

## Arbor Day 2024



BY JANET MILLER

For the fourth straight year TREAD and Rio Blanco Water Conservancy have partnered to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree in the community. The plan for Arbor Day originated to replace dead or dying trees around town. Thus far, the Arbor Day celebrations have been a great success.

This year's event was held on May 2nd, and it was a beautiful day for planting a tree! Keeping with tradition, a tree was planted at White River Village, to replace a dead tree. Residents from White River Village as well as 5th grade students from Parkview Elementary were in attendance. After receiving instruction on planting a tree, the 5th grade students planted the tree!

Macy Morgan, a Senior at Rangely High School, gave a speech on this year's theme, which was "How Trees Create Habitat."

Each year a contest is held to name the tree. This year the name of the tree, which was chosen by the judges, was "The Hollow." Flint Nickson submitted the name. He is in 3rd grade in Ms. Watson's class.

A poetry contest was also held, and the winners were, First Place - Paisley Potter, Second Place - Karter.

Several classes also submitted art pieces, which were judged, and prizes awarded. The names of the winners for this, since there are a large number, can be found on TREAD's Facebook page, by following the QR Code and scrolling down the page.

Thank you to everyone who participated! Special thanks to Rio Blanco Water Conservancy for giving everyone who attended a tree to plant!



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# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

## CEO Corner

Greetings from your Rangely District Hospital family. The past few months have been quite busy. We have several items to update you on. We hired a new pharmacist, 2024 health fair went well, surgeries are underway, MRI suite addition is progressing and we are performing an operational review.

Colton Johnson and his wife Sydnye bought a house in town and moved in the last part of April. Colton is our new pharmacist, who took the reins on our retail side in May. His home town is Greeley, Colorado. He is excited to help our patients and providers. A few of his hobbies are painting, board games and Dungeons and Dragons. It took us a little over a year to find a good fit for our community. He comes from Rock Springs, Wyoming. He graduated from the University of Wyoming, School of Pharmacy in 2022. We are excited about having him join our team.



Our annual health fair was a success. Hopefully you enjoyed the booths and were able to take advantage of the discounted lab tests. The lab drew around 230 patients. Thanks to the many employees and community members who volunteer to help. It takes about 80 volunteers to put the event on each year. Congratulations to Greg Fugal and John Payne for winning the electric bicycles, with Katy Denison taking home a screened Gazebo. I know there were a lot of activities going on in the community that weekend and appreciate you taking the time to attend. It's a great opportunity to meet our staff and interact with our providers. There's a lot of work behind the scenes to get ready for the event. Appreciation goes out to Debbie Smith for heading it up each year.

Our new surgical suite is open, and we performed our first procedures on May 1st. What an exciting time for the hospital to expand our services, so our patients don't have to travel. I've heard nothing but great feedback from the surgical team. The schedule is full in June, and we will continue to provide high quality care.

A small update on our MRI build. The MRI suite CD's have been submitted to the state for review. This process could take a few months as they review our design. Meanwhile, we will be taking bids from contractors which are due by June 21, 2024 and getting the permits needed in order to start building. I'll keep you updated on the progress as things move along. Currently, we have a mobile unit that has been really busy for the last several months.

The Board of Directors and I want to perform an operational review. The last one completed was in 2018 by a company called Eide Baily. The healthcare environment has changed since then. We have partnered with the USDA and a company called Stroudwater for the project. The USDA wants rural hospitals to thrive as they recognize the importance of healthcare in rural areas. The cost of this would be in the neighborhood of around \$40,000 to \$50,000 dollars. Stroudwater will be here in June interviewing staff and looking over our financials. This will help us in our strategic planning initiatives moving forward.

We are staying busy which can be good or bad being a hospital. We are here for you whatever the situation may be. Whether it's a routine physical, surgery, or an emergency, our highly trained staff will be waiting to help you and your family. Be safe and have a great summer!

## Advertise in the Rangely Review

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1/8 page - \$55

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1/2 Page - \$100

1/4 Page - \$55

1/8 page - \$40

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# TREAD

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Each year the National Main Street Program hosts an event for the leaders of Main Street Programs. This year's event was held in Birmingham, Alabama May 6–8, 2024. I attended this event on behalf of TREAD, which is Rangely's Main Street Program.

These events are incredible. Your time is spent in classes as well as networking. The leaders of the Colorado Main Street Program are always in attendance as well as other Main Street community leaders in Colorado.

I always choose and attend classes with an eagerness to see what will be most beneficial to Rangely. This year I attended classes on marketing strategies, historic preservation, creating a successful incubator space, co-working spaces, grant writing...just to name a few. I walked away from each class with ideas and motivation.

Spending time with leaders from other communities, many of which are like Rangely, is always important and motivating. I feel like I have made great friends and connections throughout not only Colorado but around the country who understand small towns. Small communities need each other. We can find ways to help each other with encouragement as well as ideas.

We are excited to see what 2024 holds for Rangely! We do believe we will continue to see improvements all around town.



## FBI-LEEDA

*Special to the Review*

Introducing FBI-LEEDA's 2024-2025 Sergeant at Arms: Chief TiRynn Hamblin!

Chief Hamblin currently serves as the Chief of Police for the Rangely Police Department in Colorado. He has been an active member of FBI-LEEDA since 2019 and received the Trilogy Award in 2020. Under his leadership, his entire command staff has also received their Trilogy Awards. Additionally, the Rangely Police Department received the Agency Trilogy Award in April 2024. Chief Hamblin has also graduated from our Media & Public Relations course and our very first Culture & Diversity Institute course.

Chief Hamblin is currently enrolled at Arizona State University where he is working on a B.S. in Public Service & Public Policy (Emergency Management & Homeland Security).

Congratulations, Chief Hamblin! We eagerly look forward to all you accomplish during your tenure on FBI-LEEDA's executive board.





# Two Girls, One Small Town Podcast

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL AND KATIE DILLON

Two Girls, One Small Town is rocking along. We are enjoying our chats with the great people of Rio Blanco County. Learning more about the history of our community, the very fun times in our community and what is to come has been awesome! Since there is a Rio Blanco County Commissioner election coming up on June 25th, we have taken the time to interview both candidates, Callie Scritchfield as well as Regas Halandras. Callie's podcast was aired on May 20th and Regas will air during the first week of June. We strongly encourage you to listen to these podcasts as you prepare to vote on June 25th. PS...please remember to vote!

In the future, we are looking to interview historians around the community. Rangely's history is important. We want to preserve as much as we can, whether through voice or written.

Remember, we are on Spotify, Amazon, Google Podcasts as well as Apple! You can check out the podcast on Spotify by utilizing the QR Code!

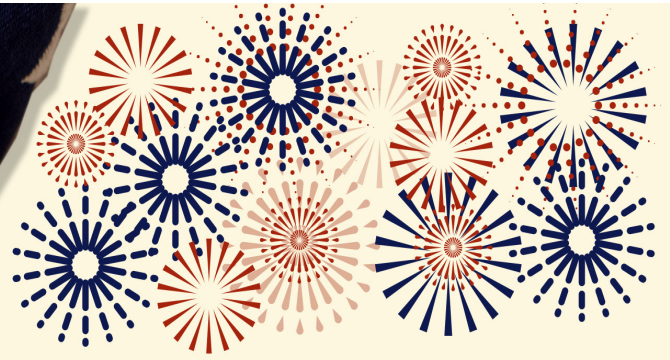


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**RIO BLANCO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER**

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
ELECTION DAY  
June 25th**





# FREEDOM MARCH



*June 27th*  
**6:00 PM**

**Hefley Park Veteran's Memorial**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**CHIEF OF POLICE  
TIRYNN HAMBLIN**



**March from Hefley Park  
Veteran's Memorial to Elk's Park**



**FREE BBQ Dinner Served at Park**



**The Town of Rangely has several job positions available, full-time, part-time as well as seasonal. Check out the list below:**

**Full-Time**

Police Patrol Officer  
Dispatch Supervisor  
Dispatcher  
Buildings and Grounds

**Part-Time**

Dispatcher  
Seasonal Jobs 2024



For a full job description of each position please utilize the QR Code to the left. You will also find the job applications on the same page.

**For additional information please contact Marybel Cox at [marybelc@rangelyco.gov](mailto:marybelc@rangelyco.gov) or (970) 675-8476.**

## Colorado's Friendliest Town Beckons

FEATURE IN DENVER GAZETTE

The allure of Rangely, Colorado is calling! In this small town that has big appeal, you'll find every one of your senses awakened.

You'll see beautiful landscapes and wide-open spaces, wildlife, and the Milky Way in dark night skies.

The sounds of gravel under bikes, a fishing rod casting off, and water splashing off the oars of a canoe or kayak will fill the air as you find your next adventure, and the swirling reverberation that is The TANK's sonic wonder will be a never-before-experienced discovery of delight ... or perhaps you will find moments of much-needed peace and tranquility, where the only sound you hear is the beating of your contented heart.

Take a bite out of life at Rangely's eateries, including restaurants, a cafe, a sandwich shop and a sports bar; everything will taste like home.

