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## MHS HOMECOMING ROYALTY 2025



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**Pictured from left to right: Second attendants Sam Smithers and Lili Hernandez, first attendants Shailee Rundberg and Trent Sanders, Queen Birdie McCaffrey and King Eli Rundberg. In front are crown bearers Lainey Carroll and Kasen Jensen.**

## Funding request for fire recovery heads to D.C.

By **CHASE WOODRUFF**  
*Colorado Newsline*

**RBC** | Gov. Jared Polis has formally requested a federal disaster declaration for two wildfires that burned over 150,000 acres in Rio Blanco County this summer.

The Lee and Elk fires grew rapidly and forced evacuations in and around the town of Meeker after they were started by lightning on Aug. 2. A combined total of more than 1,200 firefighting personnel were assigned to the fires at their peak intensity in mid-August, fueled by extreme drought and critical fire weather conditions.

In a letter Friday to President Donald Trump and officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Polis requested a presidential “major disaster declaration” and more than \$27 million in initial FEMA assistance as Rio Blanco County recovers from the fires.

“Damage from these fires and the subsequent flash flooding puts Colorado families, major energy production, and the local economy at risk,” Polis said in a statement. “This is why Colorado is asking the federal government to continue supporting the state through these recovery efforts. By joining us in partnership, we can help communities in Rio Blanco

recover from this disaster as fast as possible.”

The vast majority of the initial FEMA assistance the state is seeking would go towards repairing electricity infrastructure that provides power for natural gas production in the Piceance Basin.

“Both the primary and secondary transmission lines for electricity feeding the oil and gas industry in this area suffered over \$24 million in damage from these fires,” Polis wrote to FEMA officials. “The failure to provide immediate and robust federal assistance will result in a significant, prolonged reduction in domestic energy supply.”

The three largest wildfires in Colorado history all occurred in 2020, and the state’s 20 biggest fires on record have all occurred in the past 20 years. The Lee Fire was briefly estimated to be Colorado’s fourth-largest wildfire ever, though its estimated size was subsequently revised downward to 137,758 acres, and it’s currently ranked fifth.

On Monday, all 10 members of Colorado’s congressional delegation signed a letter to Trump in support of Polis’ request.

“Without additional support, residents could face increased electricity costs, oil and gas production could slow, and important habitat and grazing

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## A Legacy with Altitude: David Cole



COURTESY PHOTO

**David Cole of Meeker was inducted into the CNCC Hall of Fame Saturday for his contributions to the school’s flight program over more than 30 years.**

By **MELISSA BAUMGART**  
*Special to the HT*

**MEEKER** | David Cole stood tall and proud as he was inducted into the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Hall of Fame Saturday, Sept. 27, surrounded by friends, family and colleagues. David made history as one of CNCC’s six inaugural inductees, receiving recognition for his contributions to the CNCC flight program.

“Without David’s unwavering commitment, CNCC Aviation would not be the successful, historical program it is today,”

said Keith Peterson, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at CNCC. “He has been the program’s director, cheerleader, and indeed the hero that kept the program afloat during difficult times. His contributions to both college and community over the past decades have been the model for others to follow.”

Cole’s involvement with the CNCC flight program spanned the course of more than 30 years. In addition to serving as aviation program director, Cole also served on the CNCC flight program advisory committee, and most recently as CNCC chief flight instructor, a position he retired from at the end of Sept.

“I was really blown away by all of the praise at the induction ceremony – it made me feel like a hero, and I just didn’t expect that,” said Cole. “I look back on those times when the flight program was shutting down and I remember how we rolled up our sleeves and got to work to bring the program back. I’ve always had a great passion for aviation and being able to mentor and pass along what I have learned over the years. To see where the flight program is today, it fills me with great pride.”

CNCC’s flight school was recently ranked the nation’s top two-year school by the National Intercollegiate Flight Association (NIFA).

Cole’s passion for flying was inspired by his parents, both of whom were pilots. He remembers his first airplane ride with his teddy bear at around age 5. He earned his private pilot license while he was still in high school in 1964, even before he had a driver’s license.

“Flying is all I’ve ever wanted to do, it has meant everything to me,” Cole said.

After graduating from high school, Cole attended the University of Colorado, then enlisted in the Navy. While serving, he attended air traffic control school, held various air traffic control positions, and completed his pilot training. Cole received a letter of commendation in 1966 for his involvement fighting a fire on the USS Oriskany, where he was stationed. After completing his service in the Navy, Cole returned to Colorado and earned his Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology at Metro State University.

During his long and accomplished commercial aviation career, Cole held multiple positions as chief

pilot for Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 135 charter organizations and was chief flight instructor for several FAR 141-approved flight schools, including CNCC. He flew commercially for Frontier, People Express, Continental, and United Airlines on pacific routes to Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Thailand. He also was a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aviation safety inspector and owner of Cole Aviation Consulting.

In 2016, Cole received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the FAA recognizing him as an exceptional professional pilot with more than 50 years of safe piloting experience.

“I look back on my career and thank God. All aspects of aviation in which I’ve been involved, including the consulting work I’ve done, have just been very rewarding,” Cole said.

Cole and his wife Martha are both active members of the Meeker community where they live, and with St. James Episcopal Church, where Cole serves on the church’s endowment fund board and as a lay eucharistic minister.

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## Outstanding success for Meeker Mustang Makeover



COURTESY PHOTO

**Trainer Sydnee Julian, third place winner, with her mustang Clyde. Julian is wearing Buckaroo Tackhouse handmade chaps.**

By **JOSIE TUTHILL**  
*Special to the HT*

**RBC** | The finale of the 2025 Meeker Mustang Makeover (MMM) was this past weekend, Sept. 26-27. Challenged by the postponement from the wildfires which delayed MMM an additional month, the horse show and auction presented with great success. The event had its highest purchase price at \$22,000 dollars for Clyde, trained by Sydnee Julian of Nunn, Colorado, and spectators were full of praise for the batch of impressive horses this year, signaling a bright future for the nonprofit’s event.

When the organization started out in 2019 their first show had only six trainers and one cate-

gory: under saddle. This year, Meeker Mustang Makeover had 32 trainers split between categories including in-hand yearling division for trainers 10-17 years of age, adult under saddle for trainers 15 and up, and adult in-hand for two-year-old mustangs with trainers aged 17 and up.

Friday began with the youth and adult in-hand trainers showing their mustangs through an obstacle course. The youth trainers are a large focus for the organization. Just like the adults the youth trainers must apply and be chosen for the event. They have the same timeframe to gentle their mustangs, bring their horse through the same obstacle course

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## Spirit of the Pioneer: Honoring Sally Lou (Johnson) Shultz



COURTESY PHOTO

**Sally Lou Shultz will be awarded one of two Spirit of the Pioneer awards at the RBC Pioneers’ Association dinner and dance on Oct. 4.**

*Special to the HT*

**MEEKER** | This year, the Rio Blanco Pioneers Association proudly presents

the Spirit of the Pioneer award to Sally Lou (Johnson) Shultz — a lifelong ranch woman, devoted mother, accomplished professional, and true friend to many.

Born in 1950, Sally Lou was raised on Piceance Creek, where her parents Pat and Mary Lou Johnson settled in 1948. To this day, the family’s ranch house still stands, its original 100-year-old structures unchanged — a testament to the constancy of family, neighborliness, hard work, and loyalty. For nearly 80 years, these values have kept the ranch bearing the Pat Johnson \EV a ranch where the past feels present and the present feels like home.

Sally Lou’s bond with ranch life began early. At just two years old, she was

given her first horse, a gift from neighbor Gerald Oldland. She rode alongside her parents as they worked cattle, often napping in her mother’s arms or under an oak brush during long branding days before climbing back into the saddle for the ride home. These early experiences shaped her lifelong love for the “simple complexity” of horses, cattle, and ranch life.

That love carried her to statewide recognition: in 1971, she was runner-up for Miss Colorado Rodeo Queen, competing on her favorite horse, Little Britches — born, raised, and trained on the Johnson Ranch. Today, the cattle grazing near the family’s cow camp still carry the “box SL” brand her parents registered for her

when she was just one year old, an enduring extension of the \EV mark her father built his life around.

Before graduating from high school Sally Lou served as the president of the Colorado Junior Cattlemen Association in 1967-1968. She was very involved in school activities and graduated from Meeker High School in 1968. After graduating, Sally Lou studied at Colorado Women’s College and later at Colorado State University, preparing for a career in teaching. She eventually moved to Denver with her then-husband, Tim Shultz, a former two-term Rio Blanco County Commissioner. Together, they raised two children, Ty and Andi, who remain actively involved

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## Commissioners hear updates on county fair, set dates for next year's fair

HT Staff

**RBC** | In a lengthy meeting last Tuesday in Rangely, commissioners reviewed possible fleet management and replacement options as well as new software to streamline sales and use tax collection.

Commissioners also heard an update on this year's county fair from Fair Board president Crandal Mergelman. Mergelman noted an increase in participation, with exhibitor numbers rising from 331 to 356, and total entries increasing by more than 300. Mergelman attributed the increase to promotion efforts on social media. The livestock sale had fewer entries

but increased overall sales. This year, 131 animals were sold for a total of \$507,000, an increase of more than \$28,000 despite selling 14 fewer animals than the previous year. The sale's efficiency improved, with positive feedback from buyers. Comparatively, Mergelman said, the Colorado State Fair grossed \$530,000, highlighting the local successes.

Mergelman and the commissioners also praised the work of Nick Smith, fairgrounds manager, and Dessa Watson, both during the fair and the fires. Next year's fair will begin with shooting sports July 16-18, the horse show July 24-25, and the main fair July 27-Aug. 1

During public comment, Jimmie

Dearman spoke to the board about bridge corrosion, citing his experience as an engineer, and ways to address the problem. Commissioners said they would take his information to the road and bridge department.

The board also heard the annual financial audit report from Paul Miller, CPA, who noted no material discrepancies.

In regular business, the board discussed and approved an exemption to the hiring freeze for a temporary relief

driver for the Radino bus service, the need for a qualified finance director to oversee the finance department, and approved an exemption to the hiring freeze for a road and bridge administrative position to address increased workload. Also discussed was the need for additional child support services help, waiving landfill fees for wildfire debris, and hiring a recovery manager to handle grants and project management in wake of the fires and flooding.

