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Rangely Elks Hoop Shoot

BY CHARLIE ALLEN

On December 10th, 2024, Rangely Elks Lodge hosted their annual Hoop Shoot contest. Nineteen shooters from Rangely entered the contest. There were three divisions for each group, girls and boys. The age groups were 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Each contestant shoots 25 free throws in the competition. The event was very competitive with a lot of good shooting by the participants. Winning the 8-9 girls division was Lillie Potter, and placing second was Khloe Skelton. In the 10-11 age group the winner was Kaila Hill, and placing second was Paisley Potter. In the 12-13 age group the winner was Ivory Triplett and placing second was Savannah Skelton. In the 8-9 boys' division the winner was Oliver Riggins and placing second was Wylan Key. In the 10-11 age group the winner was Liam Geer and placing second was Kylor Hensen. In the 12-13 age group the winner was Karter Skelton with Keaton Elam placing second.

The Rangely Elks Lodge would like to congratulate all the shooters on their performances. The first-place winners advanced and competed in the regional shoot held in Rifle, Colorado on January 18th. Lillie Potter placed first in this shoot and will head to the state competition later this month. Kailia Hill, Liam Geer and Karter Skelton all placed second. The Elks lodge would also like to give a big shout out to the Rangely High School girls basketball team for doing the judging and scoring for this event.

New Banners are Coming to Main Street

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Remember those familiar green banners that have been greeting us on Main Street for what feels like forever? After more than 15 years of faithful service through sun, rain, wind and snow, they're finally ready for a well-deserved retirement.



Change is in the air, and it's bringing a splash of fresh color to our beloved Main Street! We're absolutely thrilled to share some exciting news that's going to bring a whole new look to our community. Starting this June, our town's main thoroughfare will be getting a beautiful makeover with brand new banners that truly capture the heart and soul of Rangely.

These aren't just any ordinary banners – they're going to be a celebration of everything that makes our town special. Get ready to see your town's story unfold in vibrant colors along Main Street

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Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

Hello everyone. We have had a busy last few months at Rangely District Hospital, so I'll give you a recap of what's going on. Surgeries are going well, the MRI suite is moving along rapidly, we hired a new provider, the hospital board has three seats open, and Senior Life Solutions has a new director.

The MRI suite will be completed at the end of March, the first part of April. The framing in the interior is complete; rough ins that include plumbing, electrical, and HVAC are also finished. We have some electrical conduits that need to be tied to the existing facility, which will put us on a backup generator for a few hours. We will be holding an open house for the suite on April 2nd from 5 pm to 6 pm. Light refreshments will be served. I'm excited about this new expansion as it will be another service line in place, so our patients don't have to travel for appointments.

We have a new provider in town. His name is Tyler Savage, and he will be moving from Cedar City, Utah, to Rangely with his wife and five children. Tyler has a lot of healthcare experience. He was previously a paramedic for Iron County Ambulance, a school nurse, and a cardiac registered nurse for a few years. He graduated in May of 2024 as a nurse practitioner from Chamberlain University. We are excited to have him join our team in March 2025. We will have a full clinical team. Dr. Tyler Morwood as Chief of Staff, Dr. Tyson Torgerson, Kelsey Riggio PA, Vivian Dillon, and Tyler Savage. What a great team to provide the best healthcare in the area. We are here to help you with your healthcare needs. Call today and schedule an appointment to establish your care with one of them.

Our hospital board has three positions open this year. Currently on the board are Kieth Peterson as President, Diane Sizemore as Vice Chair, Brad Casto as Treasurer, Sam Tolley, and Wes White. I would like to thank Wes White and wish him and Lois the best as they moved closer to grandchildren. I had the pleasure of working side by side with one of the best in healthcare. Wes had a vast knowledge of how critical hospitals worked and was instrumental in mentoring our now CFO, Jimmy Dillon. It was a pleasure to see how organized and detail-oriented he was. Wes, we wish you the best and hope to see you around. The seats that are available are Sam Tolly, Keith Peterson, and Wes Whites. If you are interested in applying, please contact Jodi Dillon for an application. I'm grateful that we have a supportive board that keeps us on our toes and wants what's best for our community.