Go ahead and touch some of the cutest items you'll ever see as you shop downtown in search of souvenirs that will help you keep a bit of Rangely's hometown hospitality with you long-term! You



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# Rangely District Hospital

## RANGELY DISTRICT HOSPITAL WELCOMES DR. BUCHANAN, MD

Help us celebrate the amazing accomplishment of bringing **Neurology** right here to the **Town of Rangely, Colorado!**

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was Dr. Buchanan's first day seeing patients at Rangely Family Medicine. As **Rangely District Hospital's** CEO, Kyle Wren, has shared in his quarterly CEO Corner in the Rangely Review, this new service line is part of the bigger picture and strategic planning at RDH. Senate Bill 22-200 created the Rural Provider Access & Affordability Stimulus Grant Program. In 2023, Rangely District Hospital (RDH) and the **RDH Foundation** applied and was awarded \$650,000 to create a Neurology Department and in-house **MRI Suite** to serve patients in rural Northwestern Colorado and Eastern Utah. The Grant period began January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and is administered by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF). RDH will be working diligently on the project through 2026, in partnership with Dr. Buchanan and High Desert Neurology.

Our goals and objectives aim to address the critical need for access to neurology services in rural communities, improve care coordination, enhance patient outcomes, and ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the Neurology Department at RDH. Through Rangely Family Medicine, Dr. Buchanan will provide in-person consultations, evaluations and treatment for a range of neurological conditions each week. For direct information about **High Desert Neurology**, call **(385)236-3876**; renowned for their expertise and compassionate care, Dr. Buchanan, Kate Riordan, FNP, and their team are bringing their commitment to neurological well-being to a whole new level.



Thomas Buchanan, MD is a Board-Certified Neurologist. He sees patients struggling with many neurological issues and has a special interest in epilepsy and multiple sclerosis. “Exciting times are ahead as we embark on this new chapter together! Thank you for your continued trust and support.”—Dr. Buchanan

### Our Program's Goals:

- Increase access to neurology services in rural Northwestern Colorado and Eastern Utah.
- Improve care coordination for patients with neurological conditions.
- Enhance the quality of life and health outcomes for patients in our rural community.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of the Neurology Department

## CNCC is Getting a Makeover

BY TIMBER SCHUMAN

Rangely – a dusty northwestern Colorado town home to just about two thousand people hosts a college making a dent nationwide with a 16-week National Park Ranger training academy that's one of only six nationwide.

Director of Marketing at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Reuben Talbot says the college also has a dental hygiene program that's been very successful – it was an original program 61 years ago when the school started as Rangely College.

Nowadays, the state owns and runs CNCC, but the town of Rangely initially built and ran this college.

Rangely Marketing Director Jeannie Caldwell says the rock in the walls like one in the science lab came right from their backyard.

Some renovations are also finally underway – the basketball court and soccer field will be completely redone for the next round of students.

Because of the economic boost CNCC brings this small town, locals also get an exciting opportunity – 100% tuition buy-down for Rangely residents.

The sister campus in Craig also gives locals 50% off tuition rates.

Along with nursing and National Park Ranger courses, the small college is also known for its flight academy, where students can get their private and commercial pilot's license in the two-year program.

Talbot says, looking forward, a radiology tech program is also in the works as this historic college plans to provide new opportunities for generations to come.

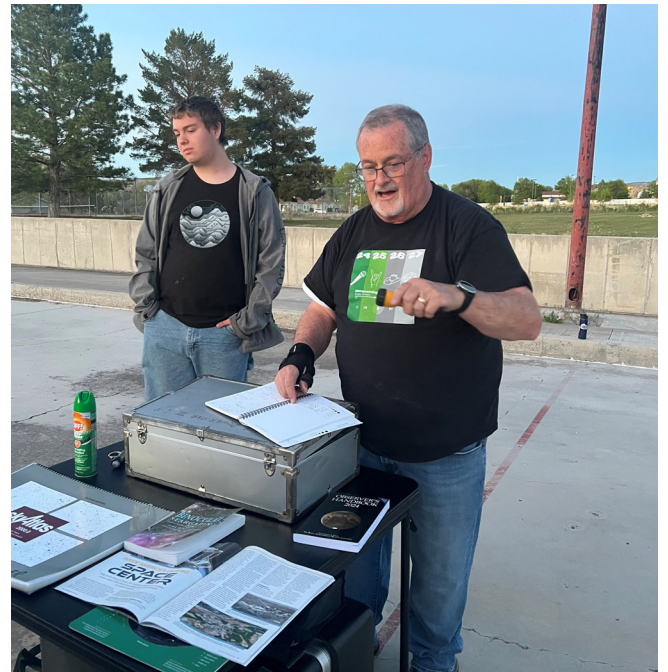


## Stargazing Event

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On Thursday, May 16th, the Dark Skies Committee held a stargazing event in Rangely. The event was held on the ice-skating rink between the hospital and the Rangely Rec Center. Mike Kreuger (who is awesome), teaches astronomy at the high school, served as the official host and educator. He began setting up the equipment and teaching prior to dusk. Those attending learned about the dark skies in Rangely, the current location of the planets and of course we observed the moon, which was a half-moon at the time. The moon was easily viewed through the telescopes and the kids especially enjoyed seeing the craters on the moon! The event hosted more than a dozen residents. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Stay tuned for future stargazing events!





# Adventure Begins at Your Library

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

The 2024 Summer Reading Program has officially kicked off at Rangely Regional Library. Your library participates in the Collaborative Summer Library Program along with other libraries around the country. What does that mean? It means that we share the same theme each year as all the participating libraries across the United States! The theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". All ages are eligible to participate. It is a fun program for the whole community. If you are looking for something super stress free to do that does not require you to be anywhere at any given time, then look no further than your library! You read what you want, where you want, when you want and as much as you want and did I mention that you get fun prizes?!?! We also have a weekly candy guess that you can enter for your chance to win a sweet treat!



Of course, we would love for you to check out books and audios from the Library-but books from home and e-books count too. You will want to turn in a prize slip for each book that you read because that is how you win prizes!!!!

Our Annual Summer Reading Carnival will take place in late July. Watch for details about this over the top event as it gets closer!

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

Stop in at 109 East Main Street and check us out (literally) or give us a call at (970)675-8811 with any questions. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M to 6:00P.M. You can also find us on Facebook!

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



## Room to Roam in Rangely, Colorado

BY KRISTEN ARENDT

Tucked between the Book Cliffs and the White River, the town of Rangely, Colorado is the perfect hub to explore the stunning high desert landscape of northwest Colorado. The biggest draw of this small town is the outstanding access to public lands, so plan on spending some extra time in the area exploring.

One of the most popular spots for hiking, mountain biking and off-roading, the Wagon Wheel West OHV trail system has more than 160 miles of multi-use trails. In addition to slick rock terrain and mesa-

top views, keep your eyes open and you may spot wild horses and other local critters. If you're in town at the end of April, check out the Rangely OHV Adventure Rally (R.O.A.R.). This annual event includes guided OHV trail rides, an OHV rodeo, live music, vendors and a shrimp boil dinner.

Nearby Kenney Reservoir, located five miles east of town, is a great spot if you're looking to beat the heat. Rent a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard from Colorado Northwestern Community College's Outdoor Recreation Program to get out on the water.



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# FOUNDATION

TOGETHER WE RISE

### Big things are about to happen with the RDH Foundation!

On June 5th, 2024, our Board of Directors will be holding their Strategic Planning Session. Our new initiatives will be set by Sara Peterson (Board Chair), Carlene Cantrell (Vice Chair), Taylor Allred (Treasurer), Rachael Files (Secretary) and Wesley White (RDH Board Proper Representative) with input from RDH CEO, Kyle Wren. The strategic plan will ensure that we focus on needs of Rangely District Hospital that are in line with the mission to continually improve the quality of life of the individuals and communities we serve.

In pursuit of our mission and vision, we will be guided by RDH's values of respect, integrity, compassion, and service excellence.

We invite you to consider the various ways that you can help us build lasting community relationships while we focus on rural access & affordability in healthcare.

#### One way to donate:

By donating towards **engraved leaves** (\$100) and **stones** (\$250) that will be create our beautiful Memorial Tree, or a **park bench** with a personalized plaque (\$2,500), you can create a lasting legacy for yourself, your family, or a loved one.

Your contributions will help beautify Sunrise Memorial Park and will ensure that future generations can enjoy our small town and appreciate the contributions of those who came before them.



### Donate without Spending any Extra!

The **ShopRaise** app & desktop plugin provide a simple way to support our cause at almost everywhere you shop with almost everything you buy at close to 1,000 national retailers ...without spending an extra penny! Up to 10% of each transaction you make will be contributed back to us on your behalf, directly from the company you shopped with.

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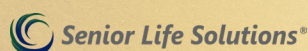
The RDH Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, classified as a Supporting Organization, therefore all donations and legacy giving are tax-deductible (EIN 85-2813267); be sure to check out our Foundation section on our website at [rangelyhospital.org](https://rangelyhospital.org)!

Whether you choose to **Volunteer, Donate, or Collaborate**, each of your contributions make a lasting change. We are thankful for the support and are proud of the positive impacts we will be making on healthcare in our community through 2024 and beyond.

**If you have any questions, or would like to visit in person, please reach out to our Foundation & Marketing Director, Raquel Petersen, at (970)675-5011 extension 116 or <rpetersen@rdhosp.org>.**

thank you

We sincerely appreciate our 2024 Sponsors for their contributions to Sunrise Memorial Park, our Child Care Partnership & our General Fund.



Raquel Petersen  
Foundation Director

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## Mosquito remediation in the Town of Rangely

The Town of Rangely has determined that Mosquito-borne diseases caused by the bite of an infected mosquito are a health risk to our community. Mosquitoes can carry life-threatening illnesses; West Nile is more prevalent in our area.

Each homeowner can take the steps below to prevent breeding in the Town.

