

# RANGELY REVIEW

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Class of 2021

## Shout Out to Rangely High School Grads!

## Twenty Students Graduating, Congratulations!

BY KRISTIN LOHRY

The Class of 2021 has spent their last year of high school a little differently than in previous years. After watching the class of 2020 miss out on their last weeks in the building and iconic moments such as prom, Springfest, and traditional graduation, this year's senior class wasn't quite sure what to expect for their last year. Rangely School District was lucky to open its doors to students in August, but that came with masks, social distancing, and regulations that would make the last year for the class of 2021 different than any they dreamed of in the past.

Despite the challenges and all the changes that this class has endured, they have stayed positive and continued to work hard, all with smiles on their faces, behind masks, of course. The Class of 2021 is small in size, graduating 20 students but large in their goals. Some faces you will continue to see around town as they plan to attend Colorado Northwestern College. Others plan to start their careers right away by going straight into the workforce. Places like the University of Wyoming, Chadron State in Nebraska, Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, and Western Colorado University in Gunnison will become home to our seniors. While some will be continuing to study, others plan to take the entrepreneur side of things

and start their own business. One young man will be joining the Army, beginning his service in July.

The students of this year's senior class are no strangers to each other. Half of the 20 graduating seniors have been together since preschool, 12 since kindergarten, and 15 since early junior high. The remaining five members to complete the Class of 2021 joined Rangely School District during their high school years.

The Rangely Junior/Senior High School halls will have a little less laughter and smiles. Those in athletic programs will think about these senior athletes for years to come, and the teachers will miss all the dedication the students brought to the classroom; however, Rangely School District is proud to see these students continue and know they will succeed in everything they do.

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 23, at 2:00 PM outside Rangely Junior/Senior High School on Yeager Field. At this time, there will not be any restrictions on the number of guests; additionally we ask that if you or anyone in your family is not feeling well, please stay home.

More photos of the graduating class can be found on page 5.

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# Arbor Day Celebration

BY JANET MILLER

On April 22nd, Rangely celebrated their first annual Arbor Day! The event was hosted by TREAD - A Colorado Main Street Program, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District and the RJSHS Change-Makers. To commemorate the event, a tree was planted near Prater’s Plumbing on Main Street. The tree was a Sensation Maple which was chosen because of the beautiful fall colors the leaves offer as well as the ability to tree has to grow well in Rangely’s environment.

The skies were blue and the day was warm and beautiful, a perfect day for tree planting. Those in attendance learned about the proper way to plant and care for trees.

Thank you to Braydin Raley, Courtney Files and Addison Scott for planning this great event. They went above and beyond to make sure the celebration was a success. Each gave a speech to those in attendance about the importance of trees, how Arbor Day started and the proper manner in which to care for trees.

174 students participated in the Poster and Poetry Contest and 179 in the Tree Naming Contest. The winners for each group were:

Poster Contest

Kindergarten:

First Place - Elise Winder

Second Place - Katy Sullivan

Third Place - Aleya Jackson

First Grade

First Place - Mikaila Hill

Second Place - Liam Geer

Third Place - Bailey Robie

Second Grade

First Place - Liam Moore

Second Place - Embri Nolan

Third Place - Paisley Potter

Third Grade

First Place - Elizabeth Munoz

Second Place - Charley Neyhart

Third Place - Dalton Miner

Fourth Grade

First Place - Mason Ducey

Second Place - Gentry Plummer

Third Place - Kinlie Plummer

Fifth Grade

First Place - Kira Jo Benson

Second Place - Hannah Geer

Third Place - Gracie Coker

High School

First Place - Elyse Francis

Second Place - Kadance Lujan

Third Place - Curtis Reeves

Poetry Winners

First Place - Aubrianna Tapia

Second Place - Aspen Steele

Third Place - Josephine Hamblin

Tree Naming Contest

Hannah Geer - 5th Grade

Winning Name: Woody



Thank you to those who donated funds for the purchase of prizes for the winners of the three contests, including Giovanni’s Italian Grill for the wonderful gift cards, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District for the beautiful trees donated for first place prize winners as well as the seedlings donated to those who attended and the Middle School students.

We would also like to thank the anonymous donors who donated the tree for planting!





# Home Forged Talent

BY DIANE SIZEMORE

*Special to the Review*

Jarrold Fiscus is the son of Dan and Bobbi Fiscus and a member of their family band Fiscus and Gravy. Jarrold has been developing an interest in blacksmithing and was chosen to participate in, and won the May 6, 2020 episode of the television show Forged in Fire. He will be able to return to the show for another competition sometime this year. The Rangely Outdoor Museum will be selling some of Jarrold's knives this season at the gift shop. Jarrold will also be hosting a Fireside Chat class this season at the museum doing a live demonstration of Blacksmithing.



# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

I'm excited with the progress Rangely District Hospital (RDH) has made in the first quarter of 2021. I definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel with COVID numbers down and the vaccine available. We are looking for ways to help improve quality, minimize cost and allow access for our community. We are here for you and you're always welcome.

Rangely Family Medicine will be open daily (Monday – Friday) for walk-in visits, from 8am-6pm. We are excited about this change and hope you all take advantage of it. We will be here when you need us.

I would like to announce a couple of recent position changes. Stacey Shriver will be leaving us and moving with her family to Washington, and we wish her the best. Stacey will be training Tammy Dunker to replace her at Eagle Crest. Tammy's first day at Eagle Crest will be April 26th. With Tammy accepting the Eagle Crest position it left a vacancy in the clinic. After interviewing internal candidates, Henry Morgan was offered the position, and accepted, transitioning from the Respiratory Department. Henry received his Master's Degree in Health Administration last year which will aid him in his future administrative responsibilities. I would like to say thanks to all three employees for a seamless transition.



Barbara Urbanik retired April 16th from the Payroll Department, she has worked here since 1997. Barbara was a dedicated employee who often spent hours on weekends tying up loose ends. The RDH family wishes you the best in your retirement.

Jodi Dillon, the Foundation Board and myself crashed the Nursing Department's staff meeting to present Tammy Warden, CNA, with flowers. She has been with RDH for 30 years. I can't say enough about how dedicated Tammy is to her Long-Term Care patients, mentoring new CNA's and her overall positive attitude. The hospital administration staff, the Hospital Board and the Community want to thank you for your continued dedication.

We are moving forward with the refinance of the hospital. The Board approved Alan Matlosz, Director of Stifel Public Finance, to help with the loan. US Bank recently approved the loan which will now go to our lawyers to review legal documents. In my previous article, I mentioned saving close to \$1.9 million. With interest rates locked in, we will save approximately \$2.7 million over the next 5 years. Maturation of the bonds will remain the same ending in 2026.

Recently, we received a \$6,000 dollar grant from the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation (RMHF). There was one requirement for the grant and that was to use the funds on employee health and wellness. After entertaining several ideas, we will have a company day at the lake on July 10th, where we will have a lunch BBQ and distribute service awards. Employees will then be able to indulge in outdoor activities such as, swimming, fishing, kayaking, and boating for the day. We want to thank RMHF for the grant and look forward to a day at the lake.

We had a good turnout for health fair labs. 210 patients took advantage of the low-cost labs. We processed most of the labs locally with the ability to mail out some results the same day. This is a great opportunity to get your labs done in order to follow trends from previous years or catch a more acute diagnosis. We offered TSH (Thyroid) tests, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) tests as well as many others.

Finally, we are in the process of bringing billing back in-house. This transition will help us better serve our patients and community. The process will be completed within 90 days from the start date. We notified our billing company April 19<sup>th</sup>, and are identifying ways to close gaps, improve processes, and streamline the billing process.

Our Mission is to improve the quality of life of the individual and communities we serve. Our Vision includes the phrase "Patient service is our number one priority." I'm committed to making this happen.

Rangely District Hospital, with the campus name of Rangely Community Health and Wellness Center, has a wide range of services to help with your healthcare needs.





# Wrapping Up Another Year at CNCC

BY RONALD GRANGER

May is probably our favorite time of year at Colorado Northwestern Community College. The grass greens up, the trees bloom, and we get to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students. On May 7th, we will be holding our 58th Commencement Ceremony for Colorado Northwestern Community College. It will be a little bittersweet. Bitter, because it will be the final commencement with me as CNCC’s President, as I am retiring at the end of July. Sweet, due to the support and efforts of so many at the college and in the community we will be holding our Commencement Ceremony in-person, with limited attendance.

