

The Most Wonderful Time of Year



BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The most wonderful time of the year was a true success this year!! Excitement was in the air everywhere! Rangely kicked off the season with an amazing Parade of Lights, hot chocolate and cookies, as well as the Town Christmas Tree Lighting! What great traditions!

Santa showed up for the Town Christmas Tree Lighting to light the tree! Those attending were fortunate to hear music from a children's choir as well as a musical solo from Samantha Granger! The Rangely Regional Library treated everyone to hot chocolate and cookies before and after the tree lighting! Santa also made a stop at the official "Rangely Letters to Santa Mailbox" to pick up letters!

The Town of Rangely would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy this special time with family and friends!



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Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

I appreciate the opportunity to share with the community what is happening at the hospital each quarter. It seems like the days, weeks, and months are flying by faster than you can blink. First, I would like to give thanks to our board members for their service, providers who provide excellent care, administration, and dedicated employees. Second, I'll give an update on a new service line for cardiopulmonary rehab. Finally, a brief update on the surgery construction project.

We have a great Board of Directors who dedicate their time each month to board meetings and spend hours reviewing the board packet and budget. They have a diverse background. This makes my job tough, but the reality is it creates an environment for great discussions and an opportunity to evaluate what is best for our community. I would like to thank Ron Granger, former President of CNCC, for his support over the last few years. Ron stepped down as a Board Member in October. He also served as a hospital board representative on the Foundation Board of Directors. His expertise was vital to the board, and his position will be hard to fill. Keith Peterson is our President, Diane Sizemore is our Vice President, and Brad Casto is our Treasurer, and Wes White Board Member. We have one vacancy. If anyone is interested in being part of the Rangely Hospital Board, reach out to Jodi Dillon here at the hospital.



We have great providers that care about you and your family. Dr. Tyler Morwood is the Chief of Staff. He came to Rangely a few years ago with Kaitlyn, his wife, right out of residency, and I tasked him with a lot of responsibilities. He took on those responsibilities and continues to grow in his role. I appreciate his commitment to RDH. Dr. Tyson Torgersen came a year later and added strength to our provider base. He also came out of residency with a lot of experience. Kelsey Riggio PA, Vivian Dillon NP, and Laramie Chandler NP round out the clinic provider staff. Dr. Krueger, Dr. Daniel, Dr. Sutton, and Dr Hsu rotate for ER coverage. All are dedicated to providing high-quality care for the community. Walk-ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the clinic at 970-675-2237.

We will be having an open house late in January for a couple of our new service lines. Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation will open on December 6, 2023. I'm excited for this to happen. I would like to thank the Respiratory Department for their diligence in setting up the program. Rob Satterly was instrumental in creating the policies and heading up the project. I appreciate Zach McCormick, Respiratory Director, and Doug Dillon's support with the program as well. The surgery suite is on track to be completed in the first part of January. We have been teaming up with Community Hospital and Dr. Andrew Morse. They have been awesome in their support of our staff. We will release the dates soon for the open house. I would like to invite the community to walk through the new surgery suite after it is finished. If you have any questions regarding the project, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your support of Rangely District Hospital throughout this year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We would like to invite you to our Foundation's New Years Mixer on December 31, 2023 at 9pm.

Return of the Plunge was a Success

BY CANDRA ROBIE

Polar Plunge was held on November 18th. Last year this event was unable to run. This year the Rangely Chamber and the Rangely Police Department changed things up to gather more community interest. This year all of the money raised from the Polar Plunge stayed local to help our Rangely families this winter.

There were 11 jumpers this year, including our youngest jumpers, Connor Dillon at age 8 and Savannah Skelton age 11. Many people turned out this year to support our jumpers and raise money for Rangely. The money raised also included a \$2,000 donation from Colorado Housing and Financial Authority (CHFA). We want to thank Margie Joy and her team at CHFA for this kind donation and all of our supporters in this wonderful event. The final amount raised was \$2,300. \$1,150 will go to the Rangely Resource Pantry and \$1,150 will go to WARM, our local utilities assistance program. Thank you again for keeping Rangely warm and fed this winter.



Act of Kindness

Special to the Review

The Rangely Police Department recently highlighted on their social media an amazing little girl in our community named Maylee. Maylee came to the Police Department on November 27th with a bag full of gifts she purchased with her own money to give to kids in need during this holiday season. Her generosity to the community is truly inspiring, so the Rangely Review wanted to make sure she was acknowledged for her act of kindness! Thank you Maylee for being a good human!

The world needs more people like Maylee! Thank you for being a great example to our community and for serving those in need! We hope you continue to inspire others with your kindness.



Photo Courtesy: Rangely Police Department

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

CNCC to Offer Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene

BY LISA WESTHOFF

This January Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) will begin offering a Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) in Dental Hygiene. The BAS in Dental Hygiene is the first ever bachelor's degree being offered at CNCC which historically has focused on career and technical education programing, two-year associate degrees, and two-year transfer programs.

“This is Colorado Northwestern’s first ever Bachelor’s Degree, coming from its most historic program. Dental Hygiene has been a part of CNCC’s programming since the 1960’s and the department is considered one of the best in the nation. This new, 4-year degree is a tribute to the history and excellence of the Dental Hygiene program at our college.” said Keith Peterson, Vice President of Instruction.

The announcement of the BAS in Dental Hygiene is the culmination or several years of hard work by CNCC’s Dental Hygiene Department. They have worked closely with students, and industry leaders, to ensure the program meets the needs of the students and changes happening within the dental hygiene field.

“Industry standards are starting to move to bachelors as entry-level hygienist. The CNCC BAS program will allow graduates a greater scope and more opportunities in the dental world.” said Tiffany Douglas, Dental Hygiene Program Director.

CNCC received final sign-off on the program by its accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), this fall following and intensive review process this past spring where HLC representative met with program faculty and staff to assess plans and program rigor.

“For me, the approval provided to offer the BAS is just one additional example of the quality of our program and the respect it has in the industry.” said Lisa Jones, President of Colorado Northwestern Community College.

On the recommendations of HLC, Lisa Westhoff was hired as the Program Coordinator and lead Instructor over the summer to manage and put the final pieces in place for the spring launch. In that process she has worked hard to make sure the courses meet the modern needs and emerging trends in this ever-changing industry.

