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Circle Park open to the public following extensive upgrades Phase III completion finalizes multi-year riverfront improvement effort



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The Circle Park renovation project, a joint operation between the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Park and Recreation District and the Town of Meeker, is the culmination of a decades-long effort to improve the White River corridor through Town.

PRESS RELEASE

MEEKER | Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District (ERBM), in partnership with the Town of Meeker, is pleased to announce the reopening of Circle Park following completion of Phase III construction.

This marks the capstone of a decades-long effort to enhance Meeker's White River corridor — improving safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability of our vital community waterway.

Partnership and Project Background

These improvements were made possible through a joint partnership with the Town of Meeker. ERBM assumed responsibility for the care and maintenance of several Town-owned parks via a lease agreement developed in 2011. This includes Town Park, Circle Park, Sanderson Hills Park, 6th Street Field, Sage Hills Park, McHatton Park, and Foothills Park. The agreement has been updated several times to reflect shared commitments and evolving needs.

Since the original lease was signed, more than \$6.3 million has been invested into capital improvements at

key community locations, including \$1.6 million in grant funding. The bulk of this funding, just over \$5 million, was allocated to improving and sustaining the White River corridor and surrounding areas, which includes both Town and Circle Parks. Riverfront improvements began in 2017 and have been completed in multiple phases.

The final touches at Circle Park are not only beautiful and functional, they are the realization of a long-term vision to connect residents and visitors to the ecological, economic, and recreational benefits of the White River. Additionally, they strengthen Meeker's role as a hub for outdoor recreation in Northwest Colorado.

Circle Park's latest improvements include:

- ADA-accessible river ramp and riprap for bank stabilization and erosion control
- Boating and rafting launches at 3rd and 10th Streets
- Trail system connecting the pond and new river access points
- New stone park sign, split rail fencing, and automated irrigation system
- Renovated camping and picnic sites with new BBQ grills, trash receptacles, and picnic tables

- An ADA-accessible vault toilet

These upgrades reflect years of public input emphasizing the community's top recreation priorities: improved river access, enhanced trail connectivity, and long-term park preservation.

"We're thrilled to reopen Circle Park and see this vision finally come together," said ERBM Executive Director Josh Embrey. "This project has been shaped by strong community engagement and close cooperation between ERBM, the Town, and our many partners. It's an investment that will serve Meeker for decades to come."

Looking Ahead

While Circle Park is officially open, revegetation efforts are still underway. Please stay off newly seeded areas to allow plants to establish root systems before snow hits.

A community celebration and grand reopening event is tentatively planned for spring 2026.

The Town of Meeker and ERBM extend their sincere thanks to residents, partners, staff members, and contractors whose support helped bring this ambitious, multi-phase project to completion.

Commissioners share letter sent to President's office

PRESS RELEASE

RBC | The following is the text of a letter sent to the President's office by the Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners requesting approval of a declaration of disaster following the Lee and Elk fires.

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Support for Major Disaster Declaration Request for Rio Blanco County

Dear Mr. President,

The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, are counting on your help to enable critical action. We urge you to approve Governor Jared Polis's recent request for a Presidential Declaration.

Rio Blanco County, a vast frontier county in northwestern Colorado, has been devastated by the impacts of the Lee and Elk Fires. The fires crippled critical power infrastructure, and fire impacts threaten our oil and gas energy development legacy, ranching heritage, and local recreation businesses that sustain families.

The Lee Fire destroyed miles of transmission lines that power the oil and gas industries in the Piceance Basin, which produce 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day. On a national scale, the resulting diminished capacity directly threatens core policy objectives outlined in Executive Order 14154, "Unleashing American Energy." Ongoing diminished production will erode domestic energy supply, undermining national security interests and investor confidence in the county's oil and gas future.

Electricity for these industries is provided by two Rural Electric Associations; both suffered extensive damage. The primary and secondary transmission lines for electricity feeding the oil and gas industry in this area suffered more than \$24 million in damage from these fires. Industry is presently operating on a tertiary backup transmission line that has been de-energized and not maintained for decades.

Without federal assistance, our Rural Electric Association customers- including our oil and gas industries- will face significant rate hikes as local cooperatives seek avenues to finance the extensive repairs.

Debris flows in the wake of the fires have damaged county roads and bridges and repeatedly blocked a major thoroughfare in the Piceance Basin. Post-fire flooding has impacted drinking water for the town of Rangely and recreational river use critical to many local businesses.

The people of Rio Blanco County are resilient, but we need your help. We are confident that with your support, we can overcome this crisis.

We urge your swift approval, and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Rio Blanco County Commissioners
Jennifer O'Hearon
Doug Overton
Callie Scritchfield

RHS HOMECOMING ROYALTY 2025



BOBBY G'S MEMORIES PHOTO

This year's Rangely High School Homecoming Royalty took the field during halftime last weekend. Front, from left, crown bearers Lacey Reeves and Asher Blanchard; back, from left, second attendants Aubrey Kenney and Logan Peterson; center, Queen Addison Scott and King Tomas Lambros; first attendants Falon Gilbert and Braden Lucas.

Fire recovery information for businesses, ag producers

MEEKER | Since the Lee and Elk Fires do not have a FEMA Public Assistance declaration yet, the Fire Recovery Team is working to request a Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan (SBA EIDL) declaration. The deadline for requesting the SBA EIDL may expire before FEMA and the President make a determination.

Similar to FEMA, SBA needs to have a plausible justification for linking the Lee and Elk Fires, and the flood after fire impacts, including mudslides. SBA uses a worksheet to certify businesses and complete the declaration. If the declaration is made this would allow all businesses access to favorable and low interest EIDL loans from the SBA.

Please contact Carly Thompson at carly@town.meeker.co.us with questions and to get a copy of the form. Applications remain completely confidential and do not require businesses to seek an SBA loan. The forms need to be returned by Friday, Oct. 24.

RBC | Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water NetWORK will host a webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2025, from 12-1 p.m. focused on 'Recovering from Rangeland Fire – When to Take Action and When to Be Patient.' The devastating fires around Meeker and other parts of Western Colorado have imposed widespread impacts on rangeland. The loss of forage for livestock grazing and wildlife habitat, along with increased potential for soil erosion and water quality degradation create challenging conditions for livestock producers and land and water infrastructure managers.

Presenters: Retta Bruegger, CSU Regional Rangeland Specialist, Western Colorado and Erin Spaur, EVP, Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

The webinar will cover: How does wildfire affect rangeland soils and plant communities? Does wildfire offer any long-term benefits to rangeland and the broader ecosystem? What should producers and rangeland managers expect to see in the coming years? When should you re-seed versus letting nature take care of revegetation? What resources are available to help agricultural producers who have been impacted by wildfire? Q & A. Register for the webinar in advance at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/XpitN7V2Sj2_kDJ3i3oDGw



Meeker trustees review draft 2026 budget, approve easement and security upgrades

By **JARED HENDERSON**
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MEEKER | The Meeker Board of Trustees held a regular meeting last week, covering the town's draft 2026 budget, a water easement agreement, and security system upgrades at Town Hall.

Trustees Charles Day, Jessica Browning, Jeff Madison, Kathleen Sizemore, and Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Lockwood attended the meeting. Trustee Amanda Smith and Mayor Travis Day were excused; Day later joined the discussion by phone.

The board began the meeting by approving the agenda and reviewing the minutes from the previous month. Before approval, Trustee Jeff Madison requested revisions to clarify acronyms used in the document. He pointed out that terms such as "YVCF" (Yampa Valley Community Foundation) and "YVDR" (Yampa Valley Disaster Relief) should be spelled out before being abbreviated. After the corrections were made, the minutes were approved.

The board then approved the August disbursements before moving into discussion of the draft 2026 town budget. Madison raised questions about clarity in identifying which line items depend on grant funding.

"It's hard to identify which items are in there, thinking that we're probably going to get a grant for," Madison said. "It would be helpful to have that information when we

evaluate the budget. I had a note that you had said in one of the meetings that we usually only spend 50 to 60% of the allocated budget."

Town Clerk Lisa Cook clarified that she had not previously given a percentage estimate. Madison followed up by asking about the general fund's spending levels.

"Is that not true of the general, because if you go through the general budget, we're a little bit close," he said.

Town Administrator Mandi Etheridge responded that the town typically spends closer to 80% of its operating budget.

"Lisa works on those estimates, and those are quite close," Etheridge said. "A lot of those we are usually more in the 80% range of operating budget because she estimates really well, budgets conservatively, and then everybody tends to spend, concerning the checks and balances within staff."

Etheridge explained that the town's philosophy is to balance systems development and capital projects with reserves, while planning ahead for possible grant opportunities.

"Our philosophy is to balance that systems development under those capital projects with our reserves, knowing full well that the majority of these will either be funded with grants and at the very least come before the board for any approval before moving forward with any projects," she said.

"We had talked about before that the philosophy

is to go ahead and budget all of those capital projects based on the board's prioritization efforts," Etheridge continued. "But the money is in there as earmarks, knowing full well that it would require reserves in order to manage those projects and pay for those projects. As 2026 moves on, if grant funding is not available or if sales tax dollars are falling, then we don't pursue those projects."

The board noted that earmarking funds allows the town to qualify for grant matches by demonstrating readiness, without committing to immediate spending. Trustee Charles Day mentioned long-term examples such as the \$500,000 Town Mobility Plan and Robert Street improvements, which remain budgeted but unused.

Mayor Travis Day, speaking by phone, said earmarking reserves makes the town more competitive for grants and demonstrates strong financial planning.

