**Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District**

Whether it’s a day working on your backswing on our par 36, 9-hole public golf course or swimming in the Olympic sized indoor swimming pool, the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District offers something for everyone. On the east side of Rangely under large mature cottonwood trees, you will find the Rangely Camper Park with campsites, a covered meeting area, and trout-stocked fishing ponds. Nestled on the west side of Rangely is the expansive, grassy Elks Park boasting a large recently updated playground, several covered gathering areas, and two baseball fields. High atop Stanolind Avenue overlooking Elks Park, sits the Rangely Recreation Center. The center offers a game room, weight room, cardio room, multi-purpose room, 2 racquetball courts, a swimming pool (home of the Hurricanes Swim Team) with water slide, lighted outdoor tennis court, lighted outdoor basketball courts, and a lighted outdoor skating rink. You’d be hard pressed not to find something going on at the rec. center. They offer a wide array of fitness classes and programs and year-round adult and youth sports. Flanking the west side of Rangely overlooking beautiful mesas and the Rangely Airport, sits the beautifully kept Cedar Ridges Golf Course. Come try your hand at their famous #4, Elevated Tee box, Par 3, 198-yard hole. The rolling hills, high desert course is available to the public at affordable prices. Golf tournaments take place frequently at this fun and challenging course from April-October. The recreational district also plans and facilitates many of our community events such as Septemberfest, Christmasfest, and Independence Day activities. Maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle has never been so easy and enjoyable in our community!

**Rangely Community Medical Health and Wellness Center**

Living in a rural community doesn't mean living without quality healthcare. Rangely Community Medical Health and Wellness Center has been providing compassionate care for Western Rio Blanco and Eastern Moffat County residents since 1947. In 2013 a beautiful state of the art facility was opened on Eagle Crest Drive. Three dedicated, caring providers have made Rangely home and are an integral part of our wonderful community. Striving to exceed customer and community expectations, Rangely Community Medical Health and Wellness provides general medical and surgical care for inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room patients and participates in Medicare and Medicaid programs. Among the services they provide are: Ambulance and EMT, Assisted Living (Eagle Crest), Cardiopulmonary, Dental Center, Dietary Services, 24-hour seven-day per week Emergency Room, Family Medicine, Home Health, Laboratory, Nursing, Procedure Suite, Physical Therapy, Radiology, and Retail Pharmacy. Quality health care in our community offers residents peace of mind.

**Rangely Public Schools**
Looking for a public-school district of innovation that inspires students to become life-long learners who are positive difference makers in society? Look no further than Rangely Rio Blanco School District Re-4 made up of the Early Education Center, Parkview Elementary, and the Rangely Jr./Sr. High School. With a 14/1 pupil to teacher ratio your child isn’t just a number here. Our school district creates an environment where all children can succeed with the help of fantastic staff, amazing facilities, and great resources. They are committed to providing students a safe and meaningful learning environment, quality instruction, access to cutting-edge technology, and relevant learning opportunities that will prepare them for an amazing life.

**New Eden Pregnancy Center**

New Eden Pregnancy Center is one of many free community resources available to Rangely residents.  A Christian non-profit organization that is entirely run and operated by volunteers, New Eden was the concept of a group of pastors in Meeker, Colorado who saw the need of women who were seeking help before, during, and after their pregnancies for material items, guidance, support and encouragement.  It is funded by churches and private individuals within the community.  New Eden opened their doors in 2013 in Rangely. Because pregnancy can be unexpected at times, New Eden equips women with accurate information concerning them, their baby, and their future together. New Eden offers pregnancy testing, guidance by trained volunteers, post-abortion support, referrals, and a large variety of baby equipment and supplies. For more information about donations or services you can contact New Eden Pregnancy Care Services in Rangely at (970) 675-2300.

**Rangely Community Resource Pantry**

The Rangely Community Resource Pantry strives to be a safe place for all residents in and around the Rangely area. This great non-profit helps families and community members in need by providing food, personal hygiene products, and other necessary items such as cleaning supplies. In addition to these necessary items the Rangely Community Resource Pantry also helps individuals navigate other resources available to them within Rangely and Rio Blanco County. They are committed to privacy and acting in a caring manner. The resource pantry runs entirely on food donations and volunteer work. The work of the Rangely Community Resource Pantry is vital to the health and wellbeing of our community.

