requests for assistance. (Left to right) Thad White, RBC Public Works Director; Antina DiBenedetto, RBC Public Works Office Administrator; Reece Melton, RBC Natural Resource Specialist; RBC Commissioner Callie Scritchfield, Senator Dylan Roberts; Representative Meghan Lukens; and Doug Cupp, RBC Emergency Manager.)

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Meeker trustees review draft 2026 budget, discuss distribution of charitable funds

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com

MEEKER | It's budget season for local governments, which prompts plenty of questions and opportunities to learn about how government budget planning works. Town Clerk Lisa Cook presented the draft 2026 budget last Tuesday, Sept. 16, and responded to questions from trustees.

Cook said the 2026 proposed budget is, "fairly equal to what we submitted last year." The draft budget calls for a 4% cost-of-living adjustment for all employees, and includes an adjustment for higher health insurance and liability insurance costs and new software and security items. Cook said a grant to fund a school resource officer has been included but they don't know if the grant has been awarded yet.

To balance, the proposed budget requires \$2.2M from reserves for the general fund, and \$35K from reserves in the water fund. The town estimates the year-end balance at \$7M for the

general fund and \$915K for the water fund. Recently appointed trustee Jeff Madison shared concerns about needing to use reserve funds to balance the budget, given the conditions at the federal and state levels of government.

Cook and Mayor Travis Day explained that having something in the budget does not mean the money will be spent, noting that most departments regularly come in under budget at the end of the year.

"If we don't spend it, do we need to budget for it?" Madison asked, noting that the general public may not understand the reasoning behind budgeting for expenditures that aren't spent. "The public doesn't see the details. They see the \$2.2M out of reserves. Maybe we need to do a better job of explaining that."

"The reason we keep those higher is if we have a really good project come in, it needs to be budgeted; just because it's budgeted doesn't mean we have to spend it all," said Mayor Day. The budget planning process provides leeway for unexpected ex-

penses and unanticipated revenue.

"We continue to budget very conservatively," Cook said, noting that "all of the departmental budgets, they're pretty much down to what we need to operate from."

And while severance tax and mineral lease payments are down, sales and use tax revenue has increased.

The draft budget is available for review at Town Hall.

Meeker resident Ed Peck shared his concerns about psychedelics in Colorado. "My soapbox is psychedelics and I'm against them," he said, adding, "Those of us who lived through the 70s remember that psychedelics were not our friends."

Colorado Proposition 122 — the Natural Medicine Health Act — which passed in 2022, decriminalizes psilocybin, psilocin, DMT, ibogaine and mescaline (not from peyote) for personal use and legalized regulated therapeutic use for adults 21 and older. Commercial sale is illegal, and the substances are still prohibited under federal law. In

2025, the state of Colorado approved the first license for a psilocybin healing center in Denver. Cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities, and testing centers, all fall under the "natural medicine business" umbrella. Only the healing centers are open to the public.

Peck said he would like to see some planning and preparation to "make it un-economic" for such endeavors to come into Meeker, noting that rules and regulations need to be in place before anyone applies for a license.

Trustees approved an application to the Yampa Valley Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund for Elk/Lee Fires, which has provided an arm for distribution of donated funds through an ad hoc committee. A portion is reserved for agricultural industries, another portion for business, and one for basic human needs. The Town of Meeker will be the nonprofit applicant for small businesses, the conservation districts will work with ag needs, and the county's department of human services is helping with basic human needs.

The results of a

Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management disaster impact survey show more than \$3M in financial impact in the county from the fires.

Trustees discussed the planned workshop scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 23 with the board of the Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District to continue discussion surrounding the parks lease agreement. Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge recommended some kind of renegotiation. "I think all boards need to consider what's best for the community," Etheridge said.

RIO HAPPENINGS: SEPT. 14-20, 2025

ARRESTS

9/15/2025- A 48 year-old male was arrested by Colorado State Patrol on several warrants and Driving Under the Influence. The male was taken to jail.

9/16/2025- A 52 year-old female was arrested by Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Violation of a Protection Order. She was taken to jail and released on a PR bond.

9/22/2025- A 29 year-old male was arrested by Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office for Firing Woods or Prairie. He was taken to jail and bonded out on 9/23/2025.

9/22/2025- A 52 year-old male was arrested by Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office for Firing Woods or Prairie. He was taken to jail and bonded out the same day.

9/22/2025- A 38 year-old female was arrested by Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office for Firing Woods or Prairie. She was taken to jail and bonded out the same day.

CALL SUMMARIES
9/15/2025 @ 9:52 am. A concerned friend reported elk hunters that hadn't checked in. Turns out they were fine-just too busy wrestling an elk out of the woods to wrestle with cell service.

9/15/2025 @ 3:01 pm. Colorado State Patrol arrested a male subject during a routine traffic stop on Highway 13. The driver had several warrants and was also found to be Driving Under the Influence.

9/16/2025 @ 4:48. Siri overheard "9-1-1" in a casual conversation and proceeded to actually call 9-1-1. There was no emergency just an explanation to the dispatcher.

9/17/2025 @ 5:04 pm. A male party was reported to be sitting on the side of Highway 139 with his legs crossed and shirt on top of his head. A Deputy searched the area and was unable to locate the individual.

9/18/2025 @ 11:01 am. An Apple Crash Detection notified the Communications Center of an accident that had occurred near the 43 mile-marker on

Highway 13. The single occupant was not injured. Meeker Police Dept. is investigating the accident **9/19/2025 @ 6:18 pm.** A deputy was taking a traffic complaint on County Road 2 when the suspect vehicle conveniently drove by. Timing: suspiciously perfect!

9/20/2025 @ 7:12 pm. A fatal OHV crash occurred on County Road 95. Life saving procedures were administered and the single occupant was unable to be revived.

9/22/2025- Five individuals were arrested on warrants for starting the fire near Yellow Jacket. On Aug. 15, 2025, Rio Blanco County deputies respond-

ed to a wildfire in the Yellow Jacket area Northeast of Meeker. Rio Blanco County Deputies found evidence indicating the fire was likely human-caused. An in-depth multi-agency investigation was launched, including personnel from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office.

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.

Get ready for a boot-stompin' good time at the Mustang Mingle this Friday

PRESS RELEASE

MEEKER | After a full day of wild horse action at the Meeker Mustang Make-over, Friday night is all about fun as the Mustang Mingle returns to town.

On September 26 at 6 p.m., join trainers,

event-goers, and the community for live music, a hearty dinner, delicious drinks, and a silent auction with something for everyone!

• Music: The Broad Band from Steamboat Springs, CO (Find on Facebook at "The Broad Band")

• Dinner: Enjoy top-notch catering from the Little Pink Truck (<https://littlepinktruck.com/>)

• Drinks: Try our legendary Mustang Margaritas or enjoy another favorite drink from the cash bar

• Silent Auction: Bid on jewelry, art, adventures, and so much more!
• Trainer Meet & Greet: Meet our amazing trainers in person!

After the delays and hardships caused by the Lee and Elk fires, this year's event is a testament to the true spirit of the American West. We are excited to provide the opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the perseverance and resilience that makes Meeker so special.

Let's sell out this event and help support the mustang cause. Don't wait — seats are limited! Get your tickets (\$35/person) at the door or pre-purchase on EventBrite. (<http://bit.ly/4gBPo6c>).

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2025 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey

Pioneers Medical Center is conducting our 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey

In order to best serve our community's health care needs, your participation, feedback and input would be greatly appreciated!

The survey will be live until **Thursday, September 25th.**

Scan the QR Code to begin the survey.

Your answers and responses are anonymous.

TOTAL CALLS: 337 — 911 CALLS: 38 — ADMIN: 299		
CALL TYPE	SHERIFF	MEEKER PD
911	4	1
ALARM - POLICE	0	1
ANIMAL	3	6
ASSIST COLORADO STATE PATROL	2	0
ASSIST MEEKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	2	0
ASSIST MEEKER PD	2	0
ASSIST RANGELY EMS/FIRE	2	0
ASSIST RANGELY POLICE DEPT	1	0
ATTEMPT TO SERVE	7	1
BUSINESS CHECK	2	4
CITIZEN ASSIST	2	2
CITIZEN CONTACT	1	1
CIVIL STANDBY	1	0
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0	2
CRASH	1	1
DIRECTED PATROL	9	14
DISTURBANCE	0	1
FIRE - WILD	1	0
FOLLOW UP	0	4
GAS LEAK	1	0
INFORMATION	2	3
MENTAL HEALTH SUBJECT	1	0
MOTORIST ASSIST	3	1
OVERDUE PARTY	1	0
PHONE FOLLOW UP	3	4
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	1	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	1
SMOKE REPORT	2	0
SUICIDE THREATS	0	1
SUSPICIOUS	1	3
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	2	0
TRAFFIC STOP	17	8
VIN INSPECTION	5	5
WELFARE CHECK	2	1
TOTALS	76	65
TOTAL INMATES IN JAIL AS OF 9/23/2025: 7		

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The combined economic impact of 6 new full-time jobs created \$1.5M in direct, indirect, and induced payroll, and more than \$3M in direct, indirect, and induced value added, a measure of the contribution to GDP, for a total of **\$18.9M** in direct financial support to the local community.

PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER
100 PMC Drive
Meeker, CO 81641
(970) 878-5047
www.pioneershospital.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Open Drop-in Community Meeting TODAY for landowners affected by the Lee & Elk Fires

MEEKER | We understand there are many challenges following the recent fires, and we want to ensure landowners have support and clear information moving forward. Join us for an open, drop-in, community meeting where staff from the BLM, Rio Blanco County, and the Conservation Districts will be on hand to listen, answer questions, and share resources. TODAY from 1-4 p.m. at the Fire Protection District in Meeker.

Meeker Food Bank food drive now through Oct. 4

MEEKER | In conjunction with Food Bank of the Rockies, the Meeker Food Bank (at White River Methodist Church) is holding a food drive now through Oct. 4. Drop-off locations are Watt's (our local Food Bank is giving their spot to this project for two weeks), Pioneers Medical Center, all three Meeker schools, Meeker Christian Church, and Streamline Realty. All shelf stable/non-perishable items are accepted, so long as they are not damaged, expired, or packaged in glass.

146th commemoration of Battle at Milk Creek Sept. 29

MEEKER | Monday, Sept. 29 marks the 146th commemoration of the Battle at Milk Creek and the Meeker Incident. The public is welcome to visit the Milk Creek site (17 miles from Meeker on CR 15) at sunrise (7:06

a.m.) to remember and reflect.

Love Meeker? Seasonal volunteers wanted

MEEKER | Do you love Meeker and enjoy meeting new people? The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is looking for part-time, seasonal volunteers to help greet visitors, answer phones, hand out maps, and share all the wonderful things our town has to offer. If this sounds like you, contact Sara at sara@meekerchamber.com for more information.

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 erbmrec.com/babysitter

Candy donations sought for Walbridge Wing trick-or-treaters

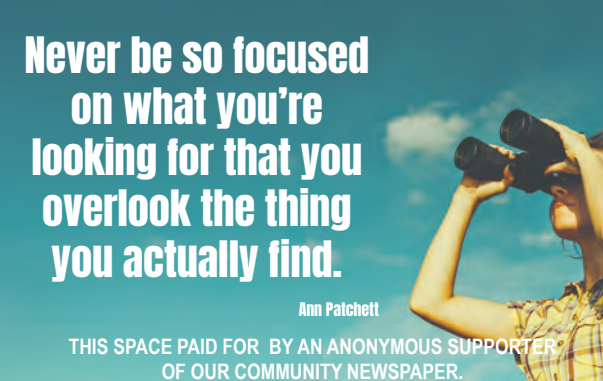
MEEKER | The Walbridge Wing at Pioneers Medical Center is seeking candy donations for residents to hand out to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. If you can donate a bag of treats, please drop it off at 100 Pioneer Medical Center Dr., in Meeker.

Submit your community calendar events to
editor@ht1885.com
or mail to PO Box 720, Meeker CO 81641.



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The Herald Times proudly supports YouthZone, a nonprofit that provides assessment, court advocacy, substance education, and counseling to at-risk youth in Rio Blanco, Garfield, and Pitkin Counties. To learn more and donate, visit www.youthzone.com/give.



Never be so focused on what you're looking for that you overlook the thing you actually find.

Ann Patchett

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Fruit Snacks Food Club 40 ct. Select Varieties	\$7.99
Coke Products 2 Liter Bottles • Select varieties	\$2.99
Sports Drinks Body Armor 16 oz. Select Varieties	2/\$3

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

You can't help those who won't help themselves

"Sometimes, the most loving act is stepping back, preserving your energy for those genuinely seeking light rather than drowning yourself in someone else's darkness." ~ Unknown

By **NIKI TURNER**
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Life is often like one of those mastery learning programs where you keep taking the same test again and again until you achieve the required grade. Unfortunately, life rarely offers test prep or warnings that you're taking the test again, you just find yourself in the middle of it.

As an adult, one of the hardest life lessons I've ever had to learn is that you can't

help those who won't (not *can't*, *won't*, there's a difference) help themselves. You can't help someone out of addiction, poverty, depression, an abusive relationship, or delusional thinking unless they actually want to do the work to change. That's really hard, especially when the person who needs help is someone you care about and feel responsible for.

This obligatory urge to offer aid and support, even when it's to our own detriment, stems from a long-held belief that it is our Christian duty and responsibility to be "the good Samaritan" and the one who "turns the other cheek" and the one who

"lays down his life for a friend." None of that is wrong or bad, but I fear we skipped over some of the lesson (hence the reason so many of us keep taking the same test).

We can offer help, and should when possible, but being a helper doesn't give us the authority to override someone else's free will. Even God doesn't override free will, no matter how hard we pray.

We offer our help, advice, suggestions, kindness, resources, and a "better way to live" (at least in our own opinion), and then we find ourselves hurt, disappointed and resentful when the person we've tried to assist goes their own way. So we get

loud, and angry, and we try to force the issue, and the next thing we know, we've failed the test again.

It's all tied up in our ego, this urge to help, to rescue, to save someone from their own worst instincts, and that's part of the reason it's so painful to let it go. It's not just losing the person, it's losing a part of yourself you took pride in.

The next time you feel that urge to put on your superhero cape and swoop in to rescue someone, maybe ask what they're willing to do for themselves. If they have no answer, that is *your* answer. Don't take the test again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bad advice

Dear Editor:

Thank you for reporting on the most recent Rio Blanco County Commissioners' meeting in last week's issue of the Rio Blanco Herald Times and thank you for maintaining one of our county's oldest businesses, a free press, recording our history, as well as a place to practice our First Amendment right of the U.S. Constitution.

In light of recent events, now more than ever we must not fear intimidation for speaking truth to power.

The issue of Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) board of directors moving from a current five member board back to a seven member board, as originally approved by the voters of eastern RBC — when the ERBM Health Services District was first formed in 2006 — was now before the commissioners for the first time, to ask if it was a "material modification" to the district's service plan to move back to a seven

members.

During public comment, I addressed the commissioners, stating "The (May 2021 PMC) resolution to change the will of the people, was done illegally because there is no Colorado Revised Statue allowing a publicly elected board, to go from seven members to five," then stated; the commissioners had the authority to appoint, suggesting the next two highest vote-getters from the recent election.

"I don't know if that was ever legally a five-man board but that's not our issue," RBC Commissioner Overton was quoted in the article as saying, during the meeting. "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."

I agree with Commissioner Overton, when he said he didn't know if it was ever legally a five-member board — he's right, it isn't legal, never

has been — five people can not change the will of the people and personally, I'm going to continue to state the facts until PMC gets back to a seven-person board, as well as continue stating facts until changes in the advice the PMC board is getting from the Grand Junction law firm of Bechtel & Santo, are made.

In an email addressed to me from PMC attorney Christina Harney, dated March 4, 2022, almost one year after five PMC board members illegally voted (please see PMC archived minutes, May 2021) to change the will of the people and move to a five-person board, she wrote;

"I do not create facts as that is not my job. I also did not encourage the Board one way or another regarding this decision. In fact, I did not even advise the Board to hold a vote on this issue. The Board decided to hold this vote and only asked me if the vote could be legally done. My role was solely to answer that legal question," Harney wrote to me.

Well, I am not an attorney but a law degree is not needed to know the answer to the legal ques-

tion is "No." It is illegal for five special district board members to change the will of the voters. Full stop. Period.

Instead, Harney unsuccessfully argued CRS 32-1-902.5 (a statute to move a publicly elected five-person board to a seven person board) in front of the honorable Judge Anne Norrdin on April 19, 2022. Judge Norrdin denied the motion, yet PMC amended their bylaws April 26, 2022, two weeks before an election with seven people running for three positions — and the PMC board has been operating illegally, as a five-person board since May, 2021.