It is hard to believe that it has been two long years since we have had an in-person ceremony. This year we will award over 160 credentials (diplomas and certifications) to over 150 students. This is extraordinary. It isn’t extraordinary because of the number of credentials or students, but instead because of what our students have gone through to get to this point in their college education.

Commencement is not so much about the college as it is about our students. This year’s graduates have faced some very difficult challenges in pursuit of their education. Our students had to change from face-to-face classes to remote classes twice (last spring and this last fall). They had to deal with family issues that occurred because of the pandemic, find new ways to pay for their education because of lost jobs, and most of all they had to deal with being isolated from their friends and fellow students off and on through this last year and a half. However, in spite of these challenges, they showed their resilience and much like the ancient Spartans, excelled in the face of adversity.

In spite of these various obstacles, our students have gone above and beyond to accomplish something that will be with them for the rest of their lives. When I think about our students and what they have gone through to get to this point, I am excited about their future. I am excited because I see a group of dedicated adults who will work hard to accomplish all of their goals and to make their lives better.

We are so proud of them and what they have accomplished and couldn’t be happier to say congratulations to the CNCC graduating class of 2021! May the lessons you learned here, both in and out of the classroom, guide you to a happy and successful life.

I want to give a very special congratulations to all of our graduates and let them know they will always be special in the hearts and the minds of the faculty and staff at CNCC. You graduates are the future and, if how you handled this last year is any indication, your future is very bright and will be in great hands.



## COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Class of 2021

Nathan T. Allred  
Dakota Lee Anderson  
Daniel Joseph Anthony  
Karli Ann Baker  
Allyson Katelynn Bamberger  
Karrie Barnes  
Paige Dale Barnes  
Seth Jeffery Battershell  
Lela Marie Biekert  
Couri Lynn Blevins  
Megan Blunck  
Kaulan Laif Brady  
Lindzey Leona Brady  
Chad Brandon  
Savannah Rose Bray  
Clifford Brown  
Morgan Leigh Bruce  
Tara Brianna Brumblow  
Preslee Rael Bunch  
Nicholas R. Calderon  
Sawyer James Carey  
Melanie Cautrell  
Danella Chen-Cota  
Cody S. Cooper  
Yahaira Ruby Cordero-Alcantar  
Amy Pearl Cordova  
Cirenda Renee Cordova  
Hunter Scott Cornia  
Amanda Sophia Cornier  
Elsa Corpus  
Alexis Shyanna Cronk  
Jonathan Manuel Cruz  
Michelle Davis

Christopher Joel Day  
Antonio Dominguez  
Caeleigh Layne Dvorak Donovan  
Daniel Elaine Dryden  
KayLyn E. Duke  
Justin Duzik  
Charlotte Eaton  
Hunter Joseph Egan  
Marta M Ellsworth  
Tauren Farquharson  
Patrick Ferraiolo  
Rachael Dawn Files  
Haley Olivia Flores  
Bridget Maureen Folger  
Courtney Rae Freeman  
Joey Diane Gates  
Nicholas Biagio Gatto  
Mary Helen Gearhart  
Crystal Gehring  
Rachel Louise Glass  
Brenda L. Granados  
Sarah Alexis Ganger  
Donovan Frampton Greenwell  
Sandra Guzman-Ruiz  
Heather L. Hall  
Robyn Ellen Halouska  
Michael J. Harmon  
Kendra Amy Elizabeth Harper

Brittney N. Hart  
Michael Hatfield  
Katelyn Henderson  
Angela Lacey Hill  
Korrina Himes  
Taylor Eileen James  
Samantha Maureen Jensen  
Camilla Marie Kennedy  
Alena Rose Kimble  
Amanda Kinney  
Joseph Allen Kruse  
Elias Romero Leanos  
Kevin Leyva  
Andrew J Limoncelli  
ShyAnn Casey Lucero  
Bailey Jade Mack  
Christine A. Mackey  
Johanna Vanessa Mannon  
Jennifer Estefany Marquez  
Jacob Marshall  
Caitlyn Maurine Martinez  
Dannie Lee Massey  
Megan Elizabeth Maxwell  
Elizabeth Francis Marie McCann  
Tiffany N. McGee  
Jessica Ann McMillan  
Ariel Mendoza  
Uriel Mendoza

Audree R. Miller  
Edward Miller  
Kiawa Miller  
Suzanne Lynn Mock  
Abel Porfirio Montes  
Kristina Ann Morris  
Colin Morrison  
Paityn Myers  
Ava Marie Elizabeth Nelson  
Morgan Rachel Nelson  
Matthew Craig Nemeth  
Nash Nickle  
Christopher John Nolan  
Dillon O’Farrell  
Jeneth McQueen Packer  
Summer Parker  
Larissa Payan  
Braedyn Peters  
Fiona Peterson  
James Michael Powell  
Madelyn Renae Probst  
Marissa Anne Randall  
Kierston Danielle Margetts  
Regan  
Rachel Ann Reimholz  
Jelka Rodgers  
Alexandra Rodriguez  
Uriel Blanco Rodriguez  
Arely Yanett Rojas

Karina Romero  
Pedro Iram Romero  
Xanne Brae Rowley  
Abraham Joseph Sandy  
Daniela Santana  
Amber Marie Schaffer  
Christopher John Schenck  
Trinity Rose Schenck  
Wyatt Emil Seim  
Sadie Shake  
Mikayla Shearer  
Sean E. Sinclair  
Bethany Smith  
Sydnee Kay Smith  
Lisa Abello Sperl  
Natasha A. Spink  
Isabella Cerise Stille  
Cali Lynn Stroshine  
Luis Tarango  
Samantha Elizabeth Terrones  
Ryan J. Trussell  
Chancey Miranda Turner  
Korbin Turner  
Allison Catherine Villard  
Vanessa Rose Voetberg  
Sarah Watkins  
Sunshine Lynn White  
Chandler Cale Wilkins  
Matthew Jaret Wilde  
Kaylee Wright  
Ginger Wynkoop  
Kaylalle Wyman





# Rangely High School Class of 2021

- Anthony Garner
- Anthony Lujan
- Austin Davis
- Brianna Ekker
- Crimsen Blankenship
- Dixie Rhea
- Gabriel Polley
- Hunter Holmes
- Janessa Mast
- Kaiden Ellis
- Maximilian Larsen
- Maya Mercado
- Megan Ward
- Nick Lyon
- Roebi Hodges
- Ryan Richens
- Sofia Pena
- Sydney Cole
- Travis Coates
- Tyfinni Curdy



Congratulations to the  
Class of 2021!



# Rangely Celebrates Hospital Foundation

BY SUSIE BERARDI

Almost seventy-five years ago, Rangely’s first medical provider was a country doctor who rode horseback from Meeker to serve his patients. Then in 1947, the town opened Rangely Community Hospital and in 2013 built the current Rangely District Hospital (RDH) which serves the area from Dinosaur National Monument to Douglas Peak and Baxter Pass; and from the Utah Border to the midpoint between Rangely and Meeker.

Continuing its rural healthcare heritage, Rangely celebrates the establishment of the Rangely Hospital Foundation (Foundation)—dedicated to raising and stewarding funds for the advancement of community health. John Payne, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said, “For a long time I have seen the benefits of a Hospital Foundation in other places and have coveted such a foundation for our hospital. It seems to me that a committed board of like-minded community members who desire to see their community improved by supporting a medical heath center is an obvious choice.”

The Foundation focuses on town projects which 1) Maintain rural integrity; 2) Create healthy environments; 3) Provide senior citizens with interactive outdoor activities; 4) Offer the youth recreational activities; 5) Encourage residents to live healthy lives; and 6) Facilitate community relationships. Board member Jeannie Caldwell expresses these values saying, “As I was looking for ways to serve and love our community, I strongly felt the importance of a hospital to a rural community. A strong hospital touches most lives in a community. Anything I could do to assist with the health of the community was important to me.”

