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A Paper for the People, of the People, by the People



BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Well, it's that time of year of again! Children groan and parents celebrate, its back-to-school time! With our kids heading back to school we need to be thinking about their safety. Here are some safety tips to share with your kids!

Walkers

- Have your child walk on the sidewalk (if one is available). When on a street with no sidewalk, have your child walk facing the traffic.
- Before your child crosses the street, have them stop and look left and right to see if cars are coming.
- Tell your child to make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.
- We have two crosswalks on South White Ave.
- We have two crosswalks on River Road.
- Parkview Elementary has been providing a staff member to oversee the crosswalk across from the softball field.
- We have three crosswalks on Main Street.
- Tell your child to stay alert and stay off their cell phones while walking.
- If possible, have your child only walk to school during daylight hours.
- If possible, have your child utilize the "buddy system" and walk to school with a sibling or friend.

Bike Riders

- Have your child ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Prospect has a lane just for bicycle riders on the north side of the road, from South White Ave until River Road.
- Tell your child to come to a complete stop before crossing the street and then walk their bikes across the street.
- Tell your child to stay alert and stay off their cell phones while riding their bicycle.
- Make sure your child always wears a "properly fitted" helmet.
- If possible, have your child only ride their bicycles to school during daylight hours.

Bus Riders

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb.
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10

feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

ATV/OHV Operators

One of the best things about living in Rangely is our OHV ordinance! (Rangely's full OHV ordinance 10.14 can be found on our website at www.Rangely.com)

- Make sure your child has completed the Rangely Police Department OHV safety class and has their card.
- Speed limit is 15 mph for all ATV/OHV regardless of what the speed limit says on the road.
- Department of Transportation rated helmets are required per Rangely municipal code 10.14,030 for all operators that are under the age of 18 years.
- All ATV/OHV operators must follow all traffic laws.
- Their must be enough seats for all passengers.

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IN THIS ISSUE CNCC Capital & Grant Projects

Mormon Crickets Summer Reading

Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

I hope you all are having a great summer, enjoying family and lots of sunshine. As we are always looking for ways to improve and expand services, I would like to update the community on several things happening at Rangely District Hospital.

We started the expansion of our minor procedure room to become a Surgical Suite in the very near future. The Surgery Suite construction is underway. After the State performs their final review, you will see some movement up at the Hospital. I would like to apologize in advance, as construction is never an easy thing to manage. Our construction company, Colarelli, with site manager Gary, will make their best efforts to minimize the impact on patient care. They will have the "construction zone" section completely walled off prior to "demolition". Demolition of internal walls is expected to start August 14th. We will be expanding a roughly 300 square feet area to 400 square feet to meet State requirements.

Kelly Christian RN, our OR Director, has been busy training and recruiting experienced staff and working on Policies and Procedures to get us up and running. We are continuing to contract with Community Hospital's surgical team, Dr. Morse, who has been coming to Rangely for roughly 15 years. The new service lines will have a rippling effect on all our departments.



We will be building a new OR Section in our Software, Coding, Billing, Environmental Services, Pharmacy, and all of our other Ancillary Services will feel an increase in responsibilities. After completion we will be holding a Grand Opening ceremony for the community. We are excited about the progress we have made. Completion of the project is scheduled around November/December timeframe.

We have contracted with Chirocenter Inc., Dr. Travis Alan, and his team from Vernal, UT. I met with Dr. Travis Alan, a chiropractor from Vernal a few months ago. Dr. Alan has ties to Rangely as his dad spent many years working in the oil field. I'm excited about this partnership. He will be at RDH every other Friday. We are looking at other days that might work for both of us, but that's to be determined. I appreciate Dr. Alan's willingness to come to Rangely to take care of our patients.

We have an MRI mobile unit coming weekly and we are moving forward with a Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. There were a few months where we didn't have the MRI truck coming to Rangely. We worked out a contract with a company out of Boise, Idaho. I'm excited to have that service back so patients don't have to drive somewhere else for the service. The MRI mobile unit will be here weekly and if you have questions reach out to the Radiology Department. Another program RDH will offer soon is Cardiopulmonary Rehab. I know several patients have asked about both programs and I'm excited to announce we have been diligently working to bring them in house.

We held our employee recognition BBQ at the lake. Every year the Hospital recognizes our dedicated employees with a BBQ at the lake. On July 29th we ate hamburgers, hotdogs, and salad. Then, handed out longevity awards for our employees. I would like to recognize Lois Pittman who will be retiring August 1, 2023. She has been with the Hospital for many years. She has managed several departments over the years ending her time managing the Medical Records Department. She has always been willing to learn a new position and obtain the certification/education necessary to perform her job functions. We wish her the best on her retirement.

