

# Oktoberfest

A CELEBRATION OF OUR LOCAL HEROES

PROCEEDS GO TO LEE & ELK WILDFIRE RECOVERY FUNDS

SMOKING RIVER BREWING CO 101 E. MARKET ST, MEEKER CO

OCT 11, 2025

2PM-10PM

RECOGNITION CEREMONY AT 6:30

PIG ROAST AND FOOD ALL DAY

BY LOCAL BUSINESSES ALL DAY

GAMES AND GIVE-AWAYS ALL DAY

MERCHANDISE

LIVE MUSIC SEAN DAMITZ, RIVER CITY BAND, DEED, MATT & SHANA WITH ERIC DELANEY

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## ‘Burned, not broken’: Smoking River Brewery’s Oktoberfest takes a new direction post-fire

By NIKI TURNER  
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**MEEKER** | The annual Oktoberfest celebration at Smoking River Brewery has become a community tradition in a few short years. The Lee and Elk fires nearly squelched it.

“We were going to cancel this year,” said co-owner Kristofer Borchard, noting that after the fire it didn’t seem right to have a celebration. That was until they started hearing stories about the local fire-fighters, work crews, ranchers, businesses, and individuals who worked to save homes and properties, and those who lost livestock, buildings, and more and needed help.

The family-owned business first looked into setting up a foundation, then learned about the Yampa Valley Community Foundation (YVCF) through Town Manager Mandi Etheridge.

According to Etheridge, YVCF offered to be the singular mechanism for donations coming in immediately after the fires. “They stood up an ad hoc committee to manage disbursement of those funds consisting of two Foundation members, one United Way representative, one Garfield County representative, and three from Rio Blanco. Applications to the fund must go through a non-profit organization and must be specifically for relief due to Lee and Elk fire impacts.”

The committee has already awarded some funds to the United Way to help with families that experienced loss due to evacuation and approximately \$50K to the Conservation District as they are working with agricultural partners to help with recovery efforts. The Meeker

Community Development Department is actively collecting requests to submit an application on behalf of local businesses.

YVCF continues to actively receive donations for fire recovery. Visit <https://yvcf.org/funds/yampa-valley-disaster-recovery-fund/> to review grant guidelines or to donate online.

With a way to distribute funding, the Borchards decided to revive Oktoberfest with a twist: as a fire recovery fundraiser and time to recognize the heroes who worked tirelessly to help fight the fire and to help their neighbors. On Saturday, Oct. 11, starting at 2 p.m., the Brewery will feature live music by local bands, food, games, awards, and, of course, beer.

All the food is being donated: Stanley Crawford volunteered to cook a pig; TX Tea, Rigg’s and the Brewery are providing side dishes. Someone else donated T-shirts, and another person donated plaques to be presented to different businesses, communities, town and county departments, volunteers and more.

Meals are \$20 a plate for adults, \$10 a plate for kids under 10. All the proceeds from the meal and \$1 from the purchase of every “Fireman Freshie” beer, will go toward the YVCF fund.

Depending on the weather, the awards presentation, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., may start earlier, around 5 or 5:30 p.m..

Returning for the annual event are some favorite activities: the spicy sausage-eating contest, the stein hold contest, and the beer chugging contest.

T-shirts and steins with unique 2025 artwork designed by Meeker High School art teacher Ben Quinn will be available for purchase, with profits going toward the recovery fund.

## What’s missing?

NIKI TURNER PHOTO

It’s easy to overlook things we’re accustomed to seeing everyday, even when those things disappear. The iconic blinking red light at the intersection of 6th and Main, the last remaining stoplight in the county, was quietly removed by the town’s public works department in the last month. The light had stopped working correctly and the sagging wires were started to present a safety hazard for trucks traveling through the intersection.

## 4-H Open Enrollment underway for a new year

PRESS RELEASE

**RBC** | October is here, and with it comes one of our favorite times of year — National 4-H Week (Oct. 5–11), the beginning of a brand-new 4-H year, and the chance for new families to get involved! In Rio Blanco County, 4-H is about more than projects and meetings — it’s about friends, fun, and growing together as a community. If you’ve ever been curious about 4-H, now’s the perfect time to check it out.

**What is 4-H?**  
At its heart, 4-H is about giving kids a chance to explore their interests, learn new skills, and build confidence in a welcoming environment. It’s a place where youth can raise an animal, try out cooking, practice public speaking, or build a robot — all while making friends and learning life skills along the way. Caring volunteers help guide the experience, but the kids lead the way by discovering what excites them most.

**Who can join?**  
• Ages 5–7: Kids can join as Cloverbuds and enjoy fun, hands-on activities at monthly gatherings designed just for younger members.  
• Ages 8–18 (by December 31, 2025): Youth can choose from a wide variety of projects — including robotics, livestock, arts, gardening, shooting sports, cooking, leadership, and more.  
• Ages 18+: Calling all artists, scientists, bakers, and gardeners! Put your skills to use and help teach the next generation of leaders! Whether you have an hour or a season, we have a role for you!

No matter your age or interest, there’s a place for you in 4-H!

**What’s in it for YOU?**  
• Explore hands-on projects (robotics, animals, arts, cooking, gardening, leadership, public speaking, and more)  
• Compete or present at county and state fairs and showcase your work  
• Take on leadership roles in your club and community  
• Connect with mentors, volunteers, and peers who share your interests  
• Build important life skills — confidence, responsibility, communication, teamwork

- Try new challenges, make new friends, and create lasting memories

**How to get started in Rio Blanco County**

1. Call or visit the Rio Blanco County Extension Offices:
  - Meeker: 700 Sulphur Creek Road | 970-878-9490
  - Rangely: 17497 Hwy 64 | 970-878-9499
2. Enroll online via 4-H Online: [4honline.com/](http://4honline.com/)
3. Plug In: You will start receiving communication from the Extension Office and your 4-H Leaders.

**Let’s make this year unforgettable!**  
We’re excited to celebrate National 4-H Week (October 5–11) and kick off a brand-new year filled with learning, laughter, and adventure. Rio Blanco County 4-H is ready for another remarkable year, and we can’t wait to welcome new members, returning members, and their families into our 4-H community. Come join us — this is your year to grow with 4-H!

## Captain Jack

COURTESY PHOTO

**Meeker High School art students Joshua Quinn and Brooklyn Kirkpatrick are installing the second mural in the Pioneers in Paint project, featuring Captain Jack. Both students are juniors and returning Colorado Scholastic Gold Key recipients. This mural is part of Uplift Meeker’s effort to celebrate local history through public art, and the students’ talent and dedication helped bring this project to life.**

4-H Offers more than you know! Animals • Art • Clothing • Cakes • Home Decor • Metalwork • Shooting Sports • Wildlife • More!

Help Youth Build Confidence • Leadership • Responsibility • Resilience • Teamwork • Career Readiness

Rio Blanco County 4-H - Come grow with us!

Calling all youth ages 5-18 and adult volunteers

It’s time to Join 4-H!

Enroll Now at [4Honline.com](http://4Honline.com)

RBC Extension Office - 700 Sulphur Creek Rd - 970-878-9490



# Commissioners review bridge repairs, replacement projects

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC** | The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting Sept. 30 in Meeker to address some agenda items.

After implementing a hiring freeze, commissioners were asked to approve a request from County Clerk and Recorder Shawn Luce to fill a recently vacated

position for recording clerk and election assistant. The commissioners approved the request.

Also up for discussion were planned repairs to the County Rd. 17 bridge near Buford, the Burke bridge replacement/repair project on County Rd. 5, and updates to the County Rd. 77 bridge project.

Public Works Director Thad White and Public Works Office Administrator Antina DeBenedetto reviewed options

provided by Schmeuser-Gordon-Meyer for the CR 17 bridge, recommending the third option to maximize the bridge's life span with a complete rehabilitation.

The State of Colorado has determined that the Burke bridge needs to be replaced, having "been repaired to the extent of the repairs that can be



done." Commissioners discussed potential changes in hydrology due to the fires, and decided to pursue a new inspection to determine potential impacts from the fires and subsequent flooding.

County Administrator Vicky Edwards said funds were set aside for both bridge projects in the 2025 budget.

The County Rd. 77 bridge is an Anschutz project. Anschutz is covering the costs for the project through the county. "It can't go through Anschutz," explained Commissioner Doug Overton. "The checks have to come from Rio Blanco County."

Commissioners also approved an annual intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Moffat County Detention to provide inmate detention for Rio Blanco

County. County Attorney Don Steerman said even with some increased cost based on inflation, it's "still quite a bit cheaper than if we were trying to do that here."

Before adjourning, commissioners approved a letter in support of the Bureau of Land Management regarding "a more friendly admissions policy" for air quality standards than what the State of Colorado wants.

## PMC board reviews finances, housing, staffing and compliance matters

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**MEEKER** | The Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District (Pioneers Medical Center) Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting for September last week.

Chief Financial Officer John Nadone provided updates on the facility's operations and outlook. He noted a minor downturn in August due to wildfire-related postponements, but said most canceled procedures have been rescheduled and retail pharmacy sales have remained strong. Overall, the hospital reported a near break-even performance year to date, with an \$8,000 net loss after accounting for depreciation and amortization.

The board also discussed national trends affecting rural hospitals, including the potential loss of Affordable Care Act subsidies and ongoing Big Pharma lawsuits over 340B drug rebates. Several large insurers — including Anthem, Humana, UnitedHealthcare and Aetna — are pulling out of Medicare Advantage markets nationwide, which could limit options for patients.

To help the community navigate these changes, the hospital will offer educational sessions on Medicare Advantage and supplemental plans beginning Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m., with staff available to guide participants through their options.

During the finance meeting, board secretary and treasurer Sherri Halandras raised a question about whether hospital employees who traveled with residents during the wildfire evacuation were compensated.

"Were they really compensated for time away from their family, were they given some kind of bonus, but were they paid mileage for travel?" Halandras asked.