- Clean up your yard and remove anything that can hold water, such as unused pots and containers or tires.
- Cover or overturn trailers, wheelbarrows, boats, tools and children's toys to avoid water pooling.
- Regularly clean gutters and drains so water runs freely.
- Mend leaking water taps.
- Change water held in pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vases at least once a week and more regularly in warm weather.
- Put sand around the bases of potted plants to absorb pooling water.
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed back to reduce the area where mosquitos rest.

The Town of Rangely will be mitigating mosquitoes in the Town and outlying areas through fogging and aerial spraying. We have implemented a 3-pronged approach that has been successful.

- When spring comes and we have areas of standing water, larvicide is added to these areas. This kills the mosquito larvae but does nothing to kill the adult mosquito. The larvicide is not harmful to anything but the mosquito larvae. This continues throughout the summer, particularly after it rains.
- The second thing we do is to fog for mosquitoes. During this process, we use a fogging unit mounted in the back of a truck to disperse very fine droplets and small amounts of insecticide which minimizes the exposure and risks to people and the environment. This kills adult mosquitoes only and usually lasts for a few days.
- Finally, we contract someone to aerial spray. This method is effective but is cost prohibitive to complete more than a few times during the summer. We aerially spray when we know we will have large numbers of people doing outside activities such as around the 4th of July and Septemberfest.

There are some factors that affect fogging.

- The temperature needs to be above 50 degrees Fahrenheit, or adult mosquitoes are not active. If they are not active, the spray is not effective as it does not come into contact with the mosquito. Weather is also a major factor. If the wind is over 10 miles per hour, the fine mist of the spray does not stay in the area to effectively kill the mosquito. A very small amount of breeze (about 1 mile per hour) is beneficial as it agitates the mosquitoes, and they are actively flying around.
- Fogging is ineffective when it rains or shortly afterwards. Timing is also important. Dusk or dawn is the best time to spray. It takes about 5 hours to cover all of Town, so while we try our best to fog during these times, some places will be fogged somewhat earlier or later. We do not always fog all of Town at once. For instance, if we have three days of decent weather and minimal wind, we will fog for a couple hours a day to try to hit those optimal fogging times.

Because of the factors mentioned above, we cannot have a set schedule to fog so notifying the public is just not feasible. If it is rainy or very windy, you can assume we will not be fogging for mosquitoes. The fogging unit has a distinct noise and once you come to recognize it, some people may want to go inside for the few minutes the fogger is in the area. Mosquito mitigation is an ongoing process as we must continue to kill the larvae and to kill the adult mosquitoes that enter the area.

No matter the conditions, fogging will only kill part of the adult mosquitoes in the area for a few days. There are things you can do to help protect yourself.

- Try to avoid places and times when mosquitoes bite, such as dense grassy areas, early morning, or late evening.
- Wear clothing that is tightly woven and protects you from bites.
- Use insect repellent when outside.

Have a safe and happy summer!



# Congratulations



Community Hospital would like to congratulate Rangely District Hospital on their new operating room!

The health and well being of rural Colorado is made stronger when we work together.



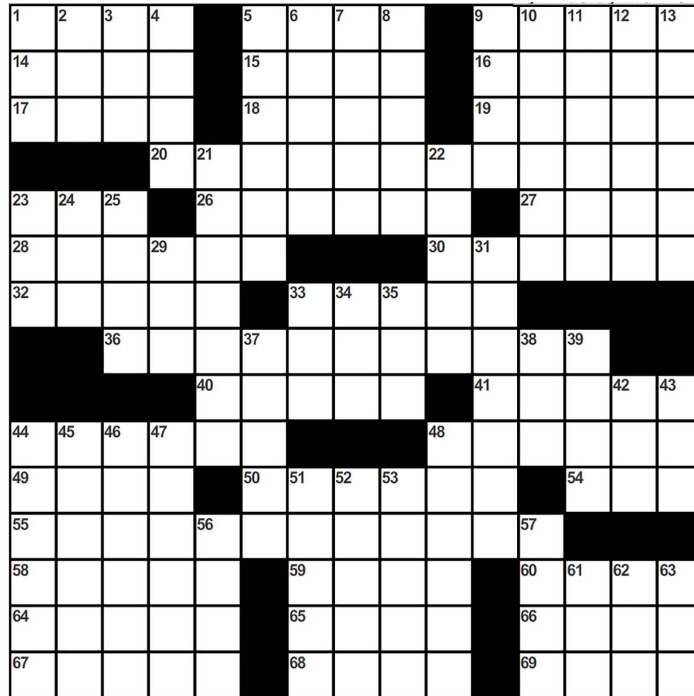
Community Hospital proudly partnered with Rangely District Hospital to provide additional local surgical services.

- Esophageal Dilation
- Surgical Consultations
- Vasectomies
- Breast Biopsies
- Skin Biopsies
- Lypoma Removal
- Wound Care
- Colonoscopy Screenings with Polyp Removal
- Upper Endoscope Screenings
- ECG/EKGs
- Cardiac Ultrasound

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ACROSS

1. Cheery sounds
5. Asian nurse
9. Pet protection org.
14. Polish prose
15. "Contendere" preceder
16. Word-insertion mark
17. "Star Wars" sage
18. Gaming first-timer
19. "I Got \_\_\_\_"(Croc tune)
20. What river rats do to sharpen their teeth?
23. Tummy muscles
26. On \_\_\_\_ (under tight control)
27. Sister of your father
28. Praying insect
30. They can barely give a hoot
32. No place for a roller skate
33. "Aida" composer
36. Town for cold trolls?
40. Posts on a ship's deck
41. Dips one's toes in
44. Peninsula comprising Spain and Portugal
48. Knitter's project, sometimes
49. Love potion's number
50. Chinese pork dish
54. Actor Brynner
55. Singer's annoying relative?
58. Textile fiver
59. Aroma synonym
60. Not too much
64. "Me, Myself & \_\_\_\_" (Jim Carrey vehicle)
65. Brooklyn ballers
66. Like some losers
67. "Blowin' in the Wind" composer
68. \_\_\_\_ en point (heraldic style)
69. "Pro" votes



DOWN

1. "The Bridge to San Luis \_\_\_\_"
2. "Without further \_\_\_\_..."
3. Put out of sight
4. Like bachelor parties
5. Chronicles
6. "Archie" character
7. "Hello!" or "Goodbye!"
8. "The Natural" hero Roy
9. Berry in some drinks
10. Beach wear
11. Czech capital
12. Concrete kin
13. Bikini Atoll events, briefly
21. Kenya's capital
22. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" spin-off
23. Early hrs.
24. Winged mammal
25. Obstacle
29. Bronze component
31. Sadly pensive
33. Boxer's physician
34. Finish the course
35. "Treasure Island" monogram
37. Dolphins run here
38. Beer barrel
39. Very pale
42. St. Anthony's cross
43. Skit show, for short
44. Bergman, but not Ingmar
45. Containing two components
46. Tooth part
47. Light-sensitive membrane
48. "I could eat \_\_\_\_"
51. Down \_\_\_\_ knee
52. Salt Lake City nieghbor
53. Rag composer Joplin
56. Sharp-sighted
57. Not a challenge
61. Tot's "little piggy"
62. Constellation near Scorpius
63. "Plaines" leader

# Elks BPOE 1907 Scholarships

BY JEFF LEBLEU

The Elks organization was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868, under the name "Jolly Corks" by 15 actors, entertainers and others associated with the theater. In proceeding years, membership expanded to other professions. This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."

The Town of Rangely has a great Elks Organization. For many years they have hosted Easter Egg Hunts for kids, Christmas parties as well as other charitable activities. In addition, they give away scholarships to graduating seniors, on average about 5 a year. As a side note, The Elks Organization provides more scholarship funds to graduating seniors than the federal government.

This year the recipients for the scholarships are:

## Rangely Elks Scholarship

- Justin Allred
- Emma Smith

## Jerry LeBleu Sr. Memorial Scholarship

- Kastyn Dembowski

## Colorado Elks Association Scholarship

- Jaxon Torsell
- Teijah Hall

Thank you to all members of The Elks for supporting Rangely's graduating seniors! You are appreciated!





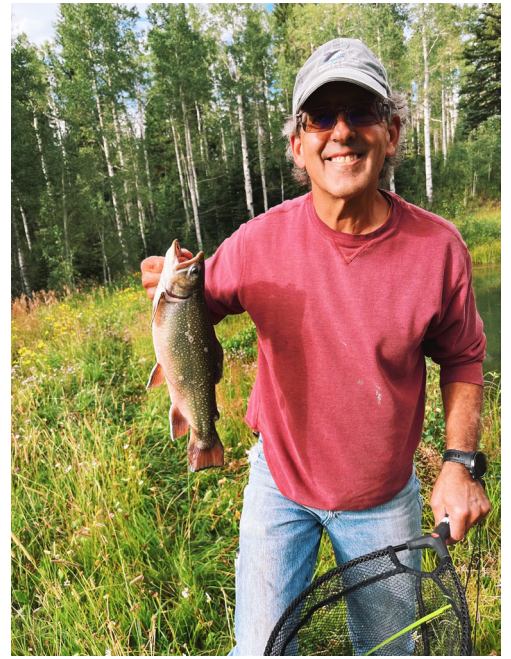
# Greetings from Commissioner Candidate Halandras

BY REGAS HALANDRAS

I am Regas Halandras. I have announced my candidacy as a Republican candidate for the office of Rio Blanco County Commissioner in District 3.

I am a lifelong resident of Rio Blanco County. I was raised in the family sheep ranching business started by my grandfather in the 1930s. We operated throughout the county.