RDH Hospital Foundation is moving along with several projects as well. We have applied for several grants to help supplement the foundation's operational costs, help with vaccine administration, and support the construction of Sunrise Park. Raquel Petersen, Foundation Director for Rangely District Hospital Foundation (RDHF), has been hard at work. We are pursuing several different grant opportunities to support the Hospital and its employees. We were successfully awarded a \$10,000-dollar Rocky Mountain Health Foundation grant for vaccine administration. This grant will reimburse the Hospital for any type of outreach they perform related to vaccines. An example is going to the school for flu vaccine administration. Another big grant opportunity came up with childcare. Hopefully you took the opportunity to provide us with some feedback related to this grant. It is given out by Executive Partnering in Childcare (EPIC) which is federally funded then administered by the State. We have the potential of procuring up to 1-million-dollars worth of funds to expand and enhance childcare in Rangely. Studies have shown most rural communities are childcare deserts. In particular, our county shows 75% of children in Rio Blanco do not have enough open slots for children under the age of 12. I'm thankful for the ongoing and growing partnerships of the community, specifically Giant Step, the Rangely School District, CNCC, and Town of Rangely. There are probably a few I have missed because specific grants and contributions are still pending...more coming soon in September. This project will directly and indirectly help the Hospital with staffing, recruitment, and retention of employees. This will also help the community as a whole. We are proud to be working on the project and future rural wellness initiatives.

We have a great team at RDH. Our providers are top notch, Dr. Morwood, Dr. Torgersen, Dr. Hsu, Dr. Sutton, Vivian Dillon, Leslyn Joseph, and Kelsey Riggio are ready to provide the highest quality of care for you and your family. I've witnessed it with my own family and others. The rest of our ancillary departments are there to assist them. We have the walk-in clinic during the week and ER coverage 24 hours a day/7 days a week. We appreciate our community's support!

If you need anything don't hesitate to reach out to me personally. Questions, comments or concerns? You may contact me on my cell phone via text message or by leaving a message at (970)629-8165.

Join CPW at the 3rd Annual "Blast & Twang" Event on August 12th in Rangely

Special to the Review BY COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is excited to announce that it will hold its 3rd Annual Blast & Twang event on Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m. - noon in Rangely. The event will take place at the Elks Trap Range in Rangely, Colorado. This free event is for families and individuals interested in learning outdoor skills including shotgun shooting, archery, and .22 shooting.

"A fun morning filled with awesome opportunities to learn these shooting sports or hone your skills," said CPW Education and Hunter Outreach Coordinator Kathleen Mawhinney.

No previous experience or equipment is needed. CPW staff and volunteers will be at the event to help those new to using a shotgun, rifle, or bow, learn outdoor shooting skills.

Chairs will be available if needed; however, participants are encouraged to bring their own.

Thank you to our partners Rangely Elks Club, Western Rio Blanco Recreation District (WRBM), Rangely Trash Service, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF).

Annual Blast and Twang Event Details:

Date: Saturday, August 12 Time: 8am a.m. - Noon Location: Rangely Elks Trap Range - ½ mile south of Rangely, east side of County Road 23 (Dragon Trail)

For questions, contact CPW's Meeker office at (970) 878-6090.marvel in awe at the sandstone rock formations.

Freedom Walk 2023

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Freedom Walk 2023 was another awesome night in our favorite town! This year may have been the largest crowd to ever attend the event. Those who attended did so to show respect for and to honor Law Enforcement, First Responders, Veterans and Patriots. The march ended with a wonderful BBQ dinner in Elks Park.

Gary Hinaman was this year's guest speaker. A special tribute was made during his speech to honor John "Hoot" Gibson, who was a beloved Veteran in our community.

Rangely's community always comes together to assist with events such as this. Special thanks to Dylan Smuts for sharing the flag that hangs at the entrance to Stanolind Drive where the walk begins, the Rangely Fire Department for the flag and the fire truck at the park, Rangely True Value for donating the water and Richard Brannan for the PA system.







The tradition of sharing a meal in Elks Park with your family and friends on special occasions is a long-standing event in Rangely! A true testimony of small town life!

Thank you to the Huitt family, Tolley family and Casto family for sponsoring the event and especially for preparing the food! We appreciate all those who volunteered and served the food as well!



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VOLUNTER! HEY RANGELY! WE NEED YOU. YES YOU! Get involved! An hour makes a difference

Complete the Volunteer Form!

Choose what you volunteer for!

Utilize the QR Code for the form!







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National Night Out 2023

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Another wonderful evening in our favorite town spending time with our First Responders! Thank you to everyone who attended!

We would also like to thank White River Market for donating the food as well as Utah Gas for allowing us to use their grill and employees! You are appreciated!

Many thanks to the Rangely Regional Library for supplying snow cones and fun games for all the kids! We are grateful! Now for the winners of one free ride in a helicopter with Classic Air Medical or CareFlight of the Rockies! Congratulations!

• Harper Kottenstette

- Arianna Potvin
- Bailey Robie
- Paisley Kilduff



RDH Foundation Update

BY RAQUEL PETERSEN, HOSPITAL FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Welcome to Sunrise Memorial Park, a lovely addition in the heart of our rural community of Rangely. We are pleased to have completed installation of a gazebo, sidewalks, and parking spaces. Through grant funding, we have purchased and will install workout equipment that will be placed strategically throughout the park along the walking path to encourage healthy lifestyles for everyone to enjoy.