Hospital leadership

responded that employees affected by wildfire evacuations were compensated for their time, travel, hotel stays and meals. Payroll and staffing costs, they said, remain largely fixed. Looking ahead, the 2026 budget projects growth in orthopedic services with the addition of a second surgeon, which will increase surgical volume and support staff costs. The budget also anticipates a slight decrease in the county mill levy — about \$460,000 — as well as increases in contract labor and service fees.

Despite tight margins and mostly fixed expenses, Nadone said the hospital remains financially strong, with a cash position of roughly \$13 million, and expects a modest positive margin next year. He said the hospital will continue close expense monitoring early in 2026 to stay on track financially.

After the finance meeting, the board moved into the regular session. Halandras raised the issue of whether minutes should include detailed narratives or remain a concise record of actions taken in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, rather than a transcript of discussions.

"The minutes should focus on motions, votes and decisions made, not on individual opinions or debates," Halandras said. "They should also include the names of those who make the motions. The first one was regarding the apartments. There was quite the discussion regarding apartments, but one board member was quoted. I don't think you can pick and choose who is quoted — I really think you should stick with actions taken and discussion items that were discussed."

Executive Assistant Natalie Scritchfield responded, saying, "I think it's really important that the minutes offer a fuller picture than 'apartments were discussed, no decisions were made,'" she said. "I do think there are a lot of special community

members who rely on the minutes to understand what we speak about. I think that there is always opportunity to be more objective, and I am happy to take that feedback."

The board ultimately approved the minutes as presented and agreed to meet separately to establish a consistent format for future records. Before moving into reports, members confirmed updated committee designations, with Halandras appointed to the Finance Committee and Jean Gianinetti to the Quality Committee.

CEO Liz Sellers reported that remodeling work on the hospital's employee housing units is nearly complete, with two apartments currently being renovated and expected to be finished this week. Once seasonal Bureau of Land Management tenants vacate their units later this fall, three additional apartments will become available, bringing the total to five completed units, with the potential for three more to be added as needed.

Sellers said the housing program continues to support traveling medical staff, including CRNAs and emergency room physicians, while the hospital works to hire three permanent CRNAs. One unit will be reserved during the winter months to accommodate traveling ER providers affected by weather.

Chief Nursing Officer Janelle Borchard expressed appreciation for continued collaboration among hospital staff and first responders, noting how valuable those partnerships have been. She said revisions to the hospital's staffing plan will be presented to the board in November to account for growth in surgical services and the addition of new providers. Borchard said the changes are necessary to ensure adequate coverage and meet reporting requirements.

Later in the meeting, representatives from Ovation provided an update

on statewide funding and education opportunities for rural hospitals. They noted that hospitals, federally qualified health centers, and behavioral health providers are all competing for limited federal dollars. The organization encouraged board members to participate in ongoing Ovation training sessions — which count toward board certification — and invited them to

attend the annual meeting in February. Ovation also announced a cost report "boot camp" in October and shared that a financial operations review for Pioneers Medical Center is underway, with results expected at the next board meeting.

The board then reviewed the hospital's August financial report, noting lower surgical volume due to wild-

fire-related disruptions but stable payer mix and strong pharmacy revenue. Members approved both the August financials and the preliminary 2026 budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

Near the end of the meeting, Pioneers Medical Center released information regarding an incident earlier this year in the Walbridge Wing. In re-

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## RIO HAPPENINGS: SEPT. 28-OCT. 4, 2025

### ARRESTS

**9/28/2025-** Colorado State Patrol arrested a male party on a warrant during a routine traffic stop on Highway 13. The male was taken to jail.

**CALL SUMMARIES 9/29/2025 @ 5:57 am.** A traffic complaint came into the Communications Center regarding a hunter on an ATV that almost ran the caller off the road on BLM property. A BLM officer and deputies contacted the suspect later. The same afternoon as he had been banned from public lands prior for this same sort of behavior. This is the first year he was allowed back on public lands. After further investigation the ATV hunter was warned and released.

**10/1/2025 @ 8:47 am.** An Apple crash detection alert came into the Communications Center at mile-marker 60 on highway 64. There was no crash however, the phone had fallen off a piece of equipment and was ran over which initiated the 911 call.

**10/2/2025 @ 12:24 pm.** A resident reported they shot their neighbor's dog after it aggressively charged at them. The dog is deceased and the case is currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

**10/3/2025 @ 9:03 am.** A concerned citizen flagged down a Meeker Police Officer regarding a possible drunk driver. The officer located and stopped the vehicle. It turns out the driver wasn't drunk, they were simply taking in the views.

**10/4/2025 @ 2:54 pm.** A caller reported their vehicle stolen from the Meeker Airport. After a quick investigation, the car

was located on the other side of the airport. Case closed, pride impacted. **10/4/2025 @ 3:59 pm.** A small fire was reported

approximately 9 miles up on County Road 7. Meeker Volunteer Fire Dept. had the fire contained at 6:13 pm.

TOTAL CALLS: 377 — 911 CALLS: 41 — ADMIN: 336		
CALL TYPE	SHERIFF	MEEKER PD
911	2	3
ANIMAL	9	7
ASSAULT	0	1
ASSIST COLORADO STATE PATROL	4	1
ASSIST MEEKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	4	3
ASSIST RANGELY PD	4	0
ASSIST RANGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	1	0
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	2	0
ATTEMPT TO SERVE	2	0
BUSINESS CHECK	4	8
CERTIFIED VIN	2	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	0	1
CIVIL	1	0
CIVIL STANDBY	1	3
CRASH	0	2
DIRECTED PATROL	5	9
DISTURBANCE	0	1
FIRE	1	0
FIRE - WILD	4	0
FOLLOW UP	1	6
FRAUD	0	1
INFORMATION	2	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	4	1
OVERDUE PARTY	1	0
PHONE FOLLOWUP	5	7
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	1	0
PUBLIC RELATIONS	0	1
PROPERTY	0	2
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	0	3
THEFT	1	1
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1	2
TRESPASS	1	1
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0
TRAFFIC STOP	28	20
VIN INSPECTON	2	4
WELFARE CHECK	2	3
TOTALS	96	93
TOTAL INMATES IN JAIL AS OF 10/7/2025: 5		

**CORRECTION:** In the Sept. 4 issue of the Herald Times, "Brian Krueger, Flight Operations Director" should have read Brian Kreter, PlantOps Director, and "Dr. Briggs" should have read Dr. Griggs. We deeply regret the error and sincerely apologize.

## Where Healthcare meets Economic Development

Did you know that when Pioneers Medical Center creates 6 new full-time jobs, we also create 31 indirect jobs, and 2 induced jobs for a total of 39 new jobs?

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



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MRC Pool closed next week

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Recreation Center Pool will be closed Monday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 17 for maintenance. Normal hours are scheduled to resume Saturday, Oct. 18. Please call 970-878-3403 to check pool status prior to your visit.

## Love Meeker? Seasonal volunteers wanted for the Chamber

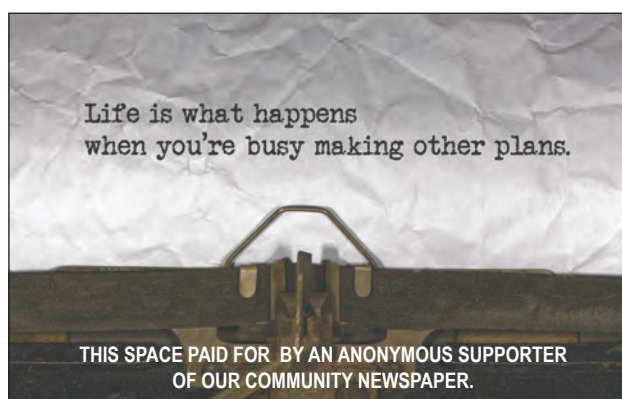
**MEEKER** | Do you love Meeker and enjoy meeting new people? The Meeker Chamber of Commerce is looking for part-time, seasonal volunteers to help greet visitors, answer phones, hand out maps, and share all the wonderful things our town has to offer. If this sounds like you, contact Sara at sara@meekerchamber.com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

## Pumpkins Eats 'N Treats Oct. 31

**MEEKER** | Join ERBM and local businesses and organizations for community fun, trick-or-treating, and a costume parade in downtown Meeker this Halloween.



Trick-or-treating will begin at 4 p.m., followed by the Costume Parade (line up at 4:45 p.m., parade at 5 p.m.). Businesses, call 970-878-7421 to reserve booth space.

## Babysitter Training Course Nov. 14-15

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

## 4-H Open Enrollment underway

**RBC** | Calling all youth ages 5-18 and adult volunteers, it's time to join 4-H! Enroll now at <https://www.4Honline.com> or stop by the RBC Extension Office at 700 Sulphur Creek Rd. 4-H offers more than you know!

## Save the date!

**MEEKER** | Nov. 1: Recovery update and community gathering — details to follow. Fairfield Center, 5 p.m.



**Hungry for some deals? Check out our weekly ad!**  
PRICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8TH – OCTOBER 14TH, 2025

## FRESH QUALITY MEAT SPECIALS



**Petite Sirloin Steak**  
CAB Family Pack **\$8.99** lb.



**Pork Sirloin Chop**  
Boneless Family Pack **\$2.79** lb.



**Chicken Wings**  
Frozen **\$1.99** lb.

## FRESH PRODUCE SPECIALS



Locally Grown Festive Fall Pumpkins Available!