**Rangely Regional Library**

Libraries aren’t just storage spaces for books, libraries are important community hubs, that serve as centers of learning and professional development. Rangely Regional Library is in the heart of Rangely, right next to the Rangely Town Hall. Besides books the library offers the use of computers to access internet and they provide programs that play a major role in fostering literacy in the young people of the community. With a warm knowledgeable staff, the Rangely Regional Library is a friendly, essential resource to our residents.

**Colorado Northwestern Community College**

Colorado Northwestern Community College is one college in two Colorado communities. Depending on what you want to study, CNCC has the perfect surroundings and facilities to meet your needs. Founded in 1962 as “Rangely College,” CNCC now serves nearly 1,800 students on two campuses, two service centers, and online. The beautiful main campus in Rangely is home to a top-notch Dental Hygiene Program, Aviation Program, and National Park Ranger Academy, just to name a few. CNCC enhances the lives of residents by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. Affordability is an understatement, forget being strapped with a student loan here. The Rangely Junior College District offers a 100% tuition buy-down for permanent residents, meaning you don’t pay tuition if you live here! Colorado Northwestern Community College has something for everyone and can meet and exceed your educational endeavors.

**Trailblazing Technology**

Rangely is one of two communities within Rio Blanco County that has the fastest internet in Colorado. In 2014 the County decided broadband was a critical tool to help lay a foundation to position itself as a modern, world class destination for tourism and business growth. Rangely is perfect not only for technology-based firms, but also for telecommuters, location neutral businesses and online based retailers which all require major modern broadband technology. Rio Blanco County is one of the first rural gigabit counties in Colorado and the United States! Great broadband internet is critical for the region to maintain relevancy as a community.

**Outdoor Recreation**

Rangely is a place where you can truly unplug and unwind. Surrounded by 1.5 million acres of public lands and averaging 300 days of sunshine, getting outdoors has never been more accessible than it is here. Whether you enjoy motorized, non-motorized, water sports, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, horseback riding or anything outdoors, we have year-round offerings! Just outside our peaceful town is Canyon Pintado National Historic District which encompasses over 16,000 acres of public land. In Canyon Pintado you can hike to Fremont and Ute Native American Tribes Rock Art sites dating back over 1,000 years. Minutes from town you can observe the magnificent Piceance/East Douglas wild horse herd and if you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of more elusive wildlife like black bears, bobcats, or mountain lions. Whether you prefer to shoot with a camera, bow, or rifle; elk, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope herds are nearby. Besides boating and water sports, Kenney Reservoir has laid claim as the best crappie fishery in Colorado! The White River runs through our backyard here in Rangely. Spend a relaxing day catching bass, catfish, or just floating with friends or family. Test your technical 4-wheel driving skills at the only designated natural rock park in Colorado – the Rangely Rock Crawling Park. An abundance of trails and county roads offers endless possibilities for UTV and ATV enthusiasts. Twenty minutes away from your doorstep you can explore the vast, rugged Dinosaur National Monument by car, on foot, mountain bike, or e-bike! The perfect time to get outdoors in Rangely is all the time. No matter the season, our high desert area beckons to those looking for unparalleled scenic beauty and perhaps a little adventure.

**Extra-Curricular Opportunities for Youth**

Our youth build life skills, grow confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion by being involved in a multitude of programs, sports, and clubs. Adult mentors and coaches provide a positive and inclusive environment. Between our public school’s athletics department and the recreational district, they offer football, soccer, baseball, golf, cross country, track and field, volleyball, wrestling, dance, and swim teams. Independent competitive softball and football leagues are also available. Lego Club, choir, concert band, marching band, cheer, Future Business Leaders of America, and Future Farmers of America are just some of the other offerings from our school district. Colorado State University Cooperative Extensions 4-H organization offers over 40 project areas including rocketry, robotics, shooting sports, horse, cake decorating, breeding and market livestock projects, just to name a few. No land, no problem! If your child wants to raise an animal for the 4-H program, the Rangely 4-H Community Pens offers space where your child and their animal can grow. Cub and Boy Scouts of America promises fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today and life! MakerSpace is a Community Art Center that welcomes people of all ages, especially children! Several multidenominational churches in our community offer faith-based programs for youth. Colorado Northwestern Community College extends learning to children with their “College for Kids” program. In the past, College for Kids has offered courses like junior pilots, art camps, and outdoor leadership. The success of our youth is a direct reflection of the community’s investment in their development.