Lisa Westhoff, Program Coordinator and Lead Instructor said, “What sets this program apart is its unique blend of business and healthcare courses, offering dental hygienists a diverse range of career opportunities beyond clinical practice. Designed with working professionals in mind, this asynchronous online degree allows hygienists to continue their careers while expanding their horizons in leadership, education, research, and more, ultimately supporting their pivotal role in breaking down healthcare barriers.”

The Dental Hygiene program will begin with a soft launch of the BAS program in the Spring 2024 semester with a limited number of students. The full launch of the BAS in Dental Hygiene will occur in the fall of 2024. The program will consist of nine 8-week courses taught over three semesters with the third semester culminating with a capstone project. To enroll students must have completed an associate’s degree in Dental Hygiene from a CODA accredited institution.

Registration for CNCC’s spring semester is now open. To learn more about CNCC’s Bachelors of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene or to apply scan the QR code.



TREAD, A Colorado Main Street Program

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The TREAD Main Street Program takes great pride in our community. We want to see the community continue to maintain those things that make Rangely awesome, maintain our history and most importantly our way of life. However, we also want to maintain the beauty around town and of course add to it as we can. Several months ago, we began designing new billboards for each end of



town, as well as a smaller version of the same banner for a couple of areas on the inside of town. We wanted the billboards to represent who we are as a community; all we have to offer and how much there is to discover in the miles and miles of wide-open spaces. A photo of the new billboard as well as the one being replaced is attached. We hope you enjoy the billboards and feel like they represent your favorite town well. We feel this is Rangely at its best.



Grandparents, Friends and Family Day in Rangely

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

One of the grandest parts of being a “Grand” parent is the joy it brings! Nothing makes a Grandparent happier than spending time with their little ones at school. On November 20th Rangely School District hosted “Grandparents, Friends, and Family Day for Kindergarten through fifth grade. The students were able to introduce their teachers, provide tours of their classroom, show off their lockers and talk about daily happenings. A lot of games were played, crafts were completed but most of all memories were made.

I was very fortunate to attend this wonderful day with my Granddaughter Baylor. We made great memories together. Until Baylor and her mom moved to town I had never lived in the same town with a grandchild. This made the day even more special.

Aside from my personal joy, I took a moment to look around the room to see what was happening with the other kids. I was so impressed with our community as there were children at the school who didn’t have grandparents living locally, or who were unable to attend for one reason or another. Many locals stepped up to the plate and those students either had “other” family members attend or “adoptive grandparents” attend. Everyone was smiling and happy. No one was left out. This says so much for the residents that live in our small community. There is no place better! Thank you for being good humans and for making our small town a great place to reside!

Thank you, Rangely School District, for making this day possible! Just another thing to be grateful for during this “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!”



Photos Courtesy:Rangely School District

Rangely Community Garden

BY JANET MILLER

Do you love to garden? Would you like to learn more about gardening? The Rangely Community Garden is a great place to meet like-minded people who love spending time outside gardening. The Garden provides plots for rent to Rangely residents who either don't have the space or just prefer to garden with others who have the same interests. It is a great way to stay motivated throughout the season when you can garden with a friend.

As of October 11, there is new leadership for the Community Garden. Janet Miller and Carrie Fouch are currently serving on the board and are seeking motivated community members to join and help steer the garden in the direction needed to grow and to help those in need. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Town Hall beginning at 5:30. We would love to have you join us!

At the November meeting, there were some goals set for the 2024 season. One of the Garden's trademark events that has been missed by the community is the Pumpkin patch. In years past the Garden grew pumpkins and offered them to the children in the community for Halloween. This Fall activity was something that the children looked forward to and enjoyed. We are excited to announce that we will be returning to this tradition and will be growing pumpkins for the children this growing season. If you would like to help sponsor the pumpkin giveaway, help with the planting or care of the pumpkin patch, please reach out to Janet Miller or Carrie Fouch. We would love to see you in the pumpkin patch this summer!

The Garden's second goal for the year is the Children's Garden. This is an area that was dedicated to teaching children about growing their very own garden. Unfortunately, this area was overgrown with weeds and has not been used in years. We will be fundraising to install new garden beds in this area for the children. Teaching children about plants is an integral part of our focus at Community Garden. Children love playing in the dirt and watching plants grow. People of all ages can enjoy gardening, but children in particular not only love gardening, but they gain special benefits from doing it. It is educational and helps children develop new skills like:

- Responsibility— learning that plants will die if they are not watered and taken care of
- Self-confidence – from achieving their goals and enjoying the food they have grown
- Love of nature – a chance to learn about being outdoors in a safe and fun place
- Physical activity – doing something that is fun and productive at the same time
- Cooperation— teamwork is fun and important
- Creativity and decision making— deciding what plants to grow and where to grow them
- Nutrition – learning that food doesn't come from the store, but comes from the earth

Children are our future, and the Community Garden will continue in the tradition of teaching them the joys of gardening and providing a space at the Garden where they can play, get dirty, have fun, and learn! If you are interested in participating, volunteering, donating, or helping in any way, please contact us.



Board Members Needed

**Do you love gardening? Do you want to help your community?
Join the Board and help steer the Community Garden.**

**Meetings are the first Wednesday of each Month at
5:30pm at Town Hall**

**Letters of interest should be sent to Janet Miller
at jmiller@rangelyco.gov**

Dark Skies in Rangely

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Residents of the Town of Rangely are very fortunate to live in an area where you can view the Milky Way from your front porch. When the Comet Neowise was closest to earth on July 23, 2022, anyone who wanted to view the comet in Rangely could do so from their front or back porch. My husband and I took great photos from our deck! And, just a few months ago we photographed the Aurora Borealis from our deck, which was quite a unique viewing experience.

Dark skies are a treasure and are sought after by stargazers not only throughout the country but throughout the world. They are worth protecting.

The Town of Rangely submitted a preapplication to obtain a dark skies designation with International Dark Skies. We were approved. Also, Rangely was one of seven communities in the state of Colorado to be chosen to be part of the Colorado Tourism Dark Sky Certification Mentor Program wherein we will receive 70 hours of consulting to advance our efforts toward dark sky certification.

We are very excited to get others in the community involved in moving this exciting effort forward.



Meet the Watsons

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Welcome to Rangely Seth and Isadora Watson! Mrs. Watson and her husband moved to Rangely from Craig, Colorado. Craig is Mrs. Watson’s hometown. Mr. Watson is originally from Joseph, Oregon.