Each Board member offers experience and knowledge beneficial to creating a successful foundation. Keith Peterson, hospital board member says, “The community will begin to see (in short order) tangible projects that support community wellness and provide opportunities for healthy interactions between the hospital and its constituents.”

Presently, the Foundation board is developing a senior-living park (North Park) adjacent to Eagle Crest Senior Living Center—an outdoor recreational park where the residents can walk, exercise, sit, and relax while encouraging its senior citizens to socialize, stay active, maintain strength and flexibility. North Park will enhance the quality of seniors’ lives by offering adaptive pathways and seating areas, picnic settings, bird watching stands, exercise spaces, a memorial garden, gazebo, and waterfall.

To fund this project, the Foundation board submitted an AARP Challenge Grant this month and soon will submit a Main Street Grant with hopes both will be awarded.

To participate in creation of this Eagle Crest recreation park, the Foundation board will invite community members to donate. Appreciative of the donations already received memorial and anonymous with its 501(c)(3) designation, the Foundation board encourage memorial gifts, estate gifts, living legacies, among other donations which will become the hallmark of a successful partnership with the community.

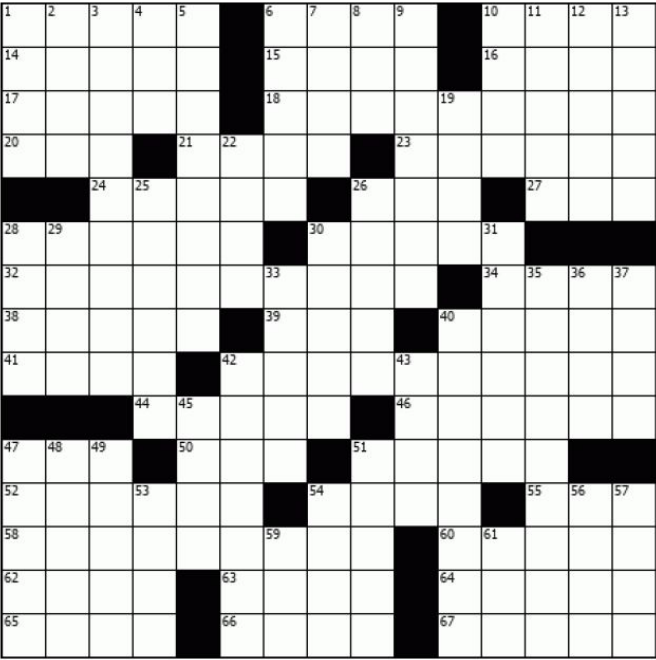
Living in a small town, Payne admits that “Rural healthcare is being attacked and compromised from all sides: Public opinion, governmental regulations and unfunded mandates, provider shortages, all work to cripple our efforts to provide healthcare services to our small town.” The Foundation board is committed to ensuring healthcare for residents.

We are an active, empowered community from young to old who care about our town and the health of its residents; we willingly participate in its care and maintenance and enjoy sharing it with all who love the small-town rural lifestyle it affords.

Looking forward, the Foundation board will sponsor a Community Yard Sale the first week of June and its First Annual Golf Tournament the second week of September; just two ways the Foundation is bridging the Hospital to the Community by creating a strong partnership based upon trust and shared missions.

ACROSS

1. Like some beer  
6. Wrapper weight  
10. Fozzie, for one  
14. Do without  
15. Out of town  
16. Wheel shaft  
17. Fast-food franchise fixture (Var.)  
18. Diamond crossing point  
20. “Cheers” role  
21. Game on felt  
23. Did Whitbread  
24. Habitat  
26. Rocky hill  
27. Determine judiciallyd  
28. Fainthearter  
30. They may be popped  
32. Limbless lizard  
34. Melody  
38. Washer cycle  
39. Trick ending
40. Word with code or colony  
41. Place for a valut  
42. Silly sound transposition  
44. Adding-machine key  
46. Constructs  
47. Where to find porters  
50. WWW address  
51. Diplomatic representative  
52. Lake source of the Mississippi  
54. Baffled  
55. Male swan  
58. Farm tool  
60. Subject of a Daniel sonnet  
62. Lover of Narcissu  
63. Jolliet’s lake  
64. Happening  
65. Coarse file  
66. Letter opener  
67. Schoolroom items



DOWN

1. Kills, in slang  
2. Wife in “A Doll’s House”  
3. Fast boats  
4. Become better, as Brie  
5. Playful sea creature  
6. California/Nevada lake resort  
7. Missing from formation  
8. Transport for Phrixus  
9. Litter of graffiti, e.g.  
10. Island east of Java  
11. Elevate with reverence  
12. \_\_\_\_ ego  
13. Tall and thin  
19. Central, for one  
22. Croupier’s offering  
25. Long-eared hound  
26. Edo, now  
28. City on the Jumna  
29. Pancake manipulation  
30. December song
31. Sound system  
33. Everest land  
35. Circus vehicles  
36. Tammany Tiger creator  
37. Picnic shaders  
40. Permeated  
42. Machine-gunned from above  
43. Hawaiian goose  
45. Pained expression  
47. Pickled-pepper picker  
48. Ancient African city  
49. Avon attraction  
51. Glacial deposit  
53. Old English bard  
54. Song of Madama Butterfly  
56. Porcine sound  
57. Belfry inhabitants  
59. Rich rock  
61. Second person in Genesis

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





# Main Street East End Gateway Project

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



TREAD, Rangely’s Main Street Program, is pleased to announce that they received a grant from the Colorado Main Street Program to design and engineer the East End Gateway project. The project was awarded to Mead & Hunt, Inc.

In 2019, a Universtiy Technical Assistance Program (UTA) was completed for the Town of Rangely. Many residents and local leaders were part of the UTA process. The program is comprised of a unique partnership between Colorado Center for Community Development at the University of Colorado Denver and DOLA that provides technical design assistance to rural communities that may not have access to resources needed for public improvement

projects. The UTA was completed by graduate students in community planning processes and design, architecture, landscape architecture, and planning opportunities.

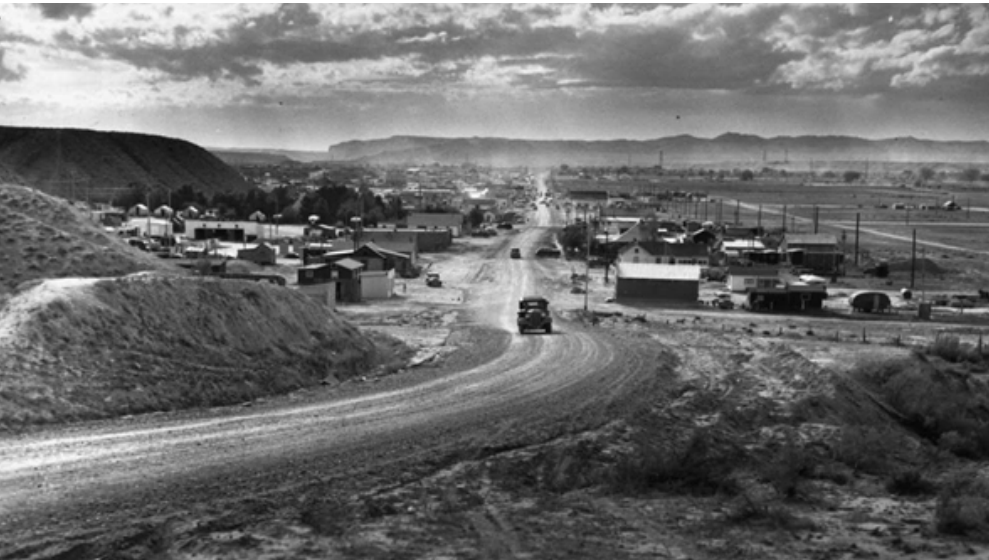
The end results of the UTA were suggestions and creative ideas taken from the group of local residents and leaders. The desire for the East End Gateway was to be consistent with Rangely’s already in place architectural feel.

This grant will move the East End Gateway forward to the point of applying for grants and funding to complete the project.

## A Piece of History

REPRINT FROM THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

In the northwest corner of Colorado, in the area known for dinosaur fossils and oil extraction, Rangely was first recognized by the Post Office in 1884 and got its name, like many in Colorado, through inspiration from the east. In this case, Rangeley, Maine, where a local businessman hailed from.