## New brand inspection fees took effect Oct. 1; assessment increases begin Jan. 2027

PRESS RELEASE

**RBC** | After a comprehensive rulemaking process that included extensive stakeholder engagement, the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners (part of the Department of Agriculture) will implement an increase in brand inspection fees effective Oct. 1, 2025. The five-year brand assessment fee will also increase, beginning in January 2027. These adjustments are crucial to ensure the continued financial stability and operations of the Brand Inspection Division, which is solely funded by user fees and

does not receive any state funding.

Colorado's fee and assessment rates for livestock owners have remained unchanged since 2016. Since then, rising costs and inflationary pressures have resulted in a program deficit projected to reach as high as \$3 million. In addition to increasing fees, the division has undertaken multiple initiatives to reduce costs and increase efficiencies to lessen the impact of the deficit.

Even with these increases, Colorado's brand inspection fees are expected to remain lower than those of neighboring states. You can find

more information about the increases in this one pager and see the full fee schedule here. Both documents can be found at [ag.colorado.gov/brands/brands-fee-and-assessment](http://ag.colorado.gov/brands/brands-fee-and-assessment).

The fee adjustments were determined through a formal process that involved a rulemaking hearing, extensive outreach to key industry partners and multiple meetings with livestock producers across the state to gather valuable feedback and ensure broad participation.

For more information, please visit <https://ag.colorado.gov/brands>

## Rec district board and town trustees meet again to discuss future of parks agreement

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER** | Following last month's initial proposal from the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District asking the Town of Meeker to transfer ownership of the town's park properties to the district, the boards from both entities met again last Tuesday for another work session.

At the previous meeting, the ERBM board said they were concerned about the current lease agreement, in effect since 2011,

wherein the Town gave the rec district authority for park maintenance and upkeep. Citing concerns about their mill levy and legal language, the rec board told trustees the transfer of park ownership was their only acceptable option.

During last week's workshop, the rec board took a different approach, admitting that reduced property tax valuation along with increased costs have put the district in a difficult financial position.

"Our revenue went from \$3.6 million in 2024

to \$2.6M, \$2.7M this year, and we're anticipating it's going to be about \$2.3M next year," said ERBM board president Kent Walter. We're seeing deficit spending from about \$360,000."

The district's operational costs for park maintenance is approximately \$350,000.

"So I guess what we're saying is we've really come full circle from 2011 when the town came to us. It's just not a sustainable scenario where we're at."

Following Walter's explanation, and some comments from trustees and board members, the discussion shifted into possible scenarios for raising additional revenue to support the parks, including having the town take on a portion of the operations expenses for parks maintenance from their budget, or pursuing a sales tax increase or mill levy increase with voters. The town already covers utilities — water and electricity — for the parks, averaging about \$100K a year.

Both entities agreed that finding a way to continue partnership and collaboration is beneficial for all concerned. Additional workshops are being scheduled for more discussion.

## (Cont.) Lifetime of aviation achievement

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Cole is also active in the local VFW Post 5843 and American Legion Post 74 in Meeker, having served as quartermaster and commander.

"I've really enjoyed helping my fellow veterans, especially because there is a need," said Cole. "Together, we've kept the VFW and American Legion charters here in Meeker alive, and both organizations

are doing great. We even have a bunch of new members, younger people who are motivated and want to help. I couldn't be more pleased.

"It's important to get younger people involved and excited — like when I was given the opportunity to take my first flight with my teddy bear. Sometimes it just takes someone to care and bring you along to help set you on that path to grow and succeed."

## RIO HAPPENINGS: SEPT. 21-27, 2025

### ARRESTS

**9/25/2025**- A 41-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for failure to comply

**9/26/2025**- A 38-year-old male was arrested by the Meeker Police Department on a Rio Blanco County Warrant as well as 2 out of county warrants

### CALL SUMMARIES

**9/21/2025 @ 8:23 pm** There was a report of a bear that had been shot up Ripple Creek. Turns out she had 2 cubs, so Colorado Parks and Wildlife were contacted who determined that the cubs were old enough to fend for themselves.

**9/22/2025 @ 9:40 am.** A caller wanted to know his rights because his neighbor keeps taking apart his motors and snowplow. Apparently, he's living next to a freelance mechanic with zero boundaries and a PhD in "Not my stuff, but I'll fix it anyway."

**9/24/2025 @ 5:38 pm.** A LPR (license plate reader) pinged one of the deputies on highway 64 for a stolen vehicle. After a bit of investigation, it turned out the car wasn't actually stolen. It had been sold, but the new owner forgot one tiny detail...like registering it.

**9/25/2025 @ 04:46 pm** There was a report of some pigs making a break for it on County Road 75, ending up in the neighbor's yard. What started as a couple quickly turned into a family reunion. No

deputy needed, though; a ranch hand was already on pig wrangling duty to escort the escape artists back home.

TOTAL CALLS: 406 — 911 CALLS: 17 — ADMIN: 389		
CALL TYPE	SHERIFF	MEEKER PD
911	0	1
ABANDONED VEHICLES	0	0
ALARM - POLICE	0	0
ANIMAL	6	7
ASSIST COLORADO STATE PATROL	1	0
ASSIST MEEKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	0	0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	5	0
ASSIST RANGELY POLICE DEPT	1	0
ATTEMPT TO SERVE	5	0
BUSINESS CHECK	3	10
CERTIFIED VIN	0	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	1	1
CITIZEN CONTACT	1	2
CIVIL	0	1
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0	0
CRASH	1	0
DEATH	0	0
DIRECTED PATROL	0	17
DISTURBANCE	0	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	1
FINGERPRINTS	0	0
FIRE - WILD	1	0
FOLLOW UP	1	2
INFORMATION	2	5
JUVENILE	1	0
MOTORIST ASSIST	2	1
NOISE	0	1
PHONE FOLLOW UP	4	2
PUBLIC RELATIONS	0	1
PROPERTY	0	1
SMOKE	1	0
SUSPICIOUS	2	0
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3	1
TRAFFIC STOP	19	12
VIN INSPECTION	4	4
WARRANT ARREST	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	1	1
TOTALS	68	74
TOTAL INMATES IN JAIL AS OF 9/29/2025: 7		

### CORRECTION:

**MEEKER** | Last week's story about Butch Theos/Swal-low Fork Ranch was written by Willy Theos, not Hallie Blunt. Blunt submitted the story to the HT on behalf of the RBC Pioneers' Association. Our apologies for the inaccurate byline.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

James Leroy Randall  
May 6, 1960 ~ Sept. 26, 2025

Services will be held at the Grand Junction Stake Center, on Melody Lane at 1 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2025. Graveside Services will be scheduled at a later date.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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.

## Love Meeker? Seasonal volunteers wanted for the Chamber

**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.

## Writers' Conference in Steamboat Oct. 18

**STEAMBOAT** | The Steamboat Springs Writers Group

is holding its 42nd annual Writers' Conference on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Depot Art Center (1001 13th St., Steamboat Springs). The conference is \$125 and includes breakfast and lunch. There will be a meet and greet with conference speakers Mark Obmascik and Martin J. Smith on Friday, Oct. 17. The meet and greet, which includes a buffet dinner, is \$35. Register here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/42nd-annual-writers-conference>

## 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 cer-

tification and Training Handbook, ages 12+. Register by Nov. 7 at [erbmrec.com/babysitter](http://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](mailto:editor@ht1885.com) or mail to PO Box 720, Meeker CO 81641.



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Grief can be your secret superpower — for better or for worse

“The whole world can become the enemy when you lose what you love.” ~ Kristina McMorris

By NIKI TURNER  
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Like Saturday when I saw at least half a dozen C.R. England trucks on the way to the eye doctor. (Ethan drove for them for almost a year. For months after his death when

universal condition, not limited to physical death of loved ones, and triggered by all sorts of loss or traumatic change.

We avoid grief, deny it, run from it, try to drown it or smother it, pretend it's not real, feel ashamed and embarrassed when it keeps reappearing long past whatever is considered socially acceptable, and generally do a terrible job incorporating it into our lives because it makes us uncomfortable and it makes other people uncomfortable, too.

As a result, people try to accommodate this unfamiliar enti-

ty in all sorts of unhealthy ways. One of the most common, in my opinion, is the tendency to build walls of anger and bitterness and sarcasm around our grief and just become angry at the world. Well, why wouldn't be angry? Death is often cruel and unfair. I think many of the angry, spiteful, unreasonable people we know are the way they are because of unresolved grief. Most of our favorite storybook villains have a complex backstory that's infused with grief and loss, but whoever checks the villain's backstory?

On the other hand, some of

the most compassionate, considerate, kind and gracious people we know are that way because they, too, have experienced grief. What they did with it, however, is different.

I'm trying to think of grief like a secret superpower. If I yield, it produces positive results, like gratitude and kindness and compassion. However, if I resist it, in a futile attempt to avoid pain, it transforms into a dark, shadowy thing with the potential to cause harm to myself or to anyone else around me. The choice is mine.

Today (Oct. 2) marks seven years since the death of my oldest son, Ethan, at the age of 25. Them: “It's been so long and you're still grieving?” Me: “Well, they're still dead. So yes.” Once grief becomes a part of your life, it doesn't go away. It's like getting a tattoo. It's a permanent addition. For a few weeks every year, the grief is especially tender. It tends to sneak up on me when I'm not expecting it.

I passed one of their trucks, I thought I saw him behind the wheel.)

The last seven years have given me the opportunity to do a deep (and unasked for) dive into grief and mourning. What I've found is that we are really bad at grief, despite the fact it's a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moffitt shares his personal views on library collections policy

Dear Editor:

The Meeker Regional Library Board met last week for a working session and our regular board meeting.

Both meetings focused heavily on the formation of a Collections Development Policy, which will govern the strategy and principles used to guide the acquisition of library materials. I, along with the other board members, are extremely grateful for the legal input of the MRLD attorney, Glory Schmidt, in guiding us through these policy decisions.