**Museums**

Rangely is surrounded by history from the early boom day oil pump jacks to the archaeological site, historic Canyon Pintado. Rangely features two museums within its city limits full of history; Rangely Outdoor Museum and Rangely Automotive Museum. The Rangely Outdoor Museum boasts native peoples, pioneers and ranching, geology and paleontology, flora and fauna, and energy industry exhibits. A walk through this museum tells the story of the history of Rangely and the surrounding area. The Rangely Automotive Museum offers a collection that marvels in the long history of the automotive revolution and includes numerous automobiles that are exceedingly rare. Here you will find a breathtaking collection that is diverse in character and age. They have the perfect combination of cars and motorcycles that were so innovative that they influenced design and production for decades. Both museums are unique and unlike any other museums in the state.

**The Tank Center for Sonic Arts**

Constructed around 1940 as a railroad water-treatment facility, the Tank was moved by a utility company to Rangely in the mid-1960s. The bed of gravel upon which the tank was placed bowed its floor into a gentle parabola, giving it its remarkable acoustical resonance. In 1976, sound artist Bruce Odland was shown the place by two Rangely locals.  Odland understood immediately that he had stumbled upon a treasure. For years after Odland’s discovery, The TANK became a secret performance and recording space for a dedicated group of sound artists and musicians. Since 2015 The TANK has been drawing national acclaim. The TANK hosts dozens of reserved visits, recording sessions, artist residencies, and performances. “Open Saturdays” give residents and visitors a chance to experience the majestic resonant sounds that you can only encounter at the TANK.

**4th of July Celebration**

Rangely comes alive on the days leading up to the 4th of July. This patriotic community enjoys fun, family events planned by the local recreation district. Festivities kick off at Rangely’s beautiful Cedar Ridges Golf Course with night golfing. Fireworks over stunning Kenney Reservoir, a Cajun boil with a concert, a 5k walk/run, a rib cookoff, pie contest, and a day in the park with inflatable water toys for the whole family! This four-day celebration has something for everyone!

**Septemberfest**

Since the 1980s the annual event Septemberfest has been a community favorite. In the early 80’s Rangely’s town square was the center of the Septemberfest events.  Dances, talent shows, and entertainment took place on a stage built next to the library. In the 90s a Miss Rangely pageant was held for Jr. high and high school aged young women, who would represent the festival in the parade and during the events. The bulk of Septemberfest events largely take place at Rangely’s beautiful and spacious Elk’s Park now.  A craft fair, parade, car show, food vendors, cribbage tournament, ice cream social, bull riding, concerts, and other events have been added to the schedule of events year after year.  Septemberfest has evolved throughout the years but without a doubt it remains uniquely Rangely, a place to visit with your neighbors, bid adieu to summer, and welcome fall.

**Christmasfest**

Holiday traditions are an important part to building a strong bond between family, and our community. They give us a sense of belonging and a way to express what is important to us. Rangely’s Christmasfest is no exception. Fast becoming a holiday kickoff tradition within our beautiful community, Christmasfest is a time for us to gather with our family, friends, and neighbors. The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District plans many special activities that will get everyone into the holiday spirit! The festivities begin with the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce’s Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt contest in local businesses. On the second Thursday of December, Rangely really shines with the Light Up Rangely, Christmas lights judging. The Chamber also holds a holiday window and Christmas tree decorating contests. On Friday enjoy free carriage rides and a chili dinner. A busy final day is planned for the second Saturday of December with the Breakfast with Santa event and the Snowflake Baby Contest, followed by Santa’s Christmas Cookie Decorating and the Parade of Lights. If that’s not enough holiday cheer, the conclusion of the festival is a holiday concert for the whole family on Saturday evening. Even the Grinch enjoys Christmasfest and you will too!