Colorado’s “Rangely” eventually incorporated in 1946, riding the area’s oil boom that began during World War II. These photographs were taken of the town in the late 1940s, along Main Street, and give a sense of how important oil production was at the time. While oil continues to be a major economic driver for the area, the town is rapidly working on diversifying itself -- taking pride in its past while taking advantage of its strategic spot along the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway and surrounded by public lands to play in.

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Edition 1 Crossword Puzzle Answers

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# Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Rural Water Found Feasible Near Rangely

BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) Board of Directors completed an initial step forward by finalizing a Rural Water Feasibility Study. The project would provide a reliable, high-quality supply of drinking water to properties outside the Town of Rangely, that are not currently served by the Town’s water system.

Public information meetings were held in February 2020 and August 2020 where potential water customers had the opportunity to learn about the proposed project and ask questions where more than 30 property owners expressed interest in rural water.

At the November 2020 Board Meeting, and after favorable community feedback, the Board of Directors contracted with Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S) of Dillon to complete a Rural Water Feasibility Study for the plan which includes purchasing potable water from the Town of Rangely and distributing water via a new rural water distribution pipe system to customers who currently do not have drinking water plumbed to their properties.

The goal of the feasibility study is to provide a conceptual design of the system, construction, operational challenges, determine overall project costs, to identify funding strategies and develop a project schedule. The project will be funded in part by membership fees which are one-time upfront costs from property owners who sign up to receive potable water. As part of the feasibility study, project coordinators are looking into federal and state grant opportunities to reduce the costs to the future members.

Currently, there are an estimated 81 properties without potable water in the initial proposed service area. Monthly water bill rates will be contingent upon any grant funding received and number of accounts served by the district. The number of people interested in memberships ultimately determine the monthly fees for water service and may impact how much funding the project is eligible to receive so the more property owners that participate the more cost effective the project becomes and the lower the water rates. Based upon favorable results of the feasibility study the RBWCD is encouraging all interested property owners to attend the April 26th public meeting.

April 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Rangely Fire Training Center 2121 East Main Street Rangely, Colorado the RBWCD will be holding their 3rd public meeting. During this time, project scope, cost, service area, membership fees, utility rates, funding, and proposed schedule were addressed along with a sincere commitment request from potential customers.

To learn more about the proposed rural water district please contact the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District at 2252 East Main in Rangely, call 970-675-5055, or email [rbwcd@yahoo.com](mailto:rbwcd@yahoo.com).

**The Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable is looking for a part-time Recorder**

The Yampa-White-Green Basin Round Table (BRT) is seeking applications from interested individuals for a part-time Recorder position. The Recorder supports BRT meetings, legal posting requirements, generally operates and reports to the basin roundtable, but is also required to regularly communicate with Colorado Water Conservation Board. Individuals interested please email [yampawhitegreen@gmail.com](mailto:yampawhitegreen@gmail.com). Position will remain open until filled.

Scope of Work [https://drive.google.com/file/d/198dzF\\_8JQnYcITW7QxkaK\\_tS7l2wptqw/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/198dzF_8JQnYcITW7QxkaK_tS7l2wptqw/view?usp=sharing)

# Rangely Airport to Receive FAA Grant

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



The Rangely Airport was one of 14 airports in the State of Colorado to receive grant funding for improvement projects as part of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) 2021 Airport Improvement Program. The airport will receive \$496,201.00 in grant funding to resurface its apron and reseal its runway and taxiway. The grant was applied for via the Rio Blanco County Government. “Our airports play a very vital part in our local economies. We are excited to receive these grant funds and look forward to commencing the improvements,” said Commissioner Ty Gates.

Each year the FAA Airport Improvement Program disburses funds to projects that support airport safety, airport efficiency, environmental stewardship, and critical infrastructure improvements.

In 2021 the FAA Airport Improvement Program awarded 449 grants, going to 390 airports in 39 states, Puerto Rico and the Federated States of Micronesia. The grants represent more than \$627.7 million in total.

This will be a tremendous asset to CNCC’s Aviation students as well as those who fly locally!



# Rangely Town Constitutional and COVID Resolutions Approved

BY SUSIE BERARDI

The Rangely Town Board, at its April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved a Constitutional Sanctuary Resolution and COVID-19 Sanctuary Resolution.

The Town of Rangely Constitutional Sanctuary Resolution declares the Town of Rangely (Town) a “Constitutional Sanctuary,” expressing its intent to uphold the Constitution and other clearly established rights of the People of the Town of Rangely including its intent that

1. No Town funds will be used to restrict the Constitutional rights
2. No Town funds shall be expended to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights
3. No Town officials, employees, agents, funds, resources, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers, or offices may be used for the purpose of enforcing laws that unconstitutionally infringe on the Bill of Rights, Colorado’s Constitution, or other clearly established rights of the People
4. The Board of Trustees supports local law enforcement who support the clearly established rights of the People; and directs its Town Manager to direct the Chief of Police to carefully evaluate requests from any state law enforcement officer, state health agent or federal agent where it is clear to the Chief that doing so would infringe on the rights of the People, as expressed in the Colorado and U.S. Constitutions
5. That the Town employees may not assist in or promote the enforcement of any unlawful or unconstitutional orders, including any issued by the Governor through Executive Orders, including any that clearly violate, in the informed judgement of the Town Manager, our American rights to the free exercise of religion; our rights to peaceable assembly; our rights to free engagement in commerce; our rights to free movement of persons; nor any other individual liberty recognized as belonging to the People.

The COVID-19 Sanctuary Resolution asserts the rights of the Town of Rangely and its residents, and condemns the unconstitutional limitations imposed upon their freedoms by the governor of Colorado. It asserts that the Town of Rangely (Town)

1. Will not abide by any executive orders limiting attendance of and free speech at public meetings within the Town
2. Does not support COVID restrictions that would shut down businesses in the Town
3. Calls upon the Governor to take all necessary steps to prevent harm to local businesses and minimize the harm of the unconstitutional COVID related orders by reclassifying every business as an essential business
4. The Rangely Town Board understands that, notwithstanding their purported unconstitutional nature, State authorities may attempt to pressure businesses to comply and may threaten their livelihoods. The Town of Rangely does not have the ability to preclude State enforcement actions. The Board therefore calls on each business and individual to determine for themselves the level to which they desire to comply, in their best interests, with the Governor’s orders
5. Calls upon each business to be responsible in evaluating their own establishment and their capacity to safely accept patrons
6. Calls upon each business and patron to respect the determination of others as they determine the levels of protection instituted on their property
7. Calls upon patrons to use their best judgment when entering any store or business, and to feel free to walk away if they do not feel safe based on their underlying health conditions.

Both resolutions were drafted by Rangely residents Elain Urie, Dan Eddy, and Susie Berardi of Restore America United. Requests for a copy of the resolutions may be sent to [RestoreAmericaUS@aol.com](mailto:RestoreAmericaUS@aol.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CNCC Graduation

May 7

### Crab Crack

May 14

### Adult Softball

May 18 - Informational Meeting

May 25 - Games Begin

### Rangely High School Graduation

May 23

### Rally Colorado

June 5 - June 6

### RDH Foundation Yard Sale

June 5

### Hill Climbs

June 11 - June 12

### Freedom March

June 24

### 4th of July Celebrations

July 1-4





# New Business Spotlight

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Town of Rangely continues to welcome new businesses into the community. We would like to take a moment to spotlight a couple of businesses and to personally thank them for investing in Rangely! Both are great assets to our community. Be sure to check both of these facilities out!

## The Wild Flower

Tarrah Patch is the owner of this quaint florist which offers fresh flowers for all occasions and holidays. House plants are also available.

The Wild Flower is located at 101 S. White Street. Their telephone number is (970) 572-0131. You can also order online at [www.wildflowersandplants.com](http://www.wildflowersandplants.com). Delivery is free in town. Owned and operated by Tarrah Patch

Their hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



## Sanchez Brothers Boxing

This is an impressive facility owned by the Sanchez family. Teens Alex and Jaime Sanchez are regionally competitive boxers and their trophies/awards can be seen throughout the gym.