We are even more excited to announce the launch of our Memorial Tree and Park Bench Campaign, and we invite you to be a part of this special project. As a member of our community, you understand the importance of preserving our history and honoring those who have left a lasting impact. Our Memorial Tree and Park Bench Project offers a unique opportunity to do just that. By donating to our beautiful Memorial Tree, or sponsoring a Park Bench with a personalized plaque, you can create a lasting legacy for yourself, your family, or a loved one.

Not only will your contribution help beautify **Sunrise Memorial Park**, but you will also ensure that future generations can enjoy our small town and appreciate the contributions of those who came before them.

Sunrise Memorial Park will become a truly special place in Rangely, offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life. By contributing to our memorial project, you will be creating a cherished gathering place that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Sunrise Memorial Park. Together, we can create a lasting tribute to the people and history that make our community so special.

For more infomation and to inquire about the Rangely District Hospital Foundation contact Raquel Petersen at (970) 675-5011 or rpetersen@rdhosp.org

Sparty's Brewed Awakenings

BY COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On August 21st, CNCC in partnership with Aladdin Food Services will begin offering Starbucks drink products on our CNCC-Rangely campus in a new coffee shop named, "Sparty's Brewed Awakenings". The coffee shop will be open Monday thru Friday from 7 am to 1 pm and be located on the upper floor of the Weiss Conference Center. Come help us welcome the addition of Sparty's Brewed Awakenings to our campus and the community on August 21st.









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Moon Lake Electric Association Issues Declaration on U.S. Energy Policy

As a locally-owned cooperative, we are committed to providing reliable and safe electricity to our members.

In response to energy policies enacted by the Federal Government that threaten power reliability, our Management Team and Board of Directors thought it necessary to submit a Declaration on U.S. Energy Policy. This declaration details the impending risks associated with future energy plans and outlines MLEA's committment to energy progress that isn't at the expense of reliablity and



the safety of our membership.

To view the full declaration, please go to: www.mleainc.com/declaration.html



5:00-6:30 PM

Elks Park - Rangely



School continued...

Driving your child to school

- In the winter months make sure your windshields are clear from ice and snow.
- Stay alert and stay off your cell phone.
- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure.
- Officers who work the school zones are on the lookout for speeders!
- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children! When the school bus stops, extends their stop sign and turns on their flashing lights, you must come to a stop! Officers will write this citation every time!
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

Teen Drivers

The parking lot around the Rangely Jr./ Sr. High School is very busy before school, during lunch and after school with inexperienced drivers.

- Make sure your teen has their driver's license and not just their learner's permit.
- Make sure your teen knows and follows all State traffic laws.
- Make sure your teen leaves with plenty of time to make it to school.
- Officers who work the school zones are on the lookout for speeders!
- Make sure your teen knows never to pass a bus loading or unloading children! When the school bus stops, extends their stop sign and turns on their flashing lights, they must come to a stop! Officers will write this citation every time!
- Make sure your teen is comfortable operating the vehicle they are driving.
- Tell your teen driver to watch for students running & walking in the parking lot.
- If your teen has a non-injury accident they should call you first and then they must report the accident to Law Enforcement. If it is an injury accident they need to call 911 first, the Police Department will make sure you get notified ASAP.

White River Village Garden Beds Providing Fresh Vegetables to Residents

BY JANET MILLER

Residents of White River Village, which is housing for Senior Citizens, Disabled Individuals or Handicapped, have spent their summer enjoying gardening and fresh vegetables. Soon they will have watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, squash, corn, zucchini and more! Many of the residents rise early to work in their gardens







prior to the heat of the day. This has provided a great activity for the residents, but much more importantly, fresh vegetables.

The garden beds were dedicated on July 26th. A ribbon cutting was held at the dedication followed by a reception featuring fresh fruit and dip as well as ice-cream!

The Town Manager, Lisa Piering, was on hand to congratulate the residents on their hard work. Janet Miller, who manages White

River Village, was also on hand. She applied for the grants and oversaw the building of the beds.

The beds were built via a grant from the Colorado Garden Foundation. Colorado Garden Foundation awards grants to organizations and scholarships to individuals throughout the state of Colorado. Rangely True Value was awarded the bid to build the beds.

Capital and Grant Project Updates

BY LISA JONES, PRESIDENT

For the last four (4) years, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) has been keenly focused on improvements to the College's infrastructure. In alignment with CNCC's strategic priority to improve sustainability, our goal has been to ensure our students, staff and faculty have the tools, facilities and safe environment needed to be successful. CNCC has been fortunate to see steady student enrollment while receiving strong support from the Rangely Junior College District (RJCD) and the CNCC Foundation. Despite these assets, CNCC leadership realized that the college could not keep pace with the need to improve our vintage 1960's buildings, IT infrastructure, and our classroom instructional technology. In short, the College needed to find state capital project support and/or grants to meet the College's upgrade and updating needs.