I consider myself lucky to have been born in Rio Blanco County. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have natural attractions of the rocky and rugged landscape of the high desert at 5,000 feet that stretches up to the high mountains of 12,000 feet. Through it all, the White River delivers fresh water from end to end. Our history is long. Lost civilizations evident only by hidden encampments, rock art, and cultural artifacts and the site of the last conflicts in US history as the area was settled by the people coming to find a better way of life. These settlers followed in the footsteps of early explorers like John Wesley Powell and the early outlaws who hid



in our untamed landscape. Rio Blanco County is still one of the most sparsely populated areas of Colorado at less than 2 people per square mile and skies that let the Milky Way shine bright.

While I was raised with an agricultural upbringing, I have been self-employed since the early 1990s. I have started and operated multiple businesses. I am a private and commercial property owner. I pay property and personal taxes in Rio Blanco County; I know how that feels. I have had multiple employees and managed projects and contractors as we served the people in our communities.

My broad working background and the operations of successful businesses has taught me to know a strong work ethic. As a Rio Blanco County Commissioner, I would use this same determination to represent our county to foster growth and prosperity among our citizens and our businesses.

Over the past 30 years, I have sat on multiple boards and committees. I spent 14 years on the Meeker Town Board of trustees; 6 of which I was Mayor. I currently sit on 4 boards; 3 of which I am the president or vice president. I am consistently available as a volunteer to lend a hand in support of community activities.

These experiences, whether private or on a public platform, have given me an understanding of business practices, client, public and employee relationships, budgeting processes, grant processes, presentations and representation of my fellow constituents and members. I have learned that teamwork, the ability to work together, can solve problems; it will open new doors; it will give all individuals a voice as we work to a solution. I have built bridges to unite government agencies, private businesses, and our citizens. Together, we've shaped projects and events to bring together the county which we are proud to call our own.

My involvement and participation within these organizations along with my entrepreneurial livelihood of 30 years demonstrates my individual initiative to get things done. Let's roll up our sleeves; let's come together to do whatever it takes to keep Rio Blanco County the place that we know and love.

You've heard me say it — I don't take this candidacy lightly. I stand here to tell you that I will work hard to protect and enhance my home, your home. As a county commissioner, I will promise to do my best as I represent Rio Blanco County as we continue to face an ever-changing playbook of rules and regulations on state and federal levels; a thought process driven by the citizens that truly don't understand the reality of their actions. Most policies are crafted by people in the urban landscape without any rural perspective.

Today, information is rampant, we can easily find it anywhere. But, the truth can be skewed, the data misleading. Our future hinges on leadership that understands, a leader (not a politician) who is an advocate for our unique way of life. A leader with the ability to find the facts and define the truth.

There is no question, we face many issues; there are challenges ahead. The shift towards renewable energy is here—but for greatest efficiency it must be paired with fossil fuels like our abundant natural gas. Our mainstay of mineral wealth is being challenged. We must meet that challenge with common sense and vision. The reintroduction of species like wolves and wolverines are being introduced

*see Halandras on pg 24*



# Rangely Legislative Town Hall

Monday, June 17  
12-1 PM

Rangely Administrative Office, Courtroom  
209 E Main St, Rangely



Representative  
Meghan Lukens



Senator  
Dylan Roberts

Join us to hear about the 2024 Legislative Session!

# 2024 Legislative Session Review: Big Wins for Colorado

BY DYLAN ROBERTS

The Colorado General Assembly just adjourned our annual 120-day legislative session. As we concluded our work, spirits were high as several major bipartisan efforts successfully passed, including a permanent solution for slowing the growth in property taxes, modernizing our school funding formula, protecting thousands of acres of wetlands, and so much more.

Further, the partisan rancor that often led headlines last year was significantly reduced this year, and Colorado will be better for it as we worked together to deliver much-needed solutions and progress on some of our state's most pressing challenges. For me, responding to the needs of the rural and mountain

communities I serve in the State Senate had me working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle and always focusing on results - and we got a lot of good done.

## ***Cost of Living***

Addressing the rising cost of living in Colorado was top of mind this session. To that end, we cut income taxes, reduced sales taxes and made it easier for working families, parents, educators, healthcare professionals, and many others to get ahead. This was done through a bill that will be the largest tax cut in Colorado history as well as several pieces of legislation to expand existing successful tax credits as well create new ways to promote the workforce that Colorado needs.

## ***Affordable Housing and Property Tax Relief***

Affordable housing, and the impact of rising property taxes, has been one of the top issues before the legislature for several years. I was proud to introduce and pass SB24-002, which authorizes counties and towns to establish property tax credits for homeowners that rent to long-term tenants or needed community services, such as child care.

I also supported bills that will help the state significantly expand the availability of affordable housing. Finally, we passed a bipartisan property tax bill. The legislation will provide over \$1 billion in residential property tax relief, will reduce commercial property tax rates, halt the growth of property tax rates in the future, and give local governments the certainty they need.

## ***Protecting Water***

We continued to make significant strides toward securing our water future. I worked to implement the recommendations of the Colorado River Drought Task Force with SB24-197 which will expand protections for agriculture water, increase stream flows, keep water in the Yampa River as energy companies explore new energy production, and increase funding to our tribal nations for water projects.

Speaker McCluskie and I successfully restored environmental protections to Colorado's wetlands, streams and rivers after they were stripped away by the US Supreme Court last year.

I was proud to sponsor the annual water projects bill which includes millions of dollars to fund the Water Plan, conservation and infrastructure improvements, and \$20 million to help the Colorado River District secure the Shoshone water right on the Western Slope. We also passed legislation to prohibit the use of nonfunctional, water-intensive turf grass in new development and added funding to the popular turf-replacement program.

## ***Investing in Rural Economies***

Supporting small businesses and incentivizing new businesses to rural Colorado was a major priority of mine this year. Working with local stakeholders, we crafted SB24-190, a bill that will incentivize businesses to locate in coal transitioning communities, specifically Craig and Hayden, and use the rail line to move freight which will make mountain passenger rail more fiscally possible, bring new



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# Greetings from Commissioner Candidate Scritchfield

BY CALLIE SCRITCHFIELD

My name is Callie Scritchfield. I am one of two candidates for Rio Blanco County Commissioner, District 3. I am excited for the opportunity to represent you, the taxpayer, of Rio Blanco County. As I write this over Memorial Day weekend, I'm reminded how blessed we are in this free Country due to the ultimate sacrifice of our service members. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of those freedoms and the right to vote this important election year. The republican primary is June 25th. You will receive your ballot in the mail the first week of June, so please honor those that have fought for our freedoms by submitting your ballot.

I would love to have a conversation with each of you to learn about you and your views on the opportunities and challenges for Rio Blanco County. I am knocking on as many doors as I can, visiting business owners, County staff, and attending events across the County. For those I have not had the chance to meet, I'm thrilled for the opportunity to share a little about who I am, why I'm running for county commissioner, and what I can offer you through this Rangely Review article. If you would like to have more in-depth face to face conversations, please email me at [Callie4RBC@gmail.com](mailto:Callie4RBC@gmail.com) to arrange a time to meet.

I'll start by sharing a little about me. Many of you may have known me as Callie Hendrickson. I was fortunate enough to meet Mark Scritchfield back in 2021 and we were married in June of 2023. He is the love of my life, and I am excited to spend the rest of my life with this guy who is so thoughtful, respectful, talented, and supportive.

I grew up on our family ranch, near Uravan, Colorado. If you are asking where Uravan is, it was between Gateway and Naturita but no longer exists. While I have lived in various rural communities throughout my life and each has unique characteristics, I have chosen Rio Blanco County to be my home because I enjoy and respect the conservative hardworking people who live here. In other words, I know and live the values of rural Colorado. I want to serve and support the people in Rio Blanco County.

After our family ranch sold in 1990, I promised myself I would do what I could do to help others remain on ranches and in rural communities if they wanted to. My first step was earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing to become a vocational high school business teacher. I then taught high school business classes in Walden and at the Job Corps in Collbran before becoming an agricultural loan officer in Cortez. During the severe drought of 2002, I became the Executive Director of the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts where I found my passion for representing rural communities that depend on natural resources. I learned how to advocate for our rural conservative way of life, influence policies that impact us, and developed lasting relationships that I can rely upon for the benefit of rural communities.

I take leadership and collaboration very seriously. Over the years I have continued with professional development to become the best leader I can be. I have continued my education in presentation, mediation, and facilitation training along with several multi-year leadership classes. I am also a certified Crucial Conversations® Trainer because I understand there must be productive dialogue to get effective results.

In 2010, the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation District Boards here in Rio Blanco County hired me as their Executive Director because of my experience and connections across the State to help influence state and federal policies impacting Rio Blanco County. I have truly enjoyed working for the people of RBC in this position. However, I plan to transition out of the Exec. Director position this fall. I'm committed to being a fulltime County Commissioner and utilize my twenty (plus) years of experience and leadership to continue influencing state and federal policy that impacts our way of life.