Sanchez Brothers Boxing is located at 303 W. Main Street, Suite D. The telephone number to the facility is (970) 589-1938. Their contact e-mail address is [sanchezbrothersboxing02@gmail.com](mailto:sanchezbrothersboxing02@gmail.com).

The hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



# ROAR Back At It With Success

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

Rangely OHV Adventure Rally (ROAR) was back this year and a huge success. Due to COVID restrictions and the craziness of 2020, the Chamber was unable to hold this event. But this year we were determined to make this event a success. Through countless hours of hard work from many different groups, we were able to make it happen.

Thursday started off with open riding and registration where we had over 200 participants for our event. The following day, Friday we kicked it off with breakfast which lead into guided rides and ended the day with a shrimp boil and a night ride to Kenney Reservoir. Saturday all the riders met up again for breakfast and guided rides that eventually led into the Rio Blanco Sheriff Department's OHV poker run ending the weekend with a OHV Rodeo.

The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce would like to give a huge shoutout to our sponsors for this event and everyone that made it a success. Special thanks to Andy Key, Brad and Michelle Casto, Bob Kissling, Jeff Rector, Tim Webber, and the Bureau of Land Management. We look forward to the years to come and growing the event even bigger!





# Tales and Tails at the Library this Summer

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS



Looking for something that the whole family can do this Summer - better yet, free? Look no further than your local library! Our Summer Reading Program is set to launch on May 27th and run through the end of July. Our library staff participates in the National Collaborative Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is Tails and Tales. This is a no stress, don't need to be anywhere at any specific time sort of program for all ages. You can read what you want, as much or as little as you want, when you want.

The participation rules are few and simple. Visit the library to sign up and get your promotional gift and then let the reading begin. While we would prefer that you read books from our collection (we have about 22,000 and counting), books from

home and e-books count also. You will receive one book slip from the Library to fill out for each title that you read. That slip then goes in to a bucket for your appropriate age group. At the end of the program there will be drawings from those buckets for fun prizes! (The more books you read, the better your chances are of winning). You also have a chance at winning our weekly candy guess. A different sweet treat will be featured each week.

Miss Rita will also continue to have storytime on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. (Complete with a crazy costume and yummy snacks of course). She will even let you fill out book slips for the books that she reads to you!

As if all of that isn't enough to sway you, we will once again host our annual Summer Reading Carnival in late July (date is still pending). For those of you who have attended in the past, you know what a grand finale it is. Anyone who doesn't want to miss out on the fun. There will be cotton candy, snow cones, pony rides, face painting, water games and other staple carnival booth; all made possible by our many wonderful volunteers!



Please contact the library staff with any questions. Our regular business hours are 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. You are welcome to stop in at 109 East Main Street or give us a call at 970-675-8811. You can also find us on Facebook!

# Rangely District Hopsital Has Wound Care

BY KELLY CHRISTIAN

Did you know that Rangely District Hospital offers wound care? Custom wound care is offered on an outpatient basis and addresses chronic as well as acute wounds through advanced dressings, cellular tissue products and multi-layer compression. Frequently treated wounds include:

- Diabetic wounds
- Venous stasis ulcers
- Skin tears
- Chronic, non-healing wounds
- Arterial wounds secondary to PAD
- Pressure ulcers
- Minor burns
- Non-healing surgical wounds



Wound care is provided by appointment only and consultation with a physician specializing in wound treatment is required prior to establishing a wound care regimen. Contact Kelly Christian, BSN, RN, WCC at 970-675-5011 ext. 136 for more information on the wound care program offered at Rangely District Hospital.

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# CNCC Foundation Dinner A Success

BY SUE SAMANIEGO

With only a half-sized crowd, the 2021 Foundation dinner was a complete success. Between 150-175 attendees enjoyed dinner and entertainment provided by co-masters of ceremony Keith Peterson and Nicholas Swails. Peterson also jumped in to lead his first auction and knocked it out of the park.

The program included special recognition of Rangely District Hospital by CNCC President Ron Granger for generous support of CNCC in the fight to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks. By supplying testing equipment that allowed CNCC to test high-risk groups on a weekly basis, CNCC was able to preserve live classes, including clinical placements, and athletics competitions during this academic year.

President Granger received special recognition from Rangely Junior College District Board president and Foundation Board member Sam Tolley for his service to CNCC. Future events are being planned to honor President Granger this spring.

It was so great to be back to a face-to-face event, even with a smaller crowd, the energy was incredible. I think we were all ready to get together with our friends in a social event. We are privileged to have so many very generous donors supporting CNCC and our students! Our thanks go out to all who attended the event and continually support CNCC and CNCC students.

Contributors of auction items included Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, Sasha Nelson, Urie Family Companies, Diane and Lyle Peterson, Rangely Auto Parts, Sue Samaniego, Kyle Stewart, Janet Mackay, Rangely Trash Service, Rangely True Value, Rick and Ann Brady, Paul Burgell, Meeker Sand and Gravel, Big D's, SPN, Utah Gas, Giovanni's Italian Grill, Anthony and Cheryl Mazzola, Tena Tolley, Town of Rangely, Moon Lake, Rangely Conoco, Blanco Cellars/Little Cheese Shoppe, Pippi's Soup and Subz, Ducey's Electric, ColoCPA, Embroidery Shoppe, RBWCD, Kathy Jones/Bo + Nae Dog Biscuit Company, Keely Ellis, CNCC Bookstore and Foundation, White River Market, Bruce and Wendy Peterson, Residence Inn Grand Junction, Grand Junction Courtyard by Marriott, Canyon Pintado Veterinary Services, The Salon - Lindsey Wiley, WRBPRD, Diana Sizemore, Sweetbriar, and Yardley's Automotive.

Cash donations have been received from Matt Grenfell, Bank of the San Juans, Blue Mountain Energy, Timberline Bank, WC Striegel, Russell and Neal George, Jeff and Rebecca Rector, Karol Bullen, Dan and Ellen Conrado, Ryn Dietz, and Sam Tolley. Additional funds are expected from Chevron.

With a few cash donations still expected to come in, net proceeds are at just under \$36,000, but the final numbers are expected to reach over \$50,000. These funds will support CNCC student scholarships and programs over the next year. Of course, none of this would not be possible without the generosity of local individuals and businesses who are the heart of CNCC.



# Hill Climb Event Back for the Third Year

BY JACKSON SMITH  
*Special to the Review*

The Colorado Hill Climb Association (CHCA) was founded in 1971 to promote “hill climb” racing in Colorado and surrounding states. The club’s first race was held in Los Alamos, NM. The CHCA was to be an offshoot of the famed Pikes Peak Hill Climb and a place for racers to test their cars, hone their skills and have a great time more than one race a year. Many of the original members were (and some still are) active throughout the past 49 years throughout various race venues in the Pikes Peak region and beyond. The CHCA staff, while promoting the great sport of automobile racing, works hard with local community members, businesses, the Forest Service and law enforcement agencies throughout the state to host safe, competitive, and entertaining activities for racers and fans alike. This year marks the 50 year anniversary of CHCA. The Colorado Hill Climb Association has been racing in Rangely since 2018. CHCA races on a 4.2 mile stretch of road, and Spencer Steele holds the overall fastest time of 3 minutes and 42 seconds! The Rangely Hill Climb will be our second event in the 2021 season! It will take place on Dragon Douglas Trail, 19 miles south of Hwy 64 and 4.5 miles West of Hwy 139. The event will take place on Jun 12th and 13th! Racing starts on Saturday at 8 AM and Sunday at 9 AM! Tickets are \$15 for the entire weekend. This is an event you don’t want to miss out on! The Colorado Hill Climb Association is so glad that Rangely allows us a safe and well-managed place to race our unique vehicles. We’re very pleased to be racing on such a beautiful landscape on this, our 50th anniversary. We couldn’t be more excited to load up and head west for the weekend of June 12th, and we hope to see plenty of fans there.





# The National Power Grid: How Small Communities Can Make All the Difference

BY DON DAVIDSON  
*Special to the Review*

In nature, most people have had the opportunity to watch a spider build a web. I know I have marveled many times at the speed, precision, and functionality of this machine the spider creates. The web is built for a purpose—catching insects so that the spider can survive; her construction is so elaborate, but at the same time very temporary and fleeting.