Since FY2019, the College has actively pursued grants that would help with updates but could not afford the large financial matches due to lean College reserves. Even with this challenge, we have been very successful in obtaining over \$10 million in state capital and grant funds. The following is an update on CNCC's active projects:



Several community members have commented on the construction activity on the Rangely Campus. It is true! We have three (3) work crews working on the

Rangely Campus right now. CNCC is making solid progress towards finalization of the following projects:

- Blakeslee/Allsebrook Roof (\$824K) Replaces roof on the Blakeslee and Allsebrook buildings. Project will be complete by end of July.
- Access Control (\$511K) Safety and Security improvement which provides new door control access and security cameras across campus. Closeout in July.
- IT Infrastructure Project (\$1.9 Million) Builds new fiber ring, installs new high speed cabling to labs/classrooms/ desktops, reconfigured IT service room with new servers and switches. In process for an August close.
- Rural College Consortium IT (\$822K) New student lab computers, new AV equipment for classrooms providing ability to deliver Hybrid course instruction in person, at other CNCC locations and partner high schools simultaneously.
- More work crews are about to arrive, upcoming projects include:
- Johnson Electrical Upgrade (\$1.2 Million) Project begins in earnest on July 10th. This project will upgrade the electrical systems in the Johnson Building and provide an electrical generator for emergency power outages.
- Exterior Lighting Upgrade (\$92K) Commences on July 10th. This project is intended to increase the safety and security of the Rangely Campus by increasing the number and brightness of exterior lighting. This will also be more energy efficient lighting.
- Parking Lot Reconfiguration (\$787K) This project will overlay and re-slope CNCC main parking lots to ensure ADA compliance. Project will begin in August. We will be working with student services to share changes to traffic flows during this project.
- With the FY24 State of Colorado Budget, CNCC was approved for approximately \$1.8 million in capital controlled maintenance projects.
- Hefley Building Roof Replacement (\$1,152,188.00) Approved for expenditure beginning in FY24.
- Replace Chilled Systems, Repair Cooling Tower (Rangely- \$620,032.00) Approved for expenditure beginning in FY24.

CNCC is making huge strides to upgrade College infrastructure by improving our buildings, IT resources and classroom instructional technology which our students need and expect. Looking forward, CNCC's capital requests are optimally positioned to provide significant renovations for our dormitories and academic buildings in the next 2-3 fiscal years. While by no means a sealed deal, CNCC now has \$6.2 million in federal and state requests slotted for renovation of the following Rangely Campus projects:

- Ross Dorms Renovations Congressionally Directed Spending Request: CNCC is a finalist for this \$2.6 million project. Senator Hickenlooper's Regional Director to visit CNCC Campus on June 29, 2023. These improvements will support our income challenged student who need modern and safe housing while going to college. We will keep you in the loop!
- Capital Renewal Project CNCC has also applied for \$3.6 million State of Colorado capital dollars to improve or replace siding, insulation, and windows on several Rangely Campus buildings. We are pleased to share that last week the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education recommended CNCC's project to move forward for FY25 budget inclusion and assigned it our system's #1 priority. We will keep you in the loop!

Building on this progress, College leadership will press forward with our strategy to improve sustainable campus resources while pivoting towards campus renovations. With financial assistance from our RJCD Board, CNCC recently completed a Facilities Master Plan for the Rangely Campus. This information will help CNCC to apply for additional capital and grant projects to repair and renovate campus buildings.

Strategically, CNCC will continue to thrive as we improve College infrastructure providing safe/functional buildings, improved IT infrastructure and new classroom instructional technologies. This strategy plus the \$10 million in capital see Capital on pg 12

AUGUST 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 07	National Night Out 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Courtyard at Town Hall
	Town Council

AUG 08 7:00 pm Town Hall Courtroom

AUG 09-13 Rakis LARPing Camper Park

AUG 10 Bryan Mackay Retirement Farewell 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Town Hall Conference Room

AUG 11 White River Friends of the NRA 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm CNCC, Weiss Confeence Center

AUG 12Parade of Champions
6:00 pmCPW 3rd Annual Blast & Twang
8:00 am to noonElks Trap Range

AUG 14 Parkview Elementary & EEC Meet & Greet 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Parkview Elementary

AUG 21 RJSHS First Day of School

AUG 22 Town Council 7:00 pm Town Hall Courtroom

AUG 23 Parkview & EEC First Day of School MLEA Membership BBQ

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Elks Park

AUG 24	Chamber Lunch & Learn 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm RDH Conference Room	Guest Speaker is Andı	rea Kuskie
AUG 26	14th Annual Rockin' Bulls	Columbine Park 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	
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For more information visit the Community Calendar at https://townofrangely.colorado.gov/calendar

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Sept.UPCOMING2023EVENTS

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 3	Phoenix Bazaar LARPing Event Elks Park					
SEPT. 2 - 4	SeptemberFest					
SEPT. 2	Zeena Parkins, Scott Amendola Concert at The TANK 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm					
SEPT. 9	3rd Annual RDH Foundation Golf Tournament Starting at 10:00 am Cedar Ridges Golf Course					
SEPT. 12	Town Council 7:00 pm Town Hall Courtroom					
SEPT. 26	Town Council 7:00 pm					

Town Hall Courtroom



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Capital continued...

allocations has built a strong foundation upon which CNCC will forge a first class learning environment that will benefit CNCC students for years to come.