As a conservative, I strongly believe we can have a healthy economy and a healthy environment. We can responsibly extract oil & gas, graze livestock on public lands, manage wildlife, promote

*see Scritchfield on pg 27*



EXPERIENCE

LEADERSHIP

MY COMMITMENT

Fourth generation family rancher, business teacher, agriculture loan officer, statewide non-profit executive director, and local government executive director

- Advocate for water rights and multiple use of our federal lands.
State and Federal level representation:
Oil & Gas • Recreation
Water • Wildlife
Grazing • Forest Health

A conservative community member making a difference through active engagement and dedication

- 13 years White River and Douglas Creek Conservation District Executive Director
Rio Blanco Farm Bureau Vice President (current)
Yampa-White-Green Basin Round Table, Senate/House Appointment (current)
Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) Water Committee, Chair (current)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Council (current)
Club20 Public Land and Resources Committee Co-chair (current)
White River Community Association Secretary/Treasurer (current)
CCA's Private Property and Resource Stewardship Committee, Chair
American Farm Bureau, Federal Lands Issue Advisory Committee Chair
Colorado Farm Bureau State Board Member
BLM National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board

I am committed to serving the Rio Blanco County (RBC) tax payers and effectively advocating for our rural way of life

- Proactively utilize my collaborative leadership experience and skills to develop a shared vision for RBC
Represent you locally, statewide and nationally
Utilize my network and partnerships to ensure RBC has a voice in critical issues
Support those that produce food, fiber, and energy for our Country by advocating for good policy
Advocate for private property rights and oppose government overreach
Continue an open door policy and transparency



June 25

CALLIE SCRITCHFIELD

FOR COMMISSIONER RBC / DISTRICT 3

COLLABORATION

- 20+ years facilitating the development and implementation of locally led policies and projects
30 years experience developing working relationships across the state and country to support rural values

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PAID FOR BY COMMITTEE TO ELECT CALLIE SCRITCHFIELD FOR COMMISSIONER



Community Pride

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

I have spent a lot of time recently reminiscing about the community I grew up in, in southeastern Kentucky. While the landscape was different, the community was very similar. I grew up in a small area where most individuals were either actual family members, or family friends who were considered family. I loved seeing, no matter where I went in the community, people I knew on a first name basis. Such a great way of life that I will always cherish.



I have lived in other areas of the country, larger cities, where you could go to any shopping facility and never see anyone you knew. Everyone was just going about their business and in many cases not making eye contact or offering a smile. Being a social person, this was difficult for me.

Rangely certainly offers the lifestyle I am most familiar with. A town with good people who have become family friends, many of whom are considered family. Rangely offers a small-town vibe that is slow in pace and peaceful. An awesome vibe if you ask me.

One of the most important things I hear around town constantly is I don't want Rangely to change. Me neither. I love the vibe, but I also feel it is important to note that for things to stay the same everyone must be involved. Upkeep within the community must take place. Maintaining what we have is all part of making sure things remain as they are. In some cases, upgrades are necessary to maintain. This is important for residents to understand as well as the community.

Community pride is the heart and soul of a community. Being proud of what the community has to offer, the lifestyle the community offers as well as the individuals who live within the community, all are sources of pride. When spring and summer come each year, I enjoy watching the spring cleaning around town, as businesses and special districts clean their spaces, residents plant flowers and the happy community vibes begin to shine forth. Have you done your spring cleaning yet? I am still in the process but I hope to complete the project soon! As a community, let's be proud of who we are and what we have to offer! Go Rangely!!

# Congratulations to the Rangely Panthers Track Team!

*Special to the Review*

Check this out:

## Boys Team Highlights

James Talbot:

- 1st Place in the 1600m with a time of 4:30.64
- 3rd Place in the 3200m with a time of 9:54.92

Jordan Irwin: 7th Place in Boys Pole Vault, clearing 12-03

## Girls Team Highlights

Miah Wren:

- 5th Place in 300m Hurdles with a time of 48.17
- 6th Place in Pole Vault, clearing 9-04.00

Ashlynn Ducey: 8th Place in 400m with a time of 1:01.06

Taya Wren:

- 14th Place in 800m with a time of 2:29.16
- 5th Place in 1600m with a time of 5:21.90
- 4th Place in 3200m with a time of 11:30.79

Annika Cantrell: 7th Place in High Jump with a height of 4-10.00

Kastyn Dembowski: 18th Place in Pole Vault, clearing 7-10.00

Addison Scott: 4th Place in Triple Jump, leaping 32-09.25

Girls 800 Meter Sprint Medley Team (K. Dembowski, A. Scott, A. Ducey, T. Fielder): 7th Place, clocking 1:57.00

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay Team (K. Dembowski, A. Scott, M. Wren, A. Ducey): 9th Place, with a time of 1:52.22

## Overall Team Results:

- Girls Team: 9th Place with 35 points, 2nd highest among Western Slope teams
- Boys Team: 16th Place with 20 points, 3rd highest among Western Slope teams



# Congratulations Rangely Graduates, Class of 2024!



# Rangely Days Gone By

4 THE RANGELY TIMES July 16, 1981

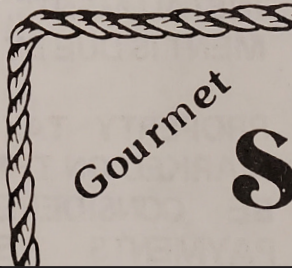
## Engagements Announced Crook-Plummer



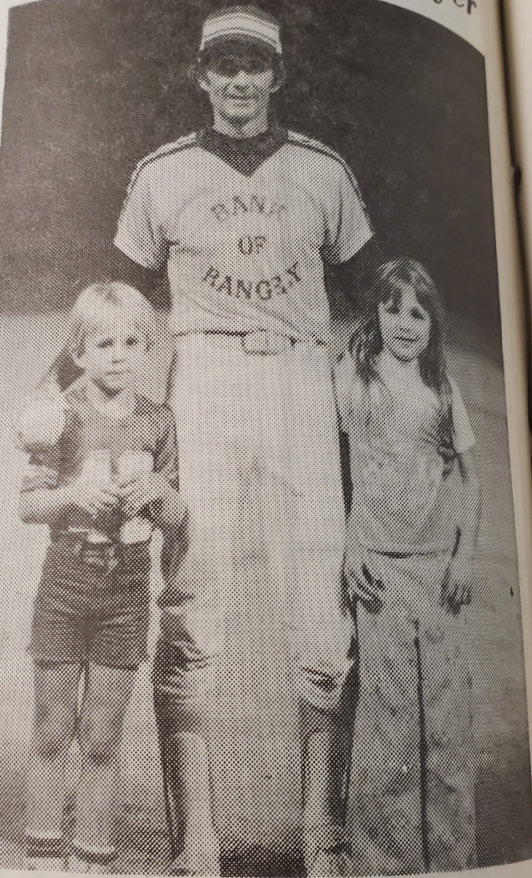
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crook wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Shari to Ronnie Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plummer.

Shari is a 1981 graduate of Rangely High School and is presently employed at Montgomery Ward. Ronnie is a 1980 graduate of Rangely High School, and

is employed at SOS-Hughes. An August wedding date has been set.



## Most Valuable Player



TOURNAMENTS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. Don Collins with his two children Kent and Kelley.

Dembowski-Kump



Miss Susie Kump and Curt Dembowski were united in marriage August 2, at the Rangely L.D.S. Church. The ceremony was performed by Robert Berrett. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirli Kump and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dembowski all of Rangely.

The bride chose a gown of ante-bellum style of sheer organza and chantilly lace. It featured a high neckline with a dainty lace ruffle finished with a tiny ribbon bow held with a single pearl. The long puffed sleeves were held at the wrist with matching bows and pearls. The bouffant skirt was fashioned of organza banded with lace. It lengthened in back to a chapel-length train. Her waterfall veil was held by a head piece of lace and pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of yellow sweet peas, roses and stephanotis.

10 THE RANGELY TIMES May 20, 1981



Alan Robert Ducey isn't just another senior. The graduating class of

76 voted him a senior favorite for three different categories: Best Looking which must come from his blonde hair and blue eyes; Most Popular; and Most Athletic.

Alan was born to Walter and Barbara Ducey on April 9, 1957, in Craig, Colorado. Alan has grown to be 6'0", an asset in becoming an excellent basketball player. Alan played basketball all four years and made All-Conference Honorable Mention as a sophomore and All-Conference as a junior and senior. Alan considers his greatest honor to be playing varsity basketball and football. Alan played baseball only

as a junior and was in football all four years. He made All-State Honorable Mention as a junior and All-Conference as a junior and senior. He also participated in four years of track and was All-State as a sophomore. In his senior year he also qualified for state.

Alan states that among his favorites are Mr. Dwire, the colors blue and green, steak and favorite saying, "You bet."

Alan, who spends his spare time hunting, fishing and playing with his daughter Cori Ann, plans to go to college on a football scholarship. He plans to live by the motto, "Do your best today for you might not get another chance."

No initiation to freshmen is Alan's pet peeve and his advice to underclassmen is "Stay out of trouble."

Graduation... King, all school board members who had seniors graduating. Father Jim Hanna offered the Invocation with Reverend George

10 THE RANGELY TIMES March 27, 1980

## Heath GeBauer chooses career as chef

All students are gifted or talented in their ways. A Rangely High School student has a special talent in creative cooking. Heath GeBauer has demonstrated ever since he was a freshman that he is very creative in this area of Home Economics. During the last three years he has taken the cooking classes in Home Economics, which includes Foreign Foods, Advanced Foods, and Chef's Course from Mrs. Sims.

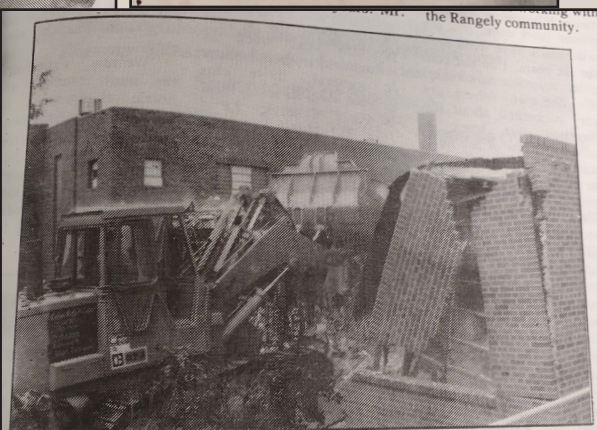


Heath is looking forward to attending a cooking school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after he graduates. Being a chef is not an easy career. A chef must have a good sense of color, design, and creativity. He also needs a command of math and English to be successful in this area. All of these things contribute to the making of a successful chef. Heath has the motivation and desire to achieve this goal. His family and teachers have expressed confidence and pride in his achievements.

