

# PUZZLES

**THEME: GRADUATION**

**ACROSS**

1. "\_\_\_ Louise"
5. Unsolicited email
9. Parentheses, e.g.
13. Not mainstream, as in art
15. Heap
16. Chesterfield, e.g.
17. Not sharp
18. Katy Perry's hit
19. Grammy of sports
20. \*Bachelor of Arts, e.g.
23. Autumn mo.
24. Opposite of outs
25. Muslim ruler, respectfully
28. Retirement safety net (2 words)
31. Completely isolate (2 words)
33. "That feels good!" exclamation
34. Programmer's bane
35. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_ del Cairo"
36. \*Same as #11 Down
40. #me\_\_\_
42. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.
43. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no \_\_\_"
44. River port in Belgium
47. Not figurative
51. Wavelike patterned silk
52. "For \_\_\_ a jolly..."
53. Bass product
54. \*Student speaker at graduation, usually
59. Regrettably, exclamation
61. Immanuel \_\_\_\_, German philosopher
62. Fortune teller's props
63. Welcome \_\_\_\_, pl.
64. "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"

65. Subdivision of an act
66. Olden day "you"
67. Whittail, e.g.
68. Late actor Kristofferson

**DOWN**

1. Type of ape
2. Twist together
3. Not products, in chemistry
4. Dietary mineral
5. Spring, \_\_\_\_, sprung
6. Devoutly religious
7. Winglike
8. F te des M res honoree
9. Industrial plastic
10. Luxury furniture wood
11. \*Part of graduation regalia
12. Slovenly abode
14. Pilot's estimate, acr.
21. Fire starter
22. Santa \_\_\_ winds
26. Half of NFL
27. \*BA alternative
29. Same as Dao
30. \*Friends, Romans..., lend me your \_\_\_ sing.
31. \*Stand-in teacher
32. Self-centered one
34. Undergarment
36. \*What guest graduation speaker is supposed to do
37. Dadaist Jean \_\_\_
38. \*A in #27 Down
39. Marbled toast
40. \*#36 Across for PhD recipient
41. Lennon's widow
45. Fish family
46. Sushi restaurant staple
47. \*Professor, technically

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48. Faultfinder and scoffer
49. \*Former students
50. Part of eyeglasses, pl.
52. Door holder

55. Barely got by
56. Foolhardy challenge
57. Roman goddess of fertility
58. Nordstorm's outlet

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59. Invoice qty.
60. Note that follows soh

# DAYS GONE BY

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 125 YEARS AGO**

Never entirely happy! Beginning to kick because the streets were getting dusty. No kicking because they are muddy. Bound to have so much trouble and kick — coming.

Fred Carstens of Miller Creek ditch company was in the city Monday and reports good progress being made on that important enterprise. Water will be running as far as the Veatch ranch this summer.

Town Marshal Nichols will be around the coming week to collect dog and poll tax. Get your money ready as he will only make the rounds once. The full among will be collected this year. The Town Council has so

ordered.

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 100 YEARS AGO**

This section received one of those "million dollar" rains midweek. The farmers had most of their crops in, so that this shower should give them an excellent start.

Mrs. Ambrose Oldland entertained at a lovely auction bridge party on Thursday. Mrs. David Smith, Mrs. Oscar Shehorn, Mrs. Ray Lawton, Miss Jessie Cunningham were the price winners.

Frank Hossack has been appointed deputy assessor to take Mr. Davis' place while in the Junction hospital. Frank will take care of the field work in the office which

must be done before July.

**MEEKER HERALD ~ 50 YEARS AGO**

The bicentennial year really must have citizens interested in their government these days. At least one could deduce that comparing the number who turned out two years ago to the 183 who voted in Tuesday's sanitation election.

Meeker will once again honor one of its most generous citizens, Freeman E. Fairfield, in a special afternoon ceremony next Wednesday, May 12.

The April snow survey report for White River drainage, made by Bob Buckles, Soil Conservation Service, and Bill Jordan, contractor,

shows the depth of snow on both courses below the 10-year average with Rio Blanco water content below average.

**RANGELY TIMES ~ 50 YEARS AGO**

Fred Nichols celebrated his 92nd birthday last week with not one, but two parties. On the evening of the 27th, a surprise potluck birthday dinner was held with 10 people wishing Mr. Nichols a very happy birthday.

Early indications are that there should be ample fuel for summer vacations, according to the AAA Auto Club.

**RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES ~ 25 YEARS AGO**

Area residents linked hands around the courthouse Thursday,

April 26 in celebration of April being the Month of the Young Child. The event is organized to bring attention to the young people in the community. Following the event, many of the participants enjoyed a sack lunch on the

courthouse lawn.