**Russet Potatoes**  
Basket & Bushel 5 lb. Bag **3/\$5**



**Raspberries or Blackberries**  
6 oz. Package Sweet **2/\$4**



**Cauliflower**  
Fresh & Healthy **\$1.29** lb.



**Pears**  
Fresh Bosc, Bartlett or Red **\$1.79** lb.

## DAIRY & FROZEN SPECIALS

- Go-Gurt**  
Yoplait 8 ct. Select Varieties **\$2.99**
- Yogurt**  
Yoplait 5.6-6 oz. Select Varieties **10/\$6**
- Iced Coffee**  
International Delight 64 oz. Select Varieties **\$3.99**
- Pizza**  
Red Baron 14.76-23.45 oz. Select Varieties **2/\$9**
- Vegetables**  
Birds Eye Steam Fresh 10-10.8 oz. Select Varieties **2/\$5**
- Ice Cream Sandwiches**  
Fat Boy 4-9 ct. Select Varieties **\$4.79**

## GROCERY SPECIALS

- Rice Krispies Treats or Pop-Tarts**  
Kellogg's 7-8 ct. Select Varieties **\$2.49**
- Entrees**  
Kevin's 16 oz. Select Varieties **\$8.99**
- Cereal**  
General Mills 8.9-12 oz. Select Varieties **\$3.49**
- Fruit Snacks**  
Welch's 6-10 ct. Select Varieties **\$2.49**
- Crackers**  
Club or Town House 9-13.8 oz. Select Varieties **\$3.99**
- Candy**  
Tootsie & More 7.1-18 oz. Select Varieties **\$3.99**

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

### National Newspaper Week and Banned Books Week remind us of our roots

*“We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. We must remember always that accusation is not proof and that conviction depends upon evidence and due process of law. We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men – not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes that were, for the moment, unpopular.”*

~ Edward R. Murrow (1954) speaking of Sen. Joseph McCarthy

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unhappy. Newspapers have both kept people informed about events

What do Banned Books Week and National Newspaper Week have in common? The words from renowned journalist Edward R. Murrow, above, presented during the “Red Scare” led by junior senator Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s sum it up well: we, as Americans, have fought since our founding for the right to read, to write, to publish, and to think independently and sometimes in dissent with those in power.

National Newspaper Week has been observed since 1940, bringing attention to the importance of local journalism and the freedom of the press to publish words that might make people in power angry or

and provided a mirror on which we can reflect who we are as a people.

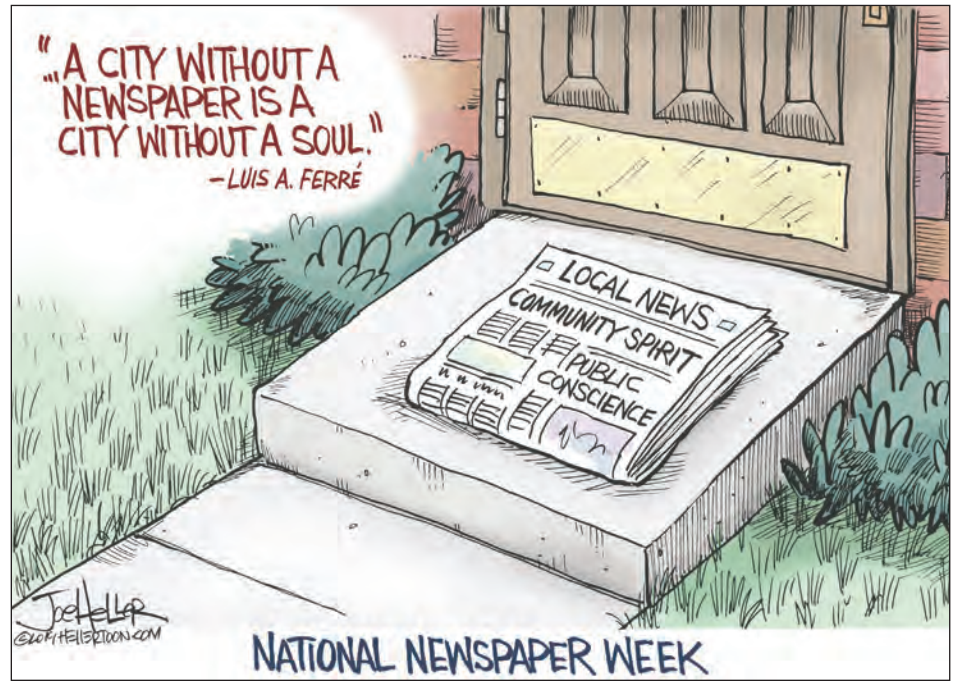
Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 by the American Library Association, highlighting shared support of the freedom to read what we choose, without fear of government censorship.

The publishing industry has never been an easy one. Since the invention of the printing press there has always been a contingent of power-hungry people who wanted to exert control over what was printed and who was allowed to read it. Why? Because if you can control what people read, you can

control what they think, and if you can control what they think, you can control their time, their loyalty, and perhaps most importantly, their money.

For much of history, receiving an education was denied to many – the poor, people of color, women. Today, at least in America, learning to read is both a right and a responsibility available to all, something for which we should be grateful.

This is a good week to remember that what we’re grateful for needs to be protected. Journalists should be able to point out when something is false, or refute and debunk a politician’s rhetoric without fear of retribution. Our libraries should have as many disparate views and ideas as the shelves will hold. If we have become a people



who are afraid of ideas, we have become weak. If we are afraid to change our minds or correct a course of action in light of new information, we have become brittle. And things that are weak and

brittle are vulnerable. Murrow perhaps phrased it best: “We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason.”

As it was in the McCarthy era, the real enemy is not people who

look, think, believe, or behave differently than we do, the real enemy is fear.

We can do better, and we should. In Murrow’s closing words: “Good night, and good luck.”

### Response to library board

Dear Editor:  
The hubris shown by

John Moffitt, as well as Dan Olson and Michael Cobb, regarding the Meeker Regional Library District continues to

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

amaze. These board members seem to believe that they alone understand what the people of Meeker want in their PUBLIC Library, regardless of what the Librarian, other board members, active library patrons, or even State Law may tell them.

Messrs. Moffitt, Olson, and Cobb believe they have a mandate to change the PUBLIC Library into an entity that reflects their personal “world view” based on the results of the 2024 Presidential Election. In that election 80% of the 76% of eligible voters in Rio Blanco County voted for the Republican Candidates. What that statistic shows is that the majority of voters in Rio Blanco County voted for

Republican Candidates. What that statistic does not show is the reason(s) the voters voted for those Candidates. The results of that election do not necessarily equate to support for these three board members and their definition of conservatism nor does it reflect the voters’ dissatisfaction with the Meeker PUBLIC Library or its programs. For some reason Mr. Moffitt feels that this election is proof that the members of the Library District feel that Messrs. Olson, Cobb, and Moffitt are qualified to make decisions that undermine the Librarian, library programs, and their fellow board members.

The Meeker PUBLIC Library is a warm and inviting place where patrons find materials for learning and leisure. Materials are available for high school students, who no longer have a library in their school, and for home schoolers. It is an invaluable resource for the community. What the Library does not have are materials labeled as Conservative, Liberal, Christian, or Non-Christian. It does raise the question of how John Moffitt has been able

to determine that there are more or less materials available under any of those topics. It is hard to believe that someone who freely admits to not being able to find “Oliver Twist” in the library is able to determine the subject matter of the materials in the library’s collections. Perhaps the next time Mr. Moffitt writes to the editor, he can provide actual facts on how he has come to the conclusions he so readily shares about his perceived inequities within the Library.

Mr. Moffitt continuously mentions that he is not interested in “banning” books. What he fails to mention is that he feels that as the president of the board he should have the power to review the collection and to decide what materials are purchased. You do not need to actually ban a book if it has never been added to the collection. You have essentially banned the book by exclusion.

I truly hope that the elected officials, whose duty it is to select qualified board members to the library district, consider their responsibility to appoint responsible people

who are knowledgeable about the true purpose of a PUBLIC library and are more interested in supporting the library and the community as a whole, rather than promoting their own “world view.”

Other questions Mr. Moffitt might want to address are:

- Why did Messrs. Moffitt, Cobb, and Olson vote to lower the mill levy that the voters of the county approved when it was clear in that ELECTION what the people wanted? As a board they should have been aware of some major upcoming expenses.
- Why has there been a major delay in the repair of the library roof and HVAC system?
- Why, after lowering the mill levy, does Mr. Moffitt continue to find big ticket items on which to spend money?
- Why, after Mr. Moffitt became president, has the Library started spending thousands of dollars a month for a lawyer to sit in on board meetings?
- Why, after Mr. Moffitt’s term as board secretary, are meetings now being recorded?
- Why does there seem to be such a concern about pornography and sexu-

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# Saturday, November 8

## 8:00am - 10:00am

501 Airport Rd. Rifle, CO

**Online registration now available!**

**Remember to fast 12 hours (nothing but water) before getting blood work**

**Available Blood Screenings:**

- Comprehensive Metabolic Blood Chemistry Panel \$45
- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) \$50
- Hemoglobin A1c \$35
- Blood Count Screening \$35
- Testosterone \$50
- Vitamin B12 \$30
- Vitamin D \$60
- Blood Type \$30
- Diabetic Retinopathy Exam \$25
- Colon Cancer Screening Kit \$40
- Micro-Albumin Vouchers \$5

**Additional FREE Screenings:**

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### LOOSE ENDS: The last laugh

By DOLLY VISCARDI  
Special to the HT

Most of us are used to thinking of the above phrase in a negative way in a personal situation, as in “at least I got the last laugh.” Even now with such a thin line drawn between insult and compliment, such an old-time phrase can be the perfect way to describe disappointing social encounters. You can count yourself in the Baby Boomer demographic if you find yourself blurting

out these ol’ timey expressions more than your teenage grandchild’s slang.

The familiar sayings might be idioms, metaphors, or similes, which were part of the required elementary curriculum in the school one attended. The majority of teachers who had achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree from a four-year university or college also learned diagramming sentences.

There is a definite range to the acceptable tool used for the accurate measurement of social civility. So far, I haven’t found one that has been invented yet, although

I have to admit that my siblings and I used to gift each other with the gag gifts that we found in the local five and dime store or at small town carnivals that came through every summer. They were light on insult and heavy on humor of all kinds, and if our parents and grandparents noticed, they made us take them back or throw them away. We all had to use our hard-earned money for such jobs as lawn mowing, babysitting, or taking care of an elderly neighbor’s pets.

Those were the days. Uh-oh. I, too, have lost my sense of humor. Now who has the last laugh.