We have a new director for Senior Life Solutions. Senior Life Solutions is an intensive outpatient group therapy program designed to meet the needs of older adults, typically ages 65 and older, who might be struggling with depression or anxiety related to aging. Malia Stringham joins our team from Vernal. She has a vast knowledge of nursing and is in school to advance her degree. She and Beth Wiley head up the program. Referrals can be made by anyone, so if you or you know someone who might benefit from it, call 970-675-8002. We are here to help. Our mission is your health!



RBWCD Receives Grant, Needs Community Input

BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

With a grant funded by the Colorado Office of Just Transition, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy (RBWCD) will begin an interview process this Winter with agricultural water users within the RBWCD boundaries and throughout Rio Blanco County.

The Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) has developed this brief survey to understand the water supply needs for agricultural users. The purpose of this survey is to gather information related to present and potential future agricultural water demand, the impacts of drought on agricultural operations, the potential to place more land under cultivation, ideas for value added farming, and opportunities for water conversion.

Please contact Alden Vanden Brink at al@rioblancowcd.org with any questions or if you would like to participate.

Town of Rangely Comprehensive Plan, 2024-2044

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Rangely's Comprehensive Plan for the years 2024-2044 is located on the town's website. You can utilize the QR Code to view the Comprehensive Plan.



Rangely's 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan can be viewed by utilizing the QR Code above.

CNCC Corner - January 2025

BY LISA JONES

It is with great enthusiasm that I wish each of you a Happy New Year as we ring in 2025. Staff returned to campus from holiday on January 2, 2025. Faculty and residential students arrive on Thursday January 16, 2025. Employee Spring convocation occurs on January 16th in Craig and January 17th in Rangely. Spring classes commence on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

We look forward to jumping in, both feet first on campus-based projects including sidewalk, windows, and siding replacements in Rangely and Small-Scale Housing project which is at the funding search phase. This project will be located at the Craig campus. As these projects begin taking shape in terms of planning, completion, and construction, our communities will be informed.

Our men and women's basketball schedules are underway. Both teams begin conference play in January with the next home game against Snow College on February 20th. The robust home and away schedule can be found here Colorado Northwestern Community College Athletics - Official Athletics Website. The women are rebuilding after a year off from conference play and the men are on a historic run. With fourteen wins in preseason play, this also makes this year's Men's basketball team one of the winningest CNCC Men's Basketball teams in known college history. CNCC wishes to formally welcome Coaches who will provide leadership for two new athletic programs, both planned to begin competition in Fall of 2025. Mr. William Toombs is the College's Head Cross Country Coach. He joined CNCC in early Fall of 2024 for the purpose of fielding a team in the coming fall. Before joining CNCC, Coach Toombs built an impressive academic career, serving as a faculty member in history, political science, and public administration at several institutions, including Muskingum University (OH), Southern Oregon University, University of Texas Permian Basin, Pittsburg State University, Idaho State University, and Odessa College. His background in higher education reflects his dedication to fostering academic success among his athletes.

A former college athlete himself, Coach Toombs competed in cross-country and track & field at Treasure Valley Community College (OR) and has continued his involvement in running through various running clubs. His coaching philosophy emphasizes academics, community service, teamwork, and building a winning culture.

In late Fall, CNCC welcomed new Men's wrestling coach, Tytus Coombs. Coach Coombs is in full recruitment mode in order to secure a team to begin competition in the Fall of 2025. He is a Rangely, Colorado native and a proud graduate of Colorado State University, Pueblo where he competed for the Thunderwolves in wrestling. He graduated with a degree in Exercise Science, specializing in Strength and Conditioning and holds a CSCS (Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist) certification accredited by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Most recently, Coombs designed and implemented postseason and offseason strength and conditioning programs for the CSU Pueblo wrestling team, further honing his skills as a coach and mentor.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our home basketball games this month, but more importantly wish you a happy, healthy start to the New Year.