Mrs. Watson is teaching third grade at Parkview Elementary. She is currently working on her eighth year of teaching. Some of her favorite things to do are paddle boarding and camping with her husband. She also enjoys painting and crafting. Mr. Watson joined the Rangely School District as a math teacher at the Rangely Junior/Senior High School. He is also the high school head boys basketball coach. Mr. Watson enjoys watching sports, camping, fishing, and video gaming. We are very excited to have these two in Rangely!



Photo Courtesy: Rangely School District

Two Girls, One Small Town Podcast

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL AND KATIE DILLON

We would like to thank everyone who participated in and listened to Season Two of Two Girls, One Small Town. We had so much fun chatting with so many locals! We were able to produce about 15 episodes! We had a great time chatting about the history of Rangely and of course sharing all the treasures our small community has to offer.

We will be taking a short pause from the Podcast to enjoy this special time of year. We will begin Season Three in January with a date to be announced by the first week of January.

Just a reminder, you can still listen to previous episodes. We are on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts as well as Amazon. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram

So, until 2024, enjoy YOUR time with YOUR family and friends! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And as always BE A GOOD HUMAN!



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Special Guest During Storytime

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

Miss Rita and her Storytime kiddos were treated to a special surprise at Storytime during Fire Prevention Week. Fire Chief, Jasper Whiston brought a fire truck and demonstrated just about every bell and whistle on it including the lights, sirens and even extended the ladder to show how high up it goes. The Fire Department provided everyone with a frisbee and a fire prevention coloring book. Miss Rita had fire hats on hand for them to wear during the demonstration that they got to take home with them.

Miss Rita has Storytime year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. She always has fun stories, a costume and of course snacks and a craft to take home. You never know when she will have special guests such as Fire Chief Whiston. All ages are welcome!

The Library has a huge selection (over 26,000) of books, movies and audio books. If we don't have what we are looking for, most of the time we are able to borrow it in from another Library in the state. There is a computer lab with printing available to the public-not to mention free Wi-Fi. Patrons are also able to send/receive faxes and scan documents. Library staff is able to perform small laminate jobs.

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

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



Death Notice: Jeffery Houston Peacock, of Rangely CO Passed away on 10/07/2023 in Grand Junction CO. A Graveside service was held on 10/14 by the family in the Rangely Cemetery

Oktoberfest a Success

BY CANDRA ROBIE

Fall has been an incredibly busy time at the Rangely Chamber office. In October the Chamber was able to bring back Oktoberfest. This event was a week-long event with the White River Knife Show, held at the Rangely Outdoor Museum, kicking things off. There was such great participation in this 2nd annual event. There were three Forged in Fire Champions that attended the event, including Rangely's own, Jarrod Fiscus. There were forge demonstrations, tomahawk throwing and wonderful vendors that are already excited to come back next year.

During the week there were pumpkin carving contests, mini haunted house contests and a scarecrow contest. Our winners for the pumpkin carving contest: Tucker Raby, Morgan Raby & Rylee Robie.

Winners for the mini haunted house contest: Morgan Raby, Tucker Raby & Charles Raby.



Winners for the scarecrow contest: Melanie Paff & Gracie Morris, long-term care patients at Rangely District Hospital, Town of Rangely, & Rangely Police Department.

We were able to bring two new escape rooms this year with Blackbeard's Treasure & Mystery Manor. To end the week-long events of Oktoberfest, vendors joined us in Elks Park at Kevin Poole Memorial Field. A custom 5k kicked off the morning and ended at the park for vendors and free carriage rides. We had over 20 vendors, 3 food trucks, Smoking River Brewery, Coaches Corner providing wine, El Agave with their signature margarites and The Elks 1907 providing domestic beer for the event. This was a very successful event and we can't wait to grow in years to come.





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Regional Meat Sector Feasibility Study Presented at NW Colorado Meat Sector Meeting

(Northwest Colorado) Colorado State University Extension (CSU), Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC), and Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA) will host a regional NW Colorado Meat Sector Meeting on Friday, November 10th at 1:00 pm in the conference room at CNCC Craig Campus, 2801 W. 9th St. Craig, CO 81625.

The regional meeting will look at how to grow the food ecosystem in Northwest Colorado to diversify the regional economy in light of the sunsetting of coal. The Just Transition Fund (JTF), a national philanthropic initiative that supports coal-impacted communities, awarded CAA a \$25,000 grant to conduct a regional meat feasibility study in partnership with CSU and NWCDC. At the meeting, CSU will present the findings of the feasibility study that identifies the barriers that limit the growth of the agricultural sector in Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties.

“The Just Transition Fund was very pleased to support this feasibility study, the results of which will equip the Northwest Colorado Development Council and its community partners to apply for federal funding,” said Heidi Binko, the Just Transition Fund’s executive director and co-founder. “Communities and organizations have unprecedented opportunities to leverage federal funding, but there are barriers to access. This is why the JTF launched its Federal Access Center to provide financial and technical support to remove some of these barriers.”

The study reports what we heard in interviews with ranchers and consumers to business owners and policymakers to enact change and create a food ecosystem that supports more value-added agricultural and food processing activities. Value-added activities involve further processing or packaging raw agricultural products to help earn more money for family farms. For example, ranchers can package beef and sell directly to consumers or further process it into jerky or sausage.

“Agriculture in large part has shaped how Northwest Colorado was settled, and we love and appreciate the rural landscape we have today,” said Tim Redmond, NWCDC Chair and Routt County Commissioner. “However, times change, and agriculture changes with it. The meat sector feasibility study we have in front of us today, helps us see what opportunities and innovations ag producers are seeking. This study can help align resources and people for the future ag landscape in Colorado.”