### (CONT.) LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Cont. from P4**  
ality in our library by Messrs. Moffitt, Cobb, and Olson? Is this a true issue based on legal definition, an issue based on conspiracy theories, or just an attempt to create a “red herring” issue to agitate the community? Has there been any pornography found in the Library that meets the legal definition of pornography?

• Why does “Gender Queer” continue to be an issue 3 years after the community concerns regarding the book were formally addressed and resolved? Why do some board members continue to spread false rumors and misinformation about that book?

• Why do the three men on the Meeker Regional Library District Board, who are relatively new to our community, continue to try to create outrage and concerns about our library, when there really are not any major problems/concerns being expressed by the community?

Meeker has a wonderful PUBLIC library. Board members should be promoting our Library and building on the positive rather than creating negative and often misleading narratives.

All this crazy divisiveness

needs to stop.

Jennifer Key  
Meeker

#### Thank you, Meeker!

Dear Editor:

The 2025 Meeker Mustang Makeover will be remembered as a landmark event, shattering records and capturing the hearts of all who attended. In our seventh year, our County’s two historic fires filled the fairgrounds with over 1,200 firefighters requiring the postponement of the event until the end of September.

Thank you to our sponsors, our volunteers, our trainers and their families, the Meeker Community (#MeekerStrong) turned out to support this home town event!

Under saddle three year old horses sold for nearly an average of \$10,000, remarkable prices for 120 day wonder horses who just months ago were ready to jump high fences to get away. Our small town Makeover set a new standard for mustang events across the nation.

The event was elevated by a two day event this year that kicked off with our Mustang Only Horse Show. Trainers

came from across the west, and the horse show attracted new attendees who brought their beautiful horses to compete and be part of the action. Many of our youth trainers went home with their horses, and at least \$1,000 in scholarship funds as well as prize money and awards thanks to our community sponsors.

This year’s auction was nothing short of extraordinary. Bidding was fierce, and by the end of the night, the auction had not only doubled last year’s total with total receipts of \$128,000, but one of the top horses sold for an astounding \$22,000. This remarkable achievement underscores the value and potential of these once-wild mustangs, now transformed into exceptional equine partners.

But perhaps the most heart-warming outcome of the night was that every mustang found a loving home. The connection between the horses and their new owners was evident, and the joy on their faces as they led their new companions out of the arena was a beautiful reminder of the life-changing impact of the Meeker Mustang Makeover.

The success of the 2025 Meeker Mustang Makeover is a testament to the courage and

fortitude of our community, the dedication of the trainers, the passion of the buyers. Over and over again, visitors remarked on the friendliness of our town and its citizens. How many towns in America can three visitors on mustangs go bar hopping? Meeker opened their arms, and the audience appreciated the warm welcome. So we thank you, our volunteers, our sponsors, and our community.

Every year this event has grown, and this year in particular was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared purpose.

Special mention to: Meeker Lion’s Club for refreshments, Piceance Mustang Volunteers, and all our volunteers who came out to help welcome and support our trainers.

As the dust settles on the arena, the legacy of this year’s event will continue to inspire and pave the way for future mustangs and their trainers. The Meeker Mustang Makeover has once again proven that with heart, determination, and community support, anything is possible.

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#### Library collections

Dear Editor:

I strenuously object to the banning of books in our library by board members. The selection of books is up to the head librarian, not the board. Further, I object to having Christians characterized as believing just like one board member. The assumption that our community thinks and believes as he does is outrageous. Even if they do, each resident is entitled to his or her own view about book selections. Harping on one book one person doesn’t like is a lost cause. What about all the other 99.9% of the collection that seems to be satisfactory to everyone?

Let’s support our public library that is open to everyone and a treasure of our community.

Kaye Sullivan  
Meeker

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# DAYS GONE BY

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO**  
The new Baer residence in Danforth park is beyond all doubt the finest in this valley. Indeed, it would do credit to Capitol Hill, Denver.

The Sanderson residence on east Main Street is going up in a rush.

The present is the longest dry spell for this season of the year within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant.

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO**  
Word came to town middle of the week that James Meeker High defeated Craig High last Saturday by a score of 7-0.

The Minute Women of America, a new organization consisting, it is said of 100 percent of

the former membership of the women of the Ku Klux Klan in Denver, came into being as a national organization Tuesday night at the cotton mills, former meeting place of the Knights and the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 75 YEARS AGO**  
Considerable excitement was created Sunday afternoon when an accidentally discharged rifle took the life of Mrs. Marie Johnson and seriously wounded C.A. Goodon, both of Boulder, Colorado. The accident happened about four o'clock Sunday afternoon in front of the Meeker Hotel.

Three men employed in Rangely oil field in Vernal, Utah jail charged with killing calf on Douglas Creek.

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO**  
The bid opening for the proposed well water system for Meeker was held last Wednesday in the Fairfield Center with a total of 21 bids being submitted for the four different projects.

Sometimes we wonder if people read the paper as they keep asking questions about problems that have already been answered.

**RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO**  
Freedom of speech and of the press have made us a free people. May we, as a nation, have the wisdom to recognize and perpetuate that truth.

Oil shale could add 20 billion barrels to U.S. oil reserves over 30-year period.

**HERALD TIMES ~ 25 YEARS AGO**  
Jeff Looney, Rangely Town Manager, resigned his position at the Tuesday night meeting of the Trustees. Looney

was town manager for the past two years.

To find THE MEEKER HERALD no longer heading the paper is like experiencing the death

of a dear and cherished friend. I mourn. May it please you, to eventually bring back to life, THE MEEKER HERALD on your paper. ~Margaret Smith Isaac

## HISTORY LESSONS: Rio Blanco Store, Part 2

By ED PECK  
Special to the HT

Occasionally, I get feedback that fills in a gap to my story. It is important to me to get these things in print before that knowledge disappears forever. When the Herald Times published the story of the Rio Blanco Store, several people came to us with their memories. One of them gave us the back story of the original builder of the store.

In my newspaper research, I missed a small article in the Meeker Herald. The November 29, 1913 issue announced that "Paul Ottens, a Rio Blanco settler, has opened a general store at Johnsons, on the Meeker-Rifle Road. Mr. Ottens is an old hand at his line of business." I interviewed several descendants of Paul and found that they had a copy of an old interview of John ALBERT Otten: "He [Paul Otten] came out from Denver after the divorce with my step-mother [Augusta L. Jurgens] ... he came out...he had a wagon, a kind of "odds and ends" wagon, a kind of a tinker's wagon... he sold thread, bolts of cloth and all kinds of things like that. It was a kind of covered wagon. And he came out from Denver and come all through the Western plains. He came by Hamilton. He came by Steamboat Springs. And then he came to Rio Blanco, but he settled 3 miles north of where Rio Blanco store

is now. There was kind of a little settlement there... homesteaders... Dad [Paul] done business in his little wagon... then he built the store down there at Rio Blanco where it is now."

Paul, whose full Dutch name was Paulus Ottens, immigrated from Germany in 1872 on the ship "Wisconsin" with his parents and two brothers. Paul married his first wife, Wilhelmina, in 1901 and they had two sons Albert and Paul F.

Wilhelmina died in 1906 when the youngest boy was less than a year old. Paul remarried in 1907, but apparently they were separated in 1911. Paul wanted to try his luck in Rio Blanco County, but with no one to care for two young boys, that was a problem. Paul's solution was to leave the boys in the care of Mount St. Vincents in Denver. St. Vincents was a Catholic orphanage and school. The boys, Albert and Paul F. were boarded there while he set things up in Rio Blanco. Once established, Paul sent for the boys still in Denver. Two nuns brought them as far as Rifle in August of 1911, but refused to get off the train. It was arranged that a freighter [Edwin Fairfield, son of Freeman W. Fairfield] bound for Meeker take the boys the rest of the way. About 11 miles up the road, the freighter left the two boys with a wagon overnight alone while he returned to Rifle with the horses to pull up another wagon. Camping

out, cooking beans, and sleeping on a bed roll was a lasting memory for two city boys.

In 1913 the Rio Blanco store was in operation and in 1914, Paul was postmaster of Rio Blanco, Colorado. The Meeker Herald July 3, 1915 repeated an article from the Rifle Telegram. "Paul Otten is having lumber hauled from Rifle out to the Rio Blanco County for building purposes. Last week, it is stated, he visited the Glenwood land office and filed on 120 acres of land, part of which, at least, had been under fence and supposed to be part of the PL ranch for a great many years." Paul gave up the Rio Blanco Store but could not make a living on the Piceance Creek ranch either. In 1918 Paul and son Albert went back to Denver and worked for a while. In June of 1919 both were in Rifle working when Paul heard about an opening in Hamilton. Paul rented a building owned by Oldland and set up a store. In 1920, Paul built his own store closer to the new road alignment. When Paul was in Hamilton, he was sometimes called "Dutchy." Paul ran the store until his health failed in 1933, requiring two surgeries in Denver. Paul died November 3, 1933 and is buried near his first wife, Wilhelmina in Denver.

Sources: Coloradohistoric-newspapers.org; Meeker Herald; RM News; members of the Otten/Counts family

## (Cont.) PMC board updates

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sponse to the situation, the hospital took immediate action — including removing implicated staff members, notifying the Office of the Inspector General, conducting a comprehensive review of resident care and medical records, and providing staff training focused on resident rights, documentation accuracy and quality measures. The hospital also implemented stronger oversight and accountability procedures to prevent future occurrences.

Following these actions, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) conducted a thorough investigation. The agency found that Pioneers Medical Center "acted appropriately to protect their clients by taking immediate protective actions, investigating the event, and implementing a plan to prevent a future recurrence." The investigation confirmed that four employees engaged in unprofessional conduct, including failure to perform mental health evaluations, inadequate safety monitoring and falsification of medical records. While no

physical harm to residents was found, the event caused emotional distress, and the hospital's report of neglect was substantiated. CDPHE commended the facility for ensuring client safety and well-being during the investigation and for taking corrective steps to address the issues.