Coming Soon - RARE Grants!

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

In August of 2024, the Town of Rangely was awarded \$500,000 in grant funds for a program called RARE, which is an acronym for Retain, Attract, Rebuild, Expand. Since the announcement and award of funding for the RARE Program we have been hard at work on guidelines, applications and a web page for the program.

The RARE Program will offer up to ten \$40,000 grants to local businesses in Rangely. The grants will assist businesses with increasing their offerings to the community. A Pitch Competition is also part of the program.

A pitch competition is an event where individuals with business ideas or who are currently running an early-stage startup get the opportunity to present to a group of judges. Entrepreneurs will cover their business model, target market, financial plans, and other vital areas of their business within a fixed time limit. CNCC will partner with the Town of Rangely by offering business classes to participants in preparation for the pitch competition.

The pitch competition will be held for three years with awards given each year. The prizes will be as follows: \$15,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second place and \$5,000 for third place. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to start a new business in the community.

We are hopeful that this economic boost for existing businesses and future businesses will bring additional jobs to the community, assist with filling up empty buildings and increase the offerings and services by businesses to the community.

We are looking at a date of April 1st, 2025 (approximately) to begin taking applications. We will keep the public updated as we continue to move forward with the process.

If anyone has questions or comments about the RARE grant, please feel free to contact Town Hall at (970) 675-8476, Lisa Piering or Jeannie Caldwell will be happy to answer your questions.



CNCC Appoints Nicholas Cocozzella as Chief Operations Officer

BY JESSE AITKENS

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) is excited to announce the appointment of Nicholas Cocozzella as its new Chief Operations Officer for the Craig campus. Cocozzella began his journey at CNCC in 2016, teaching a Singer-Songwriter class where he guided students in the art of writing and recording music. In 2019, he took a full-time position at CNCC as Advising and Retention Specialist before moving into the position of Director of Concurrent Enrollment. He served in that capacity until his recent promotion to Chief Operations Officer. In addition to his new leadership role, Cocozzella will continue to serve as Director of Concurrent Enrollment under the new title of Director of Secondary Partnerships.



"My journey at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) has been both rewarding and see CNCC on pg 10

Scams

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN

Phone scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, leaving many unsuspecting individuals vulnerable to financial and emotional distress. These deceptive tactics can range from simple robocalls to elaborate schemes designed to steal your personal information and hard-earned money.

Common Phone Scam Tactics:

Robocalls: Automated calls with pre-recorded messages often promoting fraudulent products or services.

Spoofing: Scammers disguise their phone number as appearing as if they are calling from a legitimate source (e.g., your bank, a government agency.)

Phishing: Attempts to obtain sensitive information (like usernames, passwords, and credit card details) by posing as a trustworthy entity in an email or phone call.

Imposter Scams: Scammers impersonate government officials, family members, or even tech support representatives to gain your trust and manipulate you into providing information or sending money.

Tech Support Scams: Scammers claim to be from a reputable tech company and warn of non-existent computer problems, often urging you to grant them remote access to your device.

How to Protect Yourself:

Don't answer unknown calls: Let calls from unrecognized numbers go to voicemail.

Be wary of unsolicited calls: Legitimate businesses rarely initiate contact with unexpected offers or demands.

Never provide personal information: Don't share your Social Security number, bank account details, or passwords with anyone unless you initiated the contact and verified the legitimacy of the caller.

Verify the caller's identity: If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and contact the organization directly using a phone number you know to be legitimate.

Be cautious of urgent requests: Scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure you into making quick decisions.

Use call blocking features: Utilize your phone's features to block unwanted calls and report suspicious numbers.

Government: Government agencies and law enforcement will never call you demanding money and threatening arrest.

Do not call list: Register your phone with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) do not call list at www.donotcall.gov.