The board agreed that some of the language used in the budget presentation may cause confusion, appearing as "spending" when it actually designates funds for potential future projects. They discussed possibly rewording the budget document for clarity.

After discussion, the board scheduled a public hearing on the draft 2026 budget for Nov. 18.

Next, the board approved an easement agreement with North 40 LLC. Etheridge reported that the town and the property owner reached an agree-

ment to relocate an old water easement from the early 1900s to accommodate private construction while preserving the town's access rights.

Town Attorney Melody Massih and the town's engineer reviewed the new easement, which they determined provides better topography and access for maintenance. Rio Blanco County Building Inspector Matt Franks was thanked for bringing the issue to the town's attention.

The board then considered a change order for the Town Hall security system. The proposed change would increase video retention from 30 to 90 days for three cameras and add a fourth camera to the system, increasing the project cost by \$1,140. The motion passed, and the board will wait for a revised order from Spectra before installation proceeds.

During her administrative update, Etheridge

noted that she had spent much of the week "in grant reporting mode so that we can get paid for Circle Park and the Garfield Street water line." She also reminded the board that the 2026 budget packet included a memo from Cook summarizing recent revisions.

The meeting adjourned with the next regular session scheduled for Oct. 21, 2025, at Meeker Town Hall.

RIO HAPPENINGS: OCT. 5-10, 2025

ARRESTS

10/5/2025- Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office arrested a 57 year-old male for Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possessed an open marijuana container in a motor vehicle, and speeding. He was issued a summons and released to a sober party.

10/7/2025- Meeker PD arrested a 38 year-old male on a misdemeanor warrant out of Grand Junction. He was taken to jail.

10/9/2025- Rangely PD arrested a 29 year-old male for Violation of a Protection Order. He was released on a PR bond.

10/9/2025- Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office arrested a 39 year-old male on felony warrant for Assault, Assault -Strangulation, Assault-Know/Reckless Cause Injury and Child Abuse. He was taken to jail and later bonded. He was released on a Cash/Surety bond.

10/9/2025- Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office arrested a 37 year-old female on a felony warrant for Assault, Assault-Know/Reckless Cause Injure and Child Abuse. She was released on a Cash/Surety Bond.

10/10/2025- Rangely PD arrested a 51 year-old male on an out of county warrant for Failure to Appear. He remains in custody.

10/12/2025- Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office arrested a 52 year-old female on a warrant for Contempt of Court, Violation of a Protection Order and Harassment. She was released on a PR bond.

CALL SUMMARIES

10/5/2025 @ 1:38 pm. After a routine traffic stop on Highway 13, the male driver was taken into custody by Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office for Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possessed an open marijuana container in a motor vehicle, and speeding. He was issued a summons and released to a sober party.

10/5/2025 @ 4:51 pm. Caller reported a speeding vehicle. Deputy located it a short time later and confirmed it was, in fact, still speeding. Ticket issued for accuracy.

10/7/2025 @ 8:06 pm. A Meeker PD officer stopped a vehicle for no license plates. The driver got a warning-but the passenger wasn't so lucky. A quick check revealed an outstanding warrant. The driver left with a reminder to get plates on his vehicle, and the passenger left with a ride...just not in the same car.

10/9/2025 @ 3:47 pm. A concerned caller reported an 8 or 9 year-old cruising the streets. A deputy located the vehicle, the driver was 15 with a learner's permit and had a valid licensed adult with him. No further action was taken.

10/11/2025 @ 7:58 am. Road and Bridge assisted with moving 2 large rocks off County Road 5. They were reported to dispatch as being the size of a "car tire."

TOTAL CALLS: 408 — 911 CALLS: 28 — ADMIN: 380		
CALL TYPE	SHERIFF	MEEKER PD
911	4	2
ABUSE	1	0
ANIMAL	0	1
ASSIST COLORADO STATE PATROL	2	1
ASSIST MEEKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	1	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1	0
ASSIST RANGELY PD	1	0
ASSIST RANGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	1	0
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	2	1
ATTEMPT TO SERVE	6	0
BUSINESS CHECK	7	6
CERTIFIED VIN	2	0
CITIZEN ASSIST	3	1
CIVIL STANDBY	1	1
CRASH	1	0
DIRECTED PATROL	7	10
DUI	1	0
FINGERPRINTS	1	0
FOLLOW UP	0	2
FRAUD	1	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	3	0
NOISE COMPLAINT	0	1
PHONE	7	7
RANCH CHECK	1	0
SMOKE REPORT	1	0
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	4	3
THEFT	1	0
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3	2
TRESPASS	1	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	1
TRAFFIC STOP	23	6
VIN INSPECTION	0	5
WELFARE CHECK	1	0
TOTALS	98	59
TOTAL INMATES IN JAIL AS OF 10/14/2025: 6		

Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable Announcement:
Four Roundtable Seats Up for Application

- Environmental At-Large:** one member representing environmental interests and selected from nominees submitted by one or more regionally, state-wide or nationally recognized environmental conservation organizations that have operated in Colorado for at least 5 years. Voting Member.
- At-Large:** 2 positions available to represent interests required under the Act, at least 10 of whom shall own adjudicated water rights, including owners of shares in a ditch or Reservoir Co. or their agents, or shall have a contract for water with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation or their agents. Any such agent shall be appointed by the member the agent represents and shall reside within the borders of the YWG Roundtable. Of the 15 at-large members, no more than 6 shall reside in any one county. (Current count by county is Routt 5, Rio Blanco 4, Moffat is 4). Voting member.
- Non-Voting Out-of-Basin with water rights in the Basin:** One position available to represent individuals or entities who reside outside the basin but own water rights within the basin.

A letter of interest as to why you qualify is required. Applications and letters of interest will be reviewed and voted on at the November 12th, 2025 Roundtable Meeting. Please visit yampawhitegreen.com for an application and more information.

Crafternoons with Ellie
Friday Oct 24th 3-5pm

A once a month craft hangout featuring a new craft every time!
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Historical Society Social Sunday, Oct. 19

MEEKER | All are invited to the Rio Blanco County Historical Society's quarterly gathering this Sunday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center (517 Park) in Meeker. Come visit our precious local museum and enjoy a chili and cornbread lunch. Bring dessert or a side to share if you're able.

Carnival pool party Oct. 23

MEEKER | Enjoy extended hours and carnival-themed family fun at the MRC Pool Thursday, Oct. 23 from 4-7 p.m. Normal fees and all pool rules apply; find them at erbmrec.com/pool. Questions: 970-878-3403.

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.

Bake sale Oct. 24 & Nov. 7

MEEKER | Meeker's Women's Bible Study group will be holding their annual bake sales on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 from 8:30-noon in front of Backcountry Outpost (223 8th Street). They always use the money raised to support local, national and international charities. Please come by for some homemade goodies and support this effort.

Meeker Library Book Club

MEEKER | The Meeker Public Library Book Club is reading *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova. We will meet to discuss the book at the Meeker Public Library on Monday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. Extra copies are available for check out at the library if you would like to join in the fun. New members are always welcome!

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.

Turkey shoot Nov. 1

MEEKER | The Meeker Sportsman's Club is hosting the Annual Kenny Johnson Memorial Turkey Shoot. Join us at the MSC range on Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$2 per entry at each event: Steel Silhouette Challenge, 100yd Benchrest, Bowling Pin Shoot, Mini Run N' Gun. Turkey prizes for event winners! For more details visit <https://meekercoloradosportsmansclub.com/turkey-shoot>

Babysitter Training Course Nov. 14-15

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

Candy donations sought for Walbridge Wing trick-or-treaters

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

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!

Ashes to Action: Potluck Nov. 1

MEEKER | The Lee and Elk Fires altered our landscape, and the fires' impacts will continue to challenge us. Join us as we gather to appreciate our community and show ongoing support for friends and neighbors on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Fairfield Center (200 Main). After an update on recovery and funding efforts at 5 p.m., we'll share a potluck 'soup supper' at 6 p.m. Cash bar provided by the Lions Club. RSVP/potluck sign up: publicinfo@rbc.us • 970-878-9575. Hosted by Rio Blanco County and Partners.



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-Kermit the Frog

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Oct. 21

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GROCERY SPECIALS

Cereal Kellogg's Large Size 12-17.3 oz. Select Varieties	\$3.99
Waffles Kellogg's Eggo 24 ct. Select Varieties	\$4.99
Brownie Mix Betty Crocker 16.3 oz. Select Varieties	\$1.29
Pepsi Products 2 Liter Bottles • Select Varieties	4/\$9
Halloween Candy Hershey's, Mars & More 7.44-11.6 oz. Select Varieties	\$4.99
Snacks Fritos or Cheetos 6.5-10 oz. Select Varieties	2/\$7

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Stuck in sunk cost fallacy? You can't go forward looking at what's past.

"Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a long time making it." ~ Unknown

By **NIKI TURNER**
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latched onto so they don't have to admit they were wrong.

We're not so far removed from toddlers, no matter how old we think we are. Have you ever tried to convince a toddler they're wrong about something? They are unconvincible, even when the facts — there is no monster under the bed — are plain. They'll invent reasons to support whatever nonsense they've

It's kind of entertaining when they're three (unless they're yours, in which case it's mildly infuriating). It's a behavior that's not at all entertaining when they're 30. Or 60. Or 90.

Why do we do this? Why do we let ourselves get stuck in an error loop, sometimes for years? Is it just ego? That would make sense, toddlers are

just discovering their independence and ego comes along like a side dish. (Think about this ... with every leap in independence, ego increases accordingly. And then, when we start losing independence, humility usually comes.)