Now, PMC attorneys are again using CRS 32-1-902.5, to move back to a seven-person board, which legally, it has been since 2006.

Some may argue the cost of a special election (if one is actually needed) but what has been the cost of the bad legal advice we have been receiving from Bechtel & Santo, the past four years?

Sincerely,
Bobby Gutierrez
Meeker

MUSEUM MUSINGS: Letters from history No. 98

October 8, 1879
General W.T. SHERMAN,

War Department:
Your dispatch was received. Captain Payne is all right. His command lost Thornburgh and eleven men were killed. Three officers and forty men were wounded. All but one slightly.

The command was relieved by Merritt on Sunday morning.

Dodge's company, Ninth Cavalry, had reached Payne the day before.

The above is official. It is reported that Merritt has had an engagement. Particulars not officially known. It is reported, and probably so, that he killed 37 Indians.

P.H. SHERIDAN,
Lieutenant-General.

Forwarded from Saint Louis, Mo., October 10, 1879.
Milk River, Colorado
Via Rawlins, Wyo, October 8, 1879

Adjutant General Department of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas:
At daylight this morning I re-enforced the cavalry command of Major Thornburg. Indians all around us and keep up a plunging fire on our pits. All our animals are dead. Cannot communicate with the agency, but dare not hope that any one there is left alive. The command is in good spirits and we can hold out till succor arrives. We cannot move on account of the wounded, of whom there are 42, having

no transportation to move them; the stench from the dead animals and distance from water are our great disadvantages; judging from their extravagance in its use the Indians are abundantly supplied with ammunition. It is impossible to anticipate their intentions or give an idea of their next move.

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HISTORY LESSONS: How do you feed an army?

By ED PECK
Special to the HT

At its peak, the Lee and Elk fire had 1,100 to 1,200 men and women working. When a Complex Incident Management Team is assigned to a fire, they arrive as a completely self-contained unit. Tents, sanitary facilities, shower facilities, refrigerated food supply trucks, a saw sharpening shop, and a mobile mechanic shop.

A catering company is contracted to feed this army of wildland firefighters. The caterer brings in several semi-trailers which prepares food each day from scratch. Smoke Jumpers and other personnel working in remote areas of the incident, may be thrown into the field with MRE packets or Meals Ready to Eat developed by the military for function rather than gourmet. But most meals are prepared by professional chefs. Firefighters burn vast amounts of calories (pun intended) and appreciate a hearty hot meal.

As early as 11 p.m. the night before, chefs begin to prepare the next day's breakfast to be served at 0500-0900. The kitchen is in operation 24/7 serving meals for one to three shifts. There is an old saying, "An Army marches on its stomach." Wildland firefighters are no different. Proper food service is just as important as a chainsaw to the effort. Dinner menus are made up of a two-week rotation of main courses. Meals include steak and mashed potatoes; jambalaya; chicken, pork loin, macaroni, Kung Pao chicken, or taco night. Vegetarian options are also made available. The main camps have cafeteria lines, while outlying camps may have food delivered by special hot trucks loaded at 4 a.m. and served by camp crews, who are often young workers who are beginning their career in wildfire. trainees. Catering companies must meet the stringent requirements of a multi-page manual. Safe food practices, nutritional value, and menus are all

monitored by Food Unit Leaders like Anne C. from Ohio and David T. from Atlanta who serve as liaisons between the caterers and the CIMT. The manual requires that a catering kitchen be capable of serving 350 meals an hour. The total meal and snack plan averages 4,500 calories for a firefighter every day! That is more than double that of an average Disney World guest.

Many less active support-staff order a "Happy Meal" with half portions. Chef Austin from Texas told me that his personal record was 2,200 meals on a very long day. When the Lee Fire was winding down, a smaller crew working under the FDNY Incident Team was fed by our one and only Ma Famiglia's Restaurant. They worked long hours to provide three meals a day for a crew of 220. All the firefighters were complimentary about the quality of Meeker cuisine. One New York City fireman said the meatballs were better than his Italian mother ever made at home.

Cole to be inducted into CNCC Hall of Fame Saturday



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MEEKER | Meeker's David Cole is one of six inductees to the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Hall of Fame this year. The induction ceremony will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. on the Johnson Building Lawn at the Rangely CNCC Campus.

The other five inductees include Coach Paul Conrad, Diana Sizemore, Joyce Key, Tiffany Douglas and Sarah Ward.

LOOSE ENDS: What we should have learned from the Greatest Generation

By DOLLY VISCARDI
Special to the HT

The polarization across the country continues, especially as it relates to important issues that will affect the future health of children all over America. Blame it on the pandemic or blame it on the political climate that has prompted the newest increase of people who have turned a public health issue into a political issue. The rapid increase in conspiracy theories about vaccinations in general increased considerably in recent years.

Public health workers and scientists, as well, found their years of hard work and dedication to eradicating polio questioned and their statistical data ignored completely.

The steady growth of my own demographic — the Baby Boomers — was attributed primarily to men's return home from war and starting their families. Yet, what most of us didn't say aloud was that the government support of those men who came home included the development of public health and education programs necessary to make this possible.

The G.I. Bill offered the needed training and education to fill all the jobs being created in a healthy economy and the schooling they needed to seek employment.

The government discovered it was essential to decrease poverty levels and meet a growing population's medical needs as well. Development of nutritional and public health programs such as prenatal and birth-to-five health care also included helping cities find ways to provide clean water. Public schools



Dolly Viscardi

were encouraged to meet nutritional childhood requirements by providing hot lunch programs in their

schools. Schools began to provide some additional help in the area of children's health by providing training for medical professionals to help with the burgeoning school nurse program. It offered to take children who showed signs of illness out of the classroom. Sometimes schools could get private or government help with providing family health care clinics once or twice a year.

The fact that our servicemen came home to a grateful nation who wanted to help them give their children the opportunities in life they never had is undeniable.

Those babies born to what has been called "The Greatest Generation" were affected by our changing cultural mores and values. That is the reason vaccinations for so many childhood diseases have been provided before children go to school, and most of the vaccines required for entering a public preschool or elementary school continue to be required. Polio, measles, mumps and rubella were reported to be eradicated or close to being on their way to eradication. Public schools are beginning to show a resurgence of measles now.

When the first polio vaccine was being doled out in the 1950s in public schools and health clinics, it was heralded as an indispensable tool for stopping a public health crisis of

undeniable proportions. The view then was that all school-age children needed to be vaccinated not only for their protection, but the public's protection.

The decreasing numbers of those stricken, and the lower death rates from polio due to scientists such as Dr. Jonas Salk, is not refutable either. Parents refusing to let their children participate was not an issue. It soon became required in school districts all over the country.

The polio vaccines were the only way to stop the wave of disease that emptied out schools and filled up local cemeteries. The use of iron lungs to keep patients alive and metal leg braces to allow patients to learn how to walk again, was the only remedy prescribed by doctors. Stories in the neighborhood told of children who lost the fight early on, and the metal leg braces worn by many children were a constant reminder.

Today families can refuse to get their school-age child a vaccination, and the result is that more serious life-threatening diseases, once thought eradicated, are returning.

Some among us are theorizing that pandemics are going to continue being part of our lives for the foreseeable future. Maybe so, and public health experts and scientists will continue to study public health crises for a long time.

I am tired of the complacency that has taken hold recently about such laudatory science programs. Tampering with educational and public health care needs in this way is unforgivable. Shame on us!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: The oddity of human cruelty

By REMY BROUSSARD
Special to the HT

MEEKER | I have always been fascinated by contradictions in nature. Fire can both warm a home and burn it to the ground. Water gives life, but it can also drown. Yet the greatest contradiction I have found is not in the world, but in people. Human beings are capable of breathtaking acts of kindness, invention, and beauty, but also of cruelty so deep it feels unnatural. This paradox—how compassion and cruelty can exist within the same species—has become the subject I return to again and again when I want to learn more about it.

My curiosity about cruelty began not in a history book, but in everyday life. As a child, classmates would tease one another, not for survival or necessity, but for entertainment. It puzzled me. In nature, harm usually serves a purpose: a predator hunts to eat, a bird fights to defend its nest. But human cruelty often seems detached from survival, driven by choice or even pleasure. That strangeness never left me. I wanted to know: what makes people harm others when they do not have to?

To seek answers, I turn to history. Accounts of wars, genocides, and oppressive regimes are difficult to read, yet they reveal patterns in human behavior. Reading about the holocaust, for example, I was struck not only by the scale of violence, but also by the way ordinary people became participants in cruelty. History shows me that cruelty is not always the work of a few villains; sometimes it emerges from fear, power, or conformity. Each story

prompts me to ask what conditions enable cruelty to flourish—and how societies can resist it.

