

## 10 Often-Overlooked Mountain Towns You Must Visit In Colorado



Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado. Image credit Zack Frank

### Special feature from World Atlas

The state of Colorado is a popular vacation spot for a reason. With breathtaking views, beautiful weather, and endless outdoor activities, there is something for everyone. The Rocky Mountains are a significant draw, but Colorado has a varied landscape, and the lakes, canyons, grasslands, and bustling towns attract many tourists and visitors as well. While some places are extremely popular and pop up on every list of must-visit towns in Colorado, others are just as beautiful but are often overlooked.

#### 1. Rangely

A small rural town in Northwest Colorado, Rangely has a range of activities for adventurous visitors. From offroading, camping, fishing, and hiking to whitewater rafting and horseback riding, there are endless outdoor choices. The town also has a dedicated rock crawling park and is just a twenty-minute drive from the Dinosaur National Monument, which features scenic drives. Other attractions include the Kenney Reservoir for water sports and the Canyon Pintado (Painted Canyon) where you can see historic pictographs left behind by early settlers.

#### 2. Grand Lake

Sitting at an elevation of over 8,000 feet, Grand Lake offers breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains. More secluded than other mountain towns, there is something for everyone here, all year round. In the summer, visitors can enjoy activities like hiking, biking, and offroading, or they can indulge in boating and fishing in Colorado's largest natural lake. In winter, Grand Lake becomes the "Snowmobiling Capital of Colorado." Snowshoeing and skiing are other winter options, and the town provides direct access to Rocky Mountain Park.



A still day on Grand Lake with a picturesque view of the Rocky Mountains.  
Image credit Markel Echaburu Bilbao

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# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

Greetings!

Season greetings from Rangely District Hospital (RDH). We have had a lot of patients over the past few months come through who were either visiting family for the holidays or hunting in the area. We are glad they chose RDH for their healthcare needs. We are here for you whether it's routine, urgent, or an emergent need. We have high-quality providers waiting to help you and your family. Dr. Tyler Morwood MD, Chief of Staff, Dr. Tyson Torgersen DO, Dr. Timothy Hsu, Dr. Charles Sutton, Kelsey Riggio PA, Leslyn Joseph NP, and Vivian Dillon NP. Call the clinic to establish an appointment with any provider at 970-675-2237. We also have walk-in appointments available Monday-Friday 8 am to 5:30 pm.

I would like to update the community on a few activities happening here at the hospital. The Rangely District Hospital Foundation is hosting a New Year's Eve fundraising party. We received our new ambulance for EMS. We started a new behavioral health platform, launched our new website and continue with the OR general surgery project.

Rangely District Hospital Foundation will be hosting a New Year's Eve party December 31st starting at 9 pm. Tickets are available at the hospital for \$25.00 a person. We will be playing games, auctioning off a couple of guns and other items to raise funds for the Sunrise Park project. We finished up most of the sidewalk and started the prep work for the gazebo. We received a \$3,500 donation from AARP via the Main Street Program for exercise equipment and appreciate Jeannie Caldwell for her efforts in securing those funds. You can purchase a Memorial bench with your name on the plaque for \$2,500 or a memorial leaf (\$100.00), or rock (\$250) for the memorial tree. If you prefer not to buy an item you can donate directly to the foundation at the hospital's front desk. Finally, we are looking to fill a board vacancy on the foundation board. If you are interested in this opportunity reach out to Jodi Dillon or myself and we can get you an application. We have made a ton of progress over the last couple of years since its inception and are looking forward to another great year.

We received our new ambulance for the EMS Department. We received a grant a few years ago and finally the new ambulance has arrived. The board has elected to sell the old ambulance, MS4, to offset some of the costs the grant did not cover. We will be putting MS4 up for sale once the new ambulance is fully functional. In total, we will have 3 fully functional ambulances to serve our community. The question has come up, do we truly need 3? The answer is yes. We have used all emergency vehicles at the same time on several different occasions. An example, if one of our ambulances is out of town on a transfer, we still have the other 2 to respond to an emergency within our district requiring multiple. Does this happen all the time? No, but when it does we will have the flexibility to respond. Thanks goes out to Shanna Kinney for writing the grant and our EMS staff for covering calls 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

We have teamed up with FTIZ ELIAS and launched our behavioral health service. We have the service every Tuesday for a 4 hr block. It is referral based so in order to be seen please schedule an appointment with one of our providers. They can send in referrals as necessary. Dr. Gusumaneli and his staff are here to help our community. This program is via tele-medicine so the behavioral health specialist will remote in. The program is up and running with a full schedule of patients. We teamed up with CNCC to provide services for students as well. We are looking to expand hours depending on the need and long wait times. Thanks for having patience with us as we implement this new service.

We launched our new website. You can google Rangely District Hospital and click on the link or go to RangelyHospital.com. I'm stoked about how the website turned out. Thanks goes out to Josh with Align Media and his crew for doing a great job. Our IT Department will be managing our new platform, take over the functionality and provide future updates as needed.

Finally, we are making progress with the OR suite. We have teamed up with Colarelli Construction as the contractor. Chris White and his staff will be onsite on the 15th of December to walk through the project. Over the past several months we have had several meetings to discuss the design, layout, and equipment needed. More to come about specific dates and a timeline of completion. We have Dr. Morse scheduled for additional endo/coloscopy procedures in January, February, and March in anticipation of any closures of the Endoscopy suite. We are excited to move forward with construction.

As always if you need anything or have any questions regarding any of the above information give me a call or schedule an appointment with Jodi Dillon at 970-675-5011. Our board meetings are on the last Thursday of the month if anyone would like to attend.



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# CNCC STEM To-Go Labs

BY KEITH PETERSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTRUCTION AT CNCC

Two years ago, CNCC applied for Federal RISE Grant dollars to facilitate concurrent education in Northwest Colorado through creative technologies. Last year, CNCC was proud to put over 20 Promethean Boards in 7 different school districts to allow access to a larger catalog of college courses taught by college instructors. Put simply, CNCC started delivering college classrooms to local high schools LIVE with the help of technology. As a result, CNCC’s concurrent enrollment has grown by leaps and bounds, fulfilling half of the RISE Grant promise.



Recently, you may have seen three brand new “STEM To-Go Labs” parked out in front of the college here in Rangely. CNCC will use these trucks and trailers to bring STEM Science courses (primarily Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) to local school districts who don’t possess the lab resources to receive college credit. The STEM To-Go Labs will fulfill the second half of the RISE Grant promise.