Text links: Do not click on links from businesses you do not recognize or are not expecting a link to be sent to you. This can include texts that appear to be from the POST office or other government entities.

If it sounds too good to be true, it is! If you think you might be getting scammed give us a call and speak to an Officer. The scam phone calls are changing daily and it is impossible to know about all of the scams!

If you believe you may have been a victim of a phone scam:

Call the Rangely Police Department on our non-emergency number (970) 675-8466 and speak to an Officer.

Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

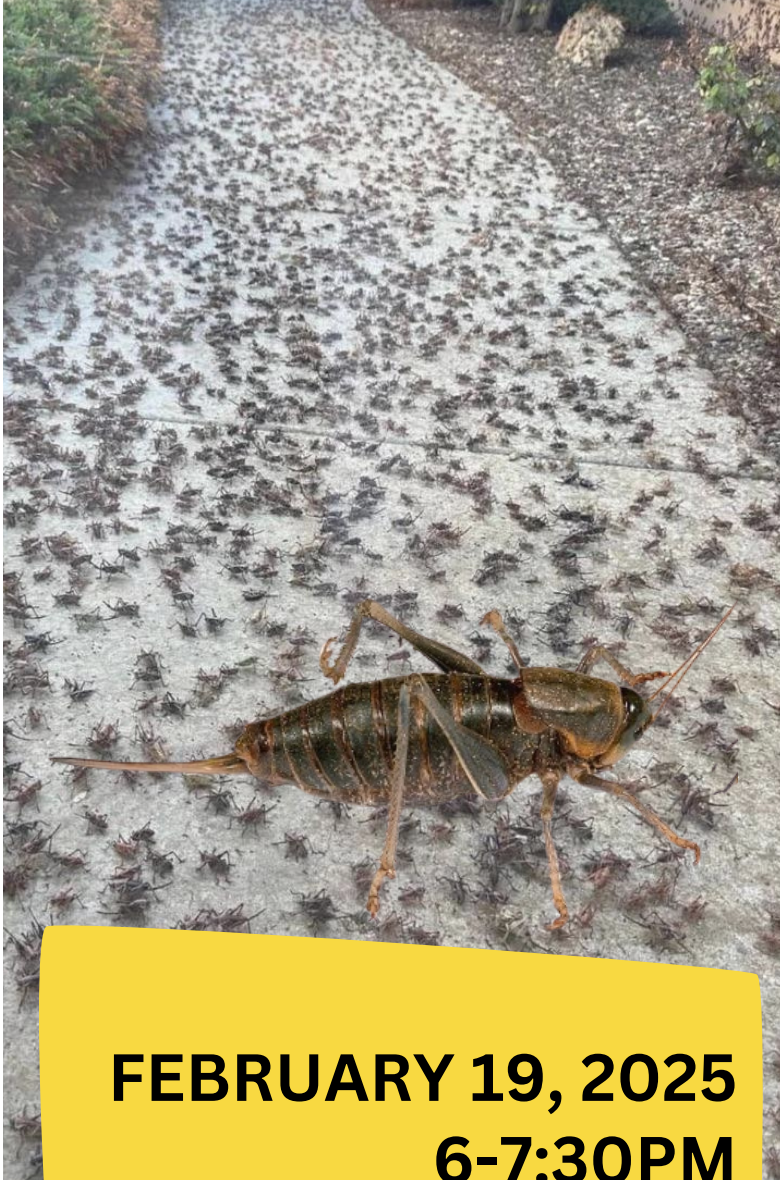
Contact your bank or credit card company immediately if you suspect any fraudulent activity.

By staying informed and taking proactive steps to protect yourself, you can significantly reduce your risk of falling victim to phone scams.





2025 MORMON CRICKET Aerial Spray PROGRAM



OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- What to do if you spot one
- Early Hatch Control
- District Aerial Spray cost-share program
- Requirements
- Reimbursement
- County cost-share program
- Educational Materials

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6-7:30PM
500 Kennedy Drive
CNCC/Weiss Building
RANGELY, CO.