Literature feeds my exploration. Novels such as Lord of the Flies and Night bring human cruelty into focus through personal and emotional perspectives. Unlike textbooks, literature places me inside the minds of individuals experiencing or committing cruelty, allowing me to imagine what I cannot live through myself. This has taught me that cruelty is not just an abstract problem; it is felt, endured, and resisted by real people. Pursuing these questions has shaped how I see the world.

Psychology offers another lens. I read articles and watch lectures on topics like Stanley Milgram's famous experiment at Yale, where participants were instructed to deliver electric shocks to another person. Although the shocks weren't real, the participants believed they were causing serious pain—yet most continued simply because an authority figure told them to. The study revealed how ordinary people can carry out harmful actions under pressure from authority. Cruelty isn't limited to a few. If cruelty is part of the dark side of human potential, then understanding it is essential to preventing it.

Instead of dismissing cruelty as meaningless, I now see it as a riddle that reveals both the fragility and strength of humanity. Understanding cruelty matters to me, not because I expect to solve it, but because in studying it, I learn about responsibility, empathy, and the choices that define us. My curiosity about human cruelty is really a curiosity about humanity itself—and about my own role in making the world a little less cruel.

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Meeker Cowboys roll past Olathe, set up Homecoming showdown with Moffat County

By JARED HENDERSON
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MEEKER | The Meeker High School football team earned its second straight victory Friday night, defeating the Olathe Pirates 51-8 to move to 2-2 on the season. The win sets up a Homecoming matchup this week as the Cowboys host the 1-3 Moffat County Bulldogs at Starbuck Stadium on Friday at 7 p.m. Junior quarterback Cade Mills led the Cowboys with 151 total yards. He threw for 44 yards and two touchdowns and added 107 yards and a score on the ground. Mills also converted two two-point plays and kicked an extra point. Reflecting on his performance after Friday night's game, Mills said: "Even though we had to cut a practice short this last week, I felt like we worked hard all week and were prepared for anything that would come our way. I really owe all the yards and longer runs to our offensive line and our coaching staff. The win will help build momentum for our Homecoming game, but we also need to keep in

mind that we will still have to compete." Running back Tucker Chinn added 95 yards and a touchdown on six carries, also converting a two-point play. Chinn credited the offensive line and Mills for his success. "Every time I get the ball I just try to make the most of it and get as much yardage as I can. The offensive line has been improving every game and they did very well last Friday night, opening up running lanes and making my job way easier. On my touchdown run it was a triple option play, and I'd like to give Cade credit for making an amazing read and pitching me the ball. After that all I had left to do was just beat everyone else on the field to the end zone. It feels good to finally change our record from a losing one. But we started off just the same last year and were able to still make the playoffs so I had no doubts in my mind we'd be able to turn it around again this year. For this Homecoming game, I hope we just bring the same energy as we have been these last two games. We'll be working in practice all week so

that come Friday we will be ready." Junior Said Rodriguez had 101 total yards, including 83 rushing and 18 receiving, scoring on both the ground and through the air. Senior Samuel Conrado, junior Johnny Allmon, and junior Trent Sanders also found the end zone as Meeker totaled 445 yards of offense. Defensively, Meeker's front seven controlled the line of scrimmage. Senior Tristin Rollins recorded a sack, two tackles for loss and totaled five tackles. Rodriguez led the team with six tackles, and Allmon added three tackles and a blocked punt. After the game, Head Coach Andy Coryell said he liked how the team started and stayed physical against a talented Olathe squad. "I liked how we started that's a really much improved football team. They got good athletes over there, and I liked how we stayed physical with them," he said. Coryell also praised the front seven for their performance that evening against the Pirates. "I think those seven guys up front, everything we do starts



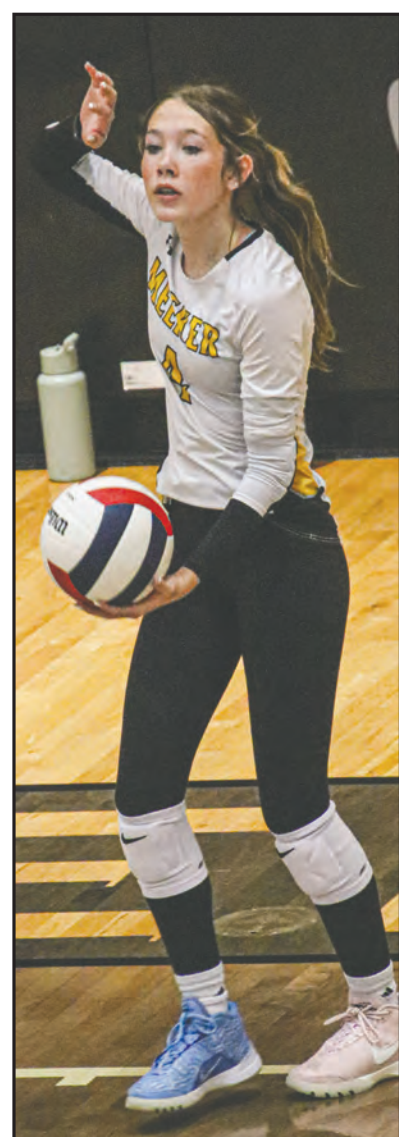
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Meeker junior Said Rodriguez (5) takes the handoff and races down the field on a kickoff return during Friday night's game against Olathe, helping set up the Cowboys' offense and providing a spark for the team in their 51-8 victory.

up front. No holes open without the big seven. I really like how those guys are playing right now," he said. Looking ahead to this week's Homecoming game, Coryell said the team will focus on incremental improvements. "I don't look too far ahead. We're gonna try to get better Monday and work on stuff Tuesday, Wednesday and keep stacking stuff together. We'll see what

happens next Friday," he said. This weekend the Cowboys will be at home again as they play their Homecoming game against the visiting Moffat County Bulldogs. Good luck to the team this week as they look to defend their home turf against the Bulldogs who will be looking to spoil their game on Friday night, and as always go Cowboys!

Cowboys sweep Rangely to improve to 5-3, eye Homecoming match against Hayden

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Meeker High School senior Shailee Rundberg (#4) focuses as she prepares to serve the ball over the net during the Cowboys' home opener against Vail Christian. Rundberg and her teammates have carried that same energy and focus into their recent road match, helping Meeker sweep Rangely in three sets to improve their record.

RANGELY | The Meeker High School volleyball team traveled to Rangely this past weekend to take on the Panthers, earning a decisive three-set sweep to improve their record to 5-3 on the season. The Cowboys had entered the match with a 4-3 record, coming off a 3-2 victory over the Soroco Rams on Sept. 13. The win came at a key time, with homecoming this week, when the Cowboys will host the Hayden Tigers. The Cowboys won the first set 25-19 and dominated the next two sets with identical 25-12 scores. Senior leadership and balanced contributions powered the Cowboys that afternoon in Rangely. At the net, senior Rylee Sullivan led the team with 10 kills, while fellow senior Lilly Newman added nine kills and finished with a .500 hitting percentage. Senior setter Jacey Follman guided the offense with 20 assists and contributed a team-high 13 digs to steady the defense. The Cowboys' serving was equally strong. Junior Sawyer May delivered six aces to spark momentum, while Follman and freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh each added multiple aces with near-perfect percentages. Defensively, Follman's 13 digs, senior Braydin Raley's 12, and Clatterbaugh's nine helped keep long rallies alive. At the net, senior Shailee Rundberg recorded two solo blocks, while May, Newman, and Clatterbaugh added one apiece. In serve receive, Raley handled 17 receptions without an error, while Clatterbaugh managed 13 receptions, showing poise as a freshman. Long time Head Coach Greg Cravens, in his ninth year with the program, praised the team's overall performance, highlighting strong serving, passing, and offensive execution. "It was a pretty much an all-around good match for us. We had 14 aces to 5 errors serving. We passed 2.16, which is the best all season, and the big stat I talk to all the girls about is we averaged scoring 16 points a set, only asking Rangely to make nine errors so we can get to 25 points," Cravens said. Sullivan emphasized the team's balance between offense and defense. "Rangely had some pretty big blocks, so hitting high hands or off their hands to where they couldn't get the ball up was ideal. Defense means someone else can play offense, so it's easy to balance it when you know someone is at the net waiting to hit. It was important, especially since