CNCC will be taking these new “To-Go” labs to school districts this spring for demonstrations, with the expectation of offering lab courses in fall of 2023. All in, the RISE grant has brought over \$800,000 worth of technology to the Northwest Colorado region and CNCC has been proud to be the educational steward of these funds.

# RPD Welcomes New Officer

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN, CHIEF OF POLICE

We would like to officially welcome Officer Kyle Baker to the Rangely Police Department! Officer Baker’s badge was pinned last night in front of the town council by daughter, Reagan. Welcome Officer Baker!



Please Join  
Rangely Police Department



For coffee with a cop event!

Pull up a chair and grab a cup of joe with the officers that serve your community.

This event is an opportunity for the citizens of Rangely to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in the neighborhood!

Date:  
Every third  
Saturday

Location:  
Gio's Family  
Dining

Time:  
10am





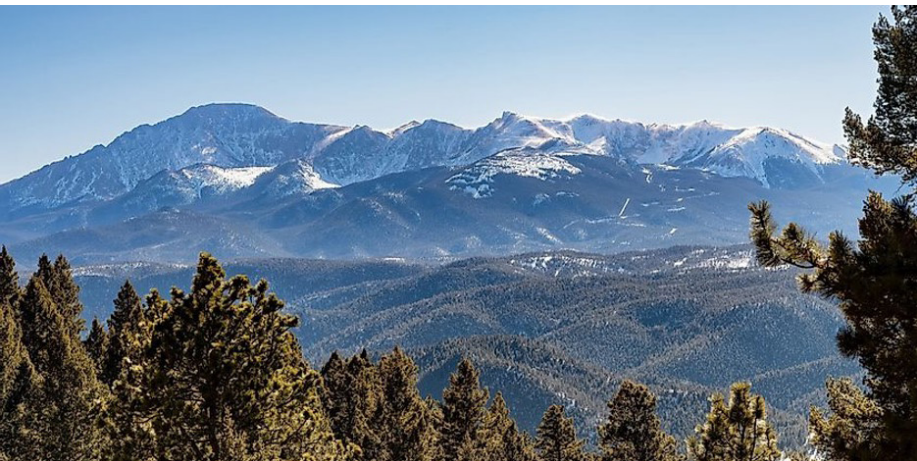
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## 3. Canon City

Canon City’s claim to fame is the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. At more than 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River, it is the highest suspension bridge in America. The park is also a popular spot, with a theater, play area, and many thrilling rides to choose from. Founded in 1860, Canon City has an interesting history, originating when authorities decided to excavate it for mineral deposits. The mighty Arkansas River carved the ten-mile steep "Royal Gorge" canyon in granite, a route visitors can tour by railroad. The service was part of a transcontinental route when it started in 1877, but is now just a tourist attraction.



View of Canon City in Colorado by the Arkansas River. Image credit Jacob Boomsma



A view of Pikes Peak from Woodland Park. Image credit Rafael Luis Calderon

## 4. Woodland Park

Also called the “City above the Clouds,” Woodland Park, like Grand Lake, sits at an elevation of over 8,000 feet. The main attraction is the famous Pikes Peak, which is visible from town. More adventurous visitors can hike to the top of the massive 14,110-foot peak, but there is also a train service for the less daring. Another popular spot for visitors is the Rampart Reservoir, where visitors can camp by the lake and indulge in fishing, and even ice fishing in the winter. The town also hosts many festivals and markets in the summer and fall months.

## 5. Frisco

Nestled between several ski resorts, and settled at an elevation of 9,097 feet, Frisco is a beautiful spot to visit at all times of the year. In the winter it is the perfect place to set up base camp for those into skiing and snow activities. The town has a bustling main street and an Adventure park with tubing and beginner ski hills. Visitors can also enjoy snowshoeing and riding in horse-drawn sleighs. Frisco lights up during the summer and fall, with activities like kayaking and fishing on the lake, and hiking and mountain biking on the many trails.



Frisco town clock in Colorado. Image credit Margaret.Wiktor



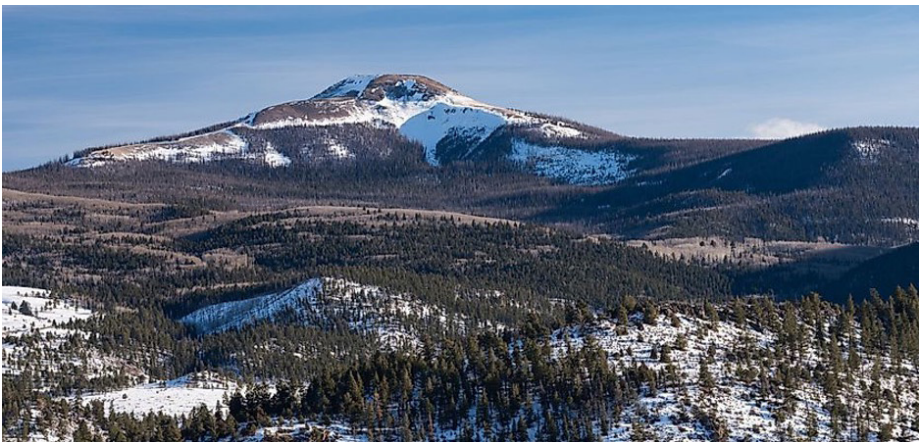
Scenic Landscape near Ridgeway Colorado. Image credit SNEHIT PHOTO

## 6. Ridgeway

Visitors to Ridgeway can enjoy classic outdoor activities like camping, fishing, and hiking at the Ridgeway State Park. However, a lot of people stay in this mountain town because of its proximity to more famous Colorado towns like Ouray (famous for its frozen slot canyon and box canyon falls), Silverton (a historic mining town with high-altitude trails), Telluride, and Montrose. All of these towns are within an hour’s driving distance from Ridgeway, which increases its desirability.

## 7. Del Norte

Once a mining town, Del Norte is now known for its history and for its outdoor tourism. There are many fascinating structures that serve as a reminder of the town’s gold mining history. Visitors can head up the mountains to check out the Summitville Mine Ghost Town. Wildlife abounds in this area, as it does in the surrounding Rio Grande National Forest. The forest is a great spot for backpacking trails, rock climbing, and big game hunting. In the winter these trails are perfect for snowmobiling. Del Norte also has a thriving local business scene, and its honey farms are popular among tourists.