After hearing the report, the board voted to enter executive session with legal counsel to discuss pending matters. The session was held under Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(4), including subsection (b) for receiving legal advice on ongoing litigation, subsection (c) for matters required to be kept confidential under federal or state law — specifically Federal Regulation 45 Parts 160 and 164 governing the privacy of individually identifiable health information — and subsection (f) concerning personnel matters and special instructions.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2025, with the finance meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the regular meeting at 10 a.m. at Pioneers Medical Center.



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## A series of crises leaves Meeker family in desperate need of help, with nowhere to turn

By NIKI TURNER  
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**RANGELY** | Everyone experienced the Elk and Lee fires from their own perspective. For some it meant the inconvenience and discomfort of having to evacuate, for others it brought damage and destruction to property and livelihood. The impacts continue to ripple through the community, and will likely be felt for months, maybe years, to come.

For the Rafellos, who rent a home along Highway 13, the wildfires were yet another blow to a family that has been figuratively under fire for months, facing disabling injuries, unexpected illness, and the accompanying financial and emotional distress.

Lou and Jerriann Rafello moved to Colorado from California four years ago with their teenaged daughter. Lou was permanently disabled in an accident many years ago and has experienced several health issues in the last few years that required surgery. Jerriann is — was — an emergency room nurse with decades of experience until a workplace accident in an ER in California left her with serious, debilitating injuries and loss of income. A 2023 MRI to diagnose the source of her pain from the accident revealed a cancerous kidney tumor, requiring surgery and treatment. She had another surgery in August related to the workplace accident. She's been fighting ever since, while awaiting a verdict from workman's compensation in California and struggling to survive on Lou's disability income.

As the Lee Fire barreled toward Hwy. 13 in August, the Rafellos had to evacuate. They gathered their belongings, their daughter, and their two service dogs and headed to town, where they spent a night on couches in the basement of the White River Methodist Church. The next day

they had to relocate again.

With no money for a hotel room, they were directed to Craig, where the Red Cross was setting up a shelter for evacuees. They were turned away because of their service animals by Red Cross officials and three Craig churches.

Not knowing what else to do, they returned to Meeker and ended up at the intersection of Highways 13 and 64. The highway was closed. No way to return to their home. After speaking with county road and bridge staff and a Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer, Sheriff Anthony Mazzola and Sgt. Pena approached Lou's vehicle. Lou explained the situation, and was told the sheriff's office had a place for them to go where they'd be safe.

Lou said Jerriann exclaimed, "You've got to be kidding me!" when they pulled up in front of the Rio Blanco County Justice Center — the empty jail. The sheriff's department put the family up for the night and brought them pizza. The next day, supplied with gas money and arrangements set up by the sheriff's office, the Rafellos headed for Rangely, to the kindness of strangers.

The Rafellos made the 60 mile drive to Rangely and connected with Tim Webber, member of Rangely's Board of Trustees and the executive director of the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District. Webber introduced them to Jeff LeBleu, who had offered use of his camp trailer at the campground on the east end of town.

"There were about 18 other families," Lou said. "They brought us food, water, soda, and gift cards for the Italian restaurant across the street." LeBleu later brought them a cooler full of meat and Pepsi — Jerriann's favorite, which she hadn't had for quite a while. Lou was visibly moved by the kindness they were shown by complete strangers, from Web-



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO

**The Rafello family and their service dogs, Opal and Lily, found themselves at the mercy of strangers when they had to evacuate during the Lee Fire. They're facing severe financial distress as a result of multiple medical crises and are in need of help, with few available options.**

ber and LeBleu, to fellow customers at the restaurant who overheard them talking about their situation and started handing them cash.

The Rafellos spent 10 days in the camper, where they felt safe, cared for, and were treated with genuine kindness.

"Kudos to all of them," Lou said of the help from the sheriff's office, and Rangely residents and businesses, and the help and support received from Sarah Pullen, their DHS caseworker.

Returning to Meeker was like returning to a warzone, Lou said; in more ways than one. The devastation the fire wrought on the landscape brought to the forefront their own ongoing battles with

multiple medical crises, a pending workman's compensation case, and coming to the end of the road financially. They're months behind on rent, and while they're extremely grateful the property owner has let them stay, they know that's not a sustainable situation.

A year ago, Lou set up a fundraising page for Jerriann at SpotFund (<http://spot.fund/7z6x8zsc>), a fundraising site similar to GoFundMe that doesn't take fees. While the family awaits the resolution of their legal case and tries to heal, any help is appreciated.

"The way I was raised, you don't ask for help. You figure out how to make ends meet," Lou said. "But we need help."

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## Cowboys run strong at Aspen's Chris Severy Invitational

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School cross country team hit the road Saturday to compete in the Chris Severy Invitational in Aspen, where runners faced a challenging mountain course under overcast skies, light rain and cool fall temperatures — ideal conditions for racing amid the changing colors of autumn.

The girls' race kicked off the day, with senior Haylee Steele finishing in 29 minutes, 34 seconds for 26th place.

"Haylee is still dealing with some hamstring issues but managed the hills well," said head coach Marty Casey.

Steele said she was proud of her effort on what she described as one of the toughest courses of the season.

"For this race, I thought that my performance was pretty good for being a much harder race," Steele said. "The hardest part about Aspen's race is the drive that I need to keep going up the steeper hills. I hope that my time will improve at the Rifle meet, especially because it is a mostly flat course.

Knowing that it will be the same course as regionals helps me and the team prepare ourselves for what's next in the future.

In the boys' race, sophomore Bradley Conrado led the Cowboys with a seventh-place finish in 20:57, followed closely by sophomore Ryan Hanberg at 21:12 for ninth, and freshman Landon Damitz at 21:16 for 12th.

Senior Cameron Hanberg finished 17th in 22:34, continuing his steady improvement throughout the season.

"I feel like the race went pretty well, even with it being a pretty tough course," Hanberg said. "I wasn't expecting a personal best by a long shot, but I was still going to give it all I had."

Sophomore Ryan Hanberg said teamwork and pacing made a difference for the boys' squad.

"At Aspen, I feel like I handled the course well, going out more conservative to prepare for the early hills," he said. "The friendly competition between Brad, Landon and me pushes each of us to our best, as we are each stronger at certain parts of the race, and one of us pushing the pace helps all of us strive for a better



COURTESY PHOTO

**The Meeker High School cross country team earned a third-place finish in the boys' division at the Chris Severy Invitational in Aspen this past weekend. Back: Head Coach Marty Casey. Middle, from left: Ashton Tapia, Bradley Conrado, Landon Damitz, Cameron Hanberg, Ryan Hanberg, Jackson Steele and Haylee Steele. Front: Remy Broussard.**

time."

Freshman Jackson Steele rounded out Meeker's top five with a 24:38 for 26th place, while sophomore Ashton Tapia and senior Remy Broussard finished as Meeker's sixth and seventh runners, placing 30th and 37th in 25:57 and 29:47, respectively.

Steele said he was proud of his effort despite the tough terrain.

"I felt great about this week's run, but it was a lot slower for one reason," he said. "This race had many

more hills than the last run. On the last run, I got a time of 21:55, breaking my previous record by almost three minutes. My next goal is a sub-20-minute run."

"Brad, Ryan and Landon ran together really well again this week," Casey said. "Cameron was more than a minute faster than his best time at Aspen, and Remy bettered his time by nearly three minutes. Jackson ran hard the whole time, and although Ashton was not

feeling well, he still ran a solid race."

The boys' team placed third overall in team scoring with a total of 68 points.

The Cowboys have a busy week ahead, racing Tuesday at Rifle Creek Golf Course starting at 4:40 p.m., and Friday afternoon at Lincoln Park Golf Course in Grand Junction starting at 5 p.m. — the same course where the regional meet will take place on Oct. 23.

## Panthers master challenging Aspen course

Special to the HT



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

**The Rangely cross country team competed well in Aspen last weekend. The varsity boys earned a second place finish overall.**

**RANGELY** | The Rangely Panthers cross country team put on an impressive display of grit and endurance at the Chris Severy Invitational in Aspen on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Known for its demanding course featuring rolling hills, uneven terrain, and unpredictable weather, the meet proved to be an excellent test of the Panthers' late-season fitness.

The Rangely varsity boys' team ran a strong race, earning an outstanding 2nd place finish overall. The team placed three runners in the top 15:

Joseph Valdez led the Panthers, finishing 4th overall with a time of 20:41.6.

Kyler Fouts followed close behind, taking 6th

place in 20:51.2.

Tavan Morgan secured a top-15 spot, placing 11th with a time of 21:16.5.

Other notable performances included: Antonio Prieto finishing 20th in 24:03.2, Titus Friedrich clocking 24:36.8, Gage Nielsen at 25:18.6, and Alec Gillard finishing in 27:22.9.

The high school girls were the third race of the day and finished a solid 4th place overall in the team standings.

Taya Wren had a fantastic race, leading the team with a 2nd place overall finish and a time of 22:09.1.

Faith Prieto was the second Rangely girl to cross the line in 29:46.

Working together, KJ Benson finished in 30:32 and Kylee Caldwell in

30:35.

Courtney Casto and Addi Thayn finished their race in 35:22 and 35:34, respectively.

"We are getting close to the end of the season," said Coach Scoggins. "We still have work to do, but we are improving and are rising up to the challenge of each course. I am super proud of how well everyone is progressing and getting better at each meet."

The Panthers will continue their season on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Warrior Lincoln Park Classic "Mountain State Challenge." This meet is critical as the course will also host the regional meet in a couple of weeks, giving the Panthers a crucial opportunity to familiarize themselves with the terrain and competition.

## After gritty road battles, Lady Panthers excited for home crowd return this weekend

By **JARED HENDERSON**  
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**RANGELY** | The Rangely High School volleyball team had quite the busy week as they began on the road in Meeker for a rematch against the Cowboys after being swept by them at home on Sept. 20.

Looking for redemption, the Lady Panthers battled hard but ultimately fell 3-0 with set scores of 19-25, 15-25, and 21-25.