## Births

Michael Shane Chism would like to announce the arrival of his little sister, Mandi Dawn. She arrived at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction at 8:35 a.m. on Father's Day, June 15, 1986. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 1/2 ozs. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Parents are Mike and Barbie Chism. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yardley of Grand Junction, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Chism of Rangely.



40 YEARS Wrecking crews make short work of the old Rangely High School

# Wrapping Up Spring Semester

BY DR. LISA JONES

At CNCC, we are headed into finals week and commencement season in early May. Student academic and leadership honors ceremonies took place on April 2nd and 5th. Nursing student pinning, National Park Ranger Completion, and Aviation Wings ceremonies will all be taking place on May 10th and the Dental Hygiene pinning ceremony and Commencement for all graduates will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2024. This is a tremendous period of celebration and pride felt by students, their families, and CNCC employees alike. Highlights from these events will be shared in June's 2024 CNCC Corner.

The following are a few activities that have taken place during the month of April:

On Thursday, April 18th, in Craig, CNCC hosted a Kick-off planning event to explore the development of a small home project to provide safe, affordable housing for CNCC students and short-term housing for CNCC employees as well as employees of community partners. Technical assistance through the planning process is being provided by Capelli Consulting, with grant funding graciously awarded by Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). Planning will take several months with hopes of identifying project options and next steps.

On Saturday, April 20th, the College held its annual Foundation Dinner. The event was a resounding success in its organization, attendance, and financial participation. All dollars raised are used to: Enhance current instructional programs; Develop new programs; Improve College facilities; Offer student scholarships and/or; Fund special projects outside the scope of traditional funding sources.

In May, CNCC welcomed its new Outdoor Leadership Coordinator. It has been several years since this position was occupied full-time. CNCC holds dear its vision statement which reads Colorado Northwestern Community College will be the college of choice for students seeking a unique education grounded in the Colorado experience. It is the Colorado experience that the coordinator strives to expose students to while studying at CNCC. We also hope to engage members of the community in activities that bridge Spartan tradition with the beauty of the western slope. The Coordinator will be planning excursions and activities that honor hunting, fishing, ice tower and wall climbing, rafting, hiking, and many others. Outdoor activities will be advertised on social media, the College's website, or via the Campus Life offices on both Rangely and Craig campuses.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of the Spring Season and this time of honors events, proms, and graduation activities.

Lisa Jones  
CNCC President

## April Crossword Solution

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# Hometown Hero Banners

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

TREAD is excited to announce that the first 14 Hometown Hero Banners were hung on Main Street for Memorial Day weekend! We look forward to working with additional families as the program moves forward!

Be sure to check out the information regarding the program!



## Honoring our Hometown Heroes With Main Street Banners

### Honoree Profile:

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

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Era: \_\_\_\_\_

### Era:

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

Status (KIA/POW/MIA): \_\_\_\_\_

Medals (Purple Heart/SilverStar/Bronze Star): \_\_\_\_\_

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





# HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

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

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

Sample Banner



Sample Banner



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

## A Great Way to Honor Your Hometown Hero!

*Halandras continued...*

without any regard to the ramifications of the actions. There isn't any concern as to the farmers and ranchers who are being literally eaten alive, let alone the loss of wildlife and the equal loss of revenue to the state and local parks and wildlife budgets.

Of course, there is the water; the lifeblood of the people. More critically is the coming water wars. We are the headwaters; shouldn't we be the advocates of that which flows from our veins? We are the champions of the environment; there are no better environmentalists than those whose life depends on it. We must guard our resources where they begin because, in self-preservation, we can also help the rest. The reality is, it's not just about the resources, it is also about our people and the legacies we uphold. We must ensure whatever development we do, puts Rio Blanco County first.

The vitality of our local businesses is the heartbeat of Rio Blanco. Supporting them ensures a thriving community and the services we need and enjoy. Fair policies, equitable taxation, and equal representation are the cornerstone of a prosperous future.

I am running for Rio Blanco County Commissioner to represent our county, to be the voice of our communities, to help bring our county forward as we preserve and enhance what we have for the future generations. I believe my candidacy and subsequent position as a Rio Blanco Commissioner will be beneficial for our county. I WILL stand for us all; I will make a difference. Rio Blanco County matters!

Shortly, you all will receive your ballots. Then, it will be your turn to take a stand for Rio Blanco County. Your support for me is that path; the road that will take us into the future. Make the choice, fill out your ballot. And remember, VOTE FOR REGAS.

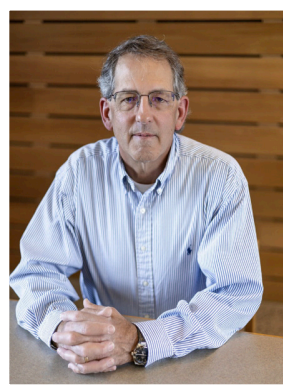
In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out at [electregas2024@gmail.com](mailto:electregas2024@gmail.com) or call me at 970-878-8049.

Thank you for reading. I look forward to your support and future representation.

Sincerely,

Regas K Halandras

**REGAS HALANDRAS**  
ONE COUNTY — STRONGER COMMUNITIES



Proven leadership in the public, private and non-profit sector. Native Rio Blanco citizen with a track record of transparency and a focus on strengthening our local business community and preserving our unique rural quality of life.

I believe in the power of unity, a shared vision and teamwork. I commit to an open door and open mind, hearing from all our Rio Blanco citizens and their ideas for protecting our quality of life and preserving our values.

**THE RIGHT CHOICE**

- ★ Born and raised in the family sheep ranching business in Rio Blanco County
- ★ Self-employed entrepreneur with multiple business interests
- ★ Rio Blanco County land owner, taxpayer, and employer
- ★ Individual, level-headed, citizen minded

**ONE COUNTY - STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- ★ Town of Meeker Mayor for 6 years, Town Council for 8 years.
- ★ Chair of Meeker Classic Sheepdog for 3 years, 16 years Vice Chair
- ★ Started the Meeker Rodeo Series now in its 8th year
- ★ Board Member Pioneer Hospital 4 years
- ★ Vice President Meeker Area Mountain Bike Association for 2 years

**THE RIGHT CHOICE**

- ★ Consistent volunteer among local organizations
- ★ Advocate of small business and the entrepreneurial spirit
- ★ Instrumental in forming important alliances to create opportunities for the citizens of Rio Blanco County
- ★ Understands the importance of protecting the livelihoods of the citizens of Rio Blanco County
- ★ Recognizes the difficulties of state and federal policies that threaten agriculture and mineral extraction

**ONE COUNTY - STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

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*Vote* HALANDRAS for RBC COMMISSIONER

Paid for by the committee to elect Regas Halandras for County Commissioner.



## *Roberts continued...*

businesses and jobs into the region, and facilitate both tourism and local commuter traffic.

Additionally, I was excited to be the prime co-sponsor with Rep. Lukens of HB24-1001, which will extend the successful rural jump-start program that I helped expand several years ago.

I introduced and passed SB24-194 which will allow fire and ambulance districts to utilize new funding sources in order to keep up with new construction and increased demand for their services. I also passed SB24-221 which will increase funding for the rural healthcare workforce initiative and send much-needed dollars to rural hospitals.

### **Historic Support for Education**

Finally, this year was transformative for Colorado's students and schools. The 2024 state budget and the School Finance Act will provide historic funding for K-12 public schools and eliminate the Budget Stabilization Factor, which will increase average per-pupil funding by \$780 next year. We also passed a landmark policy to overhaul Colorado's public school financing formula which will direct more resources to support schools that need it most, like the rural schools in communities across the Western Slope.

Now that the session has ended, I am grateful to be home with my family and am looking forward to connecting with folks as we unpack this past session and start to prepare for the next one. I will be holding Town Hall Meetings in all 10 counties of SD8 over the next month and hope to see you at one or, as always, you can contact me directly at [SenatorDylanRoberts@gmail.com](mailto:SenatorDylanRoberts@gmail.com) or 970-846-3054.

*Dylan Roberts is the State Senator for Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit Counties*

## CNCC Soccer Field Comes to Life

### *Special to the Review*

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) hosted a dedication ceremony for the new soccer field, marking a significant milestone in the enhancement of athletic facilities within Rangely. The dedication ceremony took place on April 26th. The event signified the culmination of years of planning, construction, and community support, resulting in the creation of a state-of-the-art soccer field that will serve as a hub for athletic excellence, recreation, and community engagement.

The initial vision for the soccer field started decades ago by a long time resident and supporter of CNCC, Larry "Bud" Striegel. Bud and his family have been instrumental members of the Rangely Community since 1945 (one year before Rangely was even an incorporated town) and provided years and years of service since. He is an emeritus board member of the Foundation but was an active Foundation Board member for over three decades. Bud has been a strong supporter of CNCC since its inception in 1962. His dedication (both in time and fiscally) to this institution has been shown through deeds year after year.

The new soccer field at Colorado Northwestern Community College will be completed in a phased approach. Phase I will include irrigation, a NJCAA regulation-size playing field, and fencing and phase II (depending on funding) will include a playground with picnic area, restrooms, and grandstands. The groundwork for the Larry "Bud" Striegel Family Soccer Field is complete and sod for the field started rolling on June 3rd.