CNCC's future is bright. Our sustainability strategy for facilities and infrastructure is working. Soon, we hope to renovate and beautify our campus. This is our legacy and our commitment to CNCC students and our community. We are thankful for the ongoing support and advice provided by the Rangely Junior College District, the CNCC Foundation and the CNCC Advisory Board. Together we have made significant strides and together we will achieve Colorado Northwestern Community College's mission to "enhance people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education.".

Community

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

My husband and I have lived in Rangely for more than four (4) years. Since moving here our jobs have provided us with the opportunity to be very involved in the community and to understand local politics. Our favorite part has been getting to know most of our neighbors/community members. This part of the move brings a lot of joy to our lives. So much joy that our daughter observed our lifestyle from the Front Range and decided to move to Rangely with her daughter, who just completed first grade in our school system. Best day ever!

The residents of Rangely are second to none. They are there for each other,good times, the bad times as well as the very fun times. Our community comes together like no other. This is where the joy comes in, and there is lots of it!

We have also learned a lot about our extended family in Meeker. We have grown to appreciate and enjoy the residents of Meeker. Meeker and Rangely are the only two towns in Rio Blanco County. The two communities share in many activities, such as the Rio Blanco County Fair, which is held in Meeker. Many residents in Rangely move their RV's to Meeker during this time and residents

of both communities come together for the Fair, for 4-H projects, for fun and laughter. I never hear anyone complain about the great times that are shared during this event. Simply said, we enjoy each other's company. This is where the joy comes in.

Since I have shared our love of the community and all of the joy we find here, meaning in Rangely and Meeker, I would like to touch on my least favorite. My least favorite part of Rio Blanco County as a whole is the politics. You would think that two communities whose residents enjoy each other's company like we do, and have so much in common, would have a political system that mirrors the residents. There are so few of us! Is this true? You decide.

For me, I recently attended a meeting where it was made very clear by the actions of a political leader that the most important item on the table that day was the political leader and their beliefs/feelings, not the situation or constituents being represented. I seriously had to take a step back. I wanted to stand up and participate in the conversation, but I did not, I was only there to listen. So listen and closely observe I did.

I began my career working for State Senator Kelsey Evans Friend, Sr. who served in the Kentucky Senate from 1972 to 1980. From 1984 to 1996 he served as the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Democratic Whip during the 1976 and 1978 legislative sessions. He was a gentleman who took the time to listen to everyone who entered his office. As a member of his staff, we were instructed that he was paid by the taxpayers and we would respect them, as he would. He set the ultimate example. He did not always agree with their comments, but he listened and tried to understand their point of view. They left his office feeling respected. This was a great learning experience for me.



Back to the political meeting I attended, no political leader, no matter the position they hold, should belittle someone, or raise their voice in anger, especially during a public meeting. Afterall, in the words of Senator Friend "I am paid by the taxpayers, and we will respect them."

In a remote area like we live in, we should all respect each other. We are few in numbers. Each community in our county has its strengths as well as its weaknesses. Between the two communities there is not much we don't offer, except maybe McDonalds. We should all treat each other with respect and be proud to be from Rio Blanco County. In my daily life, whether at work or during personal time, that is how I represent our community.

Going forward let's remember who we are, where we live and what we represent. Go Rangely! Go Meeker! Go Rio Blanco County! United we stand, divided we fall!

something contribute. Submit Have would like to you articles, events photos The Rangely Review to at or rangelyreview@gmail.com

4th Annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Golf Tournament a Success

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

The 4th Annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 3rd at Cedar Ridges Golf Course. The tournament filled up fast for the first time with a waiting list! First Place winners were Terry Lancaster, Bryan Ellis, Mark Skelton and Julian Mendoza. Second place went to Todd Ruckman, Shane Camilletti, Mike Clark and Butch Behrman. There was a three-way tie for third place between Kyle Fyary, Sean Wells, Bill Mills & Matt Fellows and Joe Reed, Keenan LeBleu, Jonny Isenhour & Joey Medina and Derrin Noel, Eric Lane, Julie Lane Bockelman & Tim Bockelman.