Senior Aubrianna Tapia led the

Panthers with 7 kills on a .429 hitting percentage, while senior Addison Scott added 5 kills. Sophomore Taylor Fouch anchored the defense with 11 digs, and setters Rylee Kenney and Isabella Cox combined for 15 assists. Freshman Teagan Behunin was perfect from the service line, going 12-for-12 with 6 service points.

A couple of days later, Rangely hit the road again, traveling to West Grand to take on the Mustangs. That night, the Lady Panthers fought through five sets to secure a 3-2 win on the road, with final scores of 24-

26, 21-25, 25-21, 25-20, and 15-11.

The following day, they wrapped up their weekend with a trip to Coal Ridge to face the Titans, falling 3-0 (16-25, 20-25, 24-27).

"I think the girls handled it well—they all showed up to practice ready to work each day," said head coach Angie Hill. "We worked on offense and just playing smarter."

Hill said the five-set win over West Grand showed what her team is capable of when they play together.

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### Meeker Community Wrestling Season announcement

**MEEKER** | The Meeker Community Wrestling Club is thrilled to announce the start of our 2025 season with updated dates and opportunities for wrestlers of all ages!

#### Parent Meeting

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 15  
Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Meeker High School Auditorium

#### Practice Schedule (Starting Oct. 20)

Days: Mondays/Wednesdays  
Pre-K – 3rd Grade:

5:30–6:30 p.m.

4th Grade & Up: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Tentative Tournament Schedule

November 1st: TBD

November 9th: Meeker – Casey Turner Memorial Wrestling Tournament

November 15th: Vernal, Utah – Junior Tournament of Champions

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# Meeker edges Cedaredge 22-13 in rain-delayed victory

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School football team returned to the road to begin league play Friday night, traveling to Cedaredge to take on the Cedaredge Bruins.

The Cowboys battled through weather delays to earn a 22-13 victory, extending their winning streak to four games. Despite the challenging conditions, Meeker showed poise on both sides of the ball to secure the road win.

Junior quarterback #11 Cade Mills led the offense, rushing for 139 yards and a touchdown while completing his only pass attempt for 33 yards. Senior #10 Tristin Rollins added 93 rushing yards, and junior #5 Said Rodriguez contributed 33 rushing yards. Senior #25 Samuel Conrado had 26 rushing yards and a 33-yard reception.

Reflecting on the team's approach during the weather-delayed game, Mills said, "The rhythm was most definitely disrupted, but our coaches helped coach us through it."

Rollins added, "Just keep our minds right and try to think about football the whole time and how to get better through the second half."

On defense, junior #4 Tucker Chinn led the Cowboys with eight tackles. Sophomore #52 Jonah Christenson and junior #33 Johnny Allmon each had nine tackles, with Allmon recording one for loss. Rollins and Conrado each tallied six tackles, helping contain the Bruins' offense.

Chinn also commented on the team's defensive resilience and handling of the long lightning delays. "Our defense was able to get some stops and turnovers when we needed it, which helped to turn the tide of the game and put us in the right spot. After the second lightning delay, which lasted over an hour and a half, we knew we had to come out of it on top because it was crucial to win the game."

The Cowboys' offense dominated the ground game, totaling 289 rushing yards compared to Cedaredge's 50. Meeker finished with 322 yards of total offense, including 33 through the air, while Cedaredge managed 102 total yards.

Special teams also contributed, with freshman #8 Lawson Anderson recorded four tackles and helped maintain field position.

After the game, head coach Andy Coryell praised his team's focus and resilience despite the weather delays. "I thought the kids did really well Friday. It's hard to stop and start through those



ENRIQUE QUINTERO PHOTO

**Meeker junior quarterback #11 Cade Mills breaks free on a run during the Cowboys' 22-13 victory over Cedaredge on Friday night. Mills led the offense with 139 rushing yards and a touchdown despite multiple weather delays.**

lightning delays and stay focused. Really happy with how they buckled down at the end. It has been a few weeks since we played in a tight one, which can only help us later," Coryell said.

Looking ahead, Coryell said the bye week will be used to fine-tune the team's

execution. "We'll spend this bye week working on our stuff. There's no shortage of things we can improve on," he added.

The Cowboys will return home for their next game on Friday, Oct. 17, hosting North Fork at Starbuck Stadium.

## Meeker volleyball sweeps Rangely, Cedaredge; continues winning streak with West Grand victory



ENRIQUE QUINTERO PHOTO

**Senior Braydin Raley goes low for a dig during the Cowboys' match against Cedaredge.**

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School volleyball team had a busy week, starting by hosting the

Rangely Panthers on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The Cowboys swept the Panthers on Rangely's home court, winning 25-19, 25-12, 25-12. This time, Meeker defended its home court, prevailing in straight sets, winning 25-

19, 25-15, 25-21.

Senior Rylee Sullivan led the team offensively with 11 kills, six digs, and 10 serve receptions. Freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh recorded eight kills, five digs, and seven serve receptions. Senior Lili Newman added five kills, two blocks, and six service aces, while Shailee Rundberg contributed six kills on .545 hitting.

Sullivan reflected on her performance: "Hitting high hands on their block was working well for me, also seeing the court and finding holes."

Defensively, Braydin Raley anchored the back row with 13 digs and 30 serve receptions, while Hailey Schwartz added seven digs and 12 assists.

On Friday at Ce-

daredge, Meeker swept the Bruins 25-21, 25-15, 25-21. Freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh led with nine kills, five digs, seven serve receptions, and three total blocks. Lili Newman and Lissbeth Hernandez each added four kills on .300 hitting. Sullivan contributed three kills, nine digs, and was perfect in serve receive (7-7-7). Braydin Raley anchored the defense with 30 serve receptions and seven digs. Rundberg hit .250, and Schwartz added seven assists and six digs.

The Cowboys carried their momentum into West Grand the following day. Clatterbaugh again led the offense with nine kills, followed by Sawyer May with seven, Ruth LeBlanc with five,

and Rundberg with four. Rundberg served three aces, with Clatterbaugh and Sanchez adding two each. Blocking was balanced with May, Clatterbaugh, and LeBlanc each recording two blocks. Raley led digs with 27, followed by Rundberg with 20 and Follman with seven. Follman had 13 assists, supported by Schwartz and Newman with nine and five.

Braydin Raley and Rundberg anchored serve reception with 41 and 15 successful passes. The Cowboys won 3-1, with final scores of 25-22, 25-20, 19-25, 25-19, improving their record to 9-3 overall, 5-1 in league play, and second place in the 2A/1A Western Slope League.

Cravens praised his

team's resilience across the two road games. "How we battled," he said. "The girls took care of business Friday at Cedaredge and with a new lineup on Saturday when we went to West Grand."

With a six-match winning streak and strong senior leadership, Cravens emphasized focus and team chemistry. "We need to stay focused on the goals we set at the beginning of the year and continue working on our skills and getting better every time we step on the court."

Looking ahead, the Cowboys will travel to North Park on Friday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. and Platteau Valley on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m.

## Bittersweet and Bold: Meeker softball honors seniors with commanding win

By JARED HENDERSON  
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**MEEKER** | The Meeker High School softball team returned home Friday for a doubleheader at Paintbrush Park, hosting the Gunnison Cowboys.

Meeker came into the matchup riding momentum from a doubleheader sweep on the road against Aspen. The Cowboys dropped the first game 6-4 but rebounded in the second for an 11-8 victory, improving their record to 5-13.

In the opener, junior Kayla Castillo led the offense with two hits, two runs, one RBI and two stolen bases. Senior Addie Knowles pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts while recording a hit, an RBI and a stolen base. Senior Autumn Stallings added a hit and an assist in the field.

Castillo said she focused on keeping her teammates energized. "I really just wanted to get everyone excited and enthusiastic about the game. Having confidence in my ability on the bases has definitely helped."

Knowles reflected on the series: "Both Gunnison games went well. I wish we could have won both, but I'm glad we at least got one. Our team played really well. My pitching was working well."

In the second game, senior Emma Bauer went 2-for-4 with two runs and a stolen base while posting a perfect fielding percentage with eight putouts. Stallings drew a walk, scored twice and fielded flawlessly. Freshman MacKenzie Denney reached base three times and drove in two RBIs.

Stallings said: "Offensively I was just being very patient and disciplined up at the plate. Our energy

was up and everyone on defense wanted the ball and wanted to get those outs. That win heading into Senior Night was definitely an energy and confidence booster for the team."

Bauer added: "My main focus at the plate was just to get a base hit and make solid contact. Being consistent at first base is huge because it keeps the game moving. Taking the field for the last time means a lot. These past four years on this field have brought me some of my best memories and closest friends. It's an honor to share Senior Night with Addie, Autumn, and Jewell."

Monday, Meeker hosted Battle Mountain for its final home game and Senior Night, winning 16-1 in three innings to improve to 6-13 overall. Freshman Haigen Harrison and sophomore Avarie Caulfield led with multiple



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO

**Meeker High School softball seniors #2 Emma Bauer, #4 Jewell McPherson, #20 Autumn Stallings, and #21 Addie Knowles stand with their parents in the pitching circle during Senior Night ceremonies at Paintbrush Park on Monday, Oct. 6. The Cowboys honored their four seniors before defeating Battle Mountain 16-1 in three innings.**

hits, while juniors Kailynn Watson and Kayla Castillo also contributed. Knowles pitched three innings, allowing one run with four strikeouts. Defensively, Bauer, Castillo, Watson, Harrison and Knowles combined for multiple putouts and assists without an error.

Harrison said: "There was some really great energy in the dugout; you could tell the whole team really wanted to give it their all."

Freshman Sophia Moody reflected on a piv-

otal at-bat: "That at-bat in the bottom of the third was all about staying relaxed and looking for a pitch I could drive. Rounding the bases and realizing we'd won was surreal — hearing everyone cheer made it so special."

Head coach Megan Kuper praised her players for their growth and leadership throughout the season. "Our hitters were much more patient in the second game, and defensively we really limited our errors," Kuper said. "The team has shown

tremendous improvement. Our seniors — Emma Bauer, Jewell McPherson, Autumn Stallings, and Addie Knowles — have given so much time and energy to Meeker softball. Their dedication means a lot. They've set a great example of commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship."