Some parts of these discussions recalled the reason(s) that prompted me to seek a position on the Library Board and it is important to me to make this reasoning clear to the Meeker community. I believe a culturally

and morally conservative approach in the collection of books and materials in the library is beneficial to our community. I also desire to see more books and materials that support a Christian worldview. I am not trying to create a seminary-like collection. I believe a more balanced collection policy is needed to represent our traditional, political and socially conservative community, I will continue to strive to that end.

My personal action point came at the meeting in 2022 when the book “Gender Queer” was discussed at a public meeting. I believe this book meets the definition of pornography and promotes an immoral and harmful worldview. Every chair was filled in that meeting and people were standing around all sides of the room. The overwhelming majority of those in attendance were against having this book in

the library. The Board, at that meeting, made what I believe was the wrong decision; to keep the book and move it out of the young adult section. As current President of the Library Board, I am advocating policy where more materials are chosen that support and reflect our conservative community.

I believe there is a constitutional right for this book to be in our library. But I also believe books of this worldview damage and tear down traditional family values and in the long run harm the fabric of our community.

There are members of our community, patrons of the library, consistent observers of Library Board meetings, that do not accept evidence this community is largely conservative. During the last major election 80% of this county voted for the conservative agenda, which is against the issues of DEI, defunding police,

legitimizing Marxism, silencing Christian speakers and values, supporting abortion, and promoting transgender normalcy. I believe this is a county largely in favor of traditional family conservative values.

That does not mean opposing views or ‘liberal’ viewpoints, are or should be thrown out. Quite the contrary. There is ample evidence in our library of liberal and left-leaning materials and diverse worldviews. There are many varied and sundry materials that present a worldview opposite of the Christian worldview. And still there has not been one book removed. There is not, and has not been, one book, magazine or any other material, banned by the Meeker Regional Library District. Book-banning rhetoric is falsely asserted by people seeking an emotional firestorm. I am not trying to create a Religious-Seminary Library; nor am I seeking to remove all books I disagree with. I am seeking a different balance than we have had in the past.

There are many traditional families and conservatives in this county – at least I hear and engage in discussion with many of them at church, work and the businesses I support. My encouragement, my exhortation, is that the conservatives and particularly the Christ-followers in this community speak up and engage with conservative, Christian values that you believe in – in the library, in the schools, at the Town Board – just like Charlie Kirk did.

This letter is submitted

with my own views and do not reflect the views of the Library Board as a whole.

Sincerely,  
John Moffitt  
Meeker

Thanks from Ruckman-Reed

Dear Editor:

I would like to submit this letter to the editor because I just need to say thank you to so very many people. The month of September has been a blur, and I have so many people to thank for their support.

First, thank you to the RBCHS board and my staff at the White River Museum. Kay Bivens, Judy Kurth, and April Ruiz have done a really great job of taking care of the museum while I served root beer floats and cotton candy at the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials. And thank you to Ed and Tracy Peck, Mary Jo Carroll, Sparky Pappas, Niki Turner and Heidi Russell for helping at the Trials, too.

Museum staff performed with the same level of excellence while April and I trekked to Fort Garland to open the brand new, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, “The Americans.” I cannot tell you how lovely and informative this exhibit is. I cannot believe it will be here in Meeker next May. I encourage everyone to watch for the Grand Opening of this exhibit on May 16, 2026.

I also want to thank the county commissioners for finding it in their budget to replace the roof on the Garrison. The new

roof is beautiful, fire-resistant, and will protect our artifacts for many years to come.

I want to thank all of you who have listened to me drone on about the sesquicentennial. While I know the 250th birthday of the nation and the 150th birthday of our state may seem like the last thing we want to think about during these somewhat trepidatious times, it really is a great opportunity to find the good and honor the challenges that have brought us to this place in history. This event will only come around once.

I also want to thank my husband, Scott Reed, for his patience and support while I pour my heart into the community. It cannot be easy.

I want to thank my customers for your patience while I fit your work in around this crazy schedule. I have not kept up as well as I had hoped. I also want to thank Valerie Sjoersdma for continuing to develop her amazing upholstery skills and holding down the T Rose Etc Shop while I have been gadding around.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your hugs, sweet stories, and prayers after the passing of my father, Jim Ruckman. We will celebrate him one last time on Friday morning at Highland Cemetery. He is at home. He is pain-free. He is at peace. We are so blessed to have had this great man in our lives and community.

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## RIO BLANCO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Fire and flood recovery update

By RBC COMMISSIONERS  
JENNIFER O'HEARON,  
DOUG OVERTON AND  
CALLIE SCRITCHFIELD  
Special to the HT

**RBC** | In our Aug. 20 letter we wrote, "In coming weeks, Rio Blanco County and partners will be assessing damage, evaluating and re-evaluating recovery needs. We've established work recovery areas to address these needs and appointed leads for each focus area. This coalition will guide the recovery process when state emergency managers depart on Friday afternoon."

The work we described continues. We can't fix things we don't fully understand, and we can't ask for help if we can't accurately describe our situation. Over the past month, we've been cataloging and documenting damaged infrastructure and impacts across the county. This information, with the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team's findings, NRCS's Emergency Watershed Protection analysis, and USGS' water monitoring is being used to convey our need and find appropriate avenues for assistance.

The information we compiled and a subsequent report by the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) was provided

to Governor Polis, and on Friday the Governor officially requested a Major Disaster Declaration from President Trump and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

We continue to pursue other funding opportunities in addition to this FEMA request.

Throughout this process, daily needs persist and change is constant. Every time rains bring flooding, Rio Blanco County crews assess new damage and balance these needs, often pivoting from planned projects to prevent further damage. Our Public Works crews have spent nearly 1,000 hours clearing debris — sometimes until well past 3 a.m. Not many will

witness their work at this hour, but we all benefit.

We'd also like to congratulate the White River Conservation District on their behind-the-scenes work and success in winning a \$531,000 USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant to mitigate severe wildfire risks in areas that impact our White River watershed. Recent events demonstrate the importance of watershed protection, and this proactive work improves resilience and that benefits all of us.

Thanks to all who continue this work to support our community on the front lines and behind the scenes.

We recover together.

## MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT: Accredited with Distinction in 2025!

By SUPERINTENDENT  
CHRIS SELLE  
Special to the HT



Chris Selle

**MEEKER** | This is the highest accreditation rating given by the Colorado Department of Education. In 2025, only 17 entities earned "Accredited with Distinction" status, which places our school district in the top 9.3% of all local education agencies in the State of Colorado. The achievement in 2025 marks the ninth time in the past ten years that our school district has been Accredited with Distinction. The academic growth and achievement demonstrated by Meeker students continues to live up to our district's vision statement: "Excellence in All We Do"

The accreditation ratings used by the Colorado Department of Education come from a document called the District Performance Framework (DPF). Five BOCES organizations who run schools and 178 school districts receive a DPF. The scores earned on the DPF are primarily from results on CMAS testing and the SAT suite of assessments. The DPF also includes a section regarding "postsecondary readiness" which measures items such as graduation rate and matriculation rate.

In addition to the DPF, each

of our schools receives a School Performance Framework (SPF). All three schools also received the highest rating possible by the Colorado Department of Education. Meeker Elementary School and Meeker High School both earned a score that placed them in the 25% of all schools in Colorado.

Full versions of the DPF and SPF for the Meeker School District can be found at: [www.meeker.k12.co.us](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us)

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These accomplishments were not achieved by chance. They are a testament to the hard work demonstrated by our students

and the high expectations in place from our families. The school staff in the Meeker School District are incredibly talented educators who put forth tremendous effort to help students learn. Student learning is the number one priority for our school district. The scores we have achieved through the state's accreditation system are simply an outcome of the hard work and high expectations in place in the Meeker School District.

The state accreditation system provides the most concrete evidence of student learning. However, student learning is evident in various other venues. Phenomenal opportunities for student learning also occur through our elective and ex-

tracurricular programs which extends beyond the learning measured by the DPF and SPFs. Anyone in our community that has attended concerts, plays, or extracurricular contests can clearly see teamwork, perseverance, and self-confidence built through these activities. The development of citizenship, creativity, and problem solving is also evident through student artwork, Career and Technical Education events or projects, technology integration, and positive behavior and attendance recognition.

The evidence of learning within Meeker School District RE-1 is exemplary, and is a testament to our students, community, and school staff. I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!

## HISTORY LESSONS: Meeker's Founding Fathers — George Hazen

By ED PECK  
Special to the HT

George Stillman Hazen, one of Meeker's founding fathers was one of our earliest settlers and stockholders of the Meeker Town Company. He was born Sept. 17, 1837 in Hiram, Portage, Ohio. His brother, William was a career officer in the army who had won recognition during the Indian Wars of the Southwest before the Civil War. Both brothers served in the Civil War. George advanced during the war to First Lt. with the 9th Independent Battalion, Ohio Light Infantry.

George was discharged April 28, 1864, due to asthma contracted March 1862 in London, Kentucky, during the war.

He married Pauline Lamson on Sept. 21, 1858 and had two daughters: Agnes Eveline and Grace Evangeline Hazen in Ohio before the Civil War broke out and he enlisted in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1861. In 1869, George, Pauline, and the girls headed west to Fremont, Nebraska. The family is listed in the 1870 Fremont, Platte, Nebraska census. George was a clerk in a general store. Pauline died in Fremont, Nebraska on

Jan. 17, 1871.

I am not sure where the family was for the next nine years, but George and his brother William reappeared on the 1880 Census in Fort Buford, Dakota Territory. Fort Buford was named after General John Buford who died during the Civil War. The Census taker was listed as none other than George Hazen himself.

I rather think George had a sense of humor. He listed himself as "Postmaster" and his brother George as "soldier." He neglected to mention that his brother, William was a Colonel at the post and

formerly a Major General in the Civil War. According to the Sept. 5, 1885 edition of the Meeker Herald, George S. Hazen came here with the military establishment. Presumably that meant with his brother William from Fort Buford to the infant settlement surrounding the Camp on the White River and he stayed there after his illustrious brother left for Washington.

George was in perfect position to make something of himself. At the suggestion from George's

brother, Col. William B. Hazen, the post office appointed George Stillwell Hazen postmaster of Meeker, Summit County, Colorado on Oct. 4, 1880. George had some experience in this job. He was the civilian postmaster at Fort Buford, Dakota Territory on Dec. 2, 1879.