it's our rival game. It was also a confidence boost because we know what we can do together now. On and off the court, the younger girls brought unmatched energy and it made the game so much more fun and intense. Every game is important and we need to stay focused even with all the festivities this week!" she said. Cravens highlighted individual contributions, particularly from Follman and Newman. "Lily Newman has 1.6 kills a set on the season; on Saturday, she had three kills a set. Jacey Follman did a great job spreading the ball around the court. She finished with 20 assists on the day," he said. Looking ahead to homecoming and the Hayden Tigers, Cravens stressed balancing the excitement of the week with focus in the gym. "Homecoming is always a fun, memorable week for the girls. They will have tons of events to participate in. We talk every year about going out and having tons of fun, but when in the gym, it's about volleyball and staying focused on team goals," he said. On Hayden, he added: "They will keep the ball in play and play hard. I haven't watched them much yet, but they always bring it when they play us. We need to continue passing and serving well. We also need to continue finding places on their side of the court and score points." Cravens also acknowledged the role of home-court support. "To this point in the season, we have only had one home match. The team loves showing off their skills in front of the home crowd. We really appreciated everyone that came over to Rangely on Saturday. Having the boys up in the stands meant a lot to the team, and we really appreciate all the support," he said. Reflecting on the team's growth, Cravens said: "This team has come together very well. Watch them play, they are hugging and cheering each other on. It is a pleasure to watch. They truly enjoy playing with each other. We need to continue our improvements in serving and passing, but we need to find a larger range of shots to score points. We need to be much better at that before the end of the season." Good luck to the Cowboys volleyball team as they prepare to take on the Hayden Tigers in their homecoming game on Friday evening. C team starts at 3 p.m., junior varsity at 4 p.m., and varsity at 5 p.m. Best of luck to the team as they defend their home court, and as always, go Cowboys!



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Cowboys shine in seniors' final home cross country race

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MEEKER | The Meeker High School cross country team hosted its first meet on the new Ute Park course this past weekend, where cool morning weather set the stage for personal records, strong performances and the final home races for the team's seniors.

Grand Valley was the lone visiting team, and the Meeker boys came away with the team win, finishing with 21 points to edge Grand Valley's 30. Sophomore Bradley Conrado led the Cowboys, placing second overall in 20 minutes, 42 seconds.

Right behind him was sophomore Ryan Hanberg in third at 20:44.

Freshman Landon Damitz placed fourth in 21:55, senior Cameron Hanberg was fifth in 23:16, and sophomore Ashton Tapia finished seventh in 23:52 to round out the scoring five. Freshman Jackson Steele clocked 25:05 for eighth place, and senior Remy Broussard was ninth at 30:00.

In the girls' race, senior Haylee Steele represented the Cowboys, crossing the line in 28:07 to take second place.

Head coach Marty Casey said he was proud of how the team handled its home course debut.

"I thought everyone ran well," Casey said. "We had probably done more work on the course than practice, but everyone pushed hard throughout the race, and finished strong."

For seniors Steele, Hanberg and Broussard, the meet marked their final chance to compete at home.

"It is a little bitter-sweet," Casey said. "Remy is back this year, and working hard. Cameron has been a bit sick and Haylee is dealing with hamstring issues, but both were there, ready to race. I am very excited to host future races at this venue, and pleased that these three were able to help make that happen."

Broussard said the milestone was meaningful.

"It was a very fun last home meet," Broussard said. "I feel like I could have done better overall, but the finish was good. The new course felt fast and comfortable. I'm doing pretty good because I find it to be fun to pursue

PRs, run fast, have fun. It has meant a lot, and I'm going to miss it."

Jackson Steele said he enjoyed the home course and gained experience he plans to use in future races.

"It felt great running the home course. I really did like it," Steele said. "I could have gone faster after the first lap. I feel great about my finish and the middle, just not my start. This meet kind of set me backwards on my goal, but there is always Craig this week. I have learned that this can be an escape from the busy life we high schoolers have. I mainly learned this from my sister, who is also a part of the team this year as a senior."

Casey added that he was impressed by the team's focus and pack



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO
Meeker High School seniors Cameron Hanberg, Haylee Steele and Remy Broussard compete in their final home cross country meet at Ute Park, leaving a lasting mark on the team as they wrap up their high school careers.

running.

"We saw some good pack running, and every one of them did a good job of pushing both themselves and their teammates," he said.

The team will be back on the road this weekend

as they return to the road and head off to Moffat County Saturday, Sept. 27, with races to begin at 10 a.m. that morning. Good luck to the team this weekend and as always, go Cowboys!

Meeker softball shows growth despite early-season struggles



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO
Autumn Stallings gets ready to swing during Meeker High School's home opener against Rifle. Stallings went 1-for-3 at the plate in game two of the Cedaredge doubleheader, scoring a run and drawing a walk while recording four assists in the field with no errors.

By JARED HENDERSON
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MEEKER | The Meeker High School softball team is hitting the midseason stretch with lessons learned and eyes on improvement, though the scoreboard hasn't always reflected their efforts. The Cowboys dropped a rematch with Rifle in their home opener before losing both ends of a doubleheader at Cedaredge on Saturday, leaving the team with a 2-12 overall record.

The Cowboys opened their home schedule with an 18-5 loss to the Rifle Bears, a rematch of their season opener on the road, which ended in a 15-3 defeat.

Head coach Megan Kuper said the team showed progress in the home opener. "We showed noticeable improvement compared to the first time we faced Rifle. The girls competed harder and made strides in their approach, but we still need to focus on cleaning up our fielding errors and tightening up defensively to stay competitive throughout the game," she said.

Junior catcher Kayla Castillo had a strong individual performance, going 1-for-2 at the plate with an RBI, reaching base three times, stealing two bases, and playing flawless defense with five putouts and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. "I really think confidence helped me get on base and just trusting my swing to get me there. My teammates constantly encourage me to play with confidence, which definitely pushes me defensively," she said.

Senior pitcher Addie Knowles also had a notable performance. She pitched all five innings, faced 40 batters, struck out five, and contributed offensively with a hit and an RBI. "Rifle is always a tough game, but it's a great learning opportunity. My change-ups and drop balls have been working really well," Knowles said.

Senior Emma Bauer went 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI and handled the most defensive chances on the team, totaling eight. The Cowboys ended the game with 11 errors and a .656 fielding percentage, showing the areas they still need to tighten defensively.

Three days later, Meeker traveled to Cedaredge for a doubleheader against the Bruins. In the first game, the Cowboys lost 18-9 but scored nine runs, showing offensive patience and discipline.

Kailynn Watson went 1-for-3 with a double, two RBIs, two runs scored, and a stolen base in game one, while sophomore Sienna Rolan got on base once and scored a run.

In the second game, Meeker was outscored 12-5. Kuper praised the team's performance despite the loss. "That was the best we've played all season. The girls really limited their errors in the field and showed great

decision-making at the plate."

Senior Autumn Stallings went 1-for-3 with a run scored, drew a walk, and recorded four assists in the field without an error. Freshman Sophia Moody also contributed, going 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a walk, driving in two runs and reaching base twice.

Stallings reflected on the weekend: "These games against Cedaredge were amazing! Even though we lost, everyone was having fun and I think that is why we did so well as a team."

Moody added, "Being a freshman transitioning to varsity play has been a challenge, but I love my team and the seniors are extremely supportive. Even though we didn't win against Cedaredge, our teamwork and fielding are constantly improving."

Knowles echoed her coach's optimism. "We may have lost, but Cedaredge is one of the top state-ranked teams, and we played well all seven innings both games. We want to continue that level of playing into this next week."

Meeker heads to Aspen this week for another doubleheader on Thursday against a winless Aspen Skiers team. Kuper emphasized preparation and consistency. "We focus on playing our game regardless of who we face. The key is to play our best softball and not overlook any situation."

Kuper also highlighted several players stepping up despite tough results. "Emma Bauer has been very consistent both at the plate and defensively. Addie Knowles has pitched strongly in both games while also producing offensively. Kailynn Watson has delivered consistent base hits that help move runners around, and Kayla Castillo has worked hard behind the plate in both games. Additionally, our freshmen have done a great job of filling in where needed, adjusting to different positions to help the team."

The Cowboys will look to build on their recent performances as they aim to continue growing and competing at a high level, hoping to capture their next win on the road in Aspen. Good luck to the team this weekend as they take on the Skiers, and as always, go Cowboys!