I think there's more to it than just ego, though. I know too many people (and have been one) who know they're wrong, know they've made a grievous mistake, and are miserable. All it would take to escape the misery is admitting error. And yet they sit, like a kid in a

dirty diaper, giving themselves a rash and stinking up the room, for months and years, even decades. It's apparently easier to be miserable than it is to acknowledge our own foibles.

The more time, effort, money, emotion, thought we've invested in that mistake, the harder it is to reverse course. It's referred to as the "sunk cost fallacy: the phenomenon whereby a person is reluctant to abandon a strategy or course of action because they have invested heavily in it, even when it is clear that abandon-

ment would be more beneficial."

It's like getting a degree in something only to discover you loathe the subject as a job, but refusing to look for a new career because you already spent too much on tuition. Or staying in a bad relationship and getting married because "you already dated for so long." It's staying through a movie you despise because you already paid for the tickets. It's making absurd excuses for bad behavior because that's less painful than having to reframe your narrative.

I wonder how many wars have been spurred on by the sunk cost fallacy?

Is there a cure? Not exactly, but there is, reportedly, a way out. Forget what's in the past and make decisions based solely on the present and future. It doesn't matter what you've invested — attention, money, time, emotion — if you're on the wrong path, get off sooner, not later. How rarely we do this.

It's easier said than done, of course, like most things that are worth doing.

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Internships for agricultural businesses

Dear Editor:

Labor is a common challenge in Colorado agriculture. Businesses struggle to find qualified and trained employees. At the same time, young people who want to pursue a career in agriculture have limited access to training programs that provide real-world work experience. The Agricultural Workforce Development Program, funded by the Colorado Department

of Agriculture, tackles both of these problems.

This program reimburses Colorado farms, ranches, and other agricultural businesses for 50% (\$5,000 maximum) of the actual cost to employ an intern. Costs including wages, workers compensation insurance, and protective gear for the intern can be partially covered by participating in this program.

Since 2018, CDA has awarded nearly \$900K to support 244 internships at 189 businesses across the state.

The goal of the program is to build a talent pipeline and career pathway in our state by compensating the Colorado farms, ranches, and other agricultural businesses offering internship opportunities. Interns and agricultural businesses benefit alike. Interns learn valuable skills through on-the-job

training. Farmers and ranchers are repaid for their efforts teaching interns about the day-to-day operations of their business.

To participate, businesses can apply for up to three internships each year by filling out an online application available at ag.colorado.gov/awdp. The year's applications are accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

This program continues to grow year over year and our goal for 2025 is to support more businesses and interns than ever before. I encourage farmers and ranchers across Colorado to apply, not only to strengthen their business but also to invest in the future of agriculture in our state.

Sincerely,
Sam Hahn
Next Generation & Specialty Crop Programs

Manager
Colorado Dept. of
Agriculture

One individual's personal views don't represent all

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to John Mofitt's letter published on 10/2/2025. I am surprised that John appears to think that his personal views represent the majority of people in Meeker and the majority of Christian views here.

Most of the Christians and non-Christians that I know in this community are kind, loving people who believe that we are all equal (in the eyes of God) and also believe in equal rights for all, which includes being able to choose the books we would like to read with every section of our

community represented, including minority groups.

One person's "culturally and morally conservative approach" may be very different from another person's views on what constitutes culture, morality, and conservatism. As he states at the end of his letter, his views don't represent the views of the Library Board as a whole, and I don't believe they represent our community as a whole. Surely it is the role of the Library Board to promote inclusivity for all and represent our community as a whole, not to create their own personal library.

And a thank you to Jennifer Key for her eloquent letter last week.

Sincerely,
Tonie Phillippi
Meeker

Prayers Unfolded NO



What if I pray to God for something and it does not happen? Remember God answers prayers rightly presented, but sometimes the answer is "No" or "Wait." We have a biblical example of the Apostle Paul. Three times Paul prayed that God would cause a "thorn in the flesh" to "depart from me." Some scholars interpret this "thorn" to represent a persistent challenge or discomfort to Paul. I prefer to take it as a real, physical affliction to Paul, an infirmity. Either way, Paul accepts that God refused to take it away. Paul writes: "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul accepts that he should endure his infirmities, insults, hardships, difficulties, and persecutions "for Christ's sake." Even the great Paul realized his need to be humbled, "lest I should be exalted above measure."

Even the most devoted person will experience a "No" as an answer to a prayer. Perhaps a loved one continues in failing health after much prayer; A couple who desperately prays to conceive a child remains childless; A scholarship does not get funded and schooling is halted. We know that God has the power to do anything. He also has the power to withhold if that action would result in something that would ultimately harm us. We, as humans, rarely get to glimpse the "big picture" as God sees the infinite past and infinite future. In the short term, we may feel disappointment, but that does not mean we should be discouraged and stop praying. When praying, the phrase should come from your lips, "not my will but yours be done."

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 KJV; comments by Ed Peck; with Advice by Barry Layne
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HISTORY LESSONS: Hugus, Part 1

By ED PECK
Special to the HT

John William Hugus was a Meeker Townsite shareholder. The importance of his mercantile company and bank to the development of Meeker can not be overstated. However, J.W. Hugus himself was not deeply involved with the formation of the town. By the time the soldiers had pulled out in 1883, John was planning his retirement. He turned over his very successful Hugus & Company over to John Charles Davis, manager of the Rawlins store and president of Hugus & Co. J. W. Hugus took his family, moved to Pasadena, California, and purchased a 250 acre ranch. He created citrus groves, raised grain and a vineyard. He also built a mansion. He was also a member of the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena, which started the 1890 Tournament of Roses Parade.

John learned the retail trade early. At the age of 14 he was living at home with his parents, Peter Hugus and Eliza McCormick 1850. They are listed in the Canton, Ohio Census. Peter was listed as Hardware Merchant owning \$3,000 in real estate.

As a young man, J.W. and his brother were typesetters in Omaha, Nebraska. At the age of 26, J.W. was partners in a sutler store at Fort Kearney, Nebraska. He stayed there for several years before returning to Omaha to marry Annetta Olivia Reese and have one daughter, Nellie Reese Hugus born in October of 1865. Annetta died January 14, 1868.

In 1868, Fort Fred Steele was established as the UP transcontinental railway came through.

J. W. Hugus was not far behind the track layers. He got the contract for Post Trader or Sutler at Fort Steele in 1869. He operated it for 14 years before it was sold to his brother, Wilbur, and Fenimore Chatterton, who operated it until 1886 when the Fort was closed.

In the 1870 Omaha, Nebraska Census, he was listed at Sutler at Ft. Fred Steele, Wyoming. I believe he was splitting time between Omaha with his young daughter, Nellie, age 4. He was widowed and living with his mother-in-law, Malinda Reese. Business was good. Hugus & Company incorporated in 1877. Expansion was on his mind. In January of 1879, Hugus bought out the Trabling Brothers stores in Medicine Bow, Douglas, and Rawlins. This an important move. This gave Hugus stores beyond the Fort Steele trading post and gave him a lucrative government contract to haul freight to the White River Ute Agency.

J. C. Davis, shareholder in Hugus & Co., was with the freight wagons who joined the ill-fated Thornburg troops. He was

wounded at Milk Creek as a civilian. Some other freighters elsewhere on the trail were killed. Joe Collom, the mail carrier, related that Wilbur Hugus, brother of J.W., had left a wagon of groceries at Joe's place and had been on route with other wagons to set up a trading post. I am personally at a loss to say where they planned to set up shop. Without permission from Nathan Meeker, any trading post would have to remain north of Milk Creek.

It would appear Wilbur Hugus might have worked for J.W. at the Camp on the White River. W. B. Hugus was named U.S. Postmaster at White River, Summit County, Nov. 25, 1879; later designated as Meeker, Colorado, Aug. 23, 1880 with Henry W. Gray as postmaster).

To be continued...

Sources: This Is What I Remember; Rio Blanco Historical Society; Rawlins Wyoming newspaper: Carbon County Journal; Meeker Herald; Flickering Lights in Vacant Windows by Peter Van Dorn 1992; J.W. HUGUS & COMPANY, Anniversary booklet 1909; Museum of Northwest Colorado.

OBITUARY

Steven Gaylord Harman

April 13, 1949 ~ Sept. 30, 2025

Steven Gaylord Harman passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at the age of 76.

He was born April 13, 1949, the second of four children to Charles and Rachel Harman. The family lived on a farm in Fleming, Colorado, with grandparents and cousins. A smart and mischievous boy, Steve often found himself in adventures with his brothers, sister and friends.

In high school, he participated in basketball, track and field, and football. Following graduation, he attended what is now the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and became a proud lifetime member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Steve's career as a business teacher and coach began at North Park High School in Walden, Colorado, where he made many lifelong friends. He met his future wife, Ann Williams, during an FBLA conference where they were both supervising students.

After starting their family, Steve and Ann moved to Meeker, Colorado, where they raised their three daughters and Steve continued his teaching and coaching career. After retiring from teaching, he worked for an oil and gas company in the Piceance Creek Basin, on a tree farm, in auto parts stores, and building houses. He also continued officiating basketball and track.



Steven Harman

After Ann's passing in 2007, Steve eventually moved to Arizona, where he found a home and community at Sunflower RV Resort in Surprise.