Del Norte Peak is a prominent landmark viewed from Colorado State Highway 160. Image credit Robert Waltman



Salida, Colorado, on the Arkansas River, is popular for White Water Rafting. Image creditc Jacob Boomsma

## 8. Salida

Salida is a vibrant small town, tucked in the mountains, and within driving distance of other mountain towns like Cañon City, Buena Vista, and Gunnison. The best part is that it has something for everyone. There are numerous hiking trails, from beginner to advanced, all with spectacular views. Visitors can relax in the hot springs, or raft the Arkansas River. There are aerial adventure parks and zip lines for those who want to enjoy the Colorado beauty from a height, and the food and local festivals are also major attractions.

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### 9. Kremmling

Known as a “Sportsman’s Paradise,” Kremmling is a wilderness suited for thrillseekers and adventurers. Visitors can choose from rafting or kayaking on the rapids, to ice-fishing on the Colorado river. Other options include a hike or horseback ride, a camp in the wild, and trails galore for ATV/OHV enthusiasts. Those on the lookout for animals will not face disappointment either, as wildlife outnumbers humans in some areas. The scenic mountain views and spectacular landscape will make the whole experience unforgettable.



Cascade Lake near Kremmling, Colorado. Image credit Weldon Schloneger



Westcliffe, Colorado Mountains. Image credit MDeros

### 10. Westcliffe

The remote, small town of Westcliffe often escapes attention, but those who visit it find its panoramic views captivating. A community dedicated to reducing light pollution, it is a designated “International Dark Sky Community.” Many go there to camp outdoors and watch the stars in the night sky. Westcliffe has an observatory, by the name of Smokey Jack, for visitors who want to stargaze through a robust, high-tech telescope. A traditional mountain town, Westcliffe also offers hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities.

### In Conclusion

Colorado is a popular tourist destination, but within the state, there are plenty of often-overlooked mountain towns waiting for visitors. It is always good to have several options when planning a trip, especially a few that are less crowded and therefore usually less expensive. When you veer off the beaten path in Colorado, you are sure to find a countryside full of beautiful towns and hidden gems.

## Colorado Main Street Managers Summit

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Colorado Main Street Managers Summit was held in Victor, Colorado on November 3rd and 4th. Jeannie Caldwell attended the Conference on behalf of TREAD, Rangely’s Main Street Program. An Executive Director from each Main Street Program in Colorado attended, which provided for great collaboration and creative thinking.

Gayle Langely, Executive Director of Colorado Main Street, led the Summit along with Traci Stoffel, Main Street Specialist and Larry Lucas, who is the Main Street Architect. The theme for the Summit was “Greatness is a Verb.”

Covered during the meeting was HB21-1271 – Innovative Affordable Housing Strategies, HB22-1304 – Infrastructure and Strong Communities, new stimulus and other bills, program updates, community engagement as well as federal and state grant programs.

Colorado Main Street is a great program. The information they provide as well as endeavor assistance is incredible! Rangely is fortunate to be part of this program! #GoRangely!



## Chamber Membership Drive 2022

BY MCKENZIE WEBER

We are lucky to have a Chamber that is always expanding, but we are also aware that we aren't currently connecting with as many businesses as we could. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to build a Chamber that the board, staff, and you, the members, can be incredibly proud of.

Some of the benefits are businesses can access resources, deals, and connections by becoming members of a Chamber of Commerce, which helps them save money, market their goods, and streamline operations. You expose yourself and your company up to a network of possible partners when you choose to join your local Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce's business relationships might turn out to be the helpful network you turn to one day or vice versa. Additionally, your new business contacts can be the ones that function as a sounding board for fresh ideas, find answers to difficulties within the company, or even collaborate with you on a new project.

Please consider joining The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, as we are always expanding, coming up with new ideas to help market, bring people to the area, and help support you with what you need/or are looking for. The Chamber office is always open to anyone needing assistance or to discuss new ideas of what we could improve upon or even a new idea. Whatever it is Rangely Chamber is here for YOU!





A large graphic for 'BINGO WEEKLY'. The word 'BINGO' is in large, yellow, marquee-style letters with glowing dots. Above it, 'WEEKLY' is in a smaller, yellow, outlined font. The background is dark purple with a radial pattern and several white dots. There are also colorful bingo balls (red, orange, green, blue) and a blue bingo card in the bottom right corner.

# WEEKLY BINGO

Starting Monday, December 5th  
Every Monday and Wednesday  
10:00 to 11:30 am

White River Village, 410 N. White Avenue  
In the Commons Area

\$1.00 per day to play  
Public Is Invited  
Prizes will be Awarded

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# Winter Driving Tips

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN, CHIEF OF POLICE

In true Colorado fashion we skipped right over fall and went straight into winter! Here are some winter safety and driving tips.

## Winter Safety

- Remember to clean off your entire windshield before leaving home. A clear windshield is vital to see any danger coming your way.
- It is also important to clean the excess snow and ice off the top of your vehicle before you drive. If left on top of your vehicle this ice/snow can come loose and strike other vehicles or pedestrians while you drive.
- Before traveling any long distances make sure your vehicle has plenty of fuel, blankets, water and possibly food in case you get stuck in bad weather or traffic.
- Check the tread on your tires.
- Make sure your windshield wiper fluid and that your windshield wipers are in good working order.
- Make sure your headlights are cleared off and in good working condition.
- Check cotrip.org to check road conditions before traveling out of town.
- Make sure your cell phone is charged. You might not have service when traveling out of town so make sure to tell someone where you are going and when you should be there.



## Driving Safely on Icy Roads

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

## If your rear wheels skid...

1. Take your foot off the accelerator.
2. Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.
3. If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
4. If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
5. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.

## If your front wheels skid...

1. Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
2. As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch and accelerate gently.

## If you get stuck...

1. Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
2. Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
3. Use a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out.
4. Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
5. Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.
6. Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first — it can damage the transmission on some vehicles). Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you're in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

Sources: National Safety Council, Weather.com





# CNCC Corner - Students Do Well By Doing Good

BY LISA JONES, PRESIDENT

The month of October has been a busy one for CNCC and its students. As important as preparing students for tomorrow's workforce is, preparing students to live a well-rounded and fulfilling life is just as important. We provide students with numerous opportunities to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it in the community. This includes everything from leadership, project management, and communications skills to program-based knowledge obtained in aviation, dental hygiene, and science courses. We are proud of our faculty and campus life staff for ensuring each student receives practical experience in meaningful ways prior to embarking on their careers, and to our amazing students for embracing the challenge, knowing it will enhance their lives. Here are some of the activities in which our students have engaged:



- The CNCC National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) team through our Aviation Program wrapped up its participation in the Region One Safety Convention. Our students placed in every event of the competition with Marissa Coney, our top competitor and team co-captain finishing first place in the ground trainer event, beating out 70 other competitors including those from the United States Air Force Academy.
- Our soccer and volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons this month with strong showings and the women's soccer program earning their first wins in program history. Our Rodeo team made its debut in Craig, hosting the Spartan Showdown at the Moffat County Fairgrounds. In spite of poor weather, this event brought out hundreds of competitors and spectators during the weekend ending October 1, 2022.
- The CNCC Student Government Association (SGS) organized a campus clean up in Rangely on attracted student athletes, SGA members and employees to participate in giving back to the College. On Monday, October 31, 2022, the Student Government Association went to Rangely Elementary School to hand out candy to the children.
- Colorado Northwestern's Dental Hygiene students visited New Horizon's residents in Craig. Five of our second year students visited and trained the New Horizon's staff and residents on how to help improve resident's oral health. This visit has become an annual community activity for dental hygiene students who also visit schools to help youth strengthen their teeth and gums.
- Colorado Northwestern's Environmental Science class spent time on, helping plant willow trees along the banks of the Rio Blanco River. The trees will help strengthen the riverbanks and reduce erosion as well as provide shelter for local wildlife. This project allows students to apply the things they are learning in the real world.
- Science faculty and several students joined forces with local 4-H members to make and distribute seedballs on the White River outside of Rangely, Colorado. The balls are a mixture of clay, potting soil, and several species of native plant seeds. This was to help reinvigorate plant growth in an area that was cleared of Russian Olives earlier this year.
- Colorado Northwestern's cosmetology students focused on the beauty within by spending time helping in the soup kitchen at St. Michael's Church in Craig Colorado. One individual was quoted as saying that they were lucky to have such wonderful students who understand the value of community and the importance of helping others.

As we move into the season of sharing, giving, and gratitude, it's great to see our students and staff setting such wonderful examples. Several have already turned their attention to celebrating veterans and their families, collecting clothes and food, and identifying other ways to help in our communities.

We look forward to sharing these activities with you along with the many other great things happening here at Colorado Northwestern Community College and are proud of the example our students and staff are setting.

## AARP Grant Received via the Colorado Main Street Program

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

AARP, generally once a year, provides funds to the Colorado Main Street Program to distribute to Main Street communities. Rangely is excited to announce that \$3,500.00 was received this year via grant from AARP's generous donation. The funds will be utilized to partially fund outdoor exercise equipment for Sunrise Park, which is located next to Eagle Crest.

TREAD, Rangely's Main Street Program, would like to thank Colorado Main Street as well as AARP for their generosity. Our community will benefit greatly from this new park!







**2023**

Rangely District Hospital  
**FOUNDATION**  
★ Together We Rise ★

## NEW YEAR'S EVE MIXER

December 31st Starting at 9:00 pm  
at The Gathering Place  
\$25.00 PER PERSON -Tickets Available at RDH  
Lots of Hors d'oeuvres and desserts!  
Cribbage, Board Games, and Music.  
Alcohol Available for Purchase!  
Taxi pickup & delivery available for \$50.00.  
Dinosaur or closer. Call (720) 505-7780 to schedule

The next article for the Rangely Review will be out early February. Have something you'd like to contribute? Email it to [rangelyreview@gmail.com](mailto:rangelyreview@gmail.com)



# Town of Rangely Comprehensive Plan

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Town of Rangely recently hired Robin Hanrahan to complete a Comprehensive Plan. Robin is an urban developer who recently moved to Rangely with her family from Jefferson County. Robin holds an AICP certification in planning and is looking forward to collaborating with the Town through her company — Built Form Lab.

A comprehensive plan promotes the community's vision, goals, objectives, and policies, establishes a process for orderly growth and development, addresses both current and long-term needs, and provides for a balance between the natural and built environment.

Two public meetings were held to date to involve the community in the plan where the history of Rangely as well as a vision for the future were discussed. Surveys have also been distributed to residents for completion.



## Advertise in the Rangely Review

### Non- Chamber Members

Full Page - \$295

1/2 Page - \$150

1/4 Page - \$90

1/8 page - \$55

This pricing includes an ad in the Rangely Review as well as one month utility billing advertisement.

### Chamber Members

Full Page - \$200

1/2 Page - \$100

1/4 Page - \$55

1/8 page - \$40

This pricing includes an ad in the Rangely Review ONLY.

# Youth Soccer Now Available

BY ROBIN HANRAHAN

Looking for a fun, free, and healthy indoor activity this winter? Join us for a friendly season of indoor soccer practice on Saturday mornings! Call 856.994.3266 to sign up.

Location: Early Education Center Gym

Times: 10:15am to 11:00am (ages 2 to 5)  
11:00am to 12:00pm (ages 6 to 12)  
Dates: Saturdays, December 17, 2022 to February 25, 2023  
December 17th, 24th & 31st, January 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th



# Two Girls, One Small Town Podcast

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Two Girls, One Small Town continues to interview local residents, business owners and government officials. Recently Lisa Piering, Town Manager, as well as Andy Shaffer, Mayor were interviewed.

The number of listeners for the Podcast continues to grow. Be sure to check them out on Spotify and Apple Podcast. You will learn a lot about our favorite town and the people who call Rangely home!

A huge shout out to everyone who has participated thus far!



# The TANK Year in Review

BY JAMES PAUL

## Biggest Concert Season Yet

We were still booking recording sessions in October, but 2022 is already looking great for the TANK. We had a record number of concerts this year--seven of them, five free of charge: Fort Lewis College Choir, Peddlers of Joy, Colorado Springs Children’s Chorale, Leon Littlebird, Ann Martin, Susie Ibarra, and Sherry Finzer. We also organized one free offsite concert, presenting The Front Porch Singers, a quartet from Manitou Springs, at the White River Village Assisted Living Center.

We’re also having an active year in the recording studio, with 2-3 onsite sessions per week, as well as several remote sessions and several recorded concerts over the course of the season. It looks like we’ll book around 50 recording sessions in the ’22 season, and that’s up from the last two years.

### Fort Lewis College Choir - Friday, May 6 @ 7pm

Choral music at the TANK is utterly uplifting and transporting, and The Fort Lewis College Choir was joyous and free-spirited. They presented works by Sullivan, Rachmaninov, Whitacre. Led by director Charissa Chiaravalloti. Gorgeous choral harmonies, in an a cappella setting. This concert was free and open to all.