Much like the spider’s web (a machine that that functions for a very specific purpose) so too does an interconnected machine built by humankind—the nation’s power grid. This power grid or simply “grid” as it has come to be known, is arguably the biggest system ever built to enable our citizens to function in an ever-increasing world dependent on electronics. What would happen if that grid—the nation’s spider web—were to suddenly go away? Experts in our Task Force for National and Homeland Security, an all-volunteer group, have been shouting from the rooftops for over twenty years that the result of that sort of outage would outright kill 70% to 90% of our population in the first year due to deaths from starvation, disease, lack of water, civil unrest, and cold or heat imbalances. Additionally, the Secure the Grid Coalition, another group of national volunteers, are also working diligently to educate our citizenry on the necessity to harden and protect our grid. Good news—people are working to help protect us!

Let’s provide a little more background. The grid is like a spider’s web—interconnected like the most complex spider’s netting and at first glance powerful and strong, yet very fragile and delicate; think about what happened in the recent Texas weather debacle and how it adversely impacted our own energy costs in our own Rangely, America.

As explained in a 3-minute read in an online publication called Resources for the Future, the grid is made up of this web or infrastructure that is interconnected; more specifically, a “network of transmission and distribution infrastructure—power lines, transformers, and other equipment—that powers a region.” These interconnections are made up of generation facilities, transmission systems like webs or lines, and distribution systems. All of these things can cause natural power monopolies to be created which in themselves present both problems and solutions that can be addressed in later columns. The authors of this text compare the power grid to a swimming pool, a great collection of water being fed by various power sources. These sources, compared to water, must be in balance and when fed into this gigantic pool, can no longer be differentiated from one another. In one sense, the interconnected web becomes like multiple hundreds or thousands of spider webs with each spider doing his or her own project---it is indeed complex, fragile and delicate! So, what happened in Texas and why did it cause power costs to go up for some in Rangely? (Resources for the future)

Electricity retailers sell power to consumers (like Rangely or other towns). This power can be pre-purchased, much like the town administration of Rangely does to a certain extent to try and keep prices low for the consumer. Then, in the event of an incident like the Texas calamity, huge price hikes can be mitigated through these pre-purchases; however, nobody can predict with 100% accuracy when an interconnection can or will be damaged and only a small amount of energy can be pre-purchased economically. Then, if a disaster occurs anywhere in the grid, the rest of the “web” can be affected, and prices rise for everybody. The common goal, then, is to prevent these unseen disruptions from happening in the first place through grid-hardening and other mitigation models.

The grid is indeed an amazing thing. It helps us to live, survive, and to thrive in ways never before heard of in human history. That being said, if that grid (or a part of it) is damaged through natural causes like the Texas disaster, a cyber-attack, space weather like a coronal-mass ejection from the sun, or a national adversary creating an electromagnetic pulse through the explosion a nuclear device, our ability to survive is taken from us. In Texas, people suffered and died because a portion of the grid failed and failed spectacularly. There are solutions that a small but united and resilient community like Rangely, Colorado, can undertake to ensure that we are better protected from others’ lack of preparedness. First, how can we ensure that somebody else’s part of the grid that fails due to unpreparedness does less to impact us in our town?

Let’s go back to the spider diligently maintaining his web, who resemble our electrical line workers.... the unsung heroes working to maintain this electrical transmission network. These line workers labor in all conditions to keep us warm and supplied with power. What these individuals do cannot be underestimated and their positive impacts are undeniable; however, we need more training in how to build, maintain, and become informed about how grid power systems can be impacted by new and emerging threats not seen before in our history. Given that, experts from the Task Force on National and Homeland Security and the Secure the Grid Coalition are clear that three things ought to be done to be prepared for future events that are sure to occur: First, a trained workforce ought to be created that understands grid vulnerability and grid repair given new and unique threats, second, a community that appreciates how important it is to move towards a system of microgrids that are not necessarily connected to the grid but can distribute power to our citizens even given dire societal circumstances, and probably most importantly, a power grid hardened against all threats. The good news is that these solutions are within our grasp and Rangely can be that model for the State and the Nation going forward.

Resources for the future. (2020, March 3). In Electricity 101: Terms and definition. Retrieved from <https://tinyurl.com/y4pnem53>

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# Rangely Strong: Buy Local

BY LISA PIERING

Our money stays in our community when we buy local.

Most of the residents in our community reside here because we love where we live and the people that make up our Community. During the past year, I believe we have all learned what our local business owners have done to keep our community safe, by employing community members, providing necessary supplies, and basically working to survive in a very hostile business environment.



Please take time to consider how your purchasing habits benefit our community.

- More of our spending dollars will be kept in the local economy.

For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$61 will stay in the community. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at businesses outside of the community or box stores only \$42 stays here. In Rangely, because of a unique agreement between the Town of Rangely and the Rangely School Foundation, you contribute approximately \$220 each month for every \$1,000 dollars spent to our Local District.

- We embrace what makes our community unique.

Rangely is different and we celebrate our way of life. We do not want to be like everyone else we are unique and should send that message by investing local.

- Creation of local jobs.

Local businesses are better at creating higher paying jobs for our neighbors when we shop locally. We also help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers and many other essential professions.

- We help our environment.

Busying locally conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging. This in turn provides more disposable income for consumers.

- You put a “Face” to customer service.

We know our local business owners, employee’s, and their families. These residents continue the thread of living and shopping local. Our local business and industry partners donate to all kinds of community causes and charities. We are also more likely to connect with our community and know how and who you are supporting.

- Shopping locally creates more choice and entrepreneurship.

As local businesses pick the items and products, they sell based on customer preference they will widen their inventory with more products and many times unique to our area because of the increased spending. The economy is founded on creativity and entrepreneurship... When we shop locally we ensure a strong and sustainable community.

- We make our community a destination.

The more interesting and unique our community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors, and guests. This not only preserves our desire to maintain our lifestyle but brings in spending and tax dollars that benefit everyone.

You contribute to the Rangely School Foundation.

The Town of Rangely through an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Rangely School Foundation shared the last Sales Tax Increase (1.6% in 2003) which has contributed over 3.1 million dollars to the Foundation for further use through the Rangely School District over the last two decades.

We can celebrate, care, support and preserve our way of life by making a conscience decision spend local and put back into our community....

Please challenge yourself to make this a priority and show that we are “Rangely-Strong!”

# Rangely Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Incorporation

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Rangely will be incorporated as a Town for 75 years! While we are a young community, we are a strong community, filled with residents that love their Town.

Closer to the date we will be discussing ways we plan to celebrate this great milestone. Stay tuned!





# CCCS Names Dr. Lisa Jones Next President of Colorado Northwestern Community College

## PRESS RELEASE

*Special to the Review*

April 26, 2020 (Denver) – Today, Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Chancellor Joe Garcia announced the selection of Dr. Lisa Jones as the next president of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

Dr. Jones will assume the presidency on July 15, 2021. She will succeed Ron Granger, who is retiring at the end of July.

Dr. Jones, a distinguished scholar who has led academic, equity, and innovation programs in her various roles in higher education, will be the first African-American woman to hold the presidency at CNCC and in the Colorado Community College System.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Jones to the system and are confident she will step into the CNCC presidency with the experience and strength needed to lead the college forward as it continues to address challenges and embrace opportunities in a rapidly changing environment,” said Garcia. “At such a critical time in the college’s history, she brings both energy and an entrepreneurial mindset with over 30 years of experience as a leader in higher education, deep understanding of issues facing students from various backgrounds, commitment to reversing trends in generational poverty, and the executive experience to manage the intersection of sustaining financial health and innovation.”

Dr. Jones was selected after a six-month nationwide search, led by an 11-member advisory search committee who worked diligently to screen, interview, and conduct virtual community forums. The committee considered highly accomplished leaders from a pool of more than 60 applicants with diverse backgrounds.