Steve is remembered for his jokes, his strong sense of right and wrong, pride in his family, and his many passions and competitive pursuits, including fishing, woodworking, cribbage, Texas Hold 'em and horse-shoes. Those closest to him also know that he was quietly generous. That generosity continues in death, as Steve gave the gift of tissue donation to improve the lives of others.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dave Harman; father, Charles Harman; mother, Rachel Boardman; stepfather, Earle Boardman; and wife, Ann. He is survived by his brother, Mike (Kelly) Harman of Glenwood Springs, Colorado; sister, Susan (Bill) Hoover of Muskogee, Oklahoma; daughters, Devon (Mike) Whalen of Chandler, Arizona, Michelle Harman of Boise, Idaho, and Danyel (Harry) Stafford of McMurray, Pennsylvania; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at Sunflower RV Resort in Surprise, Arizona.

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Sports & Recreation

Post-season bound! Meeker softball earns playoff berth

By JARED HENDERSON
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MEEKER | The Meeker High School softball team wrapped up its regular season on the road last week with a doubleheader at Eagle Valley, a nonconference matchup that still factored into postseason standings.

The Cowboys entered the games coming off a dominant 16-1 home win over Battle Mountain the night before, which ended in the bottom of the third inning.

The last time Meeker faced Eagle Valley was Oct. 5, 2024, when the Cowboys hosted the Devils and dropped both games — 6-5 in 11 innings and 18-14 in the second matchup. This time, Meeker hit the road looking for revenge but fell short, losing 17-4 and 16-7.

With the losses, the Cowboys closed their regular season with a 6-15 overall record and a 4-8 mark in the 3A Western Slope League, finishing fifth in the standings.

Head coach Megan Kuper said that while the results weren't what the team hoped for, she's proud of how far they've come.

"We didn't play to our full potential, but when I look back to where we started, the amount of growth this team has shown makes it all worth it," Kuper said. "The progress from the beginning of the season to now is something to be proud of."

Kuper added that both offensively and defensively, her players have made major strides.

"Our players have improved tremendously on both sides of the ball," she said. "They look like a completely different team compared to the start of the season."



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO

Meeker senior Addie Knowles gets set to deliver a pitch during the Cowboys' game against Battle Mountain. Knowles' strong performance on the mound helped lead Meeker to a 16-1 win in front of the home crowd.

Their development and confidence have really started to shine through."

On Monday, the team received great news: Meeker qualified for the postseason as the No. 31 seed in the CHSAA Class 3A regional tournament. The Cowboys will travel to Eaton this weekend to take on the No. 2-seeded and defending state champion Eaton Reds.

"I'm so proud that this group earned the opportunity to play in the postseason," Kuper said. "We were right on the bubble, and it's exciting that our seniors get one more game and our underclass-

men get a firsthand look at what it takes to reach the state level."

Senior pitcher Addie Knowles has been a key part of Meeker's success and one of the team's most consistent performers in the circle.

Knowles is ranked among the top pitchers in the state and nationally for the 2025-26 season. She sits No. 178 nationally in batters struck out (86), No. 51 in Colorado, and No. 16 in Class 3A, while also ranking second in the Western Slope League. She also carries a 3.89 ERA, which ranks No. 66 in Colorado and No. 18 in Class 3A, and has six wins this

season, good for second in the league.

Offensively, Knowles holds a .333 batting average, .493 on-base percentage, and .490 slugging percentage, adding one home run, 18 RBIs, 22 runs scored, and seven stolen bases — all ranking among the top players in the Western Slope League.

"I'm proud of how much the team has improved from the beginning of the season," Knowles said. "We've gone from being scared of the ball to being ready and confident that we can make the play and get on base. Eaton is always an extremely good, top-ranked state champ team, so this weekend is going to be tough, but we just want to go out there, have fun, and do the best that we can."

Fellow senior Emma Bauer said it's special to finish her Meeker career alongside this group.

"It means a lot to go into the postseason with this group of girls," Bauer said. "I'm excited to not only play with them one last time but also to go on one last trip with everyone."

Bauer added that she's been proud to watch the team's development.

"The growth I have watched my team develop this season has been substantial," she said. "The amount of knowledge of the sport and overall new skills learned by the younger girls was significant."

Bauer also had a standout season for Meeker, ranking among the top offensive players in the Western Slope League. She's No. 492 nationally in fielding percentage (.915), No. 65 in Class 3A, and No. 11 in the league. Offensively,

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Lady Panthers celebrate Homecoming with back-to-back wins



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Senior #5 Courtney Files bumps the ball back over the net during Friday night's homecoming matchup, helping the Lady Panthers secure a hard-fought 3-2 win over the Hayden Tigers.

By JARED HENDERSON
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RANGELY | The Rangely High School volleyball team entered Friday night's Homecoming match looking to bounce back from a 3-0 loss to Coal Ridge. Their opponent, the Hayden Tigers,

also came in seeking redemption after falling to Plateau Valley 3-1 the week before. The two teams last met on Aug. 22 during Rangely's home tournament, when the Panthers defeated Hayden 2-0.

This time around, the matchup was a battle from start to finish. The Panthers outlasted the Tigers

in a five-set thriller, winning 3-2 with set scores of 25-23, 25-17, 17-25, 20-25 and 15-10.

Head coach Angie Hill said the Panthers "started off slow against Hayden" but were able to turn things around with better communication.

"We had good things happen, we just weren't controlling our game," Hill said. "Once we started communicating with each other, it turned around quickly."

She added that securing a Homecoming win in front of the home crowd was especially rewarding.

In the decisive fifth set, Hill credited her players for staying composed under pressure.

"The girls played smart," she said. "They worked hard on placing the ball and minimizing mistakes."

Senior Addison Scott led the Panthers with 12 kills and 19 digs. Sophomore Rylee Kenney ran the offense with 14 assists and 14 digs, while sophomore Isabella Cox added 13 assists and four aces. Sophomore Natalie Bollinger contributed five kills and five blocks, and sophomore Taylor Fouch

anchored the defense with 34 serve receptions and 14 digs.

With the Homecoming victory, Rangely improved to 7-10 on the season.

The following day, the Panthers hosted Manila and earned another strong win, taking the match 3-1 (25-19, 25-15, 13-25, 25-14). Hill said the team again started slow but found their rhythm as the match went on.

"Once again we started off slow in the first set but came out fired up to secure the win," Hill said. "We focused on communication and keeping our serves in."

Hill praised her team's focus and energy coming off the emotional Homecoming win.

She highlighted the team's improved offensive execution against Manila.

"The girls really stepped up their offensive game," Hill said. "They started running plays and trying different things, and that was exciting."

Scott again led the Panthers with 13 kills and three aces, while Bollinger added seven kills, four blocks, and three aces. Freshman Makenzie Hill and senior Aubrianna

Tapia each contributed five kills. Cox and Kenney shared setting duties with 16 and 14 assists, respectively. Defensively, Fouch tallied 17 digs and four service aces, and freshman Teagan Behunin added eight digs.

Hill noted Scott's leadership and the team's overall serving performance as weekend highlights.

"Addison Scott had 13 kills vs. Hayden, and the girls as a team had a total of 13 aces vs. Manila," she said.

The pair of wins moved Rangely to 8-10 overall and 2-5 in league play, placing them ninth in the 2A/1A Western Slope League standings.

Looking ahead, Hill said the team is focused on continuing to control play on their side of the net as they prepare to host North Park on Friday and travel to Olathe on Saturday.

"We are prepared for North Park and will continue working on controlling the game on our side of the net," Hill said.

The Lady Panthers will host North Park Friday before hitting the road to Olathe on Saturday.

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Meeker boys capture team title in Rifle, continue progress in Grand Junction

By JARED HENDERSON
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MEEKER | The Meeker High School cross country team had a busy week on the road, competing twice in just a few days. On Tuesday, Oct. 7, the Cowboys traveled to Rifle for the Rifle Invitational, where they captured first place as a team, before heading to Grand Junction on Friday, Oct. 10 for the Warrior Lincoln Park Classic Mountain States Challenge.

At Rifle, Meeker dominated the team standings with a score of 57 points, placing all five scorers within the top 30 overall. Sophomore Bradley Conrado led the way with a fifth-place finish in 18 minutes, 51 seconds, followed closely by freshman Landon Damitz in sixth at 19:03 and sophomore Ryan Hanberg in seventh at 19:10. Senior Cameron Hanberg placed ninth in 19:33, rounding out a tight lead pack for the Cowboys. Sophomore Ashton Tapia sealed the team title, finishing 30th in 22:26.

Non-scoring runners also turned in solid efforts, with Jackson Steele (22:51), Remy Broussard (26:02), and Asa Scofield (27:02) all contributing to the team's depth and consistency.

tency.

On the girls' side, senior Haylee Steele ran strong for the Cowboys, placing 24th with a time of 25:57.

Head coach Marty Casey said she was proud of his team's focus and execution throughout the day in Rifle.

"I am so proud of this group! Everyone ran with confidence and purpose," Casey said. "Really great pack running from our top four boys, with only about a 40-second spacing at the finish. They knew this would be a fast course compared to Aspen, so they worked together to push the pace."

Casey said Conrado has continued to set the tone for the team while helping the younger runners find their rhythm.

"Bradley continues to work hard every week," she said. "He started just a bit slower at Rifle but knew how to find his speed. Landon and Ryan worked well together from the start, and Cameron was never far behind, kept his focus, and put in a great performance."

Conrado said his race-day approach and lessons learned from last season contributed to his success.