FEBRUARY 20, 2025
6-7:30PM
240 7th Street
Fire Protection Dist.
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Keynote Speaker

DR. ROBERT SRYGLEY, PHD
USDA RESEARCH ECOLOGIST-MONTANA

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- Natural Resources Project Reports
- CACD Hall of Fame Award
- NACD Poster Contest Winners
- 2025 District Outlook
- Pioneering Mormon Cricket Research
- Dinner & Dessert
- Entertainment & Music
- Cash Bar

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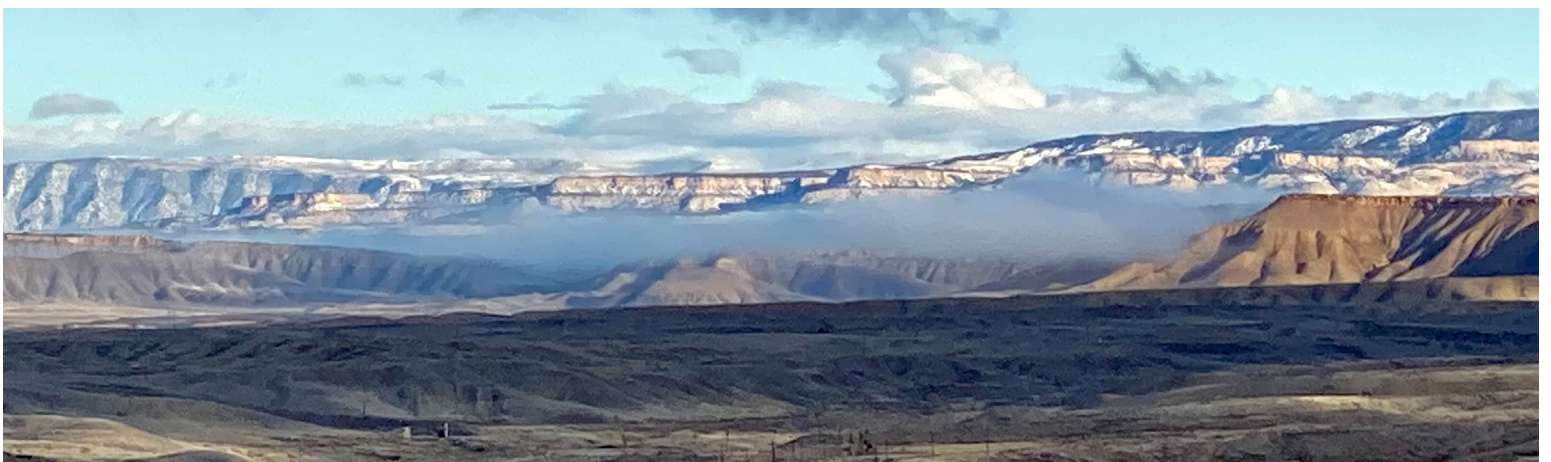
6:15pm DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

6:45pm ANNUAL MEETING

7:30pm KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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Saving Camp Kids History

BY GAILA HATCH BELL

During the Rangely boom days there was plenty of money to go around. As many old timers have told me, "Many traveled to Rangely with only a few dollars in their pockets then later became millionaires, and they all made sure our community benefited in one way or the other from their newfound fortunes. During that time, the tax revenues not only supported our local community but contributed significantly to the state's coffers as well.

Tommy Collin's recalls the local school district and school Superintendent, Bernard Yeager, informed school employees to spend whatever was needed to ensure the students received the best of everything. At that time camp kids made up a big majority of the school's population. It took three large school buses to gather up camp kids every morning to bus them to the local schools. I do remember those buses were lively and full of energy.

I didn't live in the camps, but I did live in a camp house at the mouth of Douglas Creek and rode a school bus that bused many of the upriver ranch kids. The ranch school bus, (as I dubbed it) had Mobley's, Hefley's, Christensen's, Nielsen's, Powell's, Comstock's, Caldwell's, Kinney's, etc. ride that bus. The Bells and my siblings were one of the last to get on the bus before town. Don Chism was the bus driver and I remember trying to set as close to him as possible for protection.