This addition to the CNCC campus not only enhances the college's athletic infrastructure but also provides a venue for promoting physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students and community members alike.





# Wildlife Journey to South Africa

Join Local Photographer Steve Cochrane  
June 21st-23rd - Free Entry  
Rangely, Colorado Rec Center

**Friday June 21st (5-7pm) Safari Presentation**

Seating Limited 30 People - Call 970-596-3371 - Registration is Free

**Photography Gallery - Free Refreshments**

Saturday June 22nd (12-5pm)

Sunday June 23rd (12-3pm)

SteveCochranePhotography.com - Instagram: @SteveCochranePhoto  
970-596-3371



*Steve Cochrane*  
Photography

***Scritchfield continued...***

recreational activities, and embrace renewable energy, all while safeguarding our environment. Government overreach on these issues and others threatens our local businesses, economy, and our freedoms. I will adamantly oppose government overreach so we can have a prosperous future for Rio Blanco County.

One of many examples where my experience, leadership, and collaboration has benefited Rio Blanco County through advocacy and influencing policy is the Rio Blanco County Land and Natural Resources Plan & Policies (LUP). In 2015, I led the two-year community engagement process of developing the LUP that supports the multiple use of our public lands. Through this collaborative effort, the document provides a vision for how the people of Rio Blanco County expect federal lands to be managed. It was the first of its kind in Colorado and has significantly improved the effectiveness of local governments being able to influence federal land management decisions.

I believe a recent Volunteer of the Year award I received from the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) represents my commitment not only for ranchers but for rural communities in general. It states, "You have served CCA in many capacities. We especially appreciate your continued involvement in policymaking and your testimony on many bills including wild horses, water issues, and the wolf introduction process. You have dedicated so much of your time traveling to numerous stakeholder meetings to represent CCA and its members. Your continued positive impact never goes unnoticed."

I will use my experience, leadership, and collaboration skills developed through all the above to be an effective leader as a County Commissioner that positively impacts each citizen in Rio Blanco County. While I support diversification in any portfolio, I will continue to support the industries that are the backbone of our County. Oil and gas will continue to be required for a prosperous Nation. I'll work tirelessly to find ways to support the industry including working with gas and electric companies to locate a gas power plant in northwest Colorado that will utilize our natural gas. I will work with those I have working relationships with at the State and federal levels to help me develop additional contacts and successfully advocate for our position on these and any other issue that will benefit Rio Blanco County.

If you want to understand more about the breadth of my experience, leadership, and collaboration skills, please visit [www.Callie4RBC.com](http://www.Callie4RBC.com). I am a conservative leader with a vision who is heavily engaged in many issues and organizations that work daily for the benefit of rural Colorado. You will see how my experience, leadership, and collaborative style will translate to Callie Scritchfield being the most effective County Commissioner running for District 3.

I have and will continue to have an open-door policy, so if you have any questions or would like to meet with me, you are welcome to email me at [Callie4RBC@gmail.com](mailto:Callie4RBC@gmail.com).

I respectfully ask you to vote for Callie Scritchfield in the June republican primary.

***Roam continued...***

As a stop on the 512-mile Dinosaur Diamond Scenic and Historic Byway, Rangely is also known for its history—ancient and prehistoric. Don't miss the chance to sightsee the beautifully preserved rock art sites of Canyon Pintado. The "painted canyon" has 8 designated sites that are marked with signs at each trailhead. Gravel walking paths lead to petroglyphs and pictographs from both the Fremont and Ute people, dating from approximately 1200 to 1881 A.D.

Rangely is also 55 miles from the impressive Quarry Exhibit Hall, located at the Utah entrance of Dinosaur National Monument. This visitor center hosts an indoor fossil display with a massive wall of approximately 1,500 dinosaur bones. Kids and adults alike will find plenty to spark their imagination before exploring the monument further. Learn more at [discoverrangely.com](http://discoverrangely.com).





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# ★ FOURTH OF JULY ★ CELEBRATION

## JULY 3

NIGHT GOLF @ CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE  
CALL, 970-675-8403, TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM



## JULY 4

FIREWORKS @ KENNEY RESERVOIR  
SHOW BEGINS AT DUSK

## JULY 5

PORK-N-SPUDS DINNER  
6:30PM @ CEDAR RIDGES  
GOLF COURSE  
RIBS & BAKED POTATO \$20  
KIDS HOT DOG MEAL \$7  
\*TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED  
AT THE REC CENTER OR CEDAR  
RIDGES GOLF COURSE

## JULY 6

RIB COOK OFF - 8:00AM  
JUDGING AT 3:00PM  
PIE BAKING CONTEST  
JUDGING AT 12:00PM  
INFLATABLES  
11:00AM - 3:00PM  
FIRECRACKER TRUCK SHOW  
10:00AM - 3:30PM  
ALL EVENTS LOCATED AT  
ELKS PARK



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can find gorgeous farm style and bohemian home goods, candles and melts, lotions and hand towels at Sweetbriar, a local florist. Plan to visit historic Nichols Store, a popular destination for general merchandise and Rangely souvenirs. It's a slice of Americana you're bound to appreciate.

There is an inextricable bond between smells and memories. Fresh air (particularly after a rain), nature and flowers (a.k.a. "nature's aroma") are the overarching aromas of Rangely. Once you've come and gone, when you inhale the earth, grass, trees, woody and aquatic scents, you may feel transported back to the happy times you spent around the campfire or being on the lake. Without a doubt, Rangely is a place that gets – and holds – your attention.

**The welcome mat is always out**

Once an "Isolated Empire" (the area was virtually unknown until 1947's major oil discovery garnered attention), Rangely is always ready to extend open arms to visitors and newcomers alike. The rural town is a place "where everybody knows your name," and you will come to know theirs. Relatives and friends become family quickly. How many close-knit communities can you name where care is so abundantly displayed? Rangely honors family values and traditions and invites you to join the fun!

**Water, water everywhere!**

Kenney Reservoir and the White River that runs through the heart of Rangely offer incredible opportunities for outdoor recreation ... and stunning views!

A marina, campgrounds and wildlife viewing area can be found at Kenney Reservoir, which is a beautiful place to picnic. Visitors have free entry between April and November to boat, participate in watersports, swim and fish (valid license required). Various fish species include Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Carp, Catfish, Green Sunfish, Rainbow Trout and Whitefish. A small fee to camp provides access to restrooms, potable water, fire pits and picnic tables in a shaded area with space for kids to play in the sand or on the grass.

Imagine being able to spy a large population of Bald and Gold Eagles, beavers, elk, mule deer and river otters through your binoculars, or photograph ducks, grebes, gulls, heron, loons, osprey, and terns.

Can you imagine a better backdrop than the lush scenery of the White River to kayak, paddleboard, and tube on the water? This paradise for floaters and paddlers will soon have a new river put-in for small watercraft, making the river even more accessible!

**Whatever you like to do, it's in Rangely!**

You don't have to go far to pursue the pursuits you enjoy most. There's something for everyone, whether you are a sportsman, outdoor enthusiast, art lover, history buff or someone just looking for some quiet time to enjoy a peaceful, easy feeling at a park. Rangely has several local parks, including Elks Park, Hefley Park, and Rangely Camper Park.

A range of activities are available day and night, including:

- Hunting, fishing and golfing.
- Gravel grinding for mountain bikers and trails for hikers.
- Rock crawling at a one-of-a-kind park offering more than 560 acres of dedicated natural terrain.
- OHVing on nearly every street in town, along with hundreds of miles of OHV trails. (You'll quickly understand how Rangely came to be known as "The OHV Capital of Colorado!").
- Taking in the Dinosaur National Monument with its hints of lost civilizations through petroglyphs, and Canyon Pintado National Historic District with hundreds of archeological sites (20 minutes away).
- Appreciating the local museums dedicated to preserving the local history and classic automobiles.
- ATVing
- Stargazing

**Mark your calendar for Summer Events!**

The summer season in Rangely gives people a chance to cheer on contestants and celebrate! You can be sure an enjoyable time will be had by all at these upcoming events:

*see Explore on pg 28*



## Explore continued...

**June 4** – Rangely Canyon Pintado Hill Climb Race: Get your motors runnin’ for this event, organized by the Colorado Hill Climb Association, as cars tackle the uphill course.

**June 6-9** – Butch Cassidy Wild Bunch Days: The infamous exploits of the Wild Bunch can be experienced in an exciting, action-packed adventure.

**June 30-July 4** – 4th of July Celebration: A weekend of food, family, fun and an impressive fireworks display on Independence Day!

**July 22-23** – Rally Colorado: Parades, races and more!

**Labor Day Weekend** – Septemberfest: The only work to do is have fun with your friends and neighbors!

Tired just reading about everything you can see and do?

When you are ready to retire for the night, you’ve got lots of choices in places to rest your head on a pillow: campsites for tent camping/RV camping, cozy B&Bs, cabins at a lodge, motel, or hotel. (Once again, something for everyone!) Check out Moosehead Lodge, established in 1944. This historic roadside motel off Main Street offers cabins and lodge rooms, as well as a hot tub and sauna to continue to melt your cares away! The Blue Mountain Inn & Suites, the exclusive lodging partner of The TANK, offers a pool and hot tub, along with select pet-friendly rooms. New to Rangely is the OutSide Inn, where the proprietors aim to make you feel like you are in a home-away-from-home.

The best values in accommodations can be found May through September.