It is probable that George accompanied his brother with some of the 6th Infantry regiment from Fort Buford in July of 1880. George apparently felt his opportunity was in the White River valley. Af-

ter the Army left in 1883, George was a stockholder in the Meeker Town Company. He was instrumental in dealing with the paperwork involving the purchase of the land from the U.S. government. On Sept. 5, 1885, George resigned as postmaster. In his obituary, George was reported to have served one term as Judge in Garfield County. George Stillman Hazen died July 29, 1909, in Santa Monica, California, and was interred Aug. 1, 1909, in the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

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## Six individuals inducted into CNCC's 2025 Hall of Fame



**The recipients of the 2025 CNCC Hall of Fame honors included (L-R) Paul Conrad (his posthumous award was received by his son, Rusty, pictured); Joyce Key, Diana Sizemore, David Cole, Tiffany Douglas and Sarah Ward.**

*Special to the HT*

**RANGELY** | Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) recently hosted its 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, honoring six individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions. The event celebrated the spirit of perseverance, teamwork, leadership, and excellence that defines the CNCC community. The inductees for the 2025 class include:

**Diana Sizemore (Alumni Achievement):** A 1978 graduate with degrees in Dental Hygiene and Science, Diana has dedicated decades to her profession and community, serving on numerous boards and driving countless volunteer efforts in Rangely.

**Joyce Key (Alumni Achievement):** With a connection to CNCC spanning nearly half a century, Joyce earned associate degrees in Dental Hygiene

and Science in 1977. She has served in various roles at the college, including Dental Hygiene Instructor and library specialist, and was recognized as Faculty Member of the Year in 2006–2007.

**Tiffany Douglas (Alumni Achievement):** A 2000 graduate of the CNCC Dental Hygiene Program, Tiffany returned to the college as Dental Hygiene Program Director, leading the launch of CNCC's first bachelor's degree in dental hygiene in 2023.

**Sarah Ward (Distinguished Faculty):** Joining CNCC in 2001, Sarah has held roles as sports medicine program coordinator, athletic trainer, and adjunct faculty, becoming a full-time faculty member in 2023. She has received multiple awards, including Faculty of the Year (2023–2024).

**David Cole (Distinguished Staff):** A dedicated aviator and community leader, David's

aviation career spans decades, earning him the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. He served on the Flight Program Advisory Committee and as Aviation Program Director at CNCC.

**Coach Paul Conrad (Outstanding Coach):** Known as "The Legend," Coach Conrad dedicated 35 years to CNCC, becoming the winningest coach in men's basketball and baseball history. His legacy is celebrated for his mentorship and impact on generations of athletes. Though Paul passed away on July 14, 2020, his spirit continues to inspire the CNCC community.

The ceremony included opening remarks, reflections from college leadership on CNCC's mission and Spartan values, and individual introductions of each inductee. The event concluded with a group recognition and an invitation for attendees to stay for photos and networking.

## White River Conservation District receives \$531,308 USDA grant to strengthen wildfire resilience in RBC

*Special to the HT*

**MEEKER** | The White River Conservation District has been awarded \$531,308 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program as part of the agency's latest round of investments in reducing community wildfire risk.

The multiyear award will support the Resident Mitigation and Resilience Project in eastern Rio Blanco County, helping communities in the wildland-urban interface prepare for, mitigate and reduce wildfire risk. The project totals \$760,000 with leveraged resources and matching funds and directly supports priorities identified in the Rio Blanco County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The work will provide cost-share assistance for defensible space treatments around homes and structures, conduct planning and site assessments, remove hazardous fuels on private and select public lands, train district staff and partners, and carry out outreach to engage residents in wildfire preparedness.

Sixteen residents have already completed site assessments through the White River Integrated Water Initiative's Forest Health Program, demonstrating strong local engagement and readiness to move forward. That founda-

tion makes the project shovel-ready and ensures immediate progress once implementation begins.

Rio Blanco County has seen significant wildfire activity in recent years, including the Elk and Lee fires, which together burned more than 150,000 acres in August 2025. The grant arrives at a critical time, offering resources to help landowners, agencies and the district with proactive risk reduction.

The initiative is a collaborative effort, bringing together residents, the fire district, state forestry services, federal agencies, the Forest Work Group of the White River Integrated Water Initiative and nonprofit partners.

"We are incredibly grateful for this investment in our community," said Vanessa Trout, executive director and forestry program coordinator of the district. "The Elk and Lee fires showed us how vulnerable our landscapes and neighborhoods are to wildfire. This grant allows us to proactively prepare our lands and homes, working side by side with residents to create safer, more resilient communities."

Work on the project will begin in spring 2026, with defensible space assessments and outreach efforts rolling out across at-risk areas. A community meeting will be held at the Buford School House early in the

new year to coordinate landowners with project details and next steps.

Over its four-year duration, the project is intended to reduce wildfire risk, improve property safety and strengthen collaboration among residents, the fire district and partner agencies. A new staff position will also be advertised soon, funded through the grant to expand the district's capacity for on-the-ground wildfire resilience work.

The award is part of the USDA Forest Service's broader Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program, which funded 58 projects in 22 states in this round. The program is a key piece of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, focused on maintaining resilient landscapes, creating fire-adapted communities and enhancing wildfire response capacity.

### About the White River Conservation District

The White River Conservation District works to enhance natural resource management, promote land health and support sustainable landscapes in Rio Blanco County. Through education, technical assistance and collaborative projects, the district partners with landowners, local governments and agencies to safeguard natural resources and reduce disaster risk.

## (Cont.) Shultz to receive award Oct. 4 at Pioneers Association annual dinner/dance

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in the ranch today, ensuring the Johnson family's legacy continues into a new generation.

In Denver, Sally Lou cultivated another lifelong passion — golf. First sparked when she coached the Meeker High School boys' golf team (many of whom remain close friends to this day), her dedication to the sport blossomed into a career of leadership and service. She served on the board of the United States Golf Association, guided the Girls Junior Golf Championship from 1998 to 2015, and led as President of both the Colorado Women's Golf Association and the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame. In 2002, she received the Hall of Fame's Distinguished

Service Award, recognizing her tireless work to grow the game and inspire new generations of players.

As in ranching, she gave her all — whether playing, coaching, or officiating — driven by the values of fairness, resilience, and generosity she had learned on Piceance Creek.

Though she and her dear husband, Rick Capra, now make their winter home in Arizona during the quieter ranch months, Sally Lou's heart never leaves Meeker. Each spring, summer, and fall, she and Rick return to Piceance Creek to help with ranch work, reconnect with friends and family, and honor the land that has shaped her life.

Her presence in the community remains constant.

Whether at weddings, funerals, Fourth of July celebrations, or branding day at the corrals, Sally Lou's warmth and reliability have been a steady gift to those who know her.

Like her co-honoree, Angelo "Butch" Theos, Sally Lou represents the perseverance of family ranching in an age when continuity is increasingly rare. Where the Theos family has sustained five generations of sheep ranching, Sally Lou has carried forward the cattle-ranching tradition of her parents — while also carving out her own contributions in Denver, in professional sport, and in service to community. Both honorees remind us that the Spirit of the Pioneer is not only about survival, but about strength, stewardship, and success rooted in values passed from one generation to the next.

The values Sally Lou embodies — resilience, humility, loyalty, and generosity — are not just inherited, but lived daily. They are the values of the land, of her parents' generation, and of the American West itself.

The Spirit of the Pioneer award is a fitting tribute to Sally Lou Schultz (Johnson), whose life is a living reminder that the pioneering spirit is not confined to history books. It is alive, enduring, and shaping the future through the people who carry it forward today.

## (Cont.) Colo. lawmakers urge funding for recovery


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lands could be lost," says the lawmakers' letter. "In addition, residents face ongoing hazards from the fire, including debris, burned trees, and threats to water quality and drinking water infrastructure."

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allows local governments, homeowners, and businesses to be eligible for loans, insurance relief, and other assistance," their letter adds. "These communities urgently need this relief to rebuild."

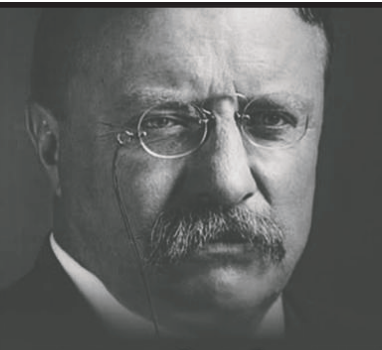
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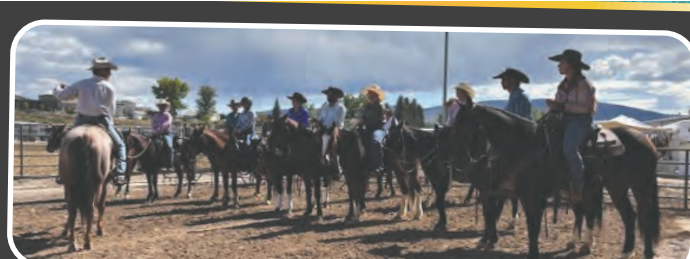
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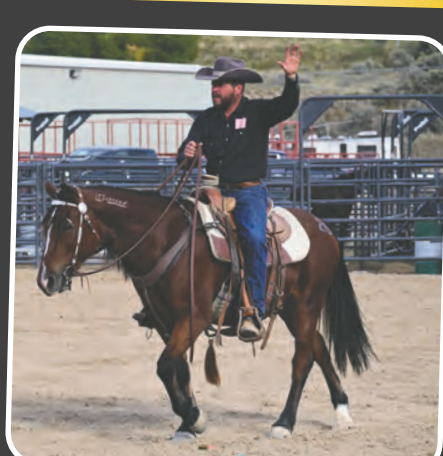


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## Homecoming success: Cowboys beat Moffat County in third straight win

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School football team continued its winning streak Friday night, picking up their third consecutive victory by defeating the Moffat County Bulldogs 45-0 in their Homecoming game at Starbuck Stadium.