There are so many people to thank for helping make the tournament the huge success that it was! This event would not have succeeded without the players, sponsors, volunteers and over the top golf course staff. The following businesses/individuals sponsored holes, teams and/or contests: Joe Reed Team RE/MAX 4000, Napa, Urie Rock Company, Urie Trucking, James Kuck, Ducey's Electric, Bank of the San Juans, Professional Touch, Gio's Family Dining, Coach's Corner, Julie Lane Bockelman/Merrill Lynch, Baker Hughes, Scout Energy Partners, Blue Mountain Energy-Deserado



Caption for the picture "Terry Lancaster, Julie Lane-Bockelman standing in for Mark Skelton and Julian Mendoza and Bryan Ellis"

Mine, Rangely True Value, Brenda Walck, Prater's Plumbing & Heating, Family of Matt Grenfell and Pam Powell & Kenny Meis. Additional thanks to the Mullen Investment Group (Mike Mullen) for sponsoring the Hole in One Competition for the fourth year in a row. Also thank you to DR3 Consulting-Trey Robie for sponsoring the keg contest the past four years.

We would also like to thank Pinyon Tree Liquor, Sweetbriar, Blue Mountain Inn & Suites, Sean & Bonnie Higgins, Yardley's Automotive, Celesta Mullen & Henry Kiang, Casey & Karen Wilder, Rick & Ann Brady, Jennifer O'Hearon, Rebecca Jiron and Diana Sizemore for donations. Big thanks to Crimsen & Jeren Blankenship for cooking and Beth Schofield, Kelli Neiberger and Pam Powell for preparing and serving the lunch sponsored by Mike & Debbie Lancaster and Jon & Amorette Hawkins. An extra special thank you goes to Gary & Blondie Reed for the home-grown beef that they donated for the tournament lunch.

Thanks to Sylvia Dembowski of Get Your Stitch on (for making) and Justyne Peters of Heifer Gang Clothing (for designing) the tournament swag. Once again, you outdid your selves!

We would also like to thank Simply Essential Business Solutions- Beth Schofield for all the work that you continue to do for the Foundation and the effort that you put forth to attend the events. We appreciate the way you hit the ground running once you get here and keep us on task!

Most of all we would like to thank Chris Hejl (and his staff -Chandelle Kenney and Marissa Coney) once again for all of the things that you did behind the scenes that people don't even know about to make the tournament run so smooth!!!!! We wish that you could have heard all the nice things that the people from out of town had to say about our golf course and the staff and how accommodating you were compared to other places. Last but not least, thanks to the Executive Director of the Rec District, Mr. Tim Webber for managing such an awesome facility in our community!

Congratulations to Head Coach Keenan LeBleu!!!!!!!! We are so excited to continue our work with you in this new capacity! Please join us in cheering on our Rangely Panthers at the home opener for the 6th Annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Football Game on September 1st! Kick off will be at 7:00 P.M.

Bleed Green!

The Family of Nick Lancaster & the Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation

https://bleedgreenlancaster17.team

Absolutely SunShine Massage & Wellness



BY CANDRA ROBIE, CHAMBER DIRECTOR

Have you checked out this new business yet? If not, you should. The owner, Andie Voigt aka AhnDraya Sunshine, has over 10 years of experience as a therapist. She offers massage, PNF stretch therapy, integrative healing as well as organic products such as tea and food.

To book an appointment you can text her at (719) 289-8167. She is located by True Value at 101 West Main!

Thank you bringing your business to Rangely!



Let Freedom Ring!

SeptemberFest 2023 * Parade *

Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Float Entries are Free

Float Contest with Prizes

Float Entries Due by August 31st

Line up begins at the Firehall @ 8:20 am

1st Place \$200 2nd Place \$100 3rd Place \$50



- ★ Float Registration must be fully complete BEFORE the parade for your organization to participate.
- ***** There is a ZERO entry fee.
- ★ Registration must be received NO LATER THAN 2 days before the event.
- ★ Return the completed form to the Town of Rangely office building or email it to jcaldwell@rangelyco.gov

Sponsored by the Town of Rangely & TREAD







Rangely Centric Reusable Bags

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

As the State of Colorado moves forward with their plan to have zero plastic bags, we thought it would be awesome to have bags that showcase our community perfectly! If you haven't checked them out yet you should.

One side of the bag represents the industry that provided/ provides for our community. The other side represents our OHV Trails. Both the tourism and business logo are featured. The bags are very well made and larger than most bags.

The cost for each bag is \$6.00. You can purchase the bags at the Town of Rangely or the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds from the sale of the bags will be donated to the "Hometown Hero Banners" project.

If you have questions, or if you live out of town and would like to purchase a bag, please call Jeannie Caldwell at Town Hall at (970) 675-8476.









The Mormon Cricket Perfect Storm By: Linda Masters July 10, 2023

Rural living comes with the cost of dealing with Mother Nature, sometimes at her worst; high winds, big snows, drought, forest fires, flooding and on occasion, really ugly insects. And Mormon Crickets are among the ugliest of them all. These creatures have been increasing in numbers over the past 5 years or so and 2023 has proven to be the Perfect Storm for these creatures.

So why have Mormon Crickets been so bad this year? Here are the theories that are being discussed:

First of all, Mormon Cricket populations are cyclic, and numbers have been increasing in recent years in a similar manner to what happened in the late 1990's when the number of acres infested with Mormon Crickets in Utah rose from 1,180 acres in 1997 to 2,450,650 by 2002 (see Table). This kind of population increase without a natural (fire, flood, freeze) or man-made response hits a point where it just explodes like we have seen this year. According to Jesse Schroeder from Moffat County Weed and Pest Management the hatch-out this year appeared to be 10 times greater than in previous years.