### Ready to relocate?

Rangely’s population is continually growing, with people lured to town for its low-stress lifestyle, small-town comfort and low cost-of-living. How many places can you think of that boast quiet and safety, 300 days of sunshine, along with great schools, and no traffic? Plus, business is alive and well, with nurses, medical workers, and teachers always in need. If you work remotely, you’ll be happy to know that Rangely has a speedy, reliable, and low-cost 1-gigabyte fiber optic network.

Fun fact: Rangely’s Colorado Northwestern Community College has an aviation program that’s ranked among the nation’s best and a four-year undergraduate degree in dental hygiene. Tuition for residents is free!



### Residents love Rangely!

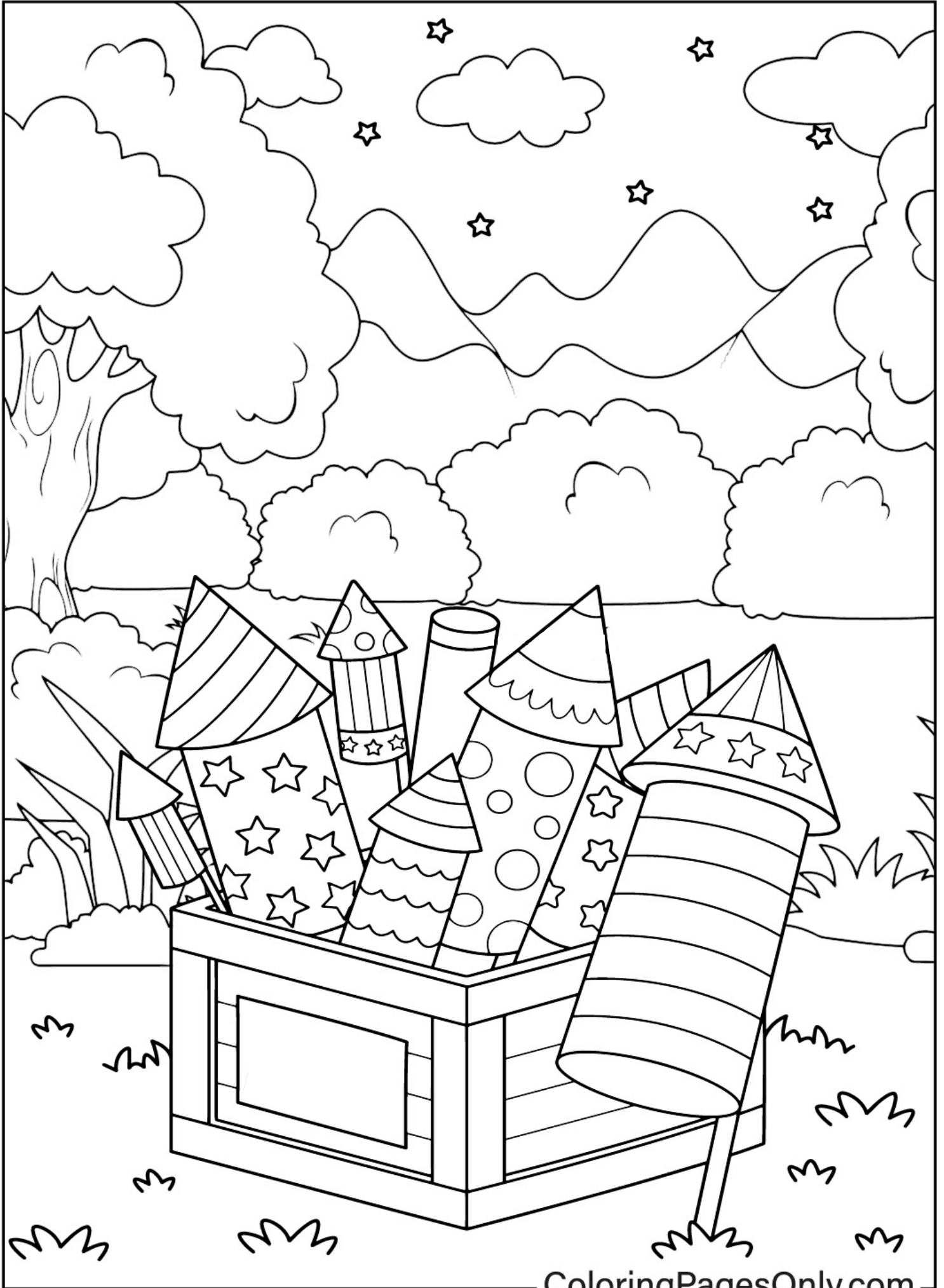
“Rangely is an awesome community. I moved here about two years ago and I have made some great friends! Whether you are at the local market or Rangely True Value, you always see people you know,” said Bethany Porter. “My favorite part of Rangely is the great outdoors. We have just about everything in this community. This makes summer awesome as you can enjoy the long days doing things you love, without crowds, and right out your back door! It’s a great way of life!”

### All roads lead to Rangely

**Connect with the land, connect with the community, whether you will be traveling north, south, east, or west. However long you plan to stay in Rangely, you won’t regret it; amazing adventures are waiting – for you! Visit [DiscoverRangely.com](http://DiscoverRangely.com) to learn more.**



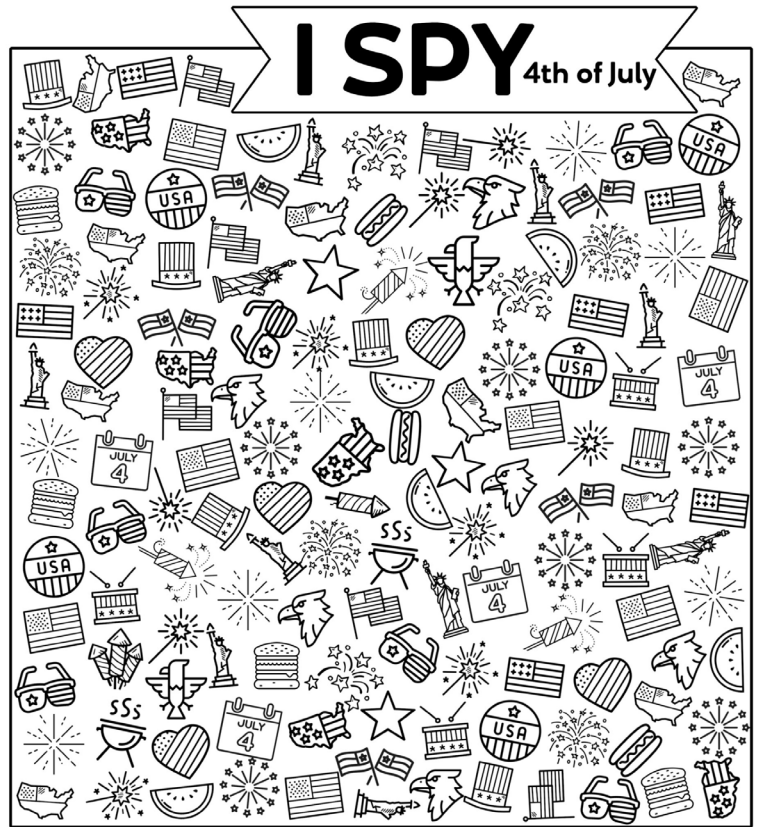
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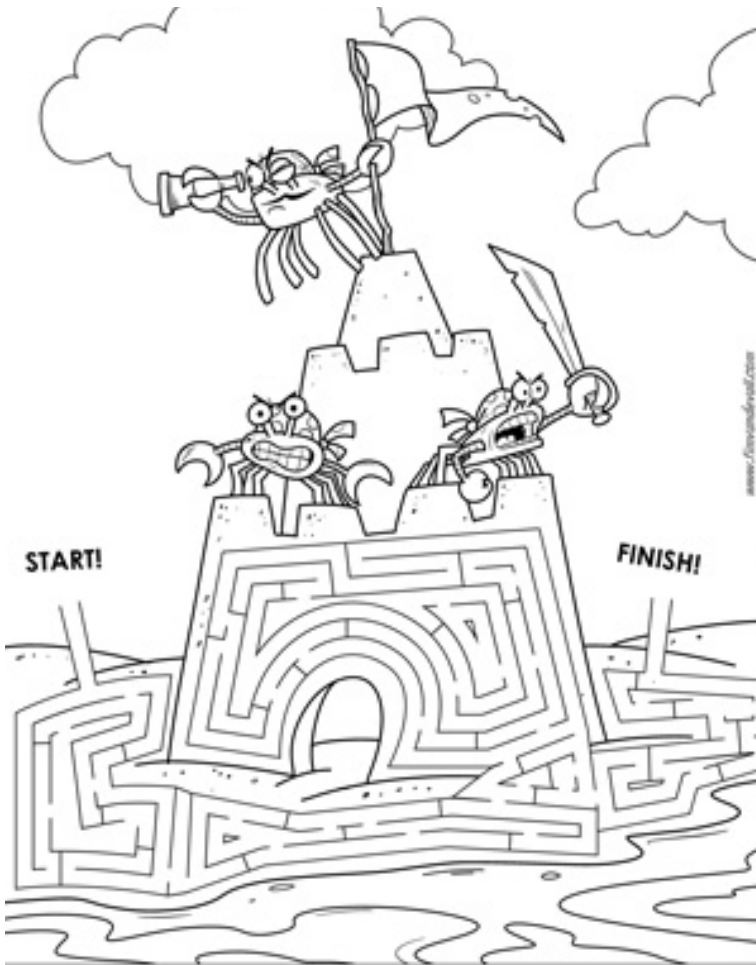


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Tree Valley Academy