The Cowboys had several standout performers in the win. Junior quarterback #11 Cade Mills completed both of his pass attempts for 83 yards and a touchdown while adding 66 rushing yards and another score. Junior running back #5 Said Rodriguez provided a spark on the ground and through the air, recording 101 rushing yards, a 42-yard touchdown reception and 167 all-purpose yards. Senior #10 Tristin Rollins scored twice on the ground, while junior #4 Tucker Chinn contributed a rushing touchdown, 41 receiving yards and 91 total yards.

Reflecting on his performance, Rollins said, "What clicked for me is that there was nothing that I didn't see before in other games. It was all the same reads on both sides of the ball. Watching film and just staying focused prepares me for the game, just looking for the right reads

and trying to get better." On defense, Chinn made his presence felt with two interceptions. He said, "I don't have to prepare a whole lot because football is just fun and I have fun playing throughout the whole game. On my second interception I got a pass read and watched the QB's eyes, which pointed me right to where he was throwing the ball. All that was left for me was to catch it and run. I think it is pretty important to be a versatile player on our team as a lot of our team plays in multiple positions and on both sides of the ball so you have to always be ready for anything. I think the biggest challenge this week against Cedaredge will be getting the right reads on defense, but I'm sure if we keep playing like we have been we will be just fine."

Sophomore #52 Jonah Christenson led the team with seven tackles and reflected on the defensive approach. "As a defensive unit, discipline and communication are taught to us as a lifestyle. No matter the score of the game, we keep the same intensity and pace the entire time. The scoreboard is never a priority. In order to properly react and read an offense, days of preparation are needed. Constant film study and drilling are necessities in order

to understand how an offense operates and how to disrupt those operations. Whenever something new or unexpected arises, the defense communicates these changes and makes micro-adjustments. One of my biggest takeaways from the game is, a violent and fast pace must be set early in the game in order to really shut down an offense. Once the pace is set properly, I think nobody can keep up with our intensity. Positive enforcement after every single play keeps our defense motivated. Even after missed assignments or errors, it's crucial to take away the positives and move on from any mistakes. Simply doing better the next play."

Rollins anchored the defense with four tackles, including two for loss, and both Rodriguez and junior #16 Trent Sanders added five tackles each. Senior #25 Samuel Conrado and junior #33 Johnny Allmon also contributed tackles behind the line of scrimmage to keep the Bulldogs' offense in check.

Special teams were highlighted by freshman #8 Lawson Anderson, who had seven kickoffs for 292 yards, and junior #2 Elai Powers, who returned a kickoff 15 yards to set up field position for the Cowboys.

After the game, Head Coach Andy Coryell



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO  
**#10 Tristin Rollins bursts into the end zone for one of his two rushing touchdowns during Meeker's 45-0 Homecoming victory over Moffat County Friday night at Starbuck Stadium. Rollins' performance helped the Cowboys secure their third straight win and improve their record to 3-2.**

explained what stood out most about the team's performance. "We'll go look at some film. I don't think we missed many tackles tonight. Those guys up front were super physical and did a really good job," Coryell said.

On what he liked most about his team's execution on both sides of the ball, Coryell added, "Just being physical. Moffat County is a big school. They've got

big kids. We knew that we were going to have to answer the bell a little. They were big and strong. I'm proud of these guys for showing up."

With the Homecoming victory Friday night, the Cowboys' record improved to 3-2. This weekend, Meeker returns to the road to open league play against Cedaredge. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

## Panthers race to personal records at Loudy Simpson Meet

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**RANGELY** | The Panther cross country harriers traveled to Craig this weekend to compete at Loudy Simpson Park. The course is notoriously challenging, often featuring difficult terrain and a grueling final-half-mile hill. However, the runners were pleasantly surprised

to find the hill removed, leading to a shift in mindset focused on setting new season personal records (PRs).

The middle school runners were the first to toe the line. Dani Thayne was the lone girl competing for the Panthers. She started fast and finished strong, placing 25th with a time of 18:14 for the 2.2-mile run.

The boys' race featured 8th grader Rhys Talbot and 6th grader Dax Halcomb. Both boys ran a hard race, with Rhys finishing in 17:06 and Dax in 18:24.

"The kids ran well, and it is always fun to see the improvement they make every week," said Coach Scoggins.

With six girls running,

the varsity team knew they would be able to score as a unit. They finished 9th overall, a respectable placement considering they were competing against larger 3A and 4A teams.

Taya Wren decided early on that the race belonged to her. She took off at a scorching pace that no one could match, dominating the field to take first place with a time of 19:37, a full 24 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

"It was good to see her run her race; she felt and looked good," Scoggins commented.

Other finishers for the girls included KJ Benson with a time of 23:39, and Faith Prieto finishing in 26:14. Kylee Caldwell set a new PR with 27:39, closely followed by Courtney Casto who earned a season PR of 27:57. Addison Thayn also achieved a season PR of 29:17.

"To see all the girls finish in under 30 minutes shows me that we are improving and learning at every meet," Scoggins noted.

The boys' varsity team had a strong showing, taking 6th place overall and finishing as the first 2A team of the meet. Nearly every boy either set

a new personal record or a season personal record.

Kyler Fouts led the boys with a time of 18:27, shaving over a minute off his previous PR. Tavan Morgan was right behind him, finishing in 18:34 for a 30-second PR. Jay Valdez took third for the team with a time of 19:01—not a PR, but a strong performance following a week of hard work in the weight room and on the track.

Other runners who achieved significant improvements included Titus Friedrich, who cut over a minute for a PR of 20:49, Alec Gillard with a new PR of 21:24, and Gage Nielsen with a new PR of 22:09. Antonio Prieto also had a good race with a time of 21:48.

"It is fun to see the boys work together and score as a group," Scoggins said. "They are working hard and pushing themselves and each other."

The harriers will next compete in Aspen on Saturday, Oct. 4. The runners are preparing for a much tougher course; since it is a rolling hill course, the challenging terrain will certainly not be removed this time. It is a course the runners typically "hate but are proud they ran."

### RHS FOOTBALL



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO  
**Junior quarterback #11 Bradley Lambros launches a pass to #23 Chase Cochrane during Friday night's home game against Vail Christian. Despite their efforts, the Panthers fell 36-20. They will look to bounce back on the road Friday, Oct. 3 against West Grand.**



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# Meeker sweeps Hayden in homecoming volleyball match



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**Lilly Newman spikes the ball over the net during Meeker High School's homecoming victory against the Hayden Tigers. Newman led the Cowboys at the net with seven kills on a .538 hitting percentage, helping Meeker secure a decisive three-set sweep.**

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School volleyball team celebrated Home-

coming with a decisive three-set sweep of the Hayden Tigers on Friday night, improving their record to 6-3 overall and 4-1 in the 2A/1A Western Slope League, placing

them in second in the standings. The Cowboys rolled to a 25-19, 25-17, 25-19 victory. Senior Lilly Newman led the way at the net, posting a team-high seven kills with an efficient .538 hitting percentage. Freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh added six kills, seven digs and two service aces, continuing to establish herself as a versatile two-way threat. Senior Rylee Sullivan contributed five kills and three aces, while junior Lilly Hernandez recorded five kills on .417 hitting. The Cowboys were sharp from the service line, finishing with 11 aces. Senior Shailee Rundberg tallied four aces while serving at a 92.3 percent clip. Sullivan and Clatterbaugh combined for five more, with junior Sawyer May adding two.

At the setter position, senior Jacey Follman directed the offense with 16

assists, while sophomore Hailey Schwartz added nine. Defensively, senior Braydin Raley anchored the back row with 21 serve receptions against just one error, while Sullivan turned in 13 perfect serve receives.

Longtime head coach Greg Cravens, in his ninth season, praised his team's performance in front of a packed home crowd. "I think the girls did a great job. This was a packed gym. It's fun for the girls to be able to play in front of all these people," Cravens said. "They stayed focused for three sets and took care of business."

Cravens emphasized the leadership within the senior class. "Rylee and Braydin always do a good job of keeping us focused. Shailee Rundberg is our hugger. She's the one that makes sure the girls feel tons of love. I'm very proud of this leadership

group," he said. Newman reflected on her preparation and leadership. "I've been working in practice to learn how the other team plays, paying close attention to their defense and tendencies. Coaches and teammates help me stay focused and maximize my hitting. As a senior, I try to show the younger girls it's okay to make mistakes and focus on the next play, which helps our team's energy. Watching film and prepping with Coach Cravens helps me know what to do during matches."

"Playing home games has always been my favorite, especially with the loud support from parents and the student section. As a team, we need to stay focused and continue our fight. Rangely is one of our biggest rivals, so we need to bring our 'swagger' and play with our hearts."

Rundberg reflected on

her mindset and contributions. "It felt really good to contribute with both serving and attacking, especially when we get down on ourselves. Every time I step behind the service line, I tell myself, 'This is going to be an ace.' Positive self-talk really helps my serve rate. Playing my last homecoming game was bittersweet, but having the community support made it special. The team stayed focused on volleyball despite all the events, and this win adds confidence. If we stay confident and focused, I believe we won't lose again this season."

Clatterbaugh, adjusting to the speed of varsity play, credited the seniors for helping her stay calm. "As a freshman, adjusting to the speed of the game has been the hardest part. The seniors and upper-classmen have done a very

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# Meeker softball sweeps Aspen in road doubleheader

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**MEEKER** | Last week the Meeker High School softball team bounced back in a big way last week, sweeping Aspen in a road doubleheader Thursday.

The Cowboys came into last Thursday's doubleheader after recently losing a pair of games against Cedaredge the weekend before. The last time they played the Skiers was Sept. 28, 2024, when the team hosted them at home and won 15-0 and 14-2. This time around it was Meeker playing on Aspen's home turf, and the results were pretty much the same as the Cowboys swept the Skiers, winning the first game 16-0 and the second game 32-16.

The 32-run outburst in game two marked Meeker's highest offensive output of the season.

Head coach Megan Kuper said the shutout win in game one highlighted how sharp her team can be when they stay disciplined.

"Our defense was strong, and we limited fielding errors, which kept Aspen off the scoreboard," Kuper said. "At the plate, the girls showed patience, drawing walks when needed and coming through with solid base hits."

In the second game, Kuper said confidence and persistence fueled the Cowboys' offensive explosion.