This may be due to the heavy snow cover that we had all of last winter which insulated the ground and protected it from a hard freeze. A hard ground freeze might have killed, or at least reduced, the number of surviving eggs.

The next factors to consider are: The ground temperature needs to be at least 400F for the eggs to hatch, so this year, the Mormon Crickets started to hatch out in April as usual in bare ground areas, but in Rio Blanco County, the big numbers weren't seen until June. This means the environmental conditions were all just perfect for the nymphs to survive: There was the right amount of moisture, there were no below-freezing nights to kill the new-born nymphs, and there was an abundance of wildflowers and hayfields to provide food. In other years, in the absence of these favorable conditions, Mormon Crickets would have been prone to eat each other. They are incredibly cannibalistic and will readily eat their family members in order to survive.

Mormon crickets have many natural enemies that play an important part in keeping them in check. Eggs are destroyed by some species of parasitic wasps and flies, and the larvae of many predatory insects. Nymphs and adults are preyed upon by many animals including game birds, hawks, sea gulls, wasps, ground beetles and robber flies. Diseases can also keep populations down. These factors didn't seem to happen this year in big enough numbers to make an impact.

So, not only was there an extremely successful hatch-out, there was also an extremely high survival rate. This combination gave us The Perfect Storm.

How long are they going to stay?

How long a swarm of Mormon Crickets may stay at any one location varies depending on whether they are in "Marching Mode" or in "Eating Mode." In some locations in Rio Blanco County, crickets virtually covered an entire yard one day, were greatly reduced the second day and were mostly gone by the third day. At other locations with fields of alfalfa, sainfoin or other crops attractive to Mormon Crickets, the residents were not so lucky and lost entire crops or entire cuttings and had swarms stick around for extended periods. There is no magic number, but the literature says they usually stay 3 to 4 days will move on together and cover ½ to 1 mile a day and go 25 to 50 miles per season.

In general, Mormon Crickets have a migratory habit. In Rio Blanco County, they seem to move in a generally east-southeast direction. This seems to have something to do with maintaining their preferred temperature throughout the day. In the morning they are seeking the warmth of the sun, and will move when temperatures are between 650F and 950F. As it gets hotter, they will seek shelter under plants, cow pies, or other shade. Often times they get into the hay windrows or unbaled hay and end up costing ranchers a significant amount of crop loss.

So What Now?

The Mormon Crickets are starting to lay their eggs now, but they can continue to do this for the next month or even two before they are done for the season. But it does mark the beginning of the end. Unfortunately, there is no easy fix. There is no golden rainbow at the end of this story. The Weed and Pest Department is hoping to get more County sponsored bait back in stock soon, but it will be in limited supply due to shortages from the warehouse. There was no way to have predicted this enormous outbreak and there is no state or federal response planned for this year.

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Have You Listened In Yet?

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Two Girls, One Small Town Podcast is now available on Apple, Amazon, Google and Spotify.



Honoring Rangely, Colorado at Ronald Raegan

Library

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

On Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, a flag was raised and hung at the



Ronald Raegan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California in honor of the Veterans Memorial Monument at Hefley Park, in Rangely, Colorado. A video of the event was recorded by the Library and sent to the Town of Rangely to share.



Once taken down, the flag was mailed to the Town of Rangely and will be hung for special occasions at Hefley Park. When not hung the flag will remain in a wooden case and displayed at a location to be announced later.

To view the flag ceremony at the Raegan Library use the QR Code.

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Coyote

Consignment

BY CANDRA ROBIE, CHAMBER DIRECTOR

Congratulations Coyote Run Tack & Consignment, owned by Chloe Grogg, on your new storefront business on our Main Street! Thank you for being the newest member of the Rangely Chamber of Commerce!

Chloe is also the owner of CRF Equine Services, which is a remote foaling watch business.

Coyote Run Tack & Consignment is located at 313 W. Main Street. You should check out their merch!



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A literally awesome experience!

Labor Day Weekend is your chance!

Free admission to play, sing or just listen in this world-class sonic site

Saturday, September 2 9am to 1pm

Monday, September 4 9am to 1pm and 6pm to 9pm

BEEN TO THE TANK YET?

The TANK is located at 233 County Road 46 in Rangely, Colorado Go to tanksounds.org for more information

Photo by Samantha Wade

Have something would like to contribute. **Submit** you articles, events photos to The Rangely Review or at rangelyreview@gmail.com

Crickets continued...

You can call Linda Masters at the Extension Office 970-878-9494. We do not give away or sell chemicals, but we might have solutions for small scale issues. For example, if you have a small garden, run some chicken wire around it and cover it with tightly stretched plastic material (Visqueen or trash bags will work). Mormon Crickets cannot fly, they only hop and not more than 3 feet high. They cannot crawl up slippery materials like slick plastic.