The feasibility study was used by CAA to support the expansion of its new retail store in downtown Steamboat Springs. CAA purchased a building to enlarge the local food market, freezer and cooler storage, and organizational offices. Plans and new fundraising efforts are underway to provide

UPCOMING
RANGELY
Events

December 15 thru
February 31, 2024

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| 16 DEC | ELKS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY | 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM Ages birth TO 12 at Elks Lodge |
| 31 DEC | NEW YEAR'S EVE MIXER HOSTED BY RDH FOUNDATION | At The Gathering Place \$25 Per Person, 21+, ID Required Food, Drinks, Music, Games Reserve your tickets at (970) 675-5011, ext. 116 |
| 10 FEB | GRAB Crack Hosted by Rangely Chamber | Theme is "Masquerade." Held at CNCC - Weiss Building Cocktail Hour is 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Dinner, Chamber Awards & Raffle 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm |



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Rangely's Community
Calendar

Partnership with Town of Dinosaur

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN

The Rangely Police Department is excited to announce a new partnership with the Town of Dinosaur! Starting January 1st, 2024, the Rangely Police Department will be providing dispatch services for the Dinosaur Marshal's Office through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Due to the close proximity to the Town of Dinosaur we already receive the majority of the 911 calls from the citizens of Dinosaur. We then transfer those to the Colorado State Patrol Communication Center in Craig.

Rangely Police Department's dispatch services for the Dinosaur Marshal's Office will include 911 and non-emergent phone calls and mutual aid for emergent/non-emergent Officer requested assistance between both Towns.

This partnership has been a long time coming and just makes sense. The Town of Dinosaur and Town of Rangely already share some resources and have been doing so for years.



- The Towns are only approximately 18 miles apart.
- Both Towns are in the far west ends of their counties and have limited resources.
- Children from the Town of Dinosaur attend school in the Rangely School District.
- Rangely District Hospital is the Town of Dinosaur's nearest hospital.
- Both Towns share a workforce.
- The Artesia Fire Department trains often with the Rangely Fire District.
- The Rangely Police Department has trained with the Dinosaur Marshal's Office in the past in several areas.
- The Dinosaur Marshals Office has participated in Rangely Community events such as National Night out and the annual Freedom March.

By providing "local" dispatch services and manpower during emergencies that both Towns often encounter with limited resources, we are able to strengthen public safety on both west ends of Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties.

This partnership was partially made possible by the Rangely Communication Center's very much needed and recent equipment update.

- In the summer of 2021, we updated the 800-radio system from a very outdated Zetron system to a new modern Motorola system. This upgrade helped improve and stabilize radio communication as new technology in the field emerged.
- In November of 2023 we upgraded our 911 phone lines with next gen technology through Central Square. This very much needed equipment upgrade improved the quality and location accuracy of 911 phone calls, many that came from the Town of Dinosaur already.
- In the summer of 2024, the Rangely Police Department will also be upgrading the last of the equipment needs by upgrading our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Record Management System (RMS), also with Central Square.

The Rangely Police Department is very excited to start this partnership with the Dinosaur Marshals Office!

October Crossword Results

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Rangely Days Gone By



Student of the Month

Rangely High School's STUDENT OF THE MONTH for December is Miss Nettie AuMiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry AuMiller of Rangely. A senior, she is top student at Rangely High. The Student of the Month is chosen on citizenship and outstanding work in contributing to one of the following areas: (1) Helping to improve the community, (2) Helping to improve the school and (3) Helping the student body.



Epsilon Chi Sorority Donates TV To Hospital

(Left to right) Betty Gilbow, Gail Palmer, Joan Young, Martha Mitche, President Abbie Davis, Eldrid Hilkey, Mr. Anderson, Irene Murphy, Dorothy Collins, Wilma Winn and Mary Lou Angus at presentation.

4 The Rangely Times, February 1, 1973 Halcomb-Fairchild



On January 6 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Miss Brenda Halcomb and Robert Alan Fairchild were united in marriage. The candle-light ceremony was performed by Rev. George Menge.

Miss Halcomb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Halcomb and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fairchild, all of Rangely. The bride wore a floor-length empire gown of white French organza

with long sheer sleeves. The neck, cuffs of sleeves and pleated ruffle bordering the skirt had scalloped edging and the headpiece was trimmed in scalloped edging and pearls. The bride also carried a cascade bouquet of colored carnations and mums. Maid of honor was Miss Debbie Halcomb. She wore a floor-length multi-colored flower dress of crepe and carried a bouquet of purple and white carnations and mums. The two bridesmaids, Danna Halcomb and Kathy Sparks of Fort Collins, wore floor-length multi-colored flower dresses of crepe and carried bouquets of green and white carnations and mums. Mark Row was best man and groomsmen were Gary Staley and Bob Davies of Fort Collins. The bride was given away by her father. The alter was decorated with four baskets of multi-colored flowers and candles. A reception followed immediately after the ceremony in the church. The couple honeymooned in Phoenix, Arizona and they are now making their home in Rangely.

Powell now Parachutes

Dinosaur -- Corky Powell Jr. after serving with the 1st 75th Ranger Battalion, 3rd 75th Ranger Battalion and 75th Ranger Regimental Headquarter a total of ten years has been selected as a member of the prestigious Golden Knights Parachute Team.

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights is headquartered at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. To the World, this team has served as a shining example of the American Military and its dedication to success in its every endeavor.

Powell is a 1988 graduate of Rangely High School. He is the son of Cork and Arlene Powell, Dinosaur, CO. Maternal grandparents, Charles and Vivian Gabrielson, Paternal grandparents, Ila Powell and



the late Les Powell of Rangely and brothers, Cameron (Chris), Les and Damon.



Births

Phyllis Goddard. Wesley's great-grandmothers are Leona Hazelwood and Helen Covalt.