Jeff Hillewaert, ranch hand at the Crawford Ranch, gave a few treats to the ranch's new baby yak and it's mother. The yak was born at about 5:35 a.m. April 20.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Estate of Jose Desiderio Lopez, aka Jose D. Lopez, aka Jose Lopez, Deceased  
Case No.: 2026PR30012  
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 Grande County, Colorado on or before August 30, 2026, or said claims may be forever barred.  
Manuel Lopez c/o Baker Law Group, PLLC,  
Personal Representative  
8301 E. Prentice Ave., Suite 405  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111  
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**RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2026-2027 BUDGET APPROVAL**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed 2026-2027 Budget has been submitted to the Rangely Junior College District Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2026-2027; a copy of such budget is on file at Linda Gordon/Budget Officer, 215 Hillcrest Avenue, Rangely, CO where same is open for public inspection; such budget will be considered at the regular scheduled board meeting of the Rangely Junior College District to be held on May 19, 2026, Noon CNCC, Johnson Multi-Cultural Room for final adoption of 2026-2027 Budget. Any interested elector of the Rangely Junior College District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Published: May 7 and 14, 2026  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 the Rio Blanco County Board of Health will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Annex Building, 17497 HWY 64, Rangely, Colorado to consider the following:  
CDPHE Regulation 43 Adoption - Rio Blanco County is adopting the CDPHE Regulation 43 to comply with the State of Colorado Rule.  
Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Rio Blanco County Building Department at 555 Main Street in Meeker, Colorado, or you may call (970) 878-9540 for more information between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.  
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**SENIOR CITIZENS' WATER RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM**  
If you live in a household with one family member who is 64 years or older, as shown by a birth certificate, school records, military discharge documents, or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Town of Meeker, you may qualify for a reduced water rate during the months of May through September. Eligible households receive the first 8,000 gallons of water free each

month (a savings of \$36.00 per month). Usage over 8,000 gallons per month will be billed per 1,000 gallons at the current rate. See Town of Meeker Fee Schedule for current rates.  
To qualify, the total gross income of all residents in the household (including investments and retirement income) must be less than \$2,325.02 per month -OR- \$27,900.25 per year as evidenced by federal income tax returns for all household members for the year 2025. If you are not required to file an income tax return, provide proof of total gross non-taxable income received by the household for the year 2025.  
If you have been previously enrolled in this program, the Town has your proof of age on file and will only require that you provide proof of your total gross taxable and non-taxable income. To qualify for the program for the month of May, please provide the town with the required information no later than May 15, 2026. If you miss the May deadline, you may still submit the required information to apply for the reduction in the remaining months of the program.  
If you have questions or need more information, please call (970)878-5344. Posted to Town Website at www.townofmeeker.org and to Facebook on April 3, 2026.  
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**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION**  
555 Garfield Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
May 11, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.  
Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/kif-hctj-uqs>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Borchard will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda  
General Public Comment Session: (comments limited to three minutes)  
Action Items:  
1. Approval: Liane Jones - Elementary Classroom Teacher  
2. Approval: Instructional Staff Transfers for 2026-2027 school year  
a. Ted Dawson - BMS Math to BMS English/Language Arts and PE  
b. Kaleyne Turner - Full time MES Literacy Coach to part time MES Literacy coach and part time BMS interventions/MTSS  
3. Approval: Student Summer IT Aides - Jacob Roberts, Lucy Munger  
4. Acceptance: Resignation - Karen Dinwiddie (MHS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach)  
Other BOE Information:  
Executive Session (if needed):  
Special Meeting Adjournment  
Work Session:  
1. MHS Graduation - May 23 at 9:00 a.m. - Meet at 8:30 a.m.  
2. Policy Discussion (Policy BG) - JEB - Entrance Age Requirements  
3. Personnel Recruiting/Hiring (Policy Groups GCE/GCF & GDE/GDF)  
a. Current Openings - MES Music/Art Teacher  
b. Policy GBKA - Staff Assignments and Transfers