There wasn't a mean kid on that bus, but it seems like everyday something out of the ordinary would take place on the ride to school. One of my first recollections, as I recall as not ordinary, was a young boy sitting near the back of the bus with a hoodie on. I believe it was either Robert Bell or one of the Mobley's who proceeded to pull back the hood of this young boy's sweatshirt and empty a jar of honey in the hoodie. The hood was then replaced on the head of the young owner. This poor young boy's tears stuck to the honey as both Rangely down his face. Mr. Chism always helped the victim.

Oh were the glorious, fun filled days of riding the school buses to and from school, to the out of town athletic events and many other activities where mischief, laughter and the freedom to be young and carefree exposed our good old days values of honoring our teachers, bus drivers, school advisors etc. all the while expressing the happiness of being young and always expecting something unordinary to happen.

8 Undisturbed Towns To Visit in Colorado

Special to the Review

Sometimes, life signals you to reset, change pace, and brighten your days with scenery. There's no better place than the Centennial State for year-round recreation. From the sweeping mountain vistas along Pikes Peak Highway to an antiquing capital with colorful buildings, find your undiscovered corner with pristine nature and unique experiences.

Even a wildcard can be a winner. The nation's highest non-mountain town is home to the breathtaking Paint Mines Interpretive Park, a serene destination with striking natural formations. So are you looking for a Colorado getaway? Boasting the Rockies, many enjoy fantastic skiing and the après scene in Vail and Aspen. The first town offers access to these attractions, plus its own winter resort and foliage hikes.

AVON

Secluded by the peaks of north-central Colorado, Avon enjoys its undisturbed feel between the mega-popular Aspen and Vail. Defined by many parks and open green spaces, follow the Eagle River along the train tracks with a stop at the circular Nottingham Lake. Along its northern shore, the 48-acre Harry A. Nottingham Park is a favorite warm-weather hangout with a natural swim area, fishing, a



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Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) – Taylor Draw Hydroelectric

BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

The Taylor Draw Dam, and the Taylor Draw Hydroelectric Facility is a tremendous asset to our community offsetting the ongoing loss of property tax revenues the district receives while also supporting the RBWCD's mission of "conserving and developing land and water resources for the greatest beneficial use of water within the District's boundaries". After 31 years of operation, nearly 355,400,000 Kilowatt Hours of generated electricity, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board of Directors have decided to move forward with refurbishment of the runner assembly (pictured below), an integral part of Taylor Draw Hydroelectric. Up to 775 Cubic Feet per Second of water flows through a penstock then through the blades turning a runner (shaft) that goes to the generator where electricity is created. The blades self-regulate adjusting to river flows maximizing the facilities ability to create electricity.

Moving the project forward the RBWCD joined into an intergovernmental loan agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board in the amount of \$2,146,250. In November a contractor began the process to access and remove the runner assembly. By December the runner assembly was completely removed and shipped to Modesto, California for a makeover. We anticipate this task to take 5 months from start to finish with the hydroelectric facility back into service sometime in April 2025. Just in time to capitalize on spring runoff.

Taylor Draw Hydroelectric produces a maximum of two (2) megawatts, enough electricity for approximately 4,000 people. Through a Power Purchase Agreement with Moon Lake Electric, all generated electricity is then purchased by them for distribution to their customers. This has truly aided in creating a system where Taylor Draw Dam, and Taylor Draw Hydroelectric Facility being 100% locally funded by district constituents while also being operated and maintained by the district.

With hydropower generation being nonconsumptive other benefits to the district beyond the renewable electricity production are relevant to the refurbishment project:

- The flows used for hydropower generation upon release to the White River are available for other water users inside and outside RBWCD boundaries for other beneficial uses including but not limited to: irrigation, livestock watering, municipal, industry, domestic, piscatorial, recreation, and many other uses strengthening our local economy.