### Peddlers of Joy - Sunday, May 22 @ 6pm

Tankster Mad Dog Friedman brought his trio Peddlers of Joy, with Sean Bennight on guitar and Freyja Wild on vocals. Creating mindful TANK music live in the moment, the Peddlers rocked the house. Mad Dog played Native American flute and theremin. This concert was free and open to all



### Leon Littlebird Lisa Ann White - Saturday, June 18 @ 8pm

Headlining the Solstice Festival, Leon Littlebird and Lisa Ann White brought their Native Colorado Music to the TANK. A regionally and internationally acclaimed musician, performer, recording artist and composer, Leon is a third generation native of Colorado with ancestral roots in both Pioneer & Native American cultures. Lisa Ann White sparkled on native flutes and vocals.



### Colorado Springs Children's Chorale - Sunday, June 23 @ 6pm

This season the award-winning Colorado Springs Children’s Chorale joined a tradition of kid's choirs coming to the TANK. Director Marcia Hendricks wrote to us, "Our young musicians had a tremendous experience had at The TANK. I hope you all continue with great success and know that you make a difference in lives with your work!" A gorgeous and deeply gratifying concert. This concert was free and open to all.

### Front Porch Singers - Friday, August 12 @ 4pm

From Manitou Springs, Colorado, Front Porch Singers is an a cappella quartet that started informally as the “You Never Know When We’ll Show Up Singers,” ringing doorbells and surprising Manitou friends and neighbors with harmony, laughter, and joy.

The group came to the TANK to record and as a special treat, performed a free concert at the White River Village Assisted Living Center. They left Rangely as confirmed Tanksters. Front Porch Singers includes Nancy Fortuin, Sue Graham, Annie Rodgers, and Jane Turnis. This concert was free and open to all.



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# YWG Basin Roundtable

In 2005 the Roundtable process was enacted by the Colorado Legislature through house bill 05-1177, Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act.

The Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable is one of the nine roundtable formed by this act. The purpose is to facilitate collaboration with in the basin to develop ground up solutions to water supply challenges. The YWG BRT is made up of 35 local water users ranging from municipal, water providers, industrial, agriculture, recreation and environmental stakeholders. This bottom up collaborative process will help drive solutions for the basin up to the State level by working with the other eight roundtables and Colorado Water Conservation Board.

## Key Strategies

Implementing projects

Explore opportunities to:

- Increase agriculture efficiency while maintain benefits of flood irrigation return flows
- Deliver reservoir water to users with gaps
- New or expanded storage in key location, especially in the White Basin

Learn more at [yampwhitegreen.com](http://yampwhitegreen.com) or attend a bimonthly meeting

## Upcoming Events In Rangely

### Christmasfest Carriage Rides

December 9 - 5:00pm-8:00pm  
1485 La Mesa Circle  
Free event

### Craft Fair Bazaar

December 10 - 10:00am-4:00pm  
EEC Building - 402 W Main St.

### New Year's Eve Mixer

December 31 - 9:00 pm  
The Gathering Place  
\$25 per person  
More details on pg 9

## October Crossword Results

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# CNCC Tours the Water Treatment Plant

BY RANGELY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

On October 27th, a group of students from CNCC, taught by Mario Sullivan, toured the Rangely Water Treatment Plant.

On this tour, the students had the opportunity to learn about the five steps of conventional surface water treatment: Coagulation, Flocculation, Sedimentation, Filtration, and Disinfection. We also delved into some of the other aspects of water treatment, such as regulations and other policies that are enforced at the state and federal levels.

After the tour, Mr. Sullivan expressed to us how valuable the tour was to his class.

“The major takeaways for my students were the conceptualization of how delivering safe drinking water is not just an incredible feat of science and engineering, but also an attempt to reconcile federal regulations with local and regional conditions and needs,” said Mr. Sullivan. “The policy take-aways I think are incredibly valuable.”

He explained that not only was tour a good learning experience for the class he brought that day, but for all the other classes he teaches as well.

“I teach a wide variety of courses and I am not being hyperbolic when I say that each course would have learning goals that would be met at the Rangely Water Treatment Plant.”

Mr. Sullivan went on to inform us that he let his colleagues know about how the tour went, and they have expressed interest in coming to see the plant as well.

If you are interested in touring the Water Treatment Plant, feel free to reach out to us at [mdillon@rangelyco.gov](mailto:mdillon@rangelyco.gov) or by phone at 970-675-2221.



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: RIO BLANCO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT A TAYLOR DRAW HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT WATER RIGHTS CALL

**Rangely, Colorado, November 9, 2022** – On December 1, 2022, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (District) will place a water right call on the White River to use the full amount of its legally entitled water rights at the Taylor Draw Dam Hydroelectric Project. Taylor Draw Dam impounds Kenney Reservoir on the White River about five miles east of Rangely and the hydroelectric project can generate two megawatts of clean, renewable energy for up to 900 local homes and businesses. Taylor Draw dam is owned and operated by the District.

The ongoing drought has significantly reduced seasonal inflows into Kenney Reservoir, which has reduced electric power production at Taylor Draw Dam. In the last five years, electricity production has been reduced by 35% at the project, which has also substantially reduced the district’s revenues. Administration of the White River has long been anticipated and for decades the District Board of Directors has been reluctant to put a water right call on the White River. The District has had numerous discussions and public meetings concerning this issue and is very sensitive to the hardships this decision may have on some White River water users. On September 28, 2022, the District Board voted unanimously to place the water rights call to maintain the water in the White River to which the district is legally entitled. Specific administration of the river will continue to be at the discretion of the Colorado Division of Water Resources, Division 6 Engineer.

The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District service area is approximately 1,300 square miles of land in western Rio Blanco County. The District is responsible for the protection, conservation, use, and development water resource of the White River Basin for beneficial use within our boundaries or as established within cooperative agreements for water needs outside our boundaries. The District Board of Directors trusts that administering the White River is a fundamental step in conserving and more efficiently using water in the White River. The District and its Board of Directors are vigorously moving forward on solutions for the creation of a White River augmentation plan and crucial water supply as the leading mitigation tool for decreed water right holders with a junior water right. These planning efforts are intended to address a portion of the current and future water needs within the White River Basin for the benefit of the water users and the environment.

For additional more information, please call Alden Vanden Brink, District Manager at (970) 675-5055.or additional more information, please call Alden Vanden Brink, District Manager at (970) 675-5055.



# Rangely Escape Rooms

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On October 20th, TREAD, which is Rangely’s Main Street Program, partnered with the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce for a night of community fun! Escape Rooms were held at The Gathering Place. The escape room themes were “The Titanic” and “Secret Agents.” Shout out to Elaine Urie for allowing us to utilize her gorgeous facility!