In her most recent role as Vice President of Student Development at Cedar Valley College, a Hispanic-Serving and Predominately Black Institution in Texas, she led a number of initiatives to support enrollment growth, increase college funding, and improve student success outcomes. During her tenure, she guided the institution through enrollment and retention strategies that yielded a 40% increase in overall enrollment and significant increases in target populations including veteran women, adults over the age of 25, and Hispanic and Black males.

Prior to her role at Cedar Valley College, Dr. Jones served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Henry Ford College in Michigan, where she successfully designed and implemented a diversity, equity, and inclusion master plan and leadership training program that transformed the campus culture, streamlined budget efficiencies, and focused strategic enrollment management efforts. She was also hailed for turning around a \$12 million budget deficit to a positive balance within 18 months.

For Dr. Jones, the role and value of community colleges, especially in rural and under-resourced locations, is tantamount to providing supportive and empowering pathways for students to achieve upward social mobility and transforming the trajectory of futures for generations to come.

“As a first-generation, low-income, minority woman who came from an underperforming high school in Detroit, the odds were heavily stacked against me, but through my community college I was able to rewrite my story and achieve my American Dream,” said Dr. Jones. “These institutions play a pivotal role in transforming lives and communities, and I am excited to become a part of this important work at CNCC.”

With her official start date approaching this summer, Dr. Jones expressed her eagerness to work with CNCC’s dedicated faculty, staff, community, and business partners to increase credentials earned by members of the community, close educational and economic opportunity gaps among students, and support the region’s economic growth while elevating the profile of the institution.

“With over 80 years of rich history, CNCC is a jewel in Colorado’s northwestern region and no doubt will play an enormous role as the community prepares for its next chapter,” said Dr. Jones. “Through collective work, shared vision, and perseverance, I am positive that we will create new opportunities and overcome obstacles facing the region and college because that is The Spartan Way.”



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Do you have something you would like to share with the community of Rangely and surrounding area? If so, please contact The Rangely Review at [rangelyreview@gmail.com](mailto:rangelyreview@gmail.com) for more information regarding the next article.



# Have You Ever Heard of AGNC?

BY BONNIE PETERSON  
*Special to the Review*

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) is an organization working hard on your behalf and those of local governments in Northwest Colorado to provide regional opportunities and coordination in support of the northwestern counties of Colorado.

AGNC is a council of governments representing cities and counties in northwest Colorado including the counties of Mesa, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Routt. AGNC associate counties include Grand, Delta and Montrose. Councils of Government (COGs) are voluntary associations of local governments formed under Colorado law. Councils of Government serve as a forum for local governments to identify regional issues and opportunities, develop strategies, and provide a more consolidated system to provide oversight of various regional programs. Regional services offered by councils of governments are varied. Services are undertaken in cooperation with member governments, the private sector, and state and federal partners.

The mission of AGNC is to communicate with, inform, and reflect the needs of its members and promote the values, industries, and economies of Northwest Colorado. To carry out our mission, AGNC conducts the following activities:

1. Proactively pursues agreements between municipal and county governments in order to advance, educate, promote, and negotiate positions at the state and federal level that will protect the character and development of the region represented.
2. Provides forums for education, discussion, and collaborative decision-making for its members on regional and national issues.
3. Assists the member’s development and organizational goals and strategies.
4. Initiates efforts to identify and efficiently utilize the resources in Northwestern Colorado for the benefit of the region and its citizens.
5. Continually monitors its member needs to determine the appropriate level and variety of services to be provided.
6. Continues its effective leadership to promote strong governmental relations on issues facing the region by maintaining a candid and open relationship with each of its members, state and federal lawmakers and state and federal agencies.

AGNC is the fiscal authority for the Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) for Northwest Colorado. AAoA provides a range of services and information to older adults and caregivers in the region. The NW Area Agency on Aging helps provide for increased independence and dignity for the region’s senior citizens by offering services like nutrition and meal assistance, housing assistance, home care, and respite care to name a few.

AGNC also serves as the administrator for the Northwest Enterprise Zone, which includes Garfield, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties as well as Grand, Jackson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin counties. The Enterprise Zone program was established by the Colorado legislature in 1986 and is managed by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). The program provides state tax credits to businesses that locate to and/or expand in designated economically distressed parts of the state located in an enterprise zone.

Lastly, AGNC was designated an Economic Development District (EDD) in November 2019 after completing the development of a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Development of the CEDS is a significant regional collaborative effort that provides guidance to communities in the region for development of local economic development strategies. The counties included in the AGNC EDD are Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt.

AGNC is a strong advocate for communities, businesses, and residents living and working in NW Colorado. For more information, check out their website at <https://agnc.org/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AGNWCO>.



## ATHLETIC EVENTS

These are only the home games/meets

DATE	TIME	EVENT			
5/5/21	5:00PM	RHS vs. Meeker Baseball	5/12/21	3:00/5:00PM	RHS vs. Grand Valley Baseball
5/6/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. Truckee Mdws Women’s Soccer	5/21/21	3:00/5:00PM	RHS vs. Ignacio Baseball
5/7/21	2:00/4:00PM	RHS vs. Hotchkiss Baseball	5/28/21	All Day	High School Track
5/8/21	11:00AM	CNCC vs. SLCC Women’s Soccer (Craig)	6/5/21	10:00AM/12:00PM	RHS vs. Dove Creek Baseball
	1:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Men’s Soccer (Craig)	6/5/21	TBD	RHS vs. Cedaredge Baseball
5/12/21	8:00AM	RHS Basketball League Finals	6/15/21	All Day	High School Track