"That game went longer than the first, which gave our players more opportunities at the plate," she said. "With each at-bat, their confidence grew, and that carried over into better approaches and more consistent contact. The extra innings really allowed our hitters to settle in and produce."

Defensively, Kuper said she was just as encouraged by her team's communication and decision-making.

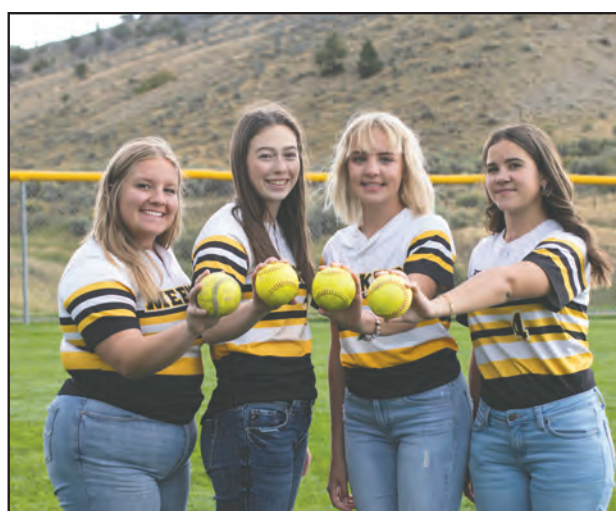
"The girls backed each other up, made smart decisions, and played with focus throughout both games, which gave us the consistency we needed," she said.

The sweep improved Meeker's record to 4-12 overall and 3-7 in 3A Western Slope League play, where they sit in fifth place.

Looking ahead, the Cowboys return home Friday, Oct. 3, to host Gunnison in another league doubleheader, with games scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Kuper said the key will be carrying over confidence and energy from the Aspen series.

Individual player statistics from the Aspen games were not available in time for publication.

This weekend, the Cowboys will return home Friday, Oct. 3, to host Gunnison in a doubleheader at Paintbrush Park with games scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Cowboys will then celebrate Senior Night on Monday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. against Battle Mountain, honoring #2



AMBER GARCIA PHOTO

**The Meeker High School softball seniors, from left to right, Autumn Stallings (#20), Addie Knowles (#21), Emma Bauer (#2) and Jewell McPherson (#4), pose for a photo before their upcoming Senior Night.**

Emma Bauer, #4 Jewell McPherson, #20 Autumn Stallings and #21 Addie Knowles.

# Panther volleyball works to improve ahead of Meeker rematch



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Senior #7 Addison Scott soars to spike the ball over the net during a Rangely Panthers volleyball match. Scott has been a steady leader on the court, inspiring her teammates with her energy and skill throughout the season.**

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**RANGELY** | The Rangely High School volleyball team hosted the Vail Christian Saints on Friday night, dropping a 3-0

decision and falling to 5-8 on the season.

Rangely fell in straight sets, 25-7, 25-14, 25-15, in a matchup that tested both offense and defense. Despite the loss, first-year head coach Angie Hill said she was encouraged by the team's effort. "I felt like we

played really well for the most part. We made some changes from last week, so it was good to see the girls playing well together," Hill said.

Hill highlighted individual contributions. "I felt like our setters worked really hard to get the sets that I was asking them to," she said. On defense, she added, "We never gave up and were very scrappy. They had a big block that our hitters had to work around or use, and they did great at adjusting to that."

Statistics from Friday's match were not received in time for publication.

Looking ahead to Tuesday's road matchup against the Meeker Cowboys, Hill said the focus will be on improving strategy and execution. "We are focusing on just improving every set, so our goal is to play more strategically,"

she said.

She also emphasized teamwork and staying relaxed under pressure. "As long as the girls can play more relaxed like they did in our last game, they will be able to stay with Meeker. We talked a lot about ball control and playing smarter," Hill said.

As a first-year head coach, Hill said she keeps the team motivated by focusing on the positives. "I just keep letting them know and see the improvements they are making. Lots of praise on the good things they do," she said.

After the Meeker matchup, the Lady Panthers will be back on the road this weekend, travel-

ing to West Grand on Oct. 3 for a 5 p.m. matchup, followed by a trip to Coal Ridge on Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

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good job reassuring me that I can do my job on the court. They are also great leaders on and off the court, always talking and keeping everyone calm.”

Looking ahead to Tuesday’s rematch with Rangely, Cravens emphasized preparation. “Our biggest thing is we need to be able to handle anything that they send over. We need to be good at getting the ball up, getting it to our center, and hitting back to the other team. Rangely always serves well, and they always fight when they come into this gym. So our biggest adjustment is just going to be to play hard, do the things that we do well, and we’ll have to weather some of the storms that they give us. They always play well in this gym, so we need to be ready.”

This week the Cowboys will welcome the 5-8 Rangely Panthers to their gym before going on the road this weekend to Cedaredge on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. and the next day they are on the road at West Grand with that game scheduled for 4 p.m.

Meeker cross country posts strong results in Craig, looks ahead to Aspen

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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School cross country team hit the road over the weekend, competing at the Moffat County Invitational and turning in a solid performance. The Cowboys’ boys team finished ninth overall with a final team score of 205 points.

Sophomore Bradley Conrado led Meeker with a breakout race, crossing the line in 18 minutes, 57 seconds to place 30th overall. Just behind him was sophomore Ryan Hanberg, who clocked 19:02 for 32nd.

“I was so pleased with how these two performed,” head coach Marty Casey said. “It is great to see the results of all of their hard work!”

Freshman Landon Damitz continued his strong debut season, running 19:20 to finish 40th. Casey praised the newcomer’s natural ability. “Landon has natural

talent,” Casey said. “He can only get better with experience.”

Senior Cameron Hanberg fought for a top-50 finish, clocking 20:02 for 47th. In the middle of the pack, sophomores Ashton Tapia (21:51) and Jackson Steele (21:55) finished just four seconds apart in 72nd and 73rd.

“These two worked hard the entire race,” Casey said. “It was great to see that teamwork, and it helped push Jackson to a new PR.”

Senior Remy Broussard turned in a gritty effort, running 26:37 for 93rd despite losing both shoes midrace.

“I feel great about my time — it was an unexpected time considering I was trying to get a 28,” Broussard said. “After the first lap we ran through a nature trail and on the trail my shoe came untied. My shoelace was worn down and didn’t hold enough tension to stay tied, so as I’m exiting the nature trail my shoe comes off. I knew it would

waste too much time to try and tie it, so I just kicked off the other shoe and hit the dash and I finished with just my socks.

“My mindset was I was gonna PR at a 28-minute 5K, and obviously I did surprisingly better. My next goal is to PR by at least another minute. I definitely need to get some new shoelaces,” he added with a laugh.

On the girls’ side, senior Haylee Steele ran 26:54 for 73rd. While still managing hamstring issues, she said she was happy with her performance.

“My performance for the Craig meet was pretty good for not being at 100%,” Steele said. “My time in Craig was way better than my time at the home meet, and my performance was stronger than at the home meet overall.”

Casey said Steele’s determination reflects her leadership in her final season.

“Haylee is dealing with some hamstring issues



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**Meeker sophomore Bradley Conrado powers down the course during the Moffat County Invitational in Craig, Colorado. Conrado led the Cowboys with a strong 18:57 finish.**

but is still trying hard,” he said. “That will be a bit of a balancing act these last few weeks.”

Casey said the Craig results showed both progress and room to grow. “I think we had a pretty good day,” he said. “There is always room for improvement, and that is our constant goal.”

Next up, Meeker will travel to Aspen this

weekend for the Chris Severy Invitational, where they will face another test against Western Slope competition.

“We will keep up the intensity and try to be ready for the altitude,” Casey said. “Our underclassmen have not raced in Aspen, and I am interested to see if they like the course as much as I do!”

Library board discusses collection development, policy updates and administrative matters

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**MEEKER** | The Meeker Public Library board held a workshop Tuesday in the library’s community room, followed by its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, to discuss policies, governance, staff benefits and operational concerns.

During the workshop, the board reviewed the library’s collection development policy, including procedures for selecting, evaluating and removing materials. Emphasis was placed on aligning with American Library Association guidelines while addressing community needs.

Library Director Kristina Selby explained the process she uses to evaluate the collection. “I go through every book and see if there’s historical value to it, if it’s considered a classic, if it’s part of a series that those were checked in and checked out. Once I go through those I then take the item out of the collection. Oftentimes with nonfiction posting those things have to be taken out of the collection. Every position that information is getting updated and so I take those out of those items. It’s not just taking them out and not paying attention to what I’m

taking out, it’s just a method,” Selby said.

That same evening, the board worked on trustee application procedures, discussing streamlining the process and removing interview committees. Responsibility for applications rests with the town and county, ensuring accountability while simplifying oversight. Bylaws related to term limits, removal processes and governance consistency were reviewed to improve clarity and efficiency.

The workshop closed with a discussion of staff policies and benefits, including leave policies, PTO and sick leave. The board examined handbooks from other library districts in Colorado and emphasized following best practices while consulting employer counsel to ensure proper implementation.

At Wednesday’s regular meeting, the board began by opening the floor to public comments.

Community member Pat Daggett spoke about the controversy surrounding the book “Gender Queer.” She corrected exaggerations about attendance at past meetings, commended the board’s handling of the matter, and emphasized that a compromise had already been reached by moving the book to the adult nonfiction section.

“I felt like being somebody who attended the meeting and listened to the other board members. They handled a lot of discussion, a lot of hard discussion and anger, and they handled a lot of applause, and they made the compromise that they needed to make. They understood that people weren’t happy with that book, and they took it from — not the children section, it was mentioned last night — it was originally in the young adult section, and they moved it to the adult nonfiction section, which almost nobody goes to,” Daggett said.

She added that the person who originally challenged the book had not attended any meetings since.

“I’m assuming that if she still uses the library regularly she obviously did not have a problem with that decision, realized that sometimes things don’t go away, but that board made a compromise. They listened to the people that were there, but they still followed the law,” Daggett said.

Community member Hallie Blunt also spoke during the public comment period, noting that the night before had been the first library board meeting she had attended.