Hydro continued...

- Provide a positive benefit to stream ecology, riparian zones, and support the recovery of the federally listed endangered Colorado River Pike Minnow and a variety of Colorado conservation fish species that all call the White River "home".
- Improved water quality.
- Improvements in quantity and quality for the Town of Rangely water supply.
- Increased certainty of more consistent flows.
- Water conservation through the Colorado Prior Appropriation System

Taylor Draw Dam is a calling structure on the White River with water decrees specific for hydropower generation owned by the RBWCD. When river flows are not adequate for hydroelectric generation the

RBWCD request water administration of the White River by the Colorado Division of Water Resources. A properly functioning and reliable hydroelectric generator at Taylor Draw Dam plays a fundamental role in supporting RBWCD and the individuals we serve. The next time you drive by Taylor Draw Dam slow down and take a closer look, there is a lot happening for your benefit.



CNCC continued...

transformative," Cocozzella said. "As an advisor, I gained valuable insight into student needs and academic pathways. As Director of Concurrent Enrollment, I built partnerships with surrounding high schools and expanded access to college classes by 158% over 4 years."

Cocozzella's previous experience as Educational Director and Regional Manager at GOAL High School has further developed his leadership, community development, and operational management skills. These experiences have shaped his approach to education and leadership, preparing him to contribute to CNCC's mission with confidence and enthusiasm.

"My main goal is to create an environment where every member of the CNCC community feels empowered to contribute to our mission," Cocozzella stated. "I'm focused on enhancing campus safety, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening our ties with the local community."

Cocozzella aims to strengthen relationships with local high schools to expand opportunities for students to access higher education. "By fostering stronger partnerships and exploring innovative pathways, we can create seamless transitions for students, ensuring they are prepared for in-demand careers," he added.

Cocozzella's leadership strategy prioritizes open communication and inclusivity. He plans to host regular forums for feedback and celebrate innovative ideas that drive progress. "Ultimately, my leadership approach is shaped by the values of integrity, service, and collaboration," he emphasized. "I strive to be someone who leads by example, communicates openly, and creates an environment where people feel valued and empowered."

Cocozzella recognizes that one of the biggest challenges facing CNCC is adapting to changing educational and economic demands and while maintaining enrollment numbers. "Addressing this requires a proactive approach, including targeted recruitment efforts, enhanced student support, and strong community partnerships," he concluded. You'll find Cocozzella in the administrative offices of the main academic building on the Craig campus, where he is easily accessible to students and staff, and always ready to welcome visitors.

About CNCC:

Colorado Northwestern Community College enhances people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. It is the college of choice for students seeking a unique education grounded in the Colorado experience.

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DOWN

1. Bit for the dog bowl
2. Sound heard in a dairy herd
3. Inflatable item
4. Kind of card
5. "Make yourself _____"
6. Pitches to one side
7. Baby's nurse, in China
8. Frost-laden
9. What the unified are
10. Venezuelan monetary units
11. Carpenter's storage place
12. Paper unit
13. Cities with piers
18. Ireland, romantically
22. Go astray, biblically
23. Not duped
24. "Laugh-In" co-host
25. Drummer's favorite candy?
26. "Glades" or "green" starter
28. "Masters of the Universe" fellow
29. Tip top
31. Vega's constellation
33. Royal order
34. People are picky about this game
36. Dimmer switch, e.g.
37. "Ave Maria," e.g.
41. Fizz ingredient
43. Accounting pro
44. Trigonometric function
45. Perfumery compounds
46. "Coming of Age in _____" (Margaret Mead book)
47. Hikers' path
48. Customary ceremonies
50. Hole in the skin
51. "Is that all right with you?"
54. Your and my
55. What aves lay
56. Albanian currency
57. Not wet at all