"Last year during the Rifle meet I unfortunately ate too much on the bus, resulting in a major side-stitch," Conrado said. "Luckily, I remembered not to eat this time and ran fairly well, getting myself a PR at that meet. After our previous success at the Aspen meet, scoring third as a team, our morale was high leading to our team's success at Rifle. Because the Rifle meet was also like a hard workout, I think that also could have led to my 18:01 finish in Grand Junction, along with the support of my teammates, family, and coaches. My goals for the Craig meet this weekend are to hopefully get a new PR, although the Craig meet isn't nearly as fast a course as Grand Junction."

Ryan Hanberg said the teamwork and course conditions made both meets memorable and motivating.

"At Rifle, I think the race was great, and while it wasn't a PR for me, it was a great opportunity to run on a golf course, such as the ones at Craig and regionals, and to push Landon towards a new PR," Hanberg said. "It was amazing to get a team first place, and I think that a lot of that was Brad, Landon and I pushing each other in the first part of the



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Cameron Hanberg pushes hard during the Rifle Invitational as he helps lead the Meeker High School boys cross country team to a first-place finish.

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Meeker volleyball splits weekend matches, extends win streak before falling to Plateau Valley



JARED HENDERSON PHOTO

Senior Rylee Sullivan gets ready to serve during last year's Pink Out game. This weekend, the Meeker Cowboys will host their annual Pink Out matches Friday and Saturday, continuing the tradition of raising awareness while bringing energy and focus to the court.

Special to the HT

MEEKER | The Meeker Cowboys volleyball team hit the road this past weekend, opening with a dominant win over North Fork on Friday evening before falling to Plateau Valley on Saturday. Meeker entered the weekend riding a six-match win streak after defeating West Grand 3-1 the previous week. The Cowboys last faced North Fork on Oct. 11, 2024, earning a straight-set sweep at home. This time, Meeker repeated the result on the road, sweeping the Wildcats 25-10, 25-18 and 25-13.

Head coach Greg Cravens said he was pleased with his team's all-around performance Friday.

"The girls played well Friday night," Cravens said. "We served very well

with 13 aces and a 95.9% serving percentage. I like how rounded we are hitting — Rylee and Raegan with eight kills and Sawyer and Newman with five each."

Despite the long travel day, Cravens said the team did a good job creating their own energy.

"With a 2 1/2-hour drive to play one match and then 2 1/2 hours back, it's hard, but the girls were good at creating some energy for themselves," he said.

With the win, Meeker improved to 10-3 overall and 6-1 in league play, extending its streak to seven straight victories — their last loss coming on Sept. 12 against Vail Christian. The Cowboys controlled the match behind a balanced offense and strong defense.

Senior Rylee Sullivan

and freshman Raegan Clatterbaugh led the attack with eight kills each. Jacey Follman and Hailey Schwartz combined for 22 assists to keep Meeker's offense fast and fluid. From the service line, Clatterbaugh recorded five aces on perfect serving, while junior Sawyer May added four.

On defense, senior Braydin Raley anchored the back row with 12 digs and 15 serve receives. Sullivan and Clatterbaugh each added 11 digs as Meeker controlled the pace throughout all three sets.

The following day, Meeker traveled to Collbran to take on Plateau Valley. The Cowboys defeated Plateau Valley in straight sets in 2024, but this time fell 3-1 on the road.

Cravens said Saturday's match proved more

challenging.

"Saturday was very difficult for us," he said. "We had a small drop-off in serving, and offensively we couldn't find the floor against Plateau Valley. We scored 12 kills a set Friday night and only six kills a set on Saturday. We did not have a good offensive match."

Still, Cravens praised his team's fight, highlighting a standout defensive effort.

"Even when things weren't going our way, we battled," he said. "Braydin was a saving fool on Saturday. She had several diving saves for us. She worked hard and probably had a few bruises afterward."

May led Meeker's offense with seven kills, while Sullivan and Clatterbaugh tallied five apiece. Senior Lilly Newman

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Bauer posted 25 RBIs, ranking No. 170 in Colorado, No. 43 in Class 3A, and No. 9 in the Western Slope.

She also recorded a .390 batting average, .528 on-base percentage, and .683 slugging percentage, along with one home run, 23 runs scored, and four stolen bases — numbers that put her among the top

hitters in the region.

Junior Kayla Castillo, who has been a steady presence at the plate and on the bases, said the team's confidence has been key down the stretch.

"We definitely gained more confidence in our ability as a team, which helped us as the season progressed," Castillo said. "Having confidence and support from teammates, coaches, and players' fam-

ilies has definitely helped me offensively. I really just want everybody to have fun and support each other, so I'm looking forward to our trip this weekend."

Castillo also said she's optimistic about the team's future.

"Although we'll be taking a pretty tough loss by losing four seniors, I know our underclassmen can put in the work and hopefully come out stron-

ger," she said.

Castillo's performance this season ranks among the best in the league and state. She's No. 303 nationally and No. 50 in Colorado in stolen bases (18), ranking No. 1 in the 3A Western Slope League. She also carries a .948 fielding percentage (No. 5 in the league), .311 batting average, .523 on-base percentage, and .489 slugging percentage,

with 16 RBIs and 24 runs scored, proving to be one of Meeker's most versatile players.

Despite being the No. 31 seed, Kuper said the team's mindset remains positive and determined.

"Our mindset is to finish strong and enjoy every moment," she said. "We're focused on playing hard, staying positive, and making the most of this postseason opportu-

nity."

No matter the outcome, Kuper said the season has already been a success.

"Success for us is being here — earning a spot at regionals is an accomplishment in itself," she said. "From here, it's about limiting fielding errors, staying aggressive at the plate, and enjoying the game we love."

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(Cont.) MHS volleyball

Cont. from P7

and junior Lili Hernandez each added four kills. Newman was perfect from the service line with three aces, while Lissbeth Sanchez added two and Sullivan chipped in one.

May said she felt confident going into the match and credited her teammates for setting up strong offensive opportunities.

"I felt really confident going into that match," May said. "My teammates did a great job with passing and setting, which gave me a lot of good opportunities to swing. I was seeing the court well, and once I got a rhythm early, everything started to flow."

She said her approach relies on reading the defense and trusting her instincts.

"If I see an open spot or blockers out of position, I'll aim for placement," she said. "But if it's a clean set and the timing feels right, I like to be aggressive and put the ball down hard."

May added that serving plays a key role in building momentum for the team.

"I think serving is a big momentum builder," she said. "When I can force out-of-system balls, it sets up our defense and

gives us energy. A strong service run can really shift the tone of a set."

She also credited the team's communication and chemistry for helping them stay composed under pressure.

"We've gotten a lot better at talking through plays and trusting each other on the court," she said. "Everyone's more vocal, and that makes everything smoother — especially in tight moments when communication really matters."

Defensively, Sullivan led with 15 digs, followed by Raley and Clatterbaugh with 11 each, and Follman and Newman with eight apiece. Schwartz set the tempo with 11 assists, supported by Follman with eight. In serve receive, Raley took 43 receptions with just six errors, while Clatterbaugh added 17 and Sullivan had 14.

The loss dropped Meeker to 10-4 overall and 6-2 in league play, placing third in the 2A/1A Western Slope League standings.

As the Cowboys prepare for a pair of home matches this weekend, Cravens said the focus is on rest and recovery.

Meeker hosts North Fork on Friday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m., followed by Caprock Academy on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m.

(Cont.) MHS cross country

Cont. from P7

race to start fast and push ourselves. While we did all separate, it helped us all get a good start and led to our great placings."

"At Grand Junction, what contributed the most to my PR was my mindset to just get out there and run my hardest, which was partly because of the rain and partly because of the course change," he said. "I stayed laser-focused throughout the whole race, and it paid off, leading me to a new PR. For the upcoming meet in Craig, I hope to continue pushing my limits, staying in the sub-19s and keeping a good group with Brad and Landon. At regionals, my ultimate goal is to take the team to state, while possibly qualifying myself."

Following their team victory in Rifle, the Cowboys traveled to Grand Junction for a highly competitive meet against large-school competition. The event, originally scheduled at Lincoln Park Golf Course, was moved to Central High School and Long Family Memorial Park due to rainy conditions.

"It rained all afternoon and evening, so the route was comprised entirely of sidewalks and pavement," Casey said. "The competition was still very strong, with the largest field of

runners we have encountered this season. We also had some impressive times; most of the team set new personal records, despite the rain."

Sophomore Ryan Hanberg led Meeker in Grand Junction with a breakout race, finishing in 17:46 to place 101st overall. Conrado followed in 18:01, with Damitz clocking 18:26 as the team's third scorer. Tapia (20:49) and Steele (20:57) rounded out the top five, giving Meeker a total of 671 points and 25th place overall in the team standings.

Seniors Broussard (23:49) and Scofield (25:10) ran as non-scorers but showed steady improvement from previous weeks. On the girls' side, Steele continued to make progress, running 24:59—nearly a full minute faster than her time at Rifle.

Steele said both meets offered fast conditions and great opportunities for improvement.

"The Rifle meet was really great—we saw a strong team with the boys that day and many personal bests throughout the whole team," she said. "Both of the races this week were really fast and flat courses, so we were expecting to set some personal bests out of it. Running in the rain on Friday changed a lot and helped me move faster through the race."

As a senior, Steele said she's appreciating every moment as her high school cross country career winds down.