“It was a little shocking being at a meeting where three men that I barely knew were speaking on behalf of our community. We have a community of amazing parents and kids and I appreciate that we have a really nice library for our public use. I am a fifth generation community member, and I think we have a library system that has served us well,” Blunt said.

Under old business, the board dis-

cussed facility updates, including HVAC and gas systems. Members noted the heating systems were functioning properly, though some roof piping required inspection after a minor gas odor was detected. Painting and pipe maintenance were also reviewed.

The board then discussed a draft intergovernmental agreement with the town and county. A proposed trustee interview committee was ultimately removed to streamline the process. Members voiced differing opinions on whether the committee had ever been widely supported.

After discussion, the board voted to approve the term sheet so it could be sent to the town and county.

The board also discussed policy updates, particularly the definition of materials “harmful to minors.” Members noted that Colorado law currently limits the definition to internet imagery and suggested aligning with federal law to cover all media, ensuring clarity and legal consistency.

On personnel matters, the board approved job descriptions for the janitor and library director positions. Holiday pay was clarified for full- and part-time staff, particularly for scheduled holidays and voting days, with closures to be approved annually in advance. An executive session was held to discuss legal advice concerning the library director’s offer letter.

The meeting concluded with scheduling adjustments. The December meeting was moved to Dec. 10 to avoid holiday conflicts. Draft budget preparations are scheduled for mid-October, with workshops planned for Oct. 14 and Nov. 11.

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## Strong start to the school year for Meeker schools; sophomore Iris Holmes earns perfect PSAT9 score

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**MEEKER** | The Meeker School Board held its regular monthly meeting Sept. 22, with all members present. The board opened by celebrating Meeker High School sophomore Iris Holmes, who earned a perfect PSAT9 score.

Committee reports followed, beginning with the District Advisory Committee, which outlined statutory duties including budget and Unified Improvement Plan recommendations, charter school application reviews, assessment use in teacher evaluations, and input on discipline codes.

The District Leadership Team focused on professional development and curriculum planning. Superintendent Chris Selle reported positive feedback from teachers who completed ELL licensure training over the summer and said the district is looking to expand support in special education and behavioral health. Staff also recommended renewing Mental Health First Aid training and continuing to provide de-escalation strategies.

The Employee Council met later in the week to set salary and benefit priorities for 2025-26, ranking health insurance as its top concern, followed by step increases, cost-of-living adjustments, and added benefits for bus drivers and food service workers.

Principals also shared updates on a

strong start to the school year. Elementary principal Shana Holliday highlighted progress in early literacy, standards-based grading training and new staff wellness committees. Barone Middle School principal Dr. Kris Atwell reported that 77% of seventh- and eighth-graders are participating in athletics, student council is forming and staff have completed safety drills and professional development. High School principal Amy Chinn said the student council is leading Homecoming activities and preparing for the fourth annual Give Back Day on Oct. 17.

Selle noted the district's capital reserve is down to \$50,000 due to recent transfers and expenses but explained reserves build up through the difference between tax collections and lower annual bond obligations. The district is permitted to collect up to \$4.6 million annually in tax revenue, though actual payments are much smaller.

Near the end of the meeting, the board adopted an emergency resolution to comply with Senate Bill 25-276, also known as the "Protect Civil Rights—Immigration Status" law, which prohibits schools from sharing personal information with federal immigration authorities unless required by law. The resolution authorizes Selle, in consultation with legal counsel, to temporarily approve necessary policies and procedures until final board ratification.

The meeting adjourned with a work session scheduled for Oct. 13.

## (Cont.) Mustang Makeover doubles its auction proceeds to \$128K



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**Eric Pflueger, first place winner for 2025, riding his mustang PFrostbite to the drinking post booth.**

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as the adults, are judged by the same judges as the adult class, and must create a freestyle performance with their yearling. Their dedication shone through with how calm and quiet the arena was with the happy young horses confidently displaying their brand-new skills.

Also on Friday was the first Mustang Only Horse Show. Since the beginning of the Meeker Mustang Makeover the organization has been finding ways to spread the word and show the rest of the country how capable these horses are. The Mustang Only show was just that. With events like One Man Ranch Sorting and Hunter Hack Over Fences, contestants participated side by side in English and Western saddles and attire showcasing the versatility of the mustang.

Saturday held both the Adult Under Saddle and Freestyle events. The Adult Under Saddle is a completion of the obstacle course simulating daily tasks riders and horses will encounter, from going through a gate to walking over water. Each trainer added in something extra showing their Mustangs abilities. The Freestyle event is always exciting with trainers creating a routine with their horse to music. Trainer Nathan Horn, who placed second overall, brought his daughter into the arena while he rode his mustang Bowie without a bridle. Trainer Serafina Churchill loaded her mustang, Juney, up onto a flatbed trailer while carrying the Colorado flag and the pair were driven around the arena. And, during the Youth In-Hand Freestyle trainer Kinsey Huckabay shot at balloons while holding her mus-

tang, Firefly, calmly by her side. The creativity and dedication the trainers showed through their horsemanship was amazing to see.

The Meeker Mustang Makeover has grown a lot over the years. Board President Deirdre Macnab is looking ahead. "The enthusiasm from trainers, adopters, and spectators alike has been truly inspiring. Our event not only showcases the remarkable transformation of these wild horses, but also reflects our broader mission: to serve as a model for other communities working with wild herds. We're proud to bring attention to the importance of responsible mustang management while continuing to attract visitors to our town... a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when community, conservation, and compassion come together."

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# DAYS GONE BY

## MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO

Democratic candidates for county commissioner: James W. Rector, W.S. Simons, Reuben Oldland, Henry Wilson, Ewin Amick, Harry Niblock, James Stevens.

Hardly a Western section but becomes vitally interested in the forestry question and the preservation of these reservoirs of nature, when once it is understood how intimately are connected the forests with the water supply of a country.

It is reported that the Roman Catholics are making fine headway in collecting funds for the erection of their church building.

## MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO

Word came to town middle of the week that James Rector had discovered the body of a man near Rangely and asked that Coroner Farthing be called to the scene. Coroner Farthing, Deputy Coroner F.A. Carstens. Sheriff Miller and Sam Gourley left at once for Rangely to investigate the matter and returned to town Wednesday night with the particulars of the gruesome murder which was committed in the neighborhood of a month or six weeks ago. The body was that of Millard Fillmore Harris.

Despite the fact that the weatherman predicted a storm for Sunday or Monday of this week, we have been enjoying real White River Fall weather. With exception of a few short wind storms the days have been bright and clear.

## MEEKER HERALD ~ 75 YEARS AGO

Colorado big game hunting season will get underway at daybreak on Saturday morning of this week and continue for the next sixteen days. The season will take in three weekends which will give the working boys three Sundays of hunting without missing any time from their work.

The local Selective Service office this week received word that the following boys who went from this community have been discharged from the armed forces: George Coats, Eugene Wilson, George Deines, Elry Kincher, Keith Rector and Lance Steele.

## MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO

Providing the spark for the MHS spirit this year are these six good-looking girls who will lead the support for the Cowboys as they tackle Aspen during their homecoming game: Tracy Fandrich, Annette Chambers, Kim Soper, Lois Englert and Amy Chambers.

The charred remains of an old-time ranch house are all that remain of a Saturday night fire that destroyed the old Cuppy Sanderson house, 13 miles south of town, last week. Fortunately no one was living there at the time of the accident.

## MEEKER HERALD ~ 25 YEARS AGO

Donations for police dog Xaro's replacement are starting to come in. Coastal energy's representatives Bob Faircloth and Mickey King presented Sergeant Roy Kinney a check in the amount of \$4,000.

I would like to voice what I think of your new paper. I think it's really terrible. You can definitely tell that no one on staff cares anything for Rangely. We will greatly miss Sandy. At least she cared about us.

Cowboy running back Deloy Cook tried to get outside but Panther Keenan LeBleu jumped on Cook's back and rode him out of bounds. Rangely's JV team won the make-up game played Monday night at Starbuck Stadium 18-8.

## RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO

Highway repair work in Glenwood Canyon and on the Douglas Pass road between Loma and Rangely could begin this fall as the result of

## Gutierrez joins Herald Times staff

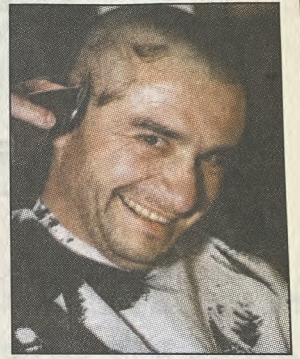
By Lois Wymore

Two monumental events took place in Bobby Gutierrez's life last week. His head was shaved in support of the local fund raising event for "Rally for the Cure" and he officially joined the staff of the Rio Blanco Herald Times as sports reporter.

We admire Bobby's passion for local sports activities and are excited to welcome him to the staff. We also admire his commitment to a cause.

Gutierrez was born in Meeker and has lived most of his life here. He has a degree from Mesa State in business. He has one daughter, Haylee Brook who is a senior at Fruita High.

He began reporting on high school wrestling a few years ago as a freelance writer for the Meeker Herald. Bobby has worked his way up to reporting on all Meeker high school and middle school sports, plus during the summer he covered



Bobby Gutierrez, gets his head shaved to support the "Rally For A Cure" golf tournament held in Meeker last weekend. \$2073 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Photo by Dale Hallebach

several non-athletic events.

We believe Gutierrez is up for the challenge of covering county sports activities. The job of covering sports in two towns would not be easy for most, but we're confident Bobby has got what it takes. Welcome aboard, Bobby!

HT ARCHIVES

## From the Meeker Herald archives, 25 years ago.

bids that were opened in Denver Thursday. Corn Construction of Grand Junction was the apparent low bidder on the Douglas Pass road project.

The Rangely Garden Club is locally joining forces with The Kidney Foundation of the Rocky Mountain Region in its annual Halloween "Trick or Treat" candy sales.

