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Groundbreaking Book Gives Voice to Greeley's Mexican American Community

Our History Our Voice public celebration September 6 at Centennial Village Museum

GREELEY, Colo. (August 26, 2025) – There has never been a book written about the history of Mexican Americans in Greeley using their own voices, stories, and perspectives - until now.

*A newly released book, **Our History Our Voice**, was created through a collaborative effort between the Mexican American History Project: Greeley (MAHPG) and the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (Cache NHA). With financial support from the National Park Foundation, this long-anticipated publication amplifies the lived experiences of Mexican Americans in Greeley from 1920 to today – covering over a century of culture, labor, and legacy.*

“This book will help give a voice and perspective of Greeley Mexican Americans that is seldom heard and validate our history and contributions in a place we call home,” said Emma Pena-McCleave, Project Coordinator for MAHPG.

Told through the voices of forty-four narrators, *Our History Our Voice* is a cultural archive. The book is split into two parts: one offering historical research from Greeley's past and the other featuring oral histories collected from local residents. Topics include immigration, labor in key industries like agriculture and oil and gas, education, civic engagement, and social justice.

As part of the book's release, a private celebration was held to honor the authors and contributors – many of whom shared their personal stories and family histories. Local leaders and legislators were in attendance.

Sabrina Stoker, Executive Director of the Cache NHA, emphasized the importance of collaboration in bringing this project to life:

“Teaming up with the Mexican American History Project Greeley to preserve their stories and perspectives has been a privilege. This project is a great example of the power of public-private partnerships within a National Heritage Area.”

“Without the generous support of the Cache la Poudre National Heritage Area, this book truly would not have been possible. Your partnership didn't just fund a project, **it rescued a dream**, giving us the resources we needed to bring *Our History Our Voice* to life,” said Pena-McCleave.

The community is invited to a free celebration, *Fiesta in the Plaza*, featuring:

- Live Mariachi music and Ballet Folklorico Orgullo Latino dancers
- Crafting, tortilla-making, and blacksmithing demos
- Guided museum tours and cultural displays
- Free beverages and snacks
- **Book sales and signings with the authors**

Fiesta in the Plaza

- **Where:** Centennial Village Museum
- **When:** Saturday, September 6
- **Time:** 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Our History Our Voice will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend the event, you can purchase your copy [here](#). Bilingual copies will also be distributed to local schools, libraries, and museums—providing educational resources in both English and Spanish.

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About the Mexican American History Project: Greeley

MAHPG is a grassroots initiative dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories of Greeley's Mexican American residents. Through oral histories, research, and community engagement, the project aims to fill long-standing gaps in the city's historical narrative and to empower future generations with a stronger sense of cultural identity. [Learn more.](#)

About the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area

The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area is one of 62 National Heritage Areas in the United States. As a partner of the National Park Service, the organization works to promote a variety of cultural and historical opportunities, engage visitors and residents alike in the river corridor, and inspire learning, preservation and stewardship. Through partnerships, education, and storytelling, the Cache NHA connects the river corridor communities to their heritage. [Learn more.](#)