The Cowboys will close out the regular season on the road Oct. 7 as they play a double header against Eagle Valley before they turn to the post season.

## (Cont.) RHS volleyball



THERESA HAMILTON PHOTO

**Rangely's #4 Teagan Behunin and #14 Natalie Bollinger rush toward the ball, connecting for a hit during Saturday afternoon's match against Coal Ridge. The Lady Panthers played with determination but fell in straight sets to the Titans.**

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er. "I think it was the first game the girls really played as a team and just had a great connection," she said. "I was so proud of how hard they played to win that game."

While the Coal Ridge match was a challenge,

Hill noted that her team "fought through and hung with them pretty well."

This week, Rangely returns home to celebrate Homecoming. The Lady Panthers will host Hayden on Friday at 5 p.m., a team they beat earlier this season in their home tournament, and then welcome

Manila on Saturday at 2 p.m.

"It will be so great to be home again," Hill said. "The girls love it when they have a big crowd. As long as they continue to play together, they'll do well against Hayden."

Hill added that senior Addie Scott has stepped up as a leader, and the team's serving has shown tremendous improvement since the start of the season.

The Lady Panthers continue to show growth and determination as the season progresses. With Homecoming on the horizon, they'll look to build on their progress and deliver strong performances in front of their home crowd. The Panthers host Hayden on Friday at 5 p.m. and Manila on Saturday at 2 p.m. Good luck to the team this weekend and go Panthers!

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6. OB-GYN test
9. Hoodlum
13. \*In 1921, the World Series was first broadcast on it
14. Tribute poem
15. Cursor mover
16. Same as Amir
17. Neither here \_\_\_\_ there
18. \*Any member of the 2002 World Series champs
19. \*World Series trophy presenter, Rob \_\_\_\_
21. \*2024 World Series winners
23. "\_\_\_\_ and the City"
24. German industrial valley
25. Gift topper
28. Kids' building block
30. \*Player with most career World Series home runs
35. Good vs \_\_\_\_
37. Ball of yarn
39. Offspring
40. Thespian's part
41. Shasta and Tab, e.g.
43. Singer Tori \_\_\_\_
44. Potato masher alternative
46. Fox coat, e.g.
47. Hokkaido native
48. Put on a pedestal
50. Just manages, with "out"
52. \*2005 World Series MVP, Jermaine \_\_\_\_
53. Time unit
55. Polar toy-maker

57. \*Team with most World Series wins
61. \*2024 World Series MVP Freddie \_\_\_\_
65. Met's offering
66. Legal grp.
68. Give the slip
69. Send, as payment
70. Toothy fish
71. Sells
72. Cupid, to the Greeks
73. Freudian topic
74. Surrealist Max

**DOWN**

1. Pull an all-nighter
2. Holy man
3. "Yellowstone" actress and Josh Brolin's daughter
4. Feudal estates
5. Sour salad green
6. Atlantic Ocean, in a popular idiom
7. "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing"
8. Lost, in Provence
9. Chinatown gang
10. Massive
11. Addict
12. Hair styling goops
15. \_\_\_\_ shirts, in "The Outsiders"
20. \*#19 Across and such
22. Unit of electrical resistance
24. Mule deer's European cousin (2 words)
25. \*Player with most career World Series hits, Yogi \_\_\_\_
26. Egg-shaped

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33. Eccentric like a bird?
34. Follow
36. Sinister look
38. \*Only one W.S. Game 7 ended by \_\_\_\_-off home run
42. Ranch grazer
45. Fix leftovers
49. Anonymous John
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58. Impersonator
59. Captain of Nautilus
60. \*\_\_\_\_ Bryant, of 2016
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61. Wild West card game
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Katherine Frances Estopare,  
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10209 Russell Street  
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Published: October 9, 2025  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
October 14, 2025 5:05pm  
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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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RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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2. Roll Call  
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4. Pledge of Allegiance  
5. Minutes of Meeting  
a. Discussion and Action to approve the Town Council minutes of September 23 rd , 2025.  
6. Petitions and Public Input  
7. Changes to the Agenda  
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm  
9. Town Manager Update  
Council Reports  
11. Supervisor Reports  
12. Old Business  
13. New Business  
a. Discussion and action to approve September 2025 Check Register  
b. Discussion and action to appoint Dan Fiscus to the Rangely Historical Preservation Board  
c. Discussion and action to approve the Draft 2026 Budget as presented.  
d. Discussion and action to approve a grant request from the Department of Public Health & Environment, Water Quality Control Division not to exceed \$30,000.00 with no match for filter media(anthracite coal & silica sand) or chemical supplies (T-Floc 1417 & Aluminum Sulfate for Water Treatment  
e. Discussion and action to approve a grant request from History Colorado for a CLG Grant not to exceed \$25,000.00 with no match for the Rangely Historic Preservation Board training.  
f. Discussion and action to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Nichols Store  
g. Discussion and action to approve a special event permit by Powell Liquor Store for Rangely Chamber Main Street Event at Camper Park on October 17, 2025, from 2-10pm.  
h. Discussion and action to approve a Special Event Permit for BPOE 1907 for the Event Elks Halloween Party Throwback on October 25, 2025, 7pm-midnight.  
i. Discussion and action to approve a Special Event Permit for BPOE 1907 for the Elks Charity Ball November 15 th -16 th from 6:30pm-2:00am  
Informational Items  
a. RCC Oktoberfest 2025, Oct 17 th -31 st Board Vacancies  
a. RDA/RDC  
15. Scheduled Announcements  
a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for October 2025  
b. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for October 9th, 2025, at 7:00 am  
c. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 9 th , 2025, at 6:00 pm  
d. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 14th, 2025, at 11:00 am in Meeker  
e. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 16 th , 2025, at 12:30 noon  
f. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 20 th , 2025, at 5:00 pm  
g. WRB Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 20 th , 2025, at 6:00 pm  
h. Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 21 st , 2025, at 6:15 pm  
i. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 21 st , 2025, at 12:00 noon  
j. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 20 th 10ct 28 th , 2025, at 9:00 am in Rangely  
k. RBC Water Conservancy District Budget Work session is scheduled for Oct 29 th , 2025, at 6:30 pm  
l. Rangely District Hospital Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 30 th , 2025, at 6:00 pm

16. Adjournment  
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**BEFORE THE COLORADO ENERGY  
AND CARBON MANAGEMENT  
COMMISSION  
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR  
HEARING**  
DOCKET NO. 250900192  
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Pursuant to Rule 523.d, the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Eagle Operating Inc. (Operator No. 261155), to adjudicate allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation No. 403635789. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction of the Energy and Carbon Management Commission of the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105, C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106, C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105, C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 C.C.R. 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing before an ECOMC Hearing Officer at the following date, time, and location (subject to change):  
Date: December 10, 2025  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place:  
Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203  
Deadline for Affected Persons to Petition: November 10, 2025  
The Notice and documents related to this matter can be found on our "Hearing eFiling System Document Search" page here <https://oico.hylandcloud.com/DNRCOGPublicAccess/index.html>. Select "Search for Docket Related Documents" from the pull-down menu, use the above "Docket Number", and select "Search".  
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**NOTICE OF WORK SESSION  
RANGELY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
(TOWN COUNCIL)**  
Thursday October 9 th , 2025  
\*\*\*\*\*6:00 p.m.\*\*\*\*  
Conference Room - Municipal Building  
Special Event Requirements  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
Board of Education Special Meeting and  
Work Session**  
555 Garfield Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
October 13, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.  
Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/bq-iacg-ywt>  
1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. deVergie will lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Welcome of Guests  
4. Approval of Agenda  
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)  
Action Item:  
1. Approval: Personnel Hires  
a. Kris Walter - Classified Sub  
b. Corinne Gerber - Certified and Classified Sub  
2. Acceptance: Resignation - Kaitlin Pollock (Food Service Staff)  
3. Approval: 2025 Unified Improvement Plan  
Other BOE Information:  
Executive Session (if needed):  
Special Meeting Adjournment  
Work Session:  
1. Policy Discussion (Policy BG)  
a. Final policy edits for 3rd reading at October BOE Meeting  
i. 20250818 Policy Update  
ii. Updated policy JLCD  
b. Policies for 2nd reading at October BOE Meeting  
i. JRA/JRC - Student Records/Release of Information on Students  
ii. KLG & KLG-R - Relations with State and Federal Agencies  
2. Finance (Policy Group DB)  
a. Annual Audit  
b. October 1 Student Count  
c. Uses of General Fund balance  
i. Purchases  
ii. Investments  
d. Uses of Bond Fund interest  
3. School Board Best Practices (Policy BBA)  
a. Meeker BOE self evaluation form  
b. BOE discussion/training topics  
4. Community Survey Action Plan - Monitoring (Policy KCB & ADA)  
5. Other  
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Meeker Cemetery Board for the ensuing year of 2026. A copy of such a proposed budget has been filed in the office of Meeker Cemetery District, where the same is open for public inspection. That proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Meeker Cemetery board to be held at 265 County Road 4 on December 11, 2025, 8:30am. Any interested registered voter of Meeker Cemetery 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 OF BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2026 Budget for the Town of Dinosaur has been submitted to the Town Trustees, Town of Dinosaur for the ensuing year 2026; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, where the same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at a Regular Town Council meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be held at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, in Dinosaur Colorado, on December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Any interested elector of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any

objection thereto at any time before the final adoption of the budget.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
A public hearing has been scheduled for October 21st, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Meeker Town Hall, 345 Market Street, to consider a Special Event Liquor License request by: Meeker Lions Club, for the following event:  
RBC Fire Recovery Meeting  
200 Main St - Fairfield Center- Meeker  
Colorado on November 1st, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
Beth Ridgeway - Liquor Clerk  
Published: October 9, 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., Meadview, AZ 86444, and whose current whereabouts are unknown:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed with this Court a Motion for Alternate Service pursuant to Rule 4(f), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. The motion requests permission to serve you by means other than personal service, including publication of this notice. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND to the Complaint within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication of this notice, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
This notice is published once each week for 5 consecutive weeks, as ordered by the Court.  
DATED: August 8, 2025  
Published: October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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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**NOTICE OF BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2026; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of ColoCPA Services, P.C., 118 W. Main Street, Rangely, Colorado where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the scheduled board meeting of the RANGELY CEMETERY DISTRICT to be held at 2025 E. Main, Rangely, Colorado in November 2025. Any interested elector of such RANGELY CEMETERY 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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Board of County Commissioners of  
Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
555 Main Street, 3 rd Floor  
Commissioner's Hearing Room,  
Meeker, Colorado 81641