Out-of-Town Births

Kirsten and Kordel Hoffman

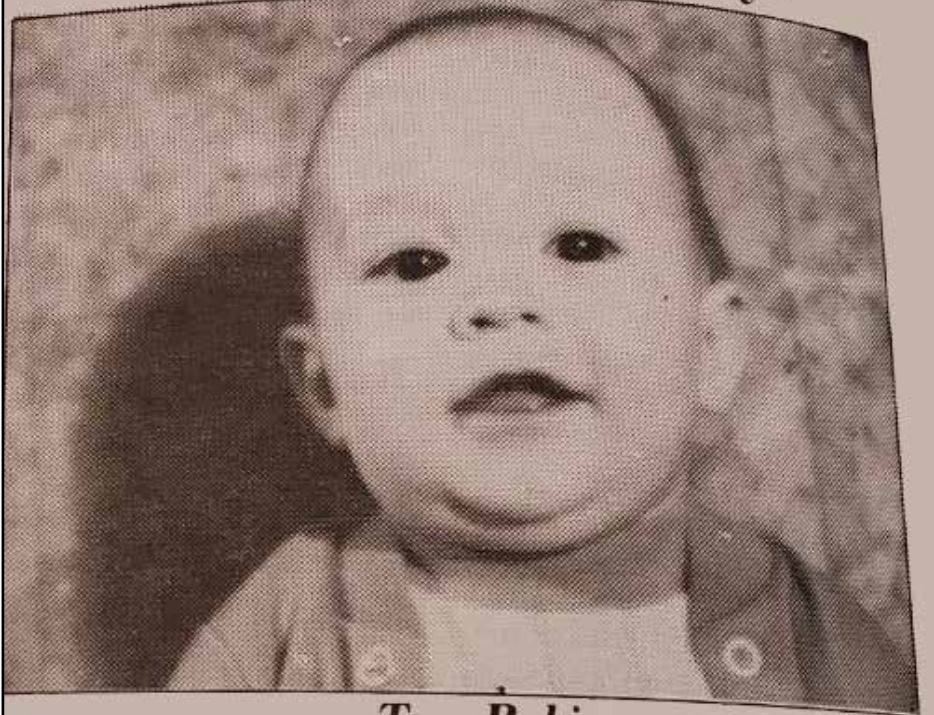
Kelsey Hoffman of Santa Maria, Calif. would like to announce the arrival of her new sister, Kirsten Mahaley, 6 lbs. 12 oz., and new brother, Kordel Joshua, 4 lbs. ½ oz., on June 19, 1996. Proud parents are Jon and Dawn Hoffman.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Sharon Conrad of Rangely, Colo. Paternal grandparents are Marybelle Hoffman of Wheatridge, Colo. and Carl and Barbara Hoffman of Loveland, Colo.

Wesley Lane Goddard
Madonna Wilczek and Greg Goddard are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Wesley Lane. The infant, welcomed home by his big brother, Zachary Goddard, weighed 8 lb. 11 oz. and was 21 in. long.

The proud grandparents are Lois Wilczek and Gordon and

Congratulations, Trey!



Trey Robie

Donnell Robie III, (Trey) is the Grand Prize Winner in the Beautiful Baby Contest sponsored by the "Giant Step Preschool and Child Care Center." There were five very "beautiful" babies in the final stage of this contest and we would like to thank the community for voting and supporting this contest.

Trey and his family will receive the following prizes from businesses in Rangely. From Bestway, a gift certificate; from Cutters, a hair cut; from The Exchange, a gift certificate; from the FlowerSmith, flowers; from The Harris Inn, one dozen donuts; from Korner Drug, a gift certificate; from Tina Musso, a 8x10 color picture of Trey; from Mr. "S" Clothing, a gift certificate; from Video America, free movie rental, and from Rio Blanco State Bank, a \$25 Savings Bond.

For information about Giant Step Preschool or Child Care, call 675-2671.

A Letter from President Jones

Dear Community Friends,

As this year ends, I take time to reflect on all the reasons we may have to be thankful. For some, it is their health, for others, it is the beauty of our environment and the ability to enjoy the nature around us. Others may be thankful for their families and the love shared between them, their partners, and friends.

This year, at CNCC, has been filled with gifts granted and received, opportunities given and shared, teaching and learning imparted and support offered and embraced. For these, we are thankful.

We experienced three successful accreditation visits, were approved to begin our first Bachelor’s degree program (in Dental Hygiene - the new program opens in the Fall of 2024), were awarded millions in funds to improve our infrastructure, opened our new coffee shop “Sparty’s Brewed Awakening”, received insights from Dr. Denise Henning, Professor at the UNC-Wilmington who met with our employees and student as we continue our efforts to remain warm and welcoming as a college community.

In an effort to show our appreciation to members of our College and surrounding community, we held an event on November 11, 2023 called “The Grateful Gathering”. Participants enjoyed an intercollegiate basketball game, followed by arts and crafts, and capped off with a Thanksgiving Dinner shared with CNCC students, employees, and members of the community. As it was also Veteran’s Day, so we shared our thanks for the men and women who have served our country along with their families who have provided them with support.

Elections were held this November for two seats on our Rangely District Junior College Board (RJCD). Ms. Ann Brady, long term community leader and public servant, reached the end of her term eligibility. She ended her tenure with RJCD as President of the Board. We wish to thank Ms. Brady for her years of outstanding service to the people of Rangely in this role and to the College. Gratefully, Ms. Brady will continue to serve on CNCC’s Foundation Board and Advisory Council. New to the Board is Ms. Diane Sizemore, former Chamber volunteer of the year and winner of many other community leadership awards. She is a graduate and former employee of CNCC and serves on the Rangely District Hospital Board. Mr. Bart Nielsen has stepped in as the new Board President and other board members include Mr. Davin Boydston, Mr. James Dillon and Mrs. Lisa Piering.

Within the next couple of weeks our semester will come to an end. I want to thank our remarkable faculty and staff for sharing their expertise, efforts, and care to ensure our students are provided with an exceptional educational experience and their ongoing support. I want to thank our students for showing us the power of persistence and for inspiring us to advance positive, sustainable change. Finally, I ask that you join me in the sense of gratitude I feel for being a part of this incredible college and this selfless community.

On behalf of all of us in Spartan Country, here’s wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Dr. Lisa Jones, CNCC President

20th Annual Foundation Dinner

Save the Date

April 20th, 2024

5:00pm - Arrival, Drinks and Silent Auction

6:00pm - Welcome and Dinner

7:15pm - Live Auction

Event Location: CNCC Rangely Campus in the Colorado Room

Tickets go on sale January 2nd, 2024

To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or become a 2024 sponsor contact:

Keely Ellis, Executive Director of the Foundation at (970) 675-3216 or keely.ellis@cncc.edu



PANTHER SPORTS CENTER

2023 Girls
Volley Ball
State

HONORABLE
MENTION



Annika Cantrell



2023 Boys
Cross Country

FIRST TEAM
All STATE



James Talbott



2023 Girls
Cross Country

SECOND TEAM
All STATE



Taya Wren



Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation Brings Back Rangely High School "Player of the Week"

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

The Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation with the support of Rangely High School Head Football Coach Keenan LeBleu brought back an old school RHS tradition of "Player of the Week". Head Coach Keenan selected a recipient each week who demonstrated an outstanding performance against their opponent. There were several players earning the honor multiple times. Each recipient received a custom collectible "Player of the Week" football and a "Bleed Green" bracelet.