The Taco Truck as well as Southern Sweet Tea were available for food purchase and beautiful firepits were outdoors surrounded by seating to allow socializing and warmth for those attending.

We had a few winners and a few not so winners! But overall, the night was a great success! We appreciate all who attended and participated.

We would also like to thank Janet Miller and Annette Webber for their volunteer time and hard work.



## TANK: *continued*

**Ann Martin - Sunday, September 3 @ 7pm**

Intuitive sound artist Ann Martin presented a meditative concert with crystal and Himalayan singing bowls. The event concluded with a full spectrum of sonic harmonic frequencies from Ann's 36" OM Gong, energizing everyone in the TANK. This event was presented as part of Rangely's Septemberfest celebration. This concert was free and open to all.



**Susie Ibarra - Saturday September 17 @ 8pm**

Sound-sculptor and percussionist Susie Ibarra came to the TANK for a week'-longweeklong residency that illuminated all the aspects of the TANK's artistic mission as a Sonic Arts Center. Susie spent several days recording in the field, for one excursion bringing her whole jazz drum kit in Dinosaur

National Monument, to record in an echoing stone canyon. She also plunged aquaphones fifty feet deep into Kenney Reservoir and presented a stunning culminating concert in the TANK. Something tells us Susie Ibarra will be back.

**Sherry Finzer - Saturday September 24 @ 7pm**

Award-winning flutist and recording artist--and TANK board member--Sherry Finzer returned to Rangely in September, to record her various low flutes and world flutes in the TANK's deep resonance. She also performed a free concert to round out our season. Sherry is the founder of Heart Dance Records and is a key participant this fall in the TANK's creation of its new record label, Round Sound. This concert was free and open to all.







# CNCC Celebrating 60 Years of Providing Educational Excellence Grounded in Colorado Experience

BY LISA JONES, PRESIDENT

CNCC Celebrating 60 years of providing educational excellence grounded in the Colorado Experience

This October is a big month for Colorado Northwestern. Today October 13, 2022, we celebrate our 60th year since first opening our doors to 83 students as Rangely College. At times like these, it's good to pause, take stock of how far we have come, and adjust our bearings as we prepare for our journey forward.

From its inception, our communities have been an integral part of Colorado Northwestern Community College. An initial bond of \$2.8 million was proposed to establish a college that would serve a five-county area in Northwestern Colorado. When the proposal was brought to Rangely the citizens voted 298 to 9 in favor of the bond. Legislators and dignitaries acknowledged the overwhelming support as the biggest contribution from the fewest people that they had ever seen.

Community support continued as the Rangely campus was built. A call went out to members of the community to bring local rocks to the construction site for building façades and construction. That is what residents did. When it is said that Rangely residents help build the College, it is not only true financially, but also literally.

Over time it became apparent that the Rangely campus alone could not provide the access necessary to meet the needs of residents living in the 22,000+ square miles served by the College so in 1985 CNCC extended its services to Craig. The beautiful Craig campus opened its doors on August 8, 2011, with a LEED certified, 78,000 square foot building. That building on a hill just west of Craig is home to key CNCC programs like Nursing, Cybersecurity, Agriculture/Ranching, Automotive, Cosmetology, and Business.

Today, CNCC serves approximately 1,200 students on its campuses and online. This includes recent high school graduates, adult and college re-entry learners, and current high school students. The College provides unique career and technical education program, university transfer programs, and industry ready credentials for upskilling and reskilling aimed and filling community needs and providing opportunities for our residents.

All we have accomplished is helping to drive our future. We will soon unveil and implement our 2023-28 strategic plan. Our vision for this plan is the same as it is for our college- Colorado Northwestern Community College will be the college of choice for students seeking a unique education grounded in the Colorado experience. We will work to honor our history, embrace our roots and remain relevant and vital as we were 60 years ago.

On October 24 and 25th, we will have an opportunity to share the pride we feel in our college and in our collective work to enhance student lives (taken from CNCC's statement of Mission) when we are visited by our Higher Learning Commission Team for ten-year reaffirmation of our accreditation.

Soon after, we will begin work within our divisions to identify strategies and KPIs to achieve strategic plan goals. Plan priorities and goals will include academic program expansion to meet the needs of the workforce and residents pursuing high need, high pay jobs; attracting and retaining students who value our programs and embrace our identity which incorporates nature and the outdoors in student learning; and a continued commitment to community collaboration in identifying and solving local and regional issues together.

To prepare for both and to collectively take stock in the importance of this time in our history, we all received invitations to attend one of two data summits on each campus. In Craig these sessions will be held on October 17th and in Rangely they will be held on October 18th. If you have questions regarding what you might expect, please ask Kelly Scott or me.

I want to thank our communities, neighbors, and friends for 60 great years, but most of all, I wish to thank each of you for being the heart and soul of our College, creating an unmatched teaching and learning experience and working with purpose and intention. I look forward to serving you for years to come.







# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 13th  
STARTS at 1:15 pm**

**Special Performance by Rangely High School Choir**

**White River Village, 410 N. White Avenue  
In the Commons Area**

## **Food and Drinks Provided**



# Yampa-White-Green River Roundtable Talks of Efforts to Protect Colorado River

*Special to the Review*

BY PATRICK STANKO

You cannot look at the news today and not see a story on the Colorado River and its low flows and levels of the two major reservoirs in the United States. The Colorado River systems supply water for 40 million people and the livelihood of many farmers, ranchers, recreationists, and tribes. Solutions to the lower flows and higher demands on the Colorado River are being sought by federal, state, and local agencies. The goal of the nine Colorado roundtables is to drive solutions from the bottom up for this and the other 8 compact demands Colorado is facing. To find out more about all of Colorado Interstate Water Compacts please visit: <https://www.watereducationcolorado.org/publications-and-radio/citizen-guides/citizens-guide-to-colorados-interstate-compacts/>

Your local roundtable is the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable (YWG BRT) which brings together 36 local water users and stakeholders together to drive local solutions up to the state and federal levels. These stakeholders represent water providers, municipalities, and industrial, recreational, environmental, and agricultural communities. They work together to collaborative find solutions to water supply gaps using a committee structure. The Big River committee reviews the issues facing the Colorado River and how it would affect the Yampa, White, and Green Rivers and provides the full YWG BRT with positions and white papers. The Grants Committee reviews Colorado State grant requests for projects that could help reduce the water supply gaps within the basin. This funding has helped projects like the Maybell Canal, the City of Craig White Water Park, the White River Algae study, Walker Ditch Headgate, the Crosho Simon Dam outlet replacement, and other projects. Please refer to the YWB BRT website [yampawhitegreen.com](http://yampawhitegreen.com).