Panthers struggle against Soroco and Meeker, prepare for Vail Christian

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RANGELY | The Rangely High School volleyball team dropped two matches over the weekend, falling on the road to Soroco High School on Friday and at home to Meeker on Saturday.

The Panthers came into Friday night's matchup at Soroco following a 3-2 loss to Vail Mountain the previous Saturday. Soroco also was looking to rebound after a 3-2 loss to Meeker.

Rangely fell 3-1 to the Rams, with final scores of 25-23, 26-28, 22-25 and 17-25.

Senior Courtney Files led the Panthers' offense

with seven kills and added five digs. Fellow senior Aubrianna Tapia contributed six kills on a .267 hitting percentage, while sophomore Natalie Bollinger added four kills and a block.

In the backcourt, senior Kaelyn Geer had seven digs and 14 serve-receive passes. Freshman Teagan Behunin added five kills, eight digs and a team-high 23 serve-receive passes. Sophomore setter Isabella Cox led the offense with 13 assists, while sophomore Rylee Kenney contributed six assists and two aces.

Head coach Angie Hill said the weekend was challenging. "This weekend was tough. We had an injury on Friday that made the dynamic of the

game change. Saturday was mentally challenging. I hope the girls can learn from it and move on," Hill said.

The next day, Rangely returned home to host the Meeker Cowboys, hoping to rebound from Friday's loss. The Panthers were swept 3-0, with final scores of 25-19, 25-12 and 25-12.

Hill said she saw positives despite the losses. "On Saturday our serving was so much better. We saw that we need to work better as a team," she said. She also highlighted players stepping into new roles. The first-year head coach said the team is still finding its rhythm. "I think we are working on finding our groove still but I think we're close," she said.

Looking ahead to Friday night's home matchup against Vail Christian, Hill said the focus will be on teamwork and finishing.

Hill emphasized keeping her team motivated through the ups and downs of her first season. "Midseason is tough, so we need to keep our goals in mind," she said.

With the losses over the weekend, Rangely fell to 5-7 on the season. The Panthers look to rebound Friday when they host the Vail Christian Saints.

Panther football beats Soroco 58-8; hosts Vail Christian Friday

Special to the HT

RANGELY | The Rangely Panthers traveled to Soroco for a game against the Rams. The Panthers received the ball at the start of the game and they were able to find the end zone on our first drive.

After Rangely's first drive the Panthers did not look back. They were able to continue to score throughout the first quarter, ending the first quarter with 36-0. Rangely defense caused a couple turnovers throughout the game. The offense had a handful of players that scored touchdowns.

The Panthers played well in all three aspects of the game. The final score was 58-8 and the Panthers are still looking to improve each week and they will host Vail Christian on Sept. 26.

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(Cont.) Theos to receive Spirit of the Pioneer award



COURTESY PHOTO

The Theos Swallow Fork Ranch is a fifth-generation ranching operation in northwest Colorado.

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heritage—so let's start at the beginning.

Butch's grandfather, Angelo Theos, came to America from Greece in 1898. He arrived in Price, Utah, and began working in the coal mines. While there, he met two brothers who encouraged him to return to Greece and marry their sister. And true to the Greek spirit, he did just that. He brought his new bride, Mary, back to Price, where they started their life together.

Angelo kept working in the mines while saving enough money to begin buying sheep and land.

Eventually, he acquired 40 homesteads in an area now known as Little Beaver, totaling 15,000 acres, and built a thriving sheep operation.

Mary and Angelo had six children: five boys—Bill, Dino (Gus), Tom, Nick, and Mike—and one girl, Helen. The boys worked hard and, by some accounts, played just as hard. Butch's father, Tom, remembered herding sheep alongside the sheepherders at just five years old. The boys started school in October after the lambs were shipped and finished in April when shearing began. As Angelo

once told a principal who complained about their absences, the education the boys received in the sheep camps was just as valuable as anything taught in a classroom.

Angelo instilled in his children two guiding values: hard work and deep faith. He reminded them often that all they had was a gift from God—and that it was their responsibility to honor Him. Faith played a central role in the lives of many Greek immigrants, and Angelo was instrumental in helping build the Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Junction. When it came time to

pass the ranch on, Angelo divided the land into three parts: the Mike Theos Ranch, the Nick Theos Ranch, and the Tom Theos Ranch. Tom Theos was partnered with his sister and brother-in-law before eventually buying them out. Before he was able to take over, Tom's story extended well beyond the sheep camps of his childhood. He left the ranch to serve his country with distinction, earning both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his bravery. Yet even during his time in the military, Tom's heart never left the land. He always knew he would return to the ranch—he never considered doing anything else or being anywhere else. He was even offered a battlefield commission to a higher rank if he continued his Army career, but he had no intention of staying. After the war, he came home with quiet determination and picked up right where he left off. Tom inherited and operated the ranch, maintaining its strength and stability before it became known as Theos Swallow Fork Ranch. He and his wife Kay, to

whom he was married for 61 years, shared a deep bond that anchored his life and work. His unwavering commitment helped preserve and grow the operation for the generations that would follow.

Remarkably, all three ranches remain in the Theos family to this day and are protected from future development. One can only imagine the pride Angelo and his sons would feel, knowing their work still stands and continues to thrive.

And now, we arrive at our guest of honor—Angelo (Butch) Theos himself. His story is not only one of continuing a great legacy but also of vision, innovation, and deep devotion to family, faith, and the future of ranching.

Butch graduated from Meeker High School in 1965. He attended Mesa College and later Colorado State University, where he earned a degree in animal production. He always knew he wanted to return to the ranch, but he also brought new ideas with him.

Bringing innovation to a multigenerational operation is no small task.

Butch believed he could improve the genetics of the flock to produce both higher-quality wool and better meat. His uncles, Mike and Nick, gave him no shortage of teasing early on for how small his sheep looked. But after years of trial and error, the results speak for themselves.

Today, Theos Swallow Fork Ranch is recognized for having one of the finest wool clips in the country. Ralph Lauren has twice purchased their wool—along with wool from a few other top producers—to use in U.S. Olympic team warm-up gear. As for lamb, the lamb raised on the ranch has become a premium product in its own right, known for its exceptional flavor, tenderness, and quality. Raised with care and precision, it reflects the same commitment to excellence that defines every part of the operation. You can find Theos Swallow Fork Ranch product in Whole Foods stores from October through December.

The sheep business is demanding. It presents its own unique set

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Meeker High School celebrates Homecoming this weekend

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MEEKER | Meeker High School will celebrate Homecoming with a full day of events on Friday, Sept. 26. This year's

homecoming theme is "Music Genres." Festivities kick off at 11 a.m. with the Athletic Department Barbecue, which will be served for \$8 per plate, followed by the Homecoming Parade at 1 p.m. On the courts, the volleyball team takes on Hayden, with the JV team starting at

4 p.m. and the varsity squad at 5 p.m. The day concludes under the Friday night lights with the homecoming football game against Moffat County at 7 p.m., where homecoming royalty will be announced during halftime. Fans are encouraged to come out and

show their Cowboy spirit throughout the day! And don't forget to check out the Herald Times Presents: Coffee Time Community Podcast, available on Facebook, for more local coverage and community updates.

Good Luck to all the Meeker Cowboys and Happy Homecoming!

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Special food drive for Meeker Food Bank through Oct. 4

PRESS RELEASE

MEEKER | The Food Bank of Meeker, Colorado began in the 1980's in the Methodist Church and has been functioning continuously through these last 45 years. Their mission statement states: "The Food Bank of Meeker, Colorado exists to serve the vulnerable and financially challenged households in our community with food, kindness and hope. Realizing a debilitating crisis can happen to anyone, we are prepared to fill the gap so that no one goes hungry and everyone knows they matter. Our goal is to be a beacon of hope in the midst of some of life's disruptions."

Food Bank of the Rockies has been helping communities through their food programs since 1978. Their mission statement is similar: "Our mission is to ignite the power of community to nourish people facing food insecurity. We show up for anyone experiencing hunger knowing that food insecurity can impact any of us at various points throughout our lives. The circumstances of the people we support may be different, but we never waver from our mission of nourishing our community members in need of food."

Starting this week, the local Food Bank of Meeker welcomes Food Bank of the Rockies to Meeker to

help reach a special goal. Andrea Dean, an alumni of the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship Program, explains: "For Hunger Action Month and the Boettcher Service Summit, I'm hosting a community food drive in Meeker! Food insecurity is at a 10-year high and on the Western Slope, 1 in 7 people face hunger. The Food Bank of the Rockies' Western Slope Distribution Center—serving 13 counties—continues to see the greatest need of all its branches. Our goal as an organization is to have 1,490 pounds of food donated across the state of Colorado and beyond, all organized by current or previous Boettcher Scholars!"