"It doesn't feel like the end is even near, but I'm glad to run with all my teammates and thankful for all of the parents and the community for coming to the races to see us run throughout the years," she said. "My favorite part about running with this team is that you never know what adventure we'll run into. I'll remember getting to run with my younger brother before I'm ready to move on to the next chapter."

The Cowboys will be back on the road this weekend for the Moffat County Invitational in Craig, held at the Yampa Valley Golf Course.

"As a fairly flat golf course meet, we hope it will help prepare us for regionals at Lincoln Park the following Thursday," Casey said.

With only one meet left before regionals, the Cowboys are carrying strong momentum into the final stretch of the season. After a first-place team finish in Rifle and a solid performance against large-school competition in Grand Junction, Meeker will look to continue improving this weekend in Craig as they prepare for the regional championships next week.

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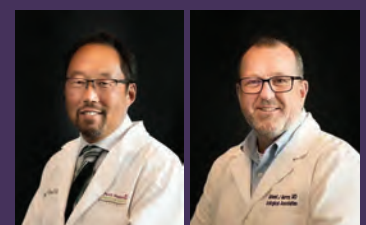
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Out & About Around Town

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The Mustang Mingle, part of the Meeker Mustang Makeover event, brought out nearly 300 people, including (above left) Teresia and Scott Reed, (above center) Christy and Kent Borchard, and (above right) Gus and Christine Halandras.

DEIRDRE MACNAB PHOTOS



(Above left) Butch and Karin Theos at the Pioneers Association annual dinner and dance. Butch and Sally Lou Shultz (above right photo at left) received the Spirit of the Pioneers awards this year. Also pictured is Hallie Blunt, Pioneers Association President.

BOBBY G'S MEMORIES PHOTOS



Smoking River Brewing Co. co-owner Kevin Borchard presents Meeker volunteer firefighter Vaughn Moodie with a plaque of appreciation.

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Kristofer Borchard, co-owner of Smoking River Brewing Co., presents Meeker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Chief Luke Pelloni with a plaque during the Oktoberfest celebration last weekend.

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Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola holds up his award during the Oktoberfest celebration at Smoking River Brewery this past weekend.

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Chance Walker raises his stein high during the stein-hold competition at last weekend's Oktoberfest celebration. He came in second place.

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Brewers Chip Brown and Brett Borchard raise their steins. Proceeds from the 2025 Oktoberfest event went to a fire recovery fund administered by the Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

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2025 Ballot Questions

Proposition LL: Retain and Spend State Revenue Exceeding the Estimate for Proposition FF

Question:

Without raising taxes, may the state keep and spend all revenue generated by the 2022 voter-approved state tax deduction limits on individuals with incomes of \$300,000 or more and maintain these deduction limits in order to continue funding the healthy school meals for all program, which pays for public schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade?

Proposition MM: Increase State Taxes for School Meals and Food Assistance Programs

Question:

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$95 MILLION ANNUALLY BY A CHANGE TO THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD FOR COLORADO KIDS AND FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING STATE TAXABLE INCOME ONLY

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Changes in Income Taxes Owed by Income Category

Income Category	Proposed Change in Average Income Tax Owed
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DAYS GONE BY

MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO

If ante-election promises could be coined into lawful money, some men would soon be rich.

At the second-hand store is a curiosity in the shape of a book published in the year 1731. Sandy got it recently in a lot of odds and ends.

George Lyttle, a brother of ye editor, arrived in Meeker Thursday evening and will tarry a week or two. He is a graduate of pharmacy and is located at Franklin, Pennsylvania.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO

A heavy frost covered the ground Thursday night while the upper country received about four inches of snow.

Two federal prohibition officers from Denver made an unexpected visit in Colorado river town last week and were rewarded by capturing about a half dozen stills and as many violators of the Volstead Act.

The low price of gasoline is not likely to continue for many months. Reports of decreased production are now coming from all the big oil fields. It will then, of course, be necessary to put the price up again "in order to encourage increased production."

MEEKER HERALD ~ 75 YEARS AGO

"Follow the example of the armed forces and have a chest X-ray." This is the slogan of the Rio Blanco County Health Council which is sponsoring the Mobile Unit in this County. The Unit will be placed in front of the Light Plant, which is in easy access for everyone who wishes a chest X-ray. Remember, it is the money that the people of Rio Blanco County have given in buying the tuberculosis Christmas Seals that makes it possible to obtain these X-ray pictures free, and take advantage of this opportunity.

The Buford community are giving a box social at the Buford school house on Friday evening, Oct. 26. The funds from this dance and card party will go to the United War Chest fund of the county.

MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO

Construction of a new junior high school building has been established by the community as the number one educational need of the Meeker school district.

The elk hunting season in Rio Blanco County was off to a slow start as far as numbers were concerned this week.

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RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO

Five men were picked up Sunday by the Vernal police following the burglary of the Headquarters Bar and Cafe here early Friday morning. The thieves entered the building through a rear window in a restroom. Taken were two cases of beer, 15 cartons of cigarettes and about \$28 in change.

James Pacheco of Arvada has purchased the Rangely Plumbing and Heating Co. from Howard and Gwen Elam.

RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES ~ 25 YEARS AGO

The Parade Marshal this year was long time Meeker resident and arguably the Cowboy's number one fan, Nellie Stewart. Mrs. Stewart raised nine children, has 27 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Her oldest child Albert started school in 1947 and her youngest daughter Jean (Gianinetti) graduated in 1974.

School superintendent of Re-4, Dr. Robert Mullen, and his Christy were the grand marshals honored for their work for the public schools in Rangely. Homecoming royalty were King Josh Rodell and Queen Kristi Cady.

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Katherine Frances Estopare,
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**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING
RANGELY PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION**
Monday Oct 27th, 2025, at 10:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
209 E. Main St., Rangely Colorado
The Rangely Planning and Zoning Commission will consider Request to re-subdivide Lot 2, Block 4 of the Ridges Subdivision Filing No 1, lying insect 23, T1N, R102 W of the 7th pm Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, creating a separate Parcel A for property Transfer.
Ordinance 705 (2025) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 15, Article III, Section 60, TITLE 15, Article IV, Section 120, and Title 15, Article VI, Section 300, OF THE RANGELY MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO and replacing it with similar Titles, Articles and Sections.
The Public is invited to attend the Public Hearing and provide written or verbal comments on the proposed subdivision application. Written comments may be dropped off or mailed to Town of Rangely, 209 E. Main, Rangely, CO 81648, Attn: Marybel Cox.
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
TOWN OF MEEKER 2026 BUDGET**
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:
NOVEMBER 18, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Town of Meeker for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 has been submitted to the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees, Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 345 Market Street, where it is available for public inspection during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., it is also available on the Town's website www.townofmeeker.org. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption by the Board of Trustees during a Public Hearing scheduled November 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Board of Trustees regular meeting, at Town Hall, 345 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado. The public is invited to attend the public hearing. Any elector of the Town of Meeker has a right to file or register their protest with the Town of Meeker prior to the time of adoption of the budget by the Town of Meeker.
Town of Meeker, Lisa Cook, Town Clerk
Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2025
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NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR
SETTLEMENT**
RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2025 CHIP SEAL PROJECT
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of November, 2025 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies, 2273 River Road, Grand Junction CO 81502 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as the Rio Blanco County 2025 Chip Seal Project. Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims. All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before October 24, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim. Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 10th day of November, 2025.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY
BY JENNIFER O'HEARON, CHAIRMAN
Published: October 16 and 23, 2025
Rio Blanco Herald Times