The YWG BRT drives this bottom-up collaboration to the state level through the Basin Implementation Plan and the Inter-basin Compact Committee (IBCC). The Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) was released by the YWG BRT back in 2015 and updated in 2021. The BIP has the eight goals of the YWG BRT to reduce the water supply gaps in the basin. Also included in this plan are the activities to meet those goals, the changing challenges in the basin, and a list of projects that if implemented could reduce the supply gaps the basin is facing. A total of 84 projects are listed at an estimated cost of 650 million. The IBCC is a committee made up of two representatives from each roundtable plus governor appointments to review and coordinate efforts to address water supply gaps and issues facing the state.

All this local collaboration has led to the update to the Colorado Water Plan which is scheduled to be released on January 24, 2023. The Colorado Water Plan has four action areas: Vibrant Communities, Thriving Watersheds, Resilient Planning, and Robust Agriculture. CWCB also in the plan has identified 50 CWCB partner actions that can help support the water plan and 50 agency actions that CWCB and collaborating agencies will take to support local projects, conservation, and wise-water development. To find out more about the water planning effort locally and at the state level please visit the CWCB website [cwcb.colorado.gov](http://cwcb.colorado.gov)

## The TANK Center for Sonic Arts Awarded Grant

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

As announced on September 27th, The TANK Center for Sonic Arts, is a recipient of a grant from the Colorado Creates Grant Program. This grant is part of Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), which is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). A total of 121 grants were awarded. The overall total of the grants awarded is \$834,500.00. These funds were awarded to arts organization and communities across 28 Colorado counties. 46% of the grant funds were awarded to rural communities. The recipient category that received the highest number of grants represented Colorado's smallest arts and cultural organization – those operating with less than \$100,000.00 annually.

Per OEDIT's website, "Colorado Creates is CCI's oldest grant program, providing critical financial support to nonprofit cultural organizations and government agencies of all sizes as they produce arts and cultural activities that enhance quality of life and bring jobs to their communities. As part of the award, grant recipients will be eligible for a second round of funding within 12 months after submitting a mid-cycle report. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and the next application deadline for Colorado Creates is spring 2023"

A huge congratulations to The TANK!





WRB Rec and Park District Christmasfest

CARRIAGE RIDES

Wildlife Expressions Taxidermy

1485 LaMesa Circle

Friday - December 9, 2022 5:00 - 8:00pm

Chili

Hot Chocolate

Hot Dogs

Open Fire

S'mores



Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Christmas Music



The WRB Rec and Park District is excited to offer FREE carriage rides again this year! JR Carriage Service will be bringing over a beautiful carriage and horses for a Christmas experience to remember. Wildlife Expressions Taxidermy will be offering FREE chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a warm fire for roasting S'mores.

This event is 100% outdoors so please dress accordingly.

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- 2. \_\_\_\_ out (withdraws)
- 3. Word in a Doris Day tune
- 4. Little sacks of leaves
- 5. Airport porters
- 6. Aid in crime
- 7. Pig, in the Flintstones' kitchen
- 8. Early 30-ton computer
- 10. Door opener?
- 11. Jewish month before Nisan
- 12. One of Columbus' three ships
- 13. "Goodness gracious!"
- 24. Celeste or Ian
- 26. "Direct" ending
- 27. Insect feelers
- 29. Mother-of-pearl
- 30. A tide
- 32. "Famouse potatoes" state
- 33. Thirteen, to some bakers
- 34. What the hillbilly batter did?
- 37. Vehicle at a stand
- 40. Empire State Building climber
- 42. Outfielder's call
- 45. Title of respect
- 47. Stuck-up sort
- 50. Immature
- 52. Hunter, at times
- 54. Dry white Italian wine
- 56. Jewish rite of circumcision
- 57. The "non-existent" contraction
- 58. "Sweet 16" org.
- 60. Soften, as chocolate
- 62. Skin orifice
- 63. Green feeling?
- 64. Pre-Easter purchases

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By Jerry J. Billings

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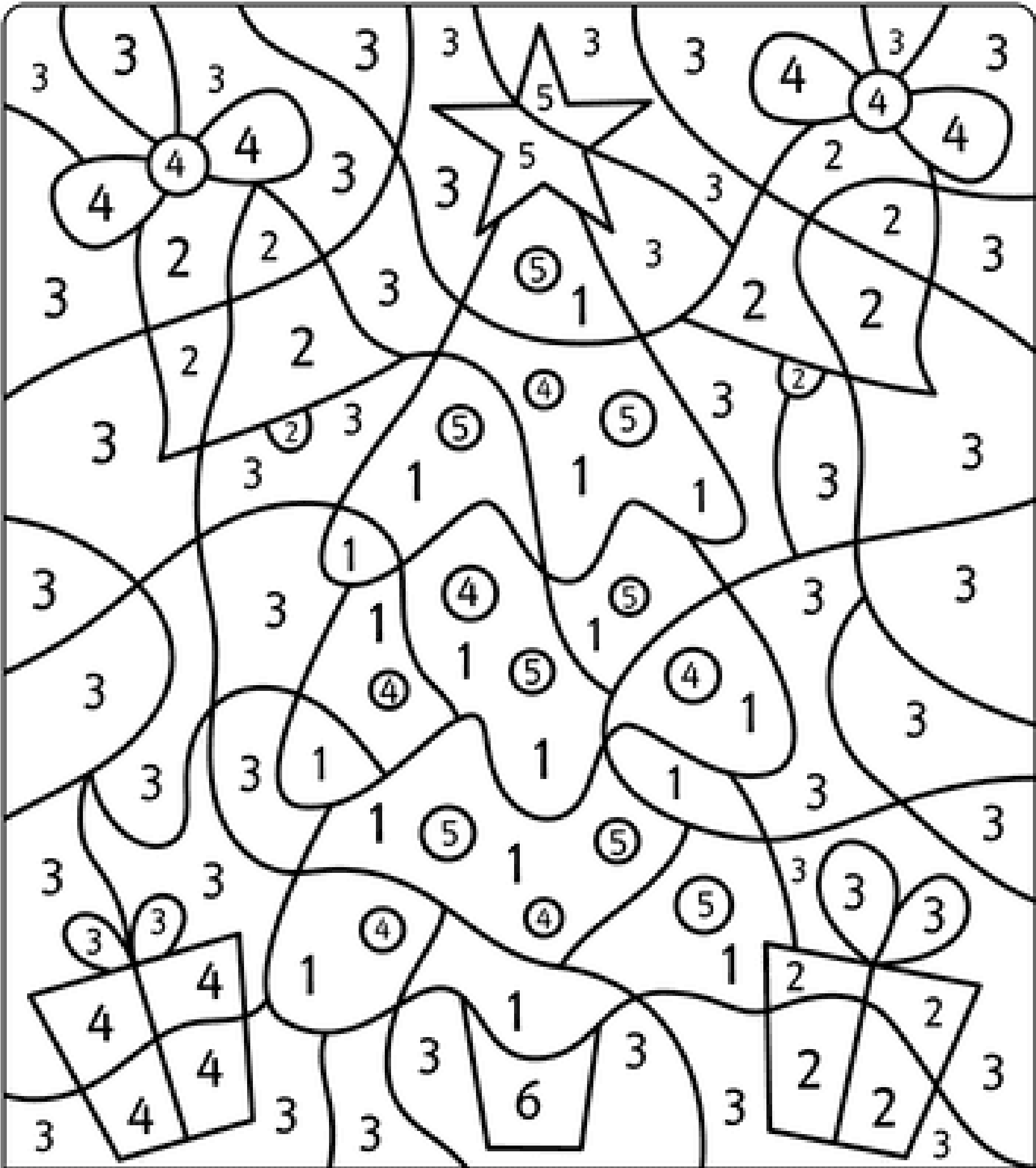
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- 17. Dog found in the pound
- 18. New York canal
- 19. Grandma, affectionately
- 20. Easy \_\_\_\_
- 21. A life, in Aspen
- 22. Alumnus, for short
- 23. "Say \_\_\_\_" (dentist request)
- 25. Pungent-smelling
- 27. Forrest Gump's forte
- 31. Abstains from
- 35. By way of
- 36. Winter fall
- 38. Aid one's alma mater
- 39. Eat an ice cream cone, e.g.
- 41. You can't tell if she's coming or going?
- 43. Strip in the Middle East
- 44. City of Light
- 46. Mischievous type
- 48. Coop resident
- 49. Affording a view
- 51. Comprehension
- 55. Geological time
- 56. River border
- 59. Weaver's tool
- 61. Mended temporarily
- 65. San Juan, Puerto \_\_\_\_