If you have had Mormon Crickets in your yard this year, go out and rake your yard and disturb the soil before winter. If the crickets have laid eggs in your yard you want the eggs on top of the soil so that they freeze this coming winter. No need to rototill, just rake, the eggs are less than an inch deep.

For more information on Mormon Crickets Please utilize the QR Codes below:





Celebrating the Founding of Our Nation

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL, TOWN DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

The 4th of July across our great nation is always one of the most special times of the year. Family gatherings, fireworks, picnics, parades, and festivals are only a few ways we as a nation celebrate the founding of our country. In Rangely we are no different. Inflatables in the park for our kids, rib cook offs, cornhole tournaments, pie baking contest, night golf, free concert and Surf-N-Turf Dinner. Time is spent with our immediate family as well as our community family all while enjoying our small-town life.

To end the celebration, we gather at Kenney Reservoir at dusk to enjoy an amazing fireworks show. We come together as a community, and of course invite friends from other communities to stop by and enjoy this great event with us.



The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (Rangely Rec Center) has the helm for the fireworks, with Executive Director, Tim Webber, shooting the fireworks personally, along with assistance from other individuals in the community.



As the loud roar carries throughout the canyon, along with beautiful colors and shapes over Kenney Reservoir, I am positive our patriotic community takes a moment to reflect on the greatness of our country, those who have sacrificed to serve our country as well as to honor our history.

Thank you to all individuals who make this great weekend possible! You are definitely appreciated.



Honoring our Hometown Heroes With Main Street Banners

Honoree Profile:

Please complete the information below and return to Jeannie Caldwell at jcaldwell@rangelyco.gov. Call Jeannie with questions at (970) 675-8476.

Rank:		 	
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- * Global War on Terror (September 2, 2001 Present)
- * Persian Gulf War (August 22, 1990 August 31, 1991)
- * Cold War (September 2, 1945 December 26, 1991)
- * Vietnam War (February 28, 1962 November 7, 1975)
- * Korean War (June 27, 1950 January 31, 1955)
- * WWII (December 7, 1941 December 31, 1946)
- * WWI (April 6, 1917 November 11, 1918)
- * Spanish American War (April 1898 August 1898)
- * Civil War (1861 1865)

Medals (Purple Heart/SilverStar/Bronze Star): _____

A photo of of the military veteran in uniform should be submitted with the profile.

If you need assistance don't hesitate to call Jeannie Caldwell at (970) 675-8476

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TREAD, Rangely's Main Street Program, is fundraising for banners to honor our hometown heroes who served our country. Donations will be accepted! Donation checks should be made payable to ______ and dropped off at Town Hall.

The banners will be placed throughout downtown Rangely on patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, and Veteran's Day.

Sample Banner



YOUR TOWN

HOMETOWN HEROES

Sample Banner



If you have a family member who is a Veteran and you would like them to participate in this program, please complete the Honoree Profile and return the document to jcaldwell@rangelyco.gov along with a photo of the Veteran in uniform. If you have questions please call (970) 675-8476 and ask for Jeannie Caldwell.

A Great Way to Honor Your Hometown Hero!

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Another Successful Summer Reading Program

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS, LIBRARIAN

The Summer Reading Program at Rangely Regional Library has drawn to a close. We had great participation again this year. There were 235 readers who signed up to read more than 2,300 books! We had a total of 14 different winners of the candy guess competition held each week. Four of the weeks resulted in ties as we have some competitive candy counters in this town!!!!

The grand finale was our summer reading carnival. We had water games as well as the ever-popular milk bottle toss. There were pony rides, face painting, snow cones, balloon animals, a nail booth and as if that wasn't enough- cotton candy to top it all off!

Don't forget that Miss Rita has Storytime year-round every Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M. You never know which costume she will be wearing or what fun stories she will have in store for you, but you can always count on her sending you home with a yummy treat!

Stop in at 109 East Main Street and check us out (literally) or give us a call at (970)675-8811 with any questions. Our hours of operation are Monday through

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Friday from 10:00 A.M to 6:00P.M. You can also find us on Facebook!

Our catalog is also available online at https:// rangelyregionallibrary. follettdestiny.com







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- 32. Insect larva
- 33. Transparent quality
- 34. Flatfish
- 35. Bride's new title
- 36. Even off
- 38. Peepers' places
- 39. Ornamental flowering vine
- 44. Cinder
- 45. Old salt
- 47. Heart line
- 48. Own up to
- 49. Some past despots
- 50. Goody-goody
- 51. Rich brown pigment
- 52. Standard of perfection
- 54. VIP transport
- 55. Babble angrily
- 56. Footed vase
- 57. Bounding main
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- 61. Arab ruler 62. Nepal's neighbor 63. Org. with missions 64. Elbow benders 65. Advantageous purchase

Kids Corner



Back-to-School Maze

What 5 school supplies to you pass to get out of the maze?







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Who is the king of the pencil case?
Tree Valley Academy

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