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**THEME: KIDS' BOOKS**

**ACROSS**

- \*The Big Bad Wolf: "I'll \_\_\_\_\_ your house down"
- Edgar Rice Burroughs' Kerchak or Kala
- Cosine's buddy
- Target of grand theft
- Influencer's journal
- Food-grinding tooth
- Bear's hang-out
- Like a maxi skirt
- Get up
- \*Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for \_\_\_\_\_"
- March Madness org.
- Expenditure, in the olden days
- \*"Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a \_\_\_\_\_"
- Turn pale
- Lachrymatory agent (2 words)
- Swimmer's distance
- Rinse and \_\_\_\_\_
- Consequently
- Join forces
- Bruin legend Bobby
- Jury duty event
- Per person
- Hockey player, e.g.
- Approximated landing time
- What naughty children do
- Fortification made of wagons
- Preceding month
- Unnecessary embellishment
- Customs document
- \*He had a terrible, horrible,

no good, very bad day

- Popular pie nut
- Not final
- Just a little
- Choice dish
- \_\_\_\_-do-well
- Sudden and brilliant success
- Doofus
- Is, in France
- Fail to mention

**DOWN**

- Like a certain eagle
- Oahu shindig
- Related to ear
- Exert persuasive powers (2 words)
- Jennifer Aniston's movie "\_\_\_\_\_ Came Polly"
- \*Canine father in Dodie Smith's "The Hundred and One Dalmatians"
- \*Dr. Seuss: "I do not like green \_\_\_\_\_ and ham"
- \*Philosopher in American edition of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone"
- Hipbone
- U.S. space agency, acr.
- \*"I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas..."
- Not serious
- Bipolar disorder phase
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- Favorite student
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- \*The Queen of Hearts baked more than one of these
- "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard \_\_\_\_\_
- Popular gemstone
- Type of renewable energy
- \*Janette Sebring Lowrey's "The \_\_\_\_\_ Little Puppy"
- \*Pitcher's stat
- \*"One \_\_\_\_\_ and One

- Nights"
- \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-la refrain
- Group of exercise reps
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- International Civil Aviation Organization
- \*Green Gables resident \_\_\_\_\_ Shirley
- Gloom's partner
- Evening purse
- Wholly engrossed
- Pipe material, acr.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
October 14, 2025 5:05pm  
Meeker Recreation Center  
NOTICE OF BUDGET (pursuant to 29-1-106 C.R.S.) NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2026. A copy of such a proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the ERBM Recreation and Park District to be held at the Meeker Recreation Center, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado on October 14, 2025 at 5:05pm. Any public desiring to participate in the meeting may attend in person or join the teleconference using the call-in number 970-878-7432. Any interested elector of the ERBM Recreation and Park District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Mary C. Strang, Deceased, Rio Blanco District Court Case Number 25PR030015.  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before January 30, 2026, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Mary S. Cunningham, Personal Representative  
c/o Olszewski & Massih, P.C.  
P.O. Box 916  
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Published: October 2, 9 and 16, 2025  
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**NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE**  
DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO  
PO Box 1150, 455 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641  
Petitioner: Theresa Wilson  
Defendant: Dennis Lee Wilson II  
Case No: 2025JV4 Division: B  
TO: Dennis Lee Wilson II, whose last known address is 26851 N Rose Rd., Meadowview, AZ 86444, and whose current whereabouts are unknown:  
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DATED: August 8, 2025  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TREE & BUSH TRIMMING**  
In order to create a clear operation area for all Town maintenance equipment along all streets within the Town, all trees, tree branches and other objects which are causing visual obstruction at intersections must be removed to permit the safe operation of Town equipment and promote the safe movement of vehicular traffic. The clear zone and/or obstructed intersections must be cleared by the property owner by October 15, 2025, prior to commencement of the Town Public Works Department clearing operations.  
More information may be obtained at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Mandi Etheridge, Administrator  
Published: September 18, 25, October 2 and 9, 2025  
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**941 EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE BOARD**  
Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Training Room  
355 4th Street  
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Proposed Meeting Agenda  
October 7, 2025 - 12pm  
To attend by phone please call 970-878-9402  
1. Call Meeting to Order  
2. Approval of Agenda  
3. Approval of Previous Minutes  
New Business  
1. Budget Discussion

**Reports**  
1. Financial Report  
2. Dispatch Report  
Old Business  
Other Board Business  
Schedule Next Meeting  
Adjournment  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025  
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
Call-in number: 970-878-8091  
I. Call to Order  
a. Pledge of Allegiance  
b. Roll Call  
II. Approval of the Agenda  
III. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
IV. Approval of Monthly Disbursements  
V. Public Participation  
VI. New Business  
a. Presentation of draft Town of Meeker 2026 budget  
b. Consideration of easement agreement with North 40 LLC  
c. Consideration of change order for Town Hall Security System  
VII. Manager's Report  
VIII. Mayor's Remarks  
IX. Other Board Business  
X. Adjournment  
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**TOWN OF MEEKER PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Monday, October 6, 2025  
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall  
345 Market Street, Meeker, CO  
I. Call to Order  
II. Pledge of Allegiance  
III. Roll Call  
IV. Approval of the Agenda  
V. Approval of the Previous Minutes  
a. Minutes from May 19, 2025  
VI. Public Participation  
VII. New Business  
a. Appoint Vice-Chair  
VII. Public Hearings:  
a. Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Short-Term Rental from Daniel & Sabrina Ferguson, also known as Lot 3, 4, 5, 6, and sly 6' of 7, Block 113, Town of Meeker.  
b. Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Short-Term Rental from Danielle Knollenberg, also known as a

parcel of land in Lots 1 & 2, Block 8, Town of Meeker.  
IX. Adjournment  
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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
OCTOBER 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
The Regular Board Meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District will be held at the Meeker Sanitation District Office, 265 8th Street, Meeker, Colorado.  
1. Call to order  
2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda  
3. Approval of Minutes  
4. Public Comments  
5. New Business  
A. 2026 Budget  
B. Centennial State Representative  
B. Property Tax Leins  
6. Old Business  
A. Plant Manager Report  
B. Office Manager Report  
7. Attorney  
8. Board  
A. Reports  
B. Delinquent Accounts  
C. Approve Current Bills  
9. Adjourn  
This agenda is subject to change without further notice. Agenda is posted at the office of the Meeker Sanitation District. 265 8th Street.  
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Meeker: POB 599, County Administration Bldg. Wednesday 1300 - 1500  
Rangely: 17497 Hwy. 64, County Shop. Thursday 1300 - 1500.  
(Also, by appointment)  
County Veteran Service Officer:  
Joe Dungan  
(970) 878-9690

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

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Philippians 2:3-4  
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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meetings in Meeker M-W-F at 7 p.m. Downstairs at Richards' Hall - St. James Episcopal Church - 368 4th St.

**STORAGE**

If storage unit #25 is not paid by Oct. 30, contents will be sold. Meeker.

**YARD SALES**

**ESTATE SALE**  
Oct. 11-12 8AM-2PM. 1506 County Road 8 (bridge past the Green Cabins). Large estate sale featuring household items, furniture, beds, antiques, books, and much more! Don't miss this two-day sale; something for everyone!

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

**1135 Michael Cir**.....SOLD

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

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

**9501 County Road 10, Maybell (Greystone)** - 3BD | 2BA | 1782 SF home offered with your choice of land options (120, 80, 40, or 8.469 ± acres) & water tap.....\$387,500

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

**NEW! 1109 Park Ave**.....Under Contract

**1058 Sage Ct**.....SOLD

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

**NEW! 1363 Robert St** - 0.22± acre lot w/ views from Sage Hills, all utilities available at curb.....\$55,000

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**643 Main Street, Meeker**

**FEATURED PROPERTY**



**243 E MAIN STREET, RANGELY \$209,000**

SILT: 1334 County Road 250: 19.6 irrigated acres, 5BD/3BA log home	\$1,851,334
MEEKER: Adams Lodge Outfitters: Outfitting business, camp inventory, horses, truck, trailer, and base property	\$1,400,000
MEEKER: 4000 County Road 4: 37 acres, water, 4BD/3.5BA home, shop & greenhouse	\$1,300,000
SILT: 5939 County Road 233: 10 acres, 4BD/2BA Home	\$860,939
RIFLE: 3768 County Road 237: Horse friendly 40+/- acres bordering BLM, 3BD/2BA home with outbuildings	PENDING \$815,768
MEEKER: 410 Market Street: Established restaurant, bustling location, 2BD/1BA upstairs apartment	\$675,000
MEEKER: 1085 Market Street: Commercial shop and retail space with apartment, corner lot	\$650,000
MEEKER: 1287 Cleveland Street: Unobstructed views, oversized lot, 4BD/1.75BA log home, 30'x50' shop	SOLD
MEEKER: 6255 County Road 7: 14.87 acres, pond, well water, shop, freshly remodeled home	SOLD
RIFLE: 3053 Coal Mine Road: 3BD/2BA, 1,904 SQFT home with a spacious 3 car garage	\$460,053
RIFLE: 580 Will Avenue: 2,080 SQFT, 4BD/2BA home on a large lot	PENDING \$455,580
RIFLE: 1018 East Avenue: Creekside 1,920 sqft, 3BD/3.5BA townhome with garage	PENDING \$443,118
RIFLE: 2501 Meadow Circle: 2-story, end unit townhome, 3BD/3BA, fenced yard	\$416,501
MEEKER: 3915 County Road 10: 3.1 acres, well water, gorgeous views of the South Fork Valley	\$393,000
MEEKER: 1217 Main Street: Freshly updated 3BD/1BA, private double corner lot, abundant storage	\$365,000
MEEKER: 565 4th Street: Tri-level 3BD/3BA, fenced yard, spacious garage, peaceful location	\$335,000
RANGELY: 243 East Main Street: Car wash, high visibility, bustling location	\$209,000
MEEKER: 267 6th Street: 1,450 sqft downtown commercial building, private offices, conference room, breakroom, 2BA	\$200,000
MEEKER: 1200 Flag Creek Drive: 3.28 acres with views of the river and golf course	\$124,000
MEEKER: 1001 White River Road: Lot 1 in Ridge Estates, 3.48 acres, 1 mile to town	\$121,000
MEEKER: 1000 Flag Creek Drive: 3.32 acre lot in Ridge Estates, year round access	\$119,000
MEEKER: 837 Cedar Street: Large 4BD/1.75BA home on a spacious 15,000 SQFT corner lot	\$115,000

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