- 66. Emit amplified light
- 67. Subtle sarcasm
- 68. "Back \_\_\_\_ hour" (shop sign)
- 69. Quarter-miler's path
- 70. Launch a tennis ball
- 71. Bachelor's party
- 72. Flogging memento
- 73. Some playing cards

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Kids Corner



CHRISTMAS COLOR BY NUMBER

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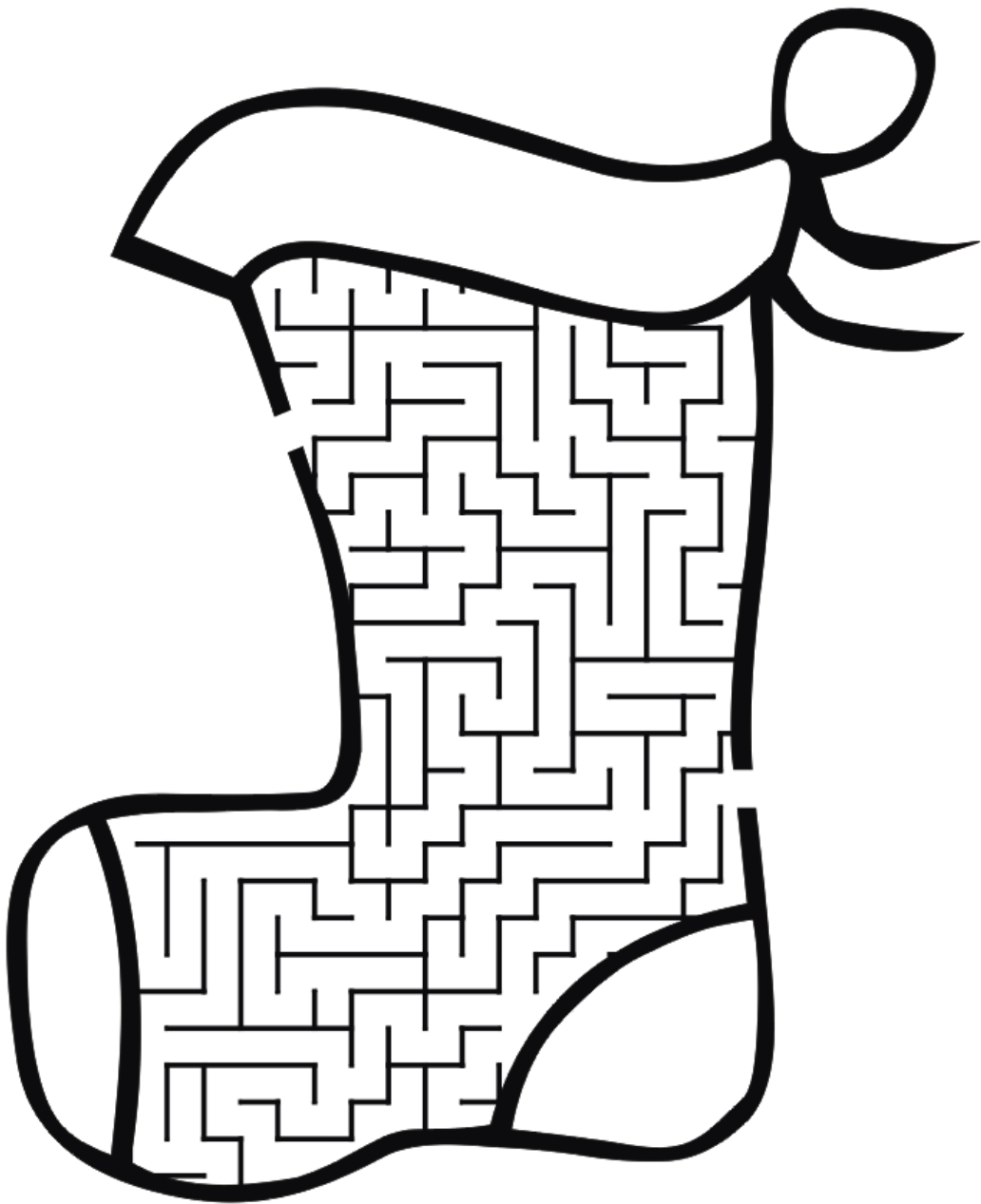
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Christmas Word Search



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Christmas Jokes!

Decode each one for the answers to the jokes.

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Where does Christmas come before Halloween?

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What falls but never gets hurt?

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