The food drive runs through Oct. 4. Drop off Locations are Watt's, PMC, all three Meeker schools, Meeker Christian Church, and Streamline Realty. All shelf stable/non-perishable items are accepted, so long as they are not damaged, expired, or packaged in glass. Andrea concludes, "I can't wait to show the state how tiny but mighty our town of Meeker is!"

NOTE: Currently, the Food Bank of Meeker is open every Wednesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If there's a food emergency call 970-878-5904. Food Bank of the Rockies regularly comes to Meeker the second week of every month from 10:30 to noon, at the Fairgrounds.

ERBM thanks community for strong participation in satisfaction survey

PRESS RELEASE

MEEKER | Earlier this year, the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) conducted a community satisfaction survey to gather insights on the state of the District and help guide future decision-making. Results were presented to ERBM's Board of Directors at the September 16 meeting. Current board members are Kent Walter (President), Lisa Moffitt (Vice President), Andrea Gianinetti (Secretary), Kevin Borchard (Treasurer), and Pete Doan (Director).

The survey was open

from late April through early July and garnered 300 responses—representing about 15% of Meeker's adult population. This strong response rate reflects the high level of engagement and investment within our community.

Respondents reported active use of programs, facilities, and parks/trails, with particularly high participation in community events and aquatics. Respondents also reported high levels of satisfaction with current offerings, detailed as follows:

- Programs: Very Satisfied 38.7%, Satisfied 39.6%, Neutral 16.5%, Dissatisfied 3.8%, Very Dissatisfied 1.3%

Gerald "Gary" Robert Stewart 1948-2025



Gary Stewart

Gary Stewart passed away recently in Meeker, Colorado at the age of 76 following an ongoing illness, surrounded by his loving family and friends. Gary was born in Casper, Wyoming and was raised in Meeker where he lived for the majority of his life. In high school, Gary excelled in football and track, and was a three-time state tournament wrestler with a state championship in 1968 for the Meeker Cowboys. Gary proudly served his country in the Vietnam War as a U.S. Marine. After returning home, he married the love of his life, Linda, and became a proud father to his three children Nicole, Grant, and Samantha. Gary especially enjoyed supporting his children's accomplishments in sports and activities including 4-H. He was delighted in becoming a grandfather several times over, and never passed up an opportunity to hold a baby or tease a toddler. Gary could often be found visiting with his mother and mother-in-law,

supporting them as they advanced in years.

Gary spent his free time tending to the horse ranch shared with his wife, photographing wild horses, cheering on the Meeker Cowboys across all sports, and reading western novels. He was also an avid football fan who enjoyed cheering on the Denver Broncos and delighted in supporting his young nieces, nephews, and community members in their athletic endeavors.

Gary is survived by his wife, Linda; his three children Nicole, Grant (Megan), and Sam (Desmond); his grandchildren Stella, Lexi, Max, Gavin, Peyton, Zoey, Mason, and Hudson; and siblings Reba (Bob), Ted (Gayle), Frank (Sheila), Bill (Voni), Jeannie, and Jim (Cynthia). Gary was predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Nellie; siblings Albert, Vern, and Tom; and parents-in-law Cyril and Florence.

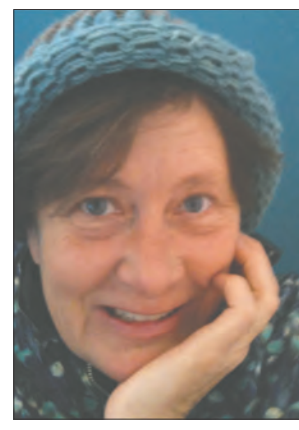
The family would like to thank the staff of the Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker for their care and compassion in Gary's final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that any gifts be made in Gary's name to the following causes that were important to him: Piceance Mustangs (piceancemustangs.org), feeding children through UNICEF.org or your local food bank, or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA.org).

website.

ERBM thanks all survey participants and looks forward to continuing this important community conversation! Please visit our website at erbmrec.com/post/communitysurveyresults for additional details.

Rosemary Franson Brown June 13, 1957 ~ Aug. 15, 2025



Rosemary Brown

Rosemary was born in Bismark, North Dakota, the youngest of five children and the first girl in the family. She attended high school in the Lakewood area, attended Brigham Young University and Colorado State University where she graduated with a BFA. She married Kenn Brown, the love of her life, in 1981, and they were eventually blessed with a son, Sean Brown, and with two granddaughters, Alli and Lillie.

Rosemary lived close to the land for most of her life. She and Kenn built a mountain home above Buford in NW Colorado, where they cooked on a wood-fired stove, lived in the rhythms of the seasons, and raised many Icelandic sheep. She was a weaver who hand-sheared her sheep. She spun and wove beautiful thick rugs on her loom using the long natural fibers, as well as other fibers, brilliantly dyed colors and patterns so uniquely her.

From the time she was a young girl, she was a horsewoman, and was particularly inclined to Morgan horses. Whether on horse or on foot, she was a saunterer in the high valleys, mountainsides, on trails, and off trails.

She passed through considerable hardship on account of cancer at a young age, and was able to transcend this and make a life of beauty and connection. Her understanding and empathy for others was deep. Like her mother, she was a habitual letter writer. She had a remarkable memory for stories and details. She was a follower of Christ and a lifelong member of the LDS church.

Rosemary is survived by her husband, Kenn Brown, and their son Sean and granddaughters, Alli and Lillie. She is also survived by her four older brothers, Karl (Idaho), Les (Arizona), Jerry (Utah), and Roger (Colorado).

Rosemary's request was that in lieu of flowers, friends/family would please consider a cash donation to Kenn. To do so, please scan the QR code provided.



FUNERAL NOTICE

James Lee Ruckman
Jan. 29, 1937 ~ Aug. 10, 2025

There will be a graveside service for James Lee Ruckman on Friday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at Highland Cemetery in Meeker.

(Cont.) Theos Swallow Fork Ranch

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of challenges—many of which require constant attention, adaptability, and resilience. Butch has worked tirelessly on behalf of the industry, serving on the boards of the Colorado Wool Growers Association and the American Sheep Industry Association. He has advocated for access to essential labor, predator control, public grazing

permits, and more.

He's the first to admit that ranching is not always an easy life—but also the first to say he wouldn't trade it. He wouldn't have raised his children any other way. In Butch's words, the sheep business is a "glad business." You're glad to be done lambing. Glad to be done docking. Glad to be done shipping. You get the idea.

Today, as Butch looks out over the ranch and

sees his son Tony working beside him, his grandsons Ari and Thomas learning and preparing for the future, and his grandson Brady working the land his great-great-grandfather once walked—he knows this life has been a blessing. And just as Angelo taught the generations before him, Butch continues to honor that blessing through hard work, strong family, and unwavering faith.



Thank you, Meeker!

ERBM Recreation & Park District is thrilled to share we received **300 responses** to our Community Satisfaction Survey! Overall, **8.5 out of 10 respondents** are satisfied or very satisfied with current offerings. Feedback received generated many valuable insights to help guide **future improvements**.

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 6. That guy
 9. Extinguish birthday candles
 13. Impolite dinner sound
 14. Division of time
 15. Forgo
 16. On the move
 17. Lake, in France
 18. Alaska native
 19. *The heaviest metal
 21. *Inert gas of balloon fame
 23. "Jersey Shore" network, acr.
 24. Move like parasailor
 25. Pick up, as in a criminal
 28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
 30. "A ship without ____," or one without purpose
 35. Paella pot
 37. Nessie's turf
 39. Sweating room
 40. Cyberspace soliloquy
 41. *Gold
 43. Foul substance

44. Ruled
 46. Dish out
 47. Belgium's currency
 48. Lands (2 words)
 50. Indira Gandhi's dress
 52. ____ Without Hats, band
 53. Sheltered nook
 55. Gross National Product
 57. *Majority of elements on periodic table
 60. *Iron
 63. Fortune teller's card
 64. Anger
 66. Saharan rest stop, e.g.
 68. Venerated paintings
 69. Acquired
 70. Beside, archaic
 71. Curious
 72. Professional basketball league, acr.
 73. Paterfamilias, tenderly
- DOWN**
1. General Services Administration
 2. Additionally
 3. Common allergens
 4. Tale-spinning brother
 5. Prosecco cocktail
 6. Position of leadership

7. George Gershwin's brother
8. Village People's " ____ Man"
9. Island near Java
10. Stead
11. Reproductive cell
12. Kind of nurse
15. The Beatles' "I Am the ____"
20. Throat lobe
22. "Lend me your ____"
24. Glucose+fructose
25. *Like Ar, Xe and Ne
26. Completely dedicated (2 words)
27. Hair color
29. High in decibels
31. Small European freshwater fish
32. Pasta wheat
33. Accustom
34. *Rn, known for seeping into homes
36. Forever and a day
38. Dance with leis
42. Join companies
45. Old European coins
49. D.C. mover and shaker, for short
51. Encroachment
54. Victory hand gesture
56. Life force, in Sanskrit
57. Type of shark
58. Aphrodite's son
59. Broadway recognition
60. Greek salad ingredient
61. Not mint
62. This over matter?
63. *Sn, element in bronze
65. "To ____ Peter to pay Paul"
67. Pig pen

MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO
Revenge may be sweet, but overindulgence in sweet things makes trouble.