c. Internal transfers process  
4. Finance (Policy Group DB)  
a. MSD Historical Salary & Benefit Changes  
b. FY27 Preliminary Budget Estimates  
c. FY26 Capital Reserve Activity  
5. Capital Projects (Policy FB and FB-R)  
6. School Board Best Practices (Policy BBA)  
a. Meeker BOE self evaluation form  
b. BOE discussion/training topics  
i. Preparedness of MHS Graduates - Portrait of a Graduate Examples  
ii. Student/staff safety  
7. Community Survey Action Plan - Monitoring (Policy KCB & ADA)  
8. Other  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Dinosaur, Colorado, will consider adoption of Ordinance No. 5 (Series of 2026), entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO, SETTING FORTH THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES OF THE DINOSAUR TOWN COUNCIL," at a regular meeting to be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado. Notice is further given that the full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 317 Stegosaurus Freeway, Dinosaur, Colorado 81610, during regular business hours. Any interested elector of the Town may appear at said meeting and be heard concerning the proposed ordinance.  
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**TOWN OF RANGELY AGENDA**  
May 12th, 2026 - 7:00pm  
Town of Rangely Council Chambers  
Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)  
Todd Thayne, Mayor  
Andy Shaffer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jimmy Dillon, trustee  
shawn morgan, trustee  
Tim webber, Trustee  
Brenda Ahrens, Trustee  
Robby Elam, Trustee

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
6. Discussion and Action to approve the Town Council minutes of April 28th, 2026
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
9. Town Manager Update
10. Council Reports
11. Supervisor Reports
12. Old Business
13. New Business
- a. Discussion and action to approve the April 2026 Check Register
- b. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2026-06, "Adopting a Tiered Water Usage Pricing Schedule for Implementation During Declared Drought and Water Emergency Stages"
- c. Discussion and action to approve the creation of a Capital Projects & Grant Manger position

d. Discussion and action to approve an MOU between the Town of Rangely and Rangely District Hospital Informational Items  
a. Boat Ramp Grand Opening, May 15 th at 10am  
b. Senator Dylan Roberts & Rep. Lukens legislative Town hall, May 21 st at 5:30-6:30pm  
c. LARPing, May 22-25, 2026  
d. Youth ATV/OHV Safety Course, May 30 th, 8am-12pm  
15. Board Vacancies  
a. RDA/RDC  
b. Planning and Zoning  
16. Scheduled Announcements  
a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for May 2026  
b. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for May 11th , 2026, at 6:00 pm  
c. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for May 11th , 2026, at 5:00 pm  
d. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for May 11th , 2026, at 7:00 pm in Rangely  
e. WRB Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for May 11th , 2026, at 6:00 pm  
f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for May 12th, 2026, at 11:00 am in Meeker  
g. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for May 19th , 2026, at 12:00 noon  
h. Rangely School District Board meeting is scheduled for May 19th , 2026, at 6:15 pm  
i. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for May 21st , 2026, at 5:30pm  
j. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for May 26th , 2026, at 11:00 am in Rangely  
k. RBC Water Conservancy District Board Meeting is scheduled for May 27th , 2026, at 6:30 pm  
l. Rangely District Hospital Board meeting is scheduled for May 28th, 2026, at 6:00 pm  
m. RDA/RDC Board meeting is scheduled for June 11th, 2026, at 7:00 am  
17. Adjournment  
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**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
District Court, Rio Blanco County  
PO Box 1150, Meeker CO 81641  
Case Number: 2026DR7 Division B  
Petitioner: Elinor Bricher  
Co-Petitioner/Respondent: Isaac Garzon  
The court has reviewed the Petitioner's request for service by Publication. The court now makes these findings: The petitioner has used due diligence to have the respondent personally served and has not succeeded; efforts to obtain service would be to no avail. The court orders Service by Publication. The petitioner must publish a notice in the local newspaper in this county (or other publication specified by the court) once a week for 5 weeks in a row. Dated: April 23, 2026  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 26-02**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On February 2, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records.  
Original Grantor(s)  
Sean Berry  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Paramount Residential Mortgage Group, Inc., its successors and assigns  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Date of Deed of Trust  
May 28, 2021  
County of Recording  
Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
May 28, 2021  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
322348  
Original Principal Amount  
\$320,124.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$291,413.26  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**The Northerly 70 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12 Block 42 Town of Meeker, Colorado TOGETHER WITH a strip of land 5 feet by 150 feet contiguous thereto on the North being the Southerly 5 feet of that portion of the East West alley in Block 42 as vacated by Sub Paragraph B, of Ordinance No. 216**  
**Purported common address: 641 4th St, Meeker, CO 81641.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/03/2026, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**  
**YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES.**  
**● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED;**  
**● A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE;**  
**● IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
**● IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

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(800) 222-4444  
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Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
PO Box 27170  
Washington, DC 20038  
(855) 411-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)  
DATE: 02/02/2026  
Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado  
By: Rhonna Waldref, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Amanda Ferguson #44893  
Heather Deere #28597  
Toni M. Owan #30580  
Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274 0155  
Attorney File # CO26302  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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