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA**  
Tuesday, October 14, 2025  
This meeting will be streamed live on the RBC YouTube Channel at: <http://youtube.com/c/RioBlancoCountyColorado>  
I. Call to Order 11:00 AM.  
a) Pledge of Allegiance.  
b) Public Comment Period: Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views. To ensure here is adequate public comment time, please provide your name, contact information, and any affiliation prior to the meeting by contacting the Board assistant at (970) 878-9575. If you would like to submit written comment please contact the Board assistant. If any member of the public would like to comment at this time, please state your name, contact information and any affiliation for the record.  
c) This is a tentative agenda which includes all information available as of October 6, 2025. The final tentative agenda will be posted at the RBC Historic Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO, and at the Rangely Town Hall, 209 E. Main St., Rangely.  
d) Consideration of the approval of the October 14, 2025 Agenda including any changes.  
II. Consent Items:  
a) Move to Approve the Below Listed Items of the Consent Agenda.  
b) Payroll Management Report for September 26, 2025.  
c) Payroll Management Report for October 10, 2025.  
d) Accounts Payable Management Reports for September 2025.  
e) Meeting minutes for September 23, 2025.  
f) Motor Vehicle DMV Report for September 2025.  
g) DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for September 2025.  
III. Business:  
a) Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with Prowers County, to manage and administer calls to the Hotline County Connection Center (HCCC), to answer and process Child Welfare related and APS related hotline calls on behalf of Rio Blanco County.  
b) Consideration of a Change Order for the 2025 Chip Seal Project, increasing the contract sum by \$25,487.40. This is to address discrepancies identified in the original measurements and associated calculations, which have impacted the accuracy of the initial scope.  
c) Consideration of approval to submit a Wild Horse Gather Post Fire Letter alongside the 2021-2022 Range Monitoring Data from Osborne Enterprise.  
IV. Resolutions: None  
V. Public Hearing: None  
VI. Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and Convene as the Board of Health.  
VII. Adjourn as the Board of Health and re-convene as the Board of County Commissioners.  
VIII. Other Business  
a) Update of Current Disaster/Fire Situation  
b) Road and Bridge update  
c) County Attorney update  
d) County Administrator update  
e) County Commissioners updates  
IX. Adjourn.  
The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered

in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.  
The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2025, at the Rio Blanco Annex, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO 81648. If you need special accommodations, please call 970-878-9575 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR TREASURER'S DEED  
25.01**  
To all current occupants, owners, parties of interest, and to all others listed on the mailing list on file at the Treasurer's Office:  
You are hereby notified that on November 20, 2019, the Treasurer of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, sold a tax lien on the following property at public sale to RIO BLANCO COUNTY ("COP HOLDER"):  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**  
A Parcel of land situate in Burton R. LaPree H.E. 177, Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 102 West of the 6th P.M., being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:  
Beginning at a point 1,522.0 feet west and 529.0 feet South of Corner no. 1 of Burton R. LaPree H.E. 177, in Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 102 West of the 6th P.m. Running Thence South 40 feet, Thence East 100 feet, Thence North 40 feet, Thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning.  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
238 S BIRCH AVE, RANGELY, CO, 81648  
On August 12, 2025, said Certificate of Purchase was assigned by RIO BLANCO COUNTY to TOWN OF RANGELY;  
That on August 29, 2025, said TOWN OF RANGELY, the present holder of the certificate of purchase, has filed an Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed (COP), under C.R.S. 39-115-101.  
**NOTICE:** The property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. The sale will include the real estate and all interests held by the Lawful Holder, along with applicable fees, costs, and legal charges.  
First Publication:  
9/25/2025  
Last Publication:  
10/9/2025  
Published in:  
Rio Blanco Herald Times  
The property may be redeemed at any time before the actual public auction.  
DATE: 09/10/2025  
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
Published September 25, October 2 and 9, 2025  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**NOTICE OF COORDINATED ELECTION  
TUESDAY  
November 4, 2025  
STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF MOFFAT**

In accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 1-5-205 and C.R.S. 1-5-205(1.3), notice is hereby given that the  
**November 4, 2025 Coordinated Election will be held by mail ballot**  
with the following designated drop-off location for mail ballots:

**Moffat County Clerk & Recorder's Office  
1198 West Victory Way, Suite 105  
Craig, CO 81625**

**There is also a 24-hour drop box located at the main entrance of the Courthouse**

Mail ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters. Application for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the elector's address of record may be made from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office – 1198 W. Victory Way, Suite 105, Craig, CO 81625. **Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025** is the last day to apply for a replacement ballot to be mailed. Application for a replacement mail ballot or a mail ballot for an inactive voter may be made during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Forms are available on the Election page of the county website <https://moffatcounty.colorado.gov/> or by calling (970) 824-9120. Persons wishing to surrender their mail ballot to vote on ADA accessible voting equipment may do so at the Moffat County Clerk's Election Office.

If you are not registered to vote in Colorado, and are a citizen of the United States and are at least sixteen years old; and understand that you must be seventeen years old on or before the date of the next general election to be eligible to vote in a primary election, and at least 18 to be eligible to vote in any other election and reside in Colorado for at least 22 days by November 4, 2025 (Election Day) you can register to vote until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you want to receive a mail ballot packet, you must do so before or on Monday October 27, 2025, or you will need to visit the Voter Service and Polling Center to vote in person. You can register to vote or update your existing voter registration at [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov).

Ballots must be received by the Moffat County Clerk & Recorder's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day for the ballot to be counted. **Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted.** Postmarks do not count as received.  
Sample ballots are available on the County website at <https://moffatcounty.colorado.gov/>. For further information contact our Election Department at 970-824-9120.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Moffat County, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Stacy Morgan

Moffat County Clerk & Recorder  
1198 W Victory Way Suite 103  
Craig, CO 81625 970.824.9123

Office Hours:  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Published: No later than October 15, 2025

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**HELP WANTED**



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

**Meeker High School**

- **MHS Head Track Coach**  
Position will remain open until filled.

**District**

- **Food Service - Cook**  
Open until October 9th, at 4:00pm

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

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

**HELP WANTED**



**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
Employment Opportunities**

- Public Works Admin Assist - \$24.38-\$26.89/hr, B
- Temp Relief Driver - Rangely - \$22.08/hr, NB
- Budget and Finance Director - \$94,919 - \$127,000/yr, B
- Accountant III - \$36-\$45/hr, B  
B-benefitted: Medical, dental, vision and life insurance, paid timeoff, retirement  
PB-prorated benefits  
NB-Colorado sick leave accruals only

Please visit [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us) or Rio Blanco County Human Resources at 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570 ADA/EOE

**HELP WANTED**

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

This week the Meeker Mustang Makeover (MMM) began advertising for their 3/4 time Executive Director for the 2026 event. This is an important and visible position for the right person to help grow the MMM event, helping get the 60,000 wild horses in captivity more attention and increasing adoption, and bringing more economic development to Rio Blanco County. The position requires 2 years of work experience in the business or non profit area and a minimum of an undergraduate degree or equivalent experience. Candidates should have proficiency in social media, computer skills. Experience in marketing, fundraising, grant writing is a plus. The successful candidate will be resourceful, detail oriented, a fast learner and good with communication and collaboration. Interested candidates should contact Sabine Murray for a more complete job description and salary. SabineMurray60@gmail.com  
**Deadline Oct. 19, 2025**

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:**  
7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at St. James Church (Richards Hall) at 4th and Park in Meeker. Al-Anon meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. Enter from back parking lot, meetings are downstairs. For more information call Ray at 970-286-1841 or Bill at 970-948-9885.

**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!


**RENTALS: MEEKER**

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

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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP No. 15545 - 2025 Recovery Manager**

Rio Blanco County is soliciting sealed proposals for a Recovery Manager to lead, coordinate, and facilitate the County's post-disaster recovery efforts following large-scale wildfire and/or flood events. The selected contractor will oversee a multi-agency recovery team, manage contractors, secure and administer funding including grants, and ensure recovery projects are delivered efficiently, transparently, and in compliance with applicable regulations.

**Bid Submission Requirements:**

- Proposals must be sealed and mailed to: Rio Blanco County, P.O. Box 599 Meeker, CO 81641
- Mailed bids must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025. Do not rely on overnight mail.
- Hand-delivered bids may be brought to: Rio Blanco County Courthouse - 3rd Floor, Commissioners Administrative Assistant, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO 81641
- Hand-delivered bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.
- No bids delivered to any person or office other than the Administrative Assistant will be accepted.
- No late bids will be accepted.

**Bid Opening:**  
Bids will be opened Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO.

**Proposal Documents:**  
The complete RFP (Solicitation No. 15545 - 2025 Rio Blanco County Recovery Manager) is available on the County's website at [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us).

Contact: Vicky Edwards, County Administrator  
Phone: (970) 878-9683 Email: [vicky.edwards@rbc.us](mailto:vicky.edwards@rbc.us)

**PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**

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



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Philippians 2:3-4  
Five Legged Stool, LLC

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**FARM & RANCH**

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- **Part-Time Daytime Lifeguard**  
Ensure patron safety in the MRC Pool. Hours vary M-F, 4:45am-1:30pm; up to 24 hrs/wk. \$16-20/hr. Paid training!
- **Part-Time Recreation Assistant**  
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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
RIFLE: 3053 Coal Mine Road: 3BD/2BA, 1,904 SQFT home with a spacious 3 car garage	PENDING \$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	\$99,000