Player of the week information can be found on the Bleen Green Lancaster website or by scanning the QR code.



2023-2024 Athletic Calendar

Utilize the QR Code below
to view the Athletic
Calendar for Rangely School
District



SPARTAN SPORTS CENTER



Dillon Hoskins



SCENIC WEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week of October 2nd.

First Spartan Soccer Player

in Program History to Win the

Award.



Jasmine Espinoza




SCENIC WEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK

Week of October 16th.


First Spartan Women's Soccer Player

in Program History to Win the Award.



Week of November 8th

SWAC
PLAYER
OF THE
WEEK





TYLER CHRISTENSEN


22 POINTS PER GAME | 7 REBOUNDS PRE GAME



For News and Athletic
Calendar for CNCC
teams, please utilize
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CNCC Athletics


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**Booster Club
Memberships Packages**

☐ Individual Membership: \$40
-Name on athletics website/ Media Mention.
-1 T-shirt

☐ Individual Plus Membership: \$65
-Name on athletics website/ Media Mention.
-1 T-shirt and 1 Lanyard
-1 Game pass
-Live Stream Season Pass

☐ Family Membership: \$230
-Family athletics pass
-up to 3 immediate family members
-Name on athletics website/ Media Mention.
-3 T-shirts and 3 Lanyards
-1 Team photo
-Live Stream Season Pass

☐ Corporate Membership: \$500
-3 Company athletic passes
-Name on athletics website/ Media Mention.
-Banner on gym wall
-2 T-shirts and 2 hats

☐ Corporate Add-Ons: \$100
Additional banner at:
Baseball Field
Softball Field
Rodeo Arena

☐ Corporate Annual Renewal \$250

Return completed form with payment to:
CNCC Foundation
500 Kennedy Dr.
Rangely, CO 81648

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SPARTANS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2023-2024 SEASON

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
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| Nov 1 (Wed) | Jump Start | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 2 (Thu) | Utah Prep | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 4 (Sat) | Adams State JV | Rangely, CO | 1:00 pm |
| Nov 10 (Fri) | Air Force Prep | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 11 (Sat) | Air Force Prep | Rangely, CO | 1:00 pm |
| Nov 17 (Fri) | Eastern Wyoming College | Ephraim, UT | 5:00 pm |
| Nov 18 (Sat) | Casper College | Ephraim, UT | 1:00 pm |
| Nov 24 (Fri) | Northeastern Junior College | Twin Falls ID | 3:00 pm |
| Nov 25 (Sat) | Western Nebraska CC | Twin Falls ID | 3:00 pm |
| Dec 1 (Fri) | Casper College | Casper, WY | 7:30 pm |
| Dec 2 (Sat) | North Idaho College | Casper, WY | 2:00 pm |
| Dec 5 (Tue) | Community Christian College | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Dec 14 (Thu) | Adams State JV | Alamosa, CO | 3:00 pm |
| Dec 28 (Thu) | Multnomah JV | Ontario, OR | TBA |
| Dec 29 (Fri) | Blue Mountain CC | Ontario, OR | TBA |
| Dec 30 (Sat) | Treasure Valley CC | Ontario, OR | TBA |
| Jan 11 (Thu) | College of Southern Nevada | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Jan 13 (Sat) | Community Christian College | Rangely, CO | 3:00 pm |
| Jan 18 (Thu) | North Idaho College | Coeur d'Alene, ID | 8:00 pm |
| Jan 20 (Sat) | College of Southern Idaho | Twin Falls, ID | 3:00 pm |
| Jan 25 (Thu) | Snow College | Ephraim, UT | 7:00 pm |
| Jan 27 (Sat) | Salt Lake Community College | Salt Lake City, UT | 3:00 pm |
| Feb 1 (Thu) | Utah State University-Eastern | Price, UT | 7:00 pm |
| Feb 8 (Thu) | Snow College | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Feb 10 (Sat) | Salt Lake Community College | Rangely, CO | 3:00 pm |
| Feb 15 (Thu) | College of Southern Nevada | Henderson, NV | 8:00 pm |
| Feb 17 (Sat) | Community Christian College | Redlands, CA | 4:00 pm |
| Feb 22 (Thu) | North Idaho College | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Feb 24 (Sat) | College of Southern Idaho | Rangely, CO | 3:00 pm |
| Feb 29 (Thu) | Utah State University-Eastern | Rangely, CO | 7:00 pm |
| Mar 8 (Fri) | Region 18 Tournament | TBA | TBA |

All games and times are subject to change. For the most current game information visit:

athletics.cncc.edu

SINGLE GAME TICKET PRICES

ADULTS \$5

CHILDREN (4-18). \$3

CHILDREN UNDER 3 FREE

CNCC STUDENTS (WITH ID). . . FREE

LIVE STREAM



SCAN ME

BECOME A SPARTAN BOOSTER

Show your support for Spartan Athletics and become a Spartan Booster. Boosters enjoy benefits such as Spartan gear, game passes, team photos, and public recognition.

To become a Spartan Booster contact **Zac Stevenson** at zachary.stevenson@cncc.edu or call **970.675.3312**.

College Planning and Visits

BY LISA JONES

Fall tends to be the time of year where most high school students (especially seniors) and parents begin thinking about college and university plans. It can be a difficult choice for students and the discussion often affects the whole family. That is why early planning is key to making the best decision. Applications for universities, especially those most selective are due typically around January 1st. Regardless of where students choose to attend, those looking to attend in the fall should complete their college applications by April. For the best opportunities for state and federal financial aid, students should have their applications completed and turned in by March 1st.

There are many resources that help students navigate what can be a time consuming and stressful process. For example, the U.S. News and World Report produced an article that I really like entitled 10 Steps to Choosing the Right College back in 2022. Though not all encompassing, most people will tell you to look for the following things when making the decision: Accreditation status, program rankings, cost and financial aid availability, campus life and extracurriculars, size, support services, safety, licensure pass rates, and job placement rates.

For each student, many suitable colleges would love to have them enroll. It is important to select an institution that provides each student with what they are looking for and are uniquely positioned to meet their needs.