# Pruning Young Trees

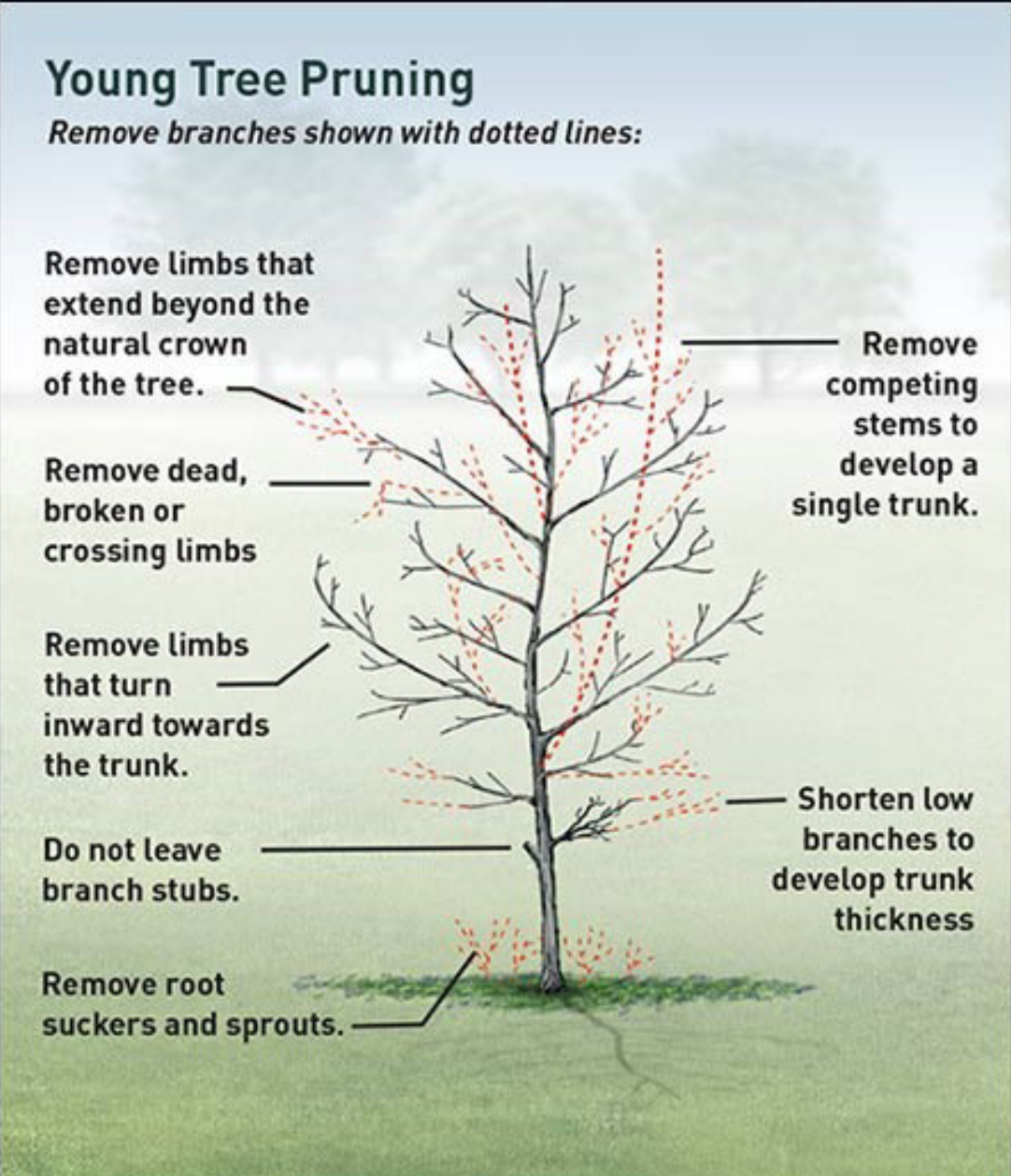
BY JANET MILLER

One of the easiest and most important things that a homeowner can do for their young trees is structural pruning. It is a multiyear investment that reaps huge rewards later in your tree’s life. A young tree really does not require a lot of pruning, but the pruning done early in its life will determine the tree’s structural integrity for its entire lifespan, helping to reduce likelihood of trunk failure and hazard tree situations.

The ideal time to prune most species of trees is in early spring just prior to bud break. A tree expends a lot of energy in the leafing out process and so removing unwanted branches before they leaf out will decrease the amount of reserve energy that is spent. There are certain species of trees that will “bleed” in early spring if they are pruned, and it is best to postpone pruning of those species until early summer. Some of those species are maple, poplar, willow, hackberry, and elm.

Young trees can tolerate heavier pruning than older more mature trees. A good rule of thumb is to only remove a maximum of 20% of the tree canopy at a time. Heavier pruning reduces the photosynthesis capability of the tree, which can cause stress and lead to a host of problems, including insect attack and watersprout production. Watersprouts are dense, ugly, upright branches that grow extremely fast, are improperly attached, and cause major structural problems for the tree later.

The process of training a young tree has multiple steps. The first step in structural pruning is to remove any cross over, broken, or diseased branches. Once this is accomplished, look at the trunk. If there are two main trunks (codominant leader) you will need to prune one of them out. Step back and look at the competing trunks and remove the weaker of the two. One important decision to make is what height you want the permanent lowest branches of the tree to start. The lower branches will remain on the tree for its entire lifespan so remember to consider things like clearance under and around the tree for activities like mowing or structures such as a fence or deck. Again, this is a multiyear process whereby lower, temporary branches are allowed to grow until the tree gets tall enough that these temporary branches can be removed. These temporary branches will shade the lower trunk while it is young and tender and help the tree to establish a “trunk taper” which is crucial in supporting the tree as it ages and increases in size. Always keep in mind that it is best to only remove branches that are less than 2” in diameter so that the tree can easily seal those wounds off and prevent large wounds where disease and decay can enter. Temporary branches can be reduced in length to slow down their growth and maintain their diameter smaller than 2 inches. As the tree grows, it is important to space the main scaffold branches along the trunk and those inside the canopy far enough out that they do not interfere or cross over each other as they increase in size. Always keep in mind the mature size of the tree and space the branches accordingly, remembering the 2” rule. When removing a branch, it is best to remove the entire branch, pruning where the branch originates. Never prune between nodes or leave a stub, as the tree cannot seal these types of cuts off. Stub cuts are a point of entry for decay and are a cause of heart rot later as the decay moves up the branch and into the trunk. Reduction cuts are acceptable if done properly. A reduction cut is removing the terminal portion of a branch to a lateral branch that is equal to or at least 1/3rd the diameter of the terminal portion that is being removed (preferably more than 1/3rd). The remaining branch will then assume the terminal role, as the energy is directed into it. Reduction pruning is used for directional pruning, improving branch structure, and removing defective branches.



When pruning always identify the location of the branch bark collar and ridge. These are the tree’s natural protection zone against decay entry. All cuts must be made just outside these swellings so that the tree is able to seal off the wound and keep any decay from entering. Every species of tree has these, and it is crucial that they are located, and all pruning cuts be made correctly. On younger branches they are less pronounced and more difficult to identify but it is very important for the long-term health of the tree to make correct cuts.

Structural pruning of young trees is probably the most important maintenance task a homeowner can do for the long-term health of their trees. If done annually, it is a quick task that can be done easily and without a chainsaw or use of large ladders. Trees that have been structurally pruned will have a longer life span, a more pleasing and natural shape, will be less likely to become hazard trees later in life, and will add value to the property.





# Community Counts Colorado Is Still Active

BY NITA SMITH  
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## COMMUNITY COUNTS COLORADO IS STILL ACTIVE AND READY TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR CONCERNS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH PRO-ACTIVE NOTICES

Community Counts Colorado is a non-profit organization that helps the community and the energy/extractive industry have “open communication.” Do you have an issue or concern? Our Response Line (1-866-442-9034) is available 24/7/365 days a year with nine of the major operators, the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison and the Community Counts Executive Director at your service to help you resolve your concern. If you do not know who can help you then chose anyone of the operators or the “0” button for the Executive Director and we will be glad to take your information and expedite it to the proper party. Check out our website for more information on the industries, a rig map, calendar, list of Board of Directors and Staff, list of our membership and a query link for questions. Would you like to receive our informational e-mails that include pro-active notices for temporary impacts, rig moves, travel alerts, fire information and other pertinent information relevant to the area you live or work in. We operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco County so send your e-mail address to [nita@communitycountscolorado.com](mailto:nita@communitycountscolorado.com) and Nita will be happy to add you to our database relevant to the county you live or work in. If you need further assistance give our Executive Director, Nita Smith a call at 970-712-7317.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held every other month on the 3rd Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. and will be held by conference call until COVID restrictions are lifted. (Meetings for 2021 tentatively scheduled for March 17; May 19; July 21; September 15 and November 17). Membership reports will be sent out at least twice a year if not more along with operator updates.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

“To facilitate open and direct dialogue through timely response and resolution of mutual concerns between communities and the energy and extraction industries.”

# Rally Colorado to Feature More Spectator Areas in 2021, Aims to Become a National Event in 2022

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## Rally Colorado is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> year in Rio Blanco County

Rally Colorado Organizers are enthusiastic for the 2021 event, taking place June 5-6, as they welcome back teams and spectators both Saturday and Sunday. Rally Colorado will challenge rally cars and teams over 135 competition stage miles divided into 14 stages. The stages include the quintessential rugged mountains, vast plains, deep canyons, and high mesas included in years prior with three brand new stages never used before. The highlight of which is a super special stage where the crews will marvel fans, volunteers, and locals as they race around Columbine Park in Rangely, CO.

With 99% of the event taking place outdoors, organizers have worked with the local community to incorporate a safe family-friendly environment to welcome back fans and spectators to watch the teams roar down the stage roads. The traditional Main Street Parade is scheduled for Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 7-7:30 pm in “Rally Town USA,” Rangely, CO. A detailed Spectator Guide and full schedule will be available for download at [www.rallycolorado.org](http://www.rallycolorado.org) along with a list of locations where printed guides can be obtained. The Spectator Guide will inform fans, locals, and the like of the safe and approved designated viewing areas. It will also provide detailed safety instructions on how to prepare to safely watch the event

In addition to counting toward the West Region points bracket of the American Rally Association as a Super Regional event, Rally Colorado will again kick off the 2020-2021 super season of the California Rally Series (CRS) Rally Championship. The CRS is the premier performance rally championship in the southwestern United States. The Series incorporates events from various sanctioning bodies in order to create a meaningful regional championship for its members. The Series celebrates more than 40 continuous years of performance rally, making it the longest running rally series in the United States.

Rally Colorado is a volunteer-run event, and its success depends on motorsports fans. There is no better way to spectate and experience the event than to volunteer and see first hand! Rally Colorado Organizers are working hard to ensure the volunteers are appreciated and plan for some fun prizes and surprises to later be announced for volunteers.