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NOTICE OF FINAL CONTRACTOR
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY 2025 PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT PROJECT
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of November, 2025 at Meeker, Colorado, final settlement will be authorized by the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners with Branson Traffic Control Inc. dba Branson Road Works 221 Hwy 172, Durango CO 81303 for all work done by said CONTRACTOR on the project known as the Rio Blanco County 2025 Pavement Marking Paint Project. Any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project may at any time, up to and including the date specified in item 2 below, file a VERIFIED STATEMENT of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claims. All such claims shall be filed with Clint Chappell, R & B Coordinator, Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department, 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 on or before October 24, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. Failure on the part of a creditor to file such a statement will relieve Rio Blanco County from any and all liability for such claim. Dated at Meeker, Colorado this 10th day of November, 2025.
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NORTHWEST PLUMBING & HEATING LLC, 1046.77, Expenses
ORKIN PEST CONTROL, 55.00, Expenses
PIERING, LISA, 40.00, Expenses
PINNACOL ASSURANCE, 2816.96, Insurance
PIPELINE TESTING CONSOORTIUM, 765.00, Expenses
PITNEY BOWES INC, 350.19, Expenses
PRATER'S PLUMBING & HEATING, 15077.19, Rare Grant
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH OF NWCO LLC, 723.40, Expenses
PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS, 450.00, Postage
PURCHASE POWER, 349.00, Expenses
QUILL CORPORATION, 298.69, Expenses
RANGELY AUTO PARTS & SUPPLY, 840.12, Expenses
RANGELY HARDWARE, 2785.50, Expenses
RANGELY SCHOOL FOUNDATION INC, 20163.33, Sales Tax Funding
RANGELY TRADING POST, 7500.00, RDA Grant
RANGELY TRASH SERVICE, 968.00, Services
RANGELY, TOWN OF, 7730.36, Utilities
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, 23061.05, Expenses
ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFO NETWORK, 50.00, Expenses
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, 4308.13, Expenses
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT LLC, 99.46, Expenses
SBT INTERNET, 45.00, Internet Services
SCHMEUSER GORDON MEYER INC, 661.50, Expenses
SEWELL, WENDY, 1405.83, Expenses
SGS ACCUTEST INC, 175.00, Services
SHAFCOM, 454.99, Expenses
SHAFFER, ANDREW, 200.00, Council Stipend
SHELTERLUV, 4.00, Expenses
SIMS, TERESA, 150.00, Judges Fee
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANIES, 860.59, Life Insurance
SUMMIT ENERGY LLC, 5,576.47, Gas Transmission/Transport
TEMPLETON, EMILY, 150.00, Expenses
THATCHER COMPANY INC, 19,300.51, Expenses
THAYN, TODD, 200.00, Council Stipend
TIMBER LINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL, 40264.25, Expenses
TITAN POWER INC, 890.00, Post Reimbursement
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, 80.00, Services
UNCC, 9.30, Services
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 5169.00, Expenses
UTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, 80.00, Services
VERIZON WIRELESS, 850.02, Communication
VERNAL WINNELSON CO, 137.28, Expenses
VESTIS, 143.11, Expenses
WEBBER, TIMOTHY, 200.00, Council Stipend
WEST, ANTHONY J, 500.00, Services
WEX BANK, 5738.38, Fuel
WHITE RIVER MARKET, 535.77, Expenses
WILCZEK, KAREN, 300.00, Judges Fee
WRB REC & PARK DISTRICT, 42.00, Expenses
WREN, KYLE, 200.00, Council Stipend
TOTAL: 504,384.57
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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 Rangely Town Council for the ensuing year of 2026; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of Rangely Administrative Office, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at Rangely Town Council meeting of the Town of Rangely to be held at Town Council Chambers on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Any interested elector of 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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**PAYROLL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
TOWN OF MEEKER**
9/30/2025
GENERAL FUND
Town of Meeker Payroll \$66,013.35
CRA Employee Retirement - Police Dept \$3,982.32
CRA Employee Retirement \$8,618.40
CEBT Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins. \$25,778.58
Employee WTH Federal Withholding \$8,183.65
Employee WTH State Withholding \$3,304.55
Employee WTH Medicare Withholding \$2,512.62
Employee WTH Social Security WTH \$6,142.38
Standard Insurance Co Life/AD&D Ins. \$1,022.20
Washington National Ins Co Cancer Ins. \$53.49
Also Sept Coveralls \$51.28
Arrow Trophies Custom Elk Bugle Trophies/ PD \$238.20
AT&T Sept Cell Svc \$720.62
Atmos Sept Natural Gas \$297.36
CMRS Reimb Sept Pstg \$88.99
CO State Treasurer 3rd Qtr Unemployment \$53.97
Colum Sept Legal Publications \$64.42
Diamond Flooring Epoxy Flooring - Final Pymnt/PD \$862.50
Galls Gas Msk Carriers/PD \$189.92
Herald Times Legal Publications \$60.00
Inland Truck Parts & Service Dmptkr Trans Repair \$6,829.66
Meeker Parts City, Oil & Filters, Antifrz/PD; Pwr Belt/PRK; Battery, DEF, Brk Clnr, Wiper Fluid, Syringe, Cin Wipes, Plug Cnvrtr/ PW \$429.95
MGM K-9 Food/PD; Grass Seed/PKS \$302.00
Micro Plastics Inc Strg Room Decal/PD \$706.00
Newman Signs Road Signs \$1,238.00
Olszewski & Massih PC Sept Legal Fees \$2,556.00
Overton Recycling Sept Trash Svc \$105.00
Pinnacol Assurance Claim Ded - Long \$526.09
PMC Reimb Community Block Grant \$34,145.34
RMR Sept Claims \$1,933.76
Samuelson's Push Mwr/PKS; Brace, Antfrz/ PW \$446.67
Tolin Mechanical HVAC Service Call \$972.50
TransUnion Aug TLO Membership \$75.00
Valley Hardware, Clnr/AS; Toilet Flppr/ BLDG; Trsh Bgs, Tool Bg, Chisel, \$114.28
Vet Clinic Catfood/AS \$112.99
Wagner Equipment Co Generator Rental \$1,345.38
WREA Sept Electric \$2,607.06
Yates, Justin Reimb LEEDA Trng - Hotel, Food, Mileage \$1,321.06
Century Link* Sept Phone Svc \$270.50
Jean's Printing* PO Forms \$182.94
LeMoine & Graves, PC* Sept Muni Judge Svc \$150.00
MVB Visa*, Phone; Ppr, Planners; Frames/ BOT; DOLA Mtg Lodging - Etheridge, CGFOA Memb - Cook/AD; Bus Crds, Ntbks, Glwstks, Vic Rights Bks, Bugle Contest Supp, Trng Meals, Fuel, Lodging (SST - Hetzel, CACEO - Fellows)/ PD; CDL's - Kilduff, Muxlow/PW, \$2,229.69
Newman Signs* Road Signs \$74.00
TK Elevator Corp* Light Repairs \$3,654.25
Watt's*, Cing Supp, Napkins, Ppr Plates, Salt, Ice, Cream & Coffee; Drnks & Sncks/ BOT Wrkshp, \$85.16
X Field Services* Circle Park Phase 3 - Vault Toilet Install \$12,749.00
Also Aug Coveralls \$51.22
AT&T Aug Cell Svc \$720.62
Century Link Aug Phone Svc \$270.58
CMRS Reimburse Aug Pstg \$70.13
Ducey's Electric Elevator Lights \$250.00
Edwards, Jay Sept Muni Judge Svc \$325.00
Galls Uniform Shirts/PD \$246.84
Jean's Printing Envelopes \$173.64
MGM Dogfood - Shltr/PD \$52.00
Mountain Cross Engineering Robert S/ Anderson Dr - Design \$1,850.00