Here are a few things to consider and that make the CNCC experience unique. Along with small class sizes, low cost, financial aid and scholarship options and an “A” rating in safety by Niche, CNCC offers the following:

- CNCC students can enjoy a university type experience on a community college budget with residence halls, student life, and intercollegiate athletics.
- In a 2020 study, CNCC ranked #5 in the country among community college graduates who earn the most money after graduation. Early-career pay was listed as \$55,800 and mid-career pay was listed as \$78,100
- Unique CTE and transferrable Arts and Science Courses
- 100% free tuition to Rangely residents and 50% tuition scholarship to Moffat County residents. Through 2025, free tuition, fees and course materials for Nursing, Early Childhood Education and National Park Ranger students.
- Our use of Open Educational Resources (OER) instead of requiring students to buy expensive textbooks saves our students hundreds of dollars each semester.
- With all five biomes in our region, geology and other science classes utilize our environment and go caving and hiking as part of their experience.
- Physical education and outdoor experiences included ice climbing, ropes course mastery, rafting, scuba diving, caving and hiking.
- Each career and technical education program offered is in-demand with most students seeking employment finding it in their field before graduation.

We wish you luck in your college search as this is one of the most important decisions you will make in carving out the direction of your future.

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1. Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ

2. September "day"

3. Church recess

4. Holiday celebrated with parades and fireworks (two words)

5. It's time for many resolutions (two words)

6. Was introduced to

7. President who ended slavery

8. Substance found in plants we eat

10. There was no room for Jesus here

14. "_____say!"

16. Month of Thanksgiving, abbr.

17. Parade baton spin

18. Cincinnati's home

21. Large tree

22. "My gal" of song

26. Cunning or deceitful

27. Jewish holiday

29. Education basics

31. Jan. 15, 2024 is a holiday in his honor (initials)

32. Bake a turkey

33. Nut-producing tree

34. A sacred song

36. A kind of rotisserie

37. Excessive pride

29. Midwestern state, abbr.

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- ACROSS
1. Parties, galas and parades, for example

6. State where Paul Revere's house is located, abbr.

8. Month when President's Day is celebrated, abbr.

9. Another name for Easter bunnies

11. One of the colors of the U.S. flag

12. Day before the first of the new year

13. Time when we enjoy buds flowering

15. Gift

19. Use an oar

20. Breakfast, lunch and dinner

23. Kind of roll

24. Roman numeral six

25. "just _____thought!"

28. Scary holiday

30. Everything

31. Month St. Patrick's Day is celebrated

35. Halloween wear

38. Brides walk up it

40. African-American festival

41. To toast (two words)

42. Segment of a flower

43. Cinco de _____

44. The Mayflower was one.

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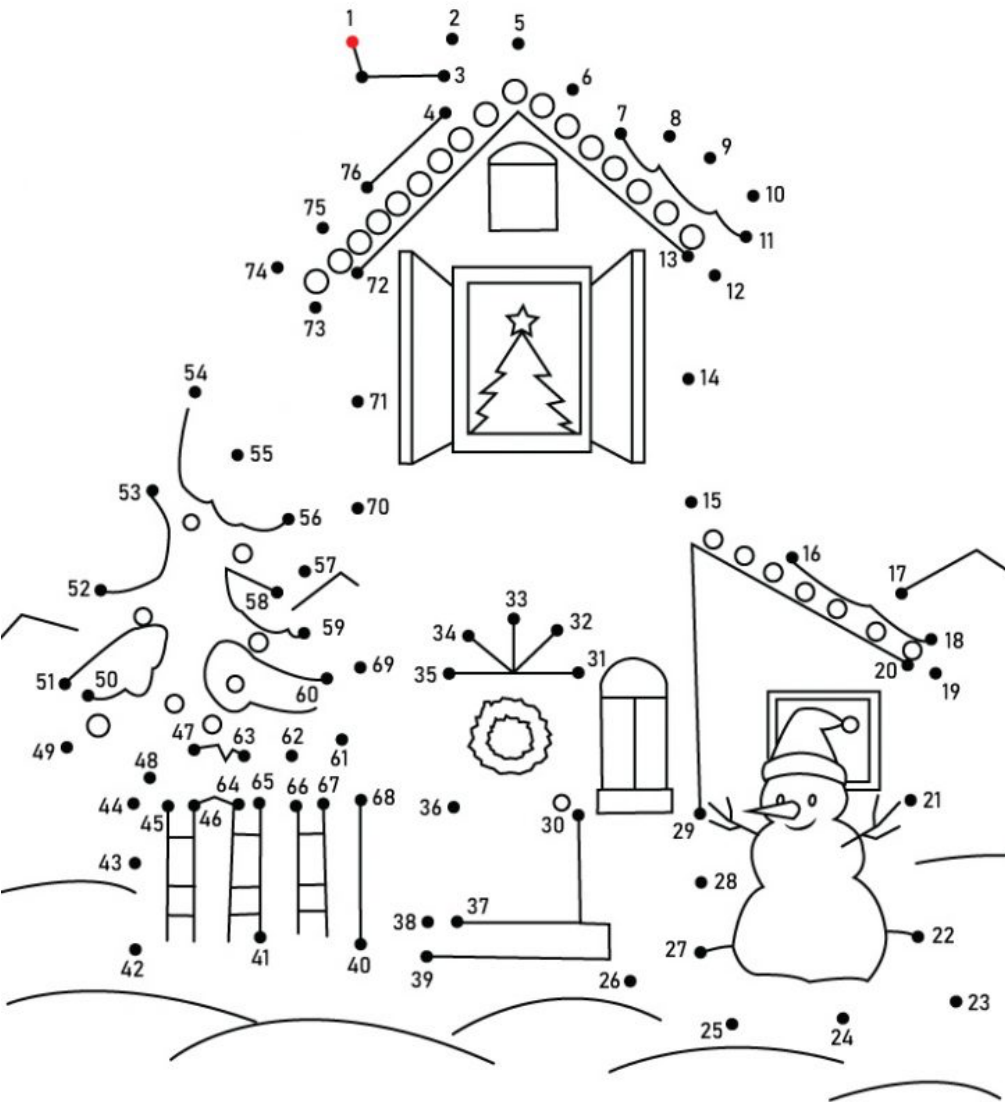
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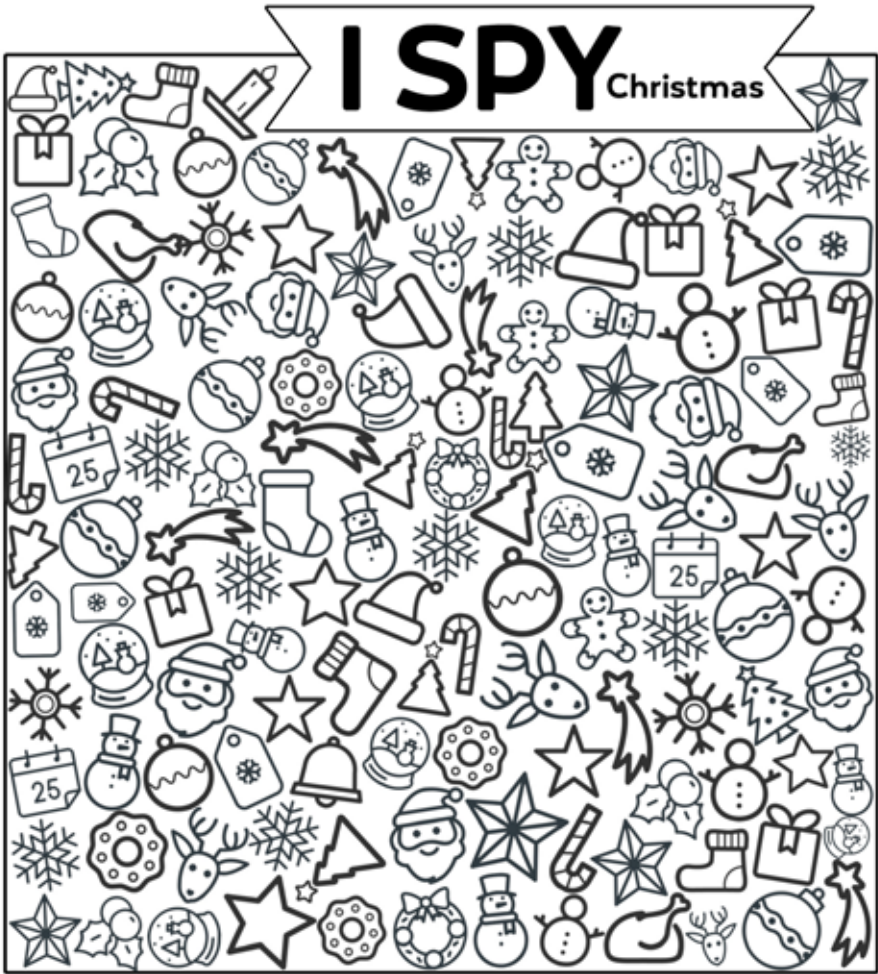
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Finish My Christmas Phrase