Sheriff Williams denies emphatically that he wrote the governor, game commissioner or anyone else that the Utes were in this county on a game slaughtering expedition.

It took "sixes" to take out a crowd of tourists yesterday morning. Manager Harp doesn't do things by halves.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO
Meeker boys play their first game at Hayden today with Hayden High.

A cloudburst Sunday night in the region of lower Powell Park did considerable damage to the Oldland dugway and other lower White River roads.

Joe Kracht seems awfully quiet about the arrival of a new "hay hand" at his ranch home early last week. Just the same Joe and Mrs. Kraft are now in possession of a fine baby boy.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 75 YEARS AGO
From now on, most high school boys will not have to enter military service until they have been graduated.

The local high school fans and supporters of our high school will get to see their first home game on Friday afternoon of this week. The Oak Creek Miners are coming to Meeker to play with the Rio Blanco County High School Cowboys with Coach Paul Starbuck.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO
Now that school is in session and youth

are out on the street traveling by bicycle, foot-power and car to their destinations, traffic violations are numerous. Foremost in the minds of the law enforcement agency is the possibility of a child's death or injury.

Fishing is good, but he wouldn't say where! Elige Joslin of Meeker went fishing last Thursday and other than telling us how he caught this prize Rainbow and three others just like it before they broke the line and "took off," he couldn't or wouldn't reveal the exact location other than to say he caught it on the South Fork.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 25 YEARS AGO
Rangely School Board President Ken Parsons presented RHS Principal Mike Kruger with a plaque from the Boettcher Foundation honoring the school and recent graduate Pat Tolley and former graduate Chris Powell.

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office received a report Tuesday evening from a local outfitter who stated he had located the body of a deceased male in the Marvine Creek area located 30 miles east of Meeker. The deceased was believed to have been camping in the area for approximately one month.

RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO
Colorado Well Service's new workover and drilling rig has been set up near the city park and a shrimp boil and fish fry is planned. Colorado Well Service is owned by Hershil Pilcher and Julius Poole.

Mrs. Joel (Sarah) Hogan was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Rangely Hospital Administrator Grange "Ed" Eaves.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR TREASURER'S DEED 25.01

To all current occupants, owners, parties of interest, and to all others listed on the mailing list on file at the Treasurer's Office: You are hereby notified that on November 20, 2019, the Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold a tax lien on the following property at public sale to RIO BLANCO COUNTY ("COP HOLDER"):

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
A Parcel of land situate in Burton R. LaPree H.E. 177, Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 102 West of the 6th P.M., being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point 1,522.0 feet west and 529.0 feet South of Corner no. 1 of Burton R. LaPree H.E. 177, in Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 102 West of the 6th P.M. Running Thence South 40 feet, Thence East 100 feet, Thence North 40 feet, Thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
238 S BIRCH AVE, RANGELY, CO, 81648

On August 12, 2025, said Certificate of Purchase was assigned by RIO BLANCO COUNTY to TOWN OF RANGELY:
That on August 29, 2025, said TOWN OF RANGELY, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has filed an Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed (COO), under C.R.S. 39-11.5-101.

NOTICE: The property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. The sale will include the real estate and all interests held by the Lawful Holder, along with applicable fees, costs, and legal charges.

First Publication: 9/25/2025
Last Publication: 10/9/2025
Published in: Rio Blanco Herald Times
The property may be redeemed at any time before the actual public auction.
DATE: 09/10/2025
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado
Published September 25, October 2 and 9, 2025
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING CRS §38-38-103 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 §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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.
First Publication 8/28/2025
Last Publication 9/25/2025
Name of Publication Rio Blanco Herald Times
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY 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.
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Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coag.gov
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
PO Box 27170
Washington, DC 20038
(855) 411-2372
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
Toni M. Owan #30580
Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INVITATION COAL EXPLORATION LICENSE COCO106747627

Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following described lands in Moffat and Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado T. 2 N., R. 100 W., sec. 6, lots 9 thru 12, SW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4NW1/4. T. 3 N., R. 100 W., sec. 19, lot 8; sec. 30; sec. 31, lots 5 thru 8, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4. T. 2 N., R. 101 W., sec. 1, E1/2SE1/4NE1/4. T. 3 N., R. 101 W., sec. 23, NE1/4SE1/4; sec. 24, SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4; sec. 25, N1/2; sec. 36, E1/2SE1/4SE1/4.

The area described contains approximately 1,991 acres.

The application for a coal exploration license is available for public review during normal business hours under serial number COCO106747627 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, via email, at BLM_CO_SO_COAL_NEL@blm.gov, or reviewed at the White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the attention of the following persons and must be received by them within thirty days after the date of publication of this Notice of Invitation in the FEDERAL REGISTER:

Leasable Solid Minerals Staff Division of Energy, Land and Minerals Colorado State Office Bureau of Land Management BLM_CO_SO_COAL_NEL@blm.gov

and Mr. Joel Riggins Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. 3607 CR 65 Rangely, CO 81648

Any party wishing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

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NOTICE OF BOARD ATTENDANCE

Three or more members of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District will be in attendance at the following event. Please be advised that no public business will be discussed and no formal board action will be taken at this event.

Event: Strategic Planning Date: Monday, September 29, 2025 Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Where: Elk Creek Ranch Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Posted: September 16, 2025 Published: September 25, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 34, Article 35, Paragraph 3, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. hereby issues notice that an application for a technical revision to the Deserado Mine Permit No. C-1981-018 submitted by Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. 3607 CR 65, Rangely, CO 81648, was deemed complete for the purpose of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this day of filing. The revision (Technical Revision 75) allows for the implementation of a buried slurry line injection system.

The Deserado Mine Permit area lies within USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle maps entitled "Rangely NE" and "Cactus Reservoir". This area is situated in T3N, R101W, 6th P.M. in Rio Blanco County about 10 miles northeast of the Town of Rangely. A copy of the technical revision application is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall in Rangely. Written comments or objections to the application must be submitted to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567 within ten (10) days of the date of publication. Published: September 25, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 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 Published: September 18, 25, October 2 and 9, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Meeker Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to consider a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Short-Term Rental for Danielle Knollenberg at a parcel of land in Lot 1 & 2, Block 8, Town of Meeker as known as 600-610 Garfield Street.

The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, downstairs in the Board Room. If you have comments for or against the application, you are invited to attend the hearing or submit written comments, prior to the meeting, to Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Further information is available by contacting Carly Thomson at Town Hall or by telephone, 970-878-5344, Monday through Friday. Published: September 25, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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 Published: September 18, 25, October 2 and 9, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District (dba Pioneers Medical Center) Board of Directors for the ensuing 2026 year. A copy

of the proposed budget has been filed in the Finance Office at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, CO, 81641, where it is open for public inspection.

Such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Board of Directors on September 30, 2025, located at 100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, CO, at 10 AM. Any interested elector of the District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Dated: September 25, 2025 Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Published: September 25, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

1-13.5-513(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 1-13.5-513(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 for the District: Linda C. Gordon Telephone Number of the District: 970-629-1116

Address of the District: P.O. Box 375, Rangely, CO 81648 Published: September 18 and 25, 2025 Rio Blanco Herald Times

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RIO BLANCO COUNTY

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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RIFLE: 3768 County Road 237: Horse friendly 40+/- acres bordering BLM, 3BD/2BA home with outbuildings . . . PENDING \$815,768

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MEEKER: 4855 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

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MEEKER: 1001 White River Road: Lot 1 in Ridge Estates, 3.48 acres, 1 mile to town. \$121,000

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