MVB Visa, Phone, Off Supp; Wrkshp Meal/ BOT; Trng, Fuel - Long, K-9 Exam, Ink/PD; Wht Brd, Connectors/PW \$1,852.39
Networking of the Rockies Sept IT Support \$2,500.00
NielsenDayton Reimb Sfty Boot \$200.00
NW Auto Circle Park Signage - Materials & Labor \$1,454.34
RBC ICT Sept Internet Svc \$164.00
Rhinehart Oil Hydraulic Oil \$280.44
Samuelson's Asphalt Rake, Hnd Clnr, Sledgehammer \$164.97
TK Elevator Elevator Svc \$1,056.06
Town of Hayden CML Fall Mtg - Day \$40.00
Trinity Group Companies, Inc Road Signs \$1,226.54
VRC Sept Document Destruction \$41.97
Wagner Equipment Co Generator; Rental Protection \$2,018.06
Watt's, Coffee, Ice, Pprtwls, Cingwrp, Napkins, Wrkshp Supp; Cing Supp/BLDG; Cing Supp & Litter - Shltr, Bottled Wtr/PD; Pprtwls, TP, Ziplocs /PW, \$245.81
Winter Equipment Company Plow Guards, Curb Runner \$1,201.72
All Copy* Sept Copier Lease \$492.94
Barco Products, LLC* Circle Park Improvements - Phase 3 \$25,966.91
BoyoK* Trshbgs, TP, Ppr Twls, Gloves \$455.13
NW Auto* Tow Ticket - Unit 223/PD \$100.00
RBC Sales & Use Tax* Sept Sales Tax Adj, \$8,656.40
RMR* Sept Admin Fee \$70.60
Total General Fund \$256,059.39
WATER FUND
Town of Meeker Payroll \$15,446.96
CRA Employee Retirement \$1,929.10
CEBT Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins. \$6,337.17
Employee WTH Social Security WTH \$2,519.00
Employee WTH Medicare Withholding \$605.02
Employee WTH Federal Withholding \$650.14
Employee WTH State Withholding \$591.80
Standard Insurance Co Life/AD&D Ins. \$279.34
Washington National Ins Co Cancer Ins \$79.86
US Postmaster Water Billing Postage \$309.08
AT&T Sept Cell Svc \$76.89
Atmos Sept Natural Gas \$40.93
CMRS Reimb Sept Pstg \$1,103.34
CO State Treasurer 3rd Qtr Unemployment \$111.70
Colum Sept Legal Publications \$24.98
Kumar & Associates GSWL - Professional Services \$6,923.30
Meeker Parts City, DEF, Brk Clnr, Wiper Fluid, Syringe, Cin Wipes, Plug Cnvrtr, Wrench, \$96.44
Olszewski & Massih PC Sept Legal Fees \$2,610.00
RMR Sept Claims \$577.61
Samuelson's Brace, Antfrz, Batteries \$49.64
SGS Water Tests \$450.00
Timberline Electric Programming Support - SCADA & MBE Issues \$2,341.25
UNCC Sept Line Locates \$65.19
UPS Wtr Sample Shipping \$58.60
Valley Hardware, Tool Bg, Chisel, Grb & Slip Hooks, Chain, Wthr Tape, WD40, \$123.27
West Elk Supply Chlorine \$1,744.00
WREA Sept Electric \$4,012.49
Century Link* Sept Phone Svc \$20.50
Jean's Printing* PO Forms, Wtr Bills \$595.66
Mountain Cross Engineering* North 40 Easement Review \$647.50
MVB Visa*, Phone; Ppr, Planners, Scrn Pctrs, Phone Mount, Chrgs, Chck Valves, Pliers, Class B & Class 2 Renewals - Kilduff, \$407.05
UPS* Wtr Sample Shipping \$92.65
Watt's*, Cing Supp, Napkins, Ppr Plates, Salt, Ice, Cream & Coffee, \$14.89
AT&T Aug Cell Svc \$88.69
Century Link Aug Phone Svc \$20.50
CMRS Reimburse Aug Pstg \$215.34
Ferguson Stock Parts \$310.47
Jean's Printing Envelopes \$57.93
Mountain Cross Engineering Garfield St Wtr Line - Final Punchlist \$1,931.00
MVB Visa, Phone, Off Supp, Wht Brd, Connectors, Class D Operator - Cox & Nielsen, \$306.24
RBC ICT Sept Internet Svc \$36.00
Rhinehart Oil Hydraulic Oil \$280.44
Samuelson's Chain \$10.14
UPS Wtr Sample Shipping \$70.81
VRC Sept Document Destruction \$13.98
Watt's, Coffee, Ice, Cingwrp, Napkins, Wrkshp Supp, Pprtwls, TP, Ziplocs, Bottled Wtr \$76.58
All Copy* Sept Copier Lease \$100.90
RMR* Sept Admin Fee \$14.40
USGS* 2025 Semi-Annual WR Monitoring \$9,104.00
Total Water Fund \$63,572.77
Total All Funds \$319,632.16
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2025/26 OLD MEEKER LANDFILL FENCE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT NAME, LOCATION AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK
2025/26 RBC Old Meeker Landfill Fence Replacement. Rio Blanco County is seeking a Contractor for the RBC Old Meeker Landfill Fence Replacement at 36505 Hwy 13, Meeker Colorado 81641. The intent of this Invitation for Bid (the "IFB") is to have a Contractor submit a written response to specifically address the services required, fee, and provide a well-considered plan of execution for those services. The Rio Blanco County Old Meeker Landfill requires the fence to be removed and rebuilt to wildlife friendly spacings. This equates to approximately 6,200 linear feet of fencing.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
Bids are available online via BidNet at www.bidnetdirect.com/rio-blanco-county or via email. To request a bid packet, email Tobey Willey, Landfill Director at tobeyley.willey@rbc.us
QUALIFICATIONS
Required qualifications are listed in the Bid packet.
WORK SCHEDULE
This project shall start December 15, 2025 and complete by April 30, 2026, pending delays due to adverse conditions. Contractor shall submit a firm work schedule with bid.
PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT AND QUESTIONS
Tobey Willey, Landfill Director
Rio Blanco County 570 2nd Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 (970) 878-9589
Email: tobeyley.willey@rbc.us
All Questions will be submitted Online or via email: Questions regarding this solicitation may be submitted online via BidNet at www.bidnetdirect.com/rio-blanco-county. Or by email to Tobey Willey, Landfill Director at tobeyley.willey@rbc.us before October 31, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.
All Vendors must examine the sites and become familiar with all site conditions.
MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
The Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on site on: October 28, 2025 10:00 A.M. at 36505 Hwy 13, Meeker Colorado 81641.
BID SUBMITTALS
Bids can be submitted in person or via electronic bid submission. No mail in bids will be accepted. In person bid submission: In person bid submissions must be handed to the County Administrative Assistant located on the 3rd floor of the county building at 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641 by 10:00 A.M. on November 10, 2025. For Electronic Bid Submission: Electronic responses must be submitted online via BidNet at www.bidnetdirect.com/rio-blanco-county by 9:00 A.M. on November 12, 2025
BID OPENING
Bids will be opened and read at November 12, 2025 11:00 A.M.
BID PREFERENCE
C.R.S. 8-19-101, et seq, shall be observed on all construction contracts on public projects. The law states that when a construction contract for a public project is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a nonresident bidder from another state equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.
BID AWARD
The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities in bids; and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
Dated: October 16, 2025
By: Jennifer O'Hearon, Chairman
Published: October 16 and 23, 2025
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that the Rio Blanco County Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) will be open in Rangely. Starting with the Nov. 4, 2025 Coordinated Election. By statute, a county of our size is only required to maintain one Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC). Historically, we have been able to support a VSPC in Rangely in addition to the main office in Meeker. The VSPC in Rangely will operate exclusively on Election Day, from 7AM to 7PM. For your convenience, a 24-hour drop box will remain accessible inside the Rangely Town Hall building. You may also contact either office with any voting-related inquiries or visit the Meeker VSPC for election services.
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NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE
DISTRICT COURT, RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO
PO Box 1150, 455 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641
Petitioner: Theresa Wilson
Defendant: Dennis Lee Wilson II
Case No: 2025JV4 Division: B
TO: Dennis Lee Wilson II, whose last known address is 26851 N Rose Rd., Meadowview, AZ 86444, and whose current whereabouts are unknown: 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 & 30, 2025
Rio Blanco Herald Times

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary L. Allen, Deceased, Rio Blanco District Court Case Number 24PR8.
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before February 6, 2026, or the claims may be forever barred.
Amy Allred-Fetterhoff, Personal Representative
c/o Olszewski & Massih, P.C.
P.O. Box 916 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
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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 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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CHANGE TO VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER IN RANGELY
This announcement serves to inform the public of a significant change to the days

NOTICE OF COORDINATED ELECTION Tuesday, November 4th, 2025

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO

In accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 1-5-205 and C.R.S. 1-7-5-107(2.5)(a)(I), notice is hereby given that the November 4th, 2025 Coordinated Election will be held by mail ballot with the following designated drop-off locations for mail ballots and voter service polling locations:

Designated Ballot Drop-Off Locations

Meeker Clerk's Office Historical Courthouse 555 Main St, PO Box 1067 209 E. Main, Suite 101 Meeker, CO 81641 (970) 878-9460	Rangely Clerk's Office Town Hall Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 878-9465
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October 14-November 4-Election Day
DROP BOXES WILL BE OPENED ON OCTOBER 14, 2025
24-hour Ballot Drop Box - West Entrance to Courthouse Meeker
24-hour Ballot Drop Box - Rangely Town Hall West Entrance

Voter Service & Polling Locations

Meeker Clerk's 1 st Floor Conf. Room Historical Courthouse 555 Main St, PO Box 1067 209 E. Main, Suite 101 Meeker, CO 81641 M-F Oct 27-Nov 4	Rangely Clerk's Office Town Hall Rangely, CO 81648 ELECTION DAY ONLY
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Hours: Meeker 8:30am - 4:30pm (M-F)
Meeker 8am - 12pm Sat, November 1
Rangely ELECTION DAY November 4
7:00am - 7:00pm - Election Day both locations
In-person & ADA voting equipment available

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters on Tuesday, October 14th. Application for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the elector's address of record may be made from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the County Clerk's Main Office - 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641 or the Rangely Office - 209 E. Main, Suite 101, Rangely, CO 81648. Forms are available on the County Clerk's page of the Rio Blanco County website www.rbc.us or by calling (970) 878-9460. Persons wishing to vote in-person on ADA accessible voting equipment may do so at the Voter Service & Polling Locations at the Rio Blanco County Clerk's Offices during the days and times listed above. Voters may receive a ballot at any Drop-Off location or Voter Service & Polling location at any time before 7:00pm November 4th, 2025 - Election Day.

Ballots must be received by the Rio Blanco County Clerk & Recorder's office by 7:00pm on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted. Ballots received after 7:00pm on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as received.

Sample ballots containing the names of each person certified by the respective district and state offices as a candidate for election at the Coordinated Election and entitled to receive votes at such election can be found at www.rbc.us/177/Elections

Rio Blanco County election night results will be updated as available after 7PM Election Day and again by Noon the following day on the county website at www.rbc.us/177/Elections

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Rio Blanco, this 6th day of October, 2025.

Shawn Luce
Shawn Luce
Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder



CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED HELP WANTED HELP WANTED HELP WANTED PUBLIC SERVICE PUBLIC SERVICE

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS
DIVISION OF GLACIER BANK
ONE RIO HAPPY LITTLE BANK

**Full-Time Teller/
New Account Representative**

Banking on a New Career? Join Us as a Teller/New Account Rep!

Are you customer-focused, detail-oriented, and ready to join a dynamic banking team? Bank of the San Juans is currently seeking a friendly and dependable Teller/New Account Representative to provide outstanding service to our customers while supporting a range of financial services. Apply Today and join our team to be part of a trusted local institution that values both its employees and its community!

Apply online at www.glacierbankcorp.com
Bank of the San Juans is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Employment Opportunities

Meeker High School

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

District

- Food Service - Cook
Position will remain open until filled.

Visit our website for vacancy details & application process:
meeker.k12.co.us

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

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 or Rio Blanco County Human Resources at 555 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Meeker, CO.
970-878-9570
ADA/EDE

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

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

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.

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

RENTALS: MEEKER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For rent: 1 BDR furnished apartment. \$800/month, \$800 deposit. Utilities included. 970-878-4754.

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

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 wildland fire 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.
Contact: Vicky Edwards, County Administrator
Phone: (970) 878-9683 Email: 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.



Complete an application online by scanning the code or by navigating to pioneershospital.org

ELDER CARE

Western Slope In-Home Care
Quality care for the elderly, blind, and disabled, two hours a week to 24 hours a day. Contact us for a free consultation for services or employment opportunities.
970-878-7008
<https://www.westernslopehomecare.com>

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To place a 25-word COSCAN Network ad in 91 Colorado Newspapers for only \$300, contact your local Newspaper or email rtoldeo@colopress.net

JACUZZI BATH REMODEL
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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
MEEKER: 410 Market Street: Established restaurant, bustling location, 2BD/1BA upstairs apartment	\$675,000
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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
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