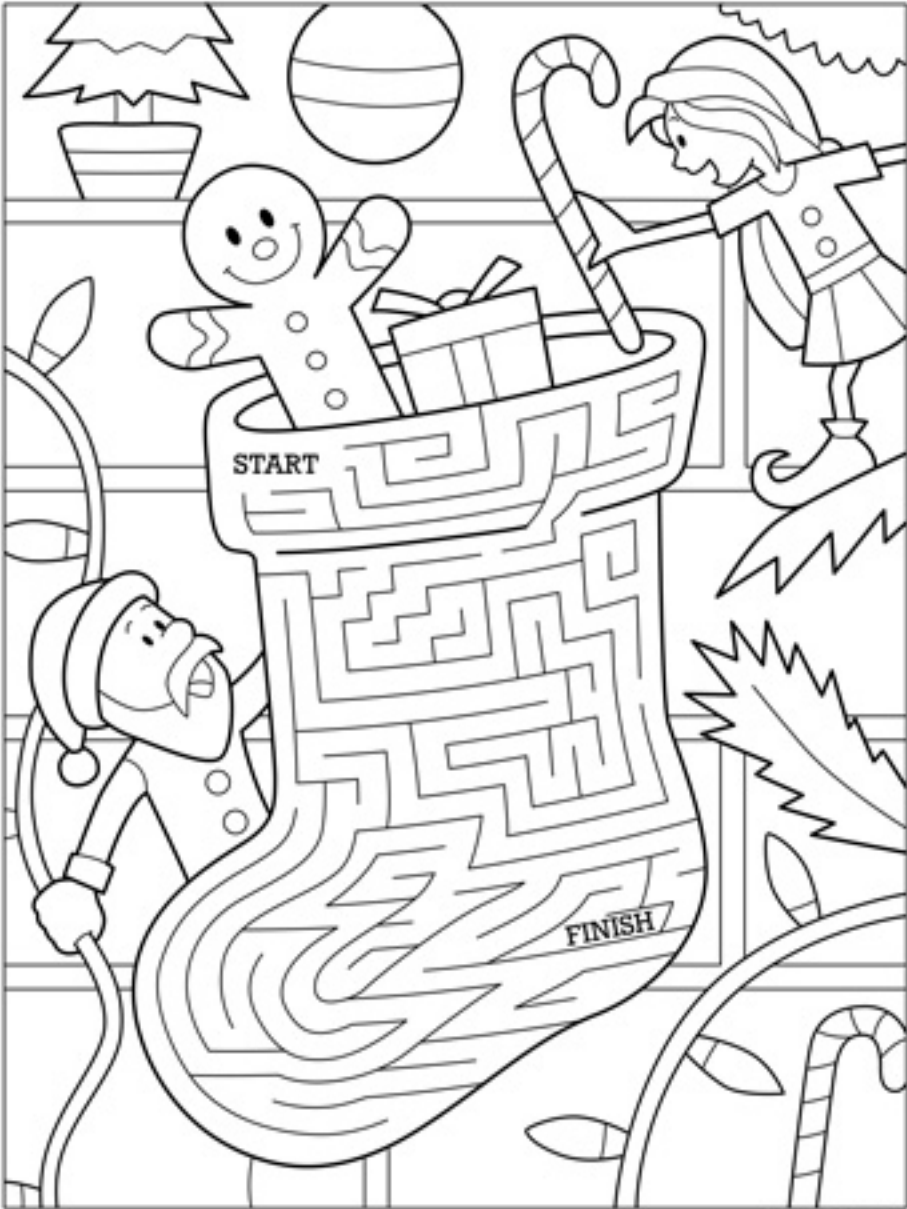
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