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By Carla Azure

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| 6. Faux chocolate | 31. Colony member of old | 49. Fabric with pictorial designs |
| 11. 1/6 of an ounce (Abbr.) | 32. Unit names for a telephone pioneer | 50. Grosse _____, Mich. |
| 14. Thesaurus man | 35. Snitch | 52. Longtime Chinese chairman |
| 15. Type of acid | 36. Limerick writers, e.g. | 53. Was best in the Olympics |
| 16. "So there you are!" | 38. Wedding words | 58. De-squeak |
| 17. It may form a crown | 39. "The Nanny" has three of them | 59. Invisible emanations around people |
| 19. Bard's "above" | 40. Elephant's tiny kin | 60. Missouri or Mississippi |
| 20. Deserving | 41. Fit of agitation | 61. Everyon |
| 21. A dot in the ocean | 42. Old-time delievery persn | 62. Some playing cards |
| 23. Appolo's sister | 44. Take your pick | 63. Serpentine |
| 26. Expels, as a tenant | 46. Trample | |
| 27. Like some winter blankets | | |
| 28. Capital of Cuba | | |

Undisturbed continued...

playground, courts, and trails. Walking Mountains offers engaging walks with wildflower views or a challenging 3/4-mile trek to a lookout over Avon. In the colder months, Avon Recreation Center recreates an outdoor experience with a climbing wall, a vast swimming pool, a sauna, a lazy river, and slides. Grab breakfast or a coffee at Loaded Joe, a lively hangout by night with beer, wine, and music.

Just south, Beaver Creek Resort sprawls over mountains with three terrain parks and cross-country trails. You can score cozy lodging to enjoy the views and events alongside the best of skiers. Nearby, McCoy Park is perfect for snowshoeing. Summer through fall, East and West Lake Creek Trailheads attract hikers, leisurely picnics, and, later, leaf-chasers, aglow in yellow aspen trees. Other popular hikes include Cross Creek Trailhead to the south and Booth Falls Trailhead, 15 minutes east, with a lake and a waterfall. Take in the scenery on horseback with Bearcat Stables. You can browse local shops at Chapel Square or grab a picnic from the City Market to enjoy the riverside. Northside Kitchen is unmissable for a beef or filet mignon dinner with the local vibes of a rustic log house.

CALHAN

Some 35 miles from Colorado Springs, welcome to the nation's highest non-mountain town at 6,535 feet above sea level. Established as a water station for the railroad, the former Calhan Rock Island Railroad Depot building is a touchstone to the past, still in its original location north of downtown. One of the state's most undisturbed in the eastern Pikes Peak region, Calhan has more than a few surprises up its sleeve. Just southeast, the breathtaking Paint Mines Interpretive Park is a gorgeous surprise in the otherwise plain landscape. The park is easy to explore with the views of the bright rock formations, the hoodoos and spires in fantastic forms, and a display of colors.

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NWCDC and YVCF Launch Grant Collective to Create More Grantwriting Capacity

(Craig, Colorado) Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC) in partnership with the Yampa Valley Community Foundation (YVCF) launched an initiative called the Grants Collective to increase grant writing and management capacity for regional nonprofits, local governments, and businesses interested in hiring grant writers. The Grants Collective is a network of grant professionals who can develop proposals for federal, state, and local grants. The list includes grant writers who are for hire as contractors and some who could provide some pro-bono work. Across the region, organizations are in need of increased capacity related to grant writing but may not have the ability to hire a staff member. The Grants Collective helps meet that need, matching organizations to the resources they need. We are currently seeking more grant professionals to [join the Collective](#).

“One of the biggest challenges identified by our communities, businesses, and nonprofits is the need for grant writers and managers to secure more funding for our region,” said Tim Redmond, NWCDC Chair and Routt County Commissioner. “The NWCDC is proud to launch this database in partnership with YVCF to enhance efforts to bring more funding into Northwest Colorado.”

The Grant Collective gathers information that is self-reported by grant professionals and organizes the contacts into a database hosted on the NWCDC [website](#). The database is not intended to be a comprehensive listing nor do we attest to the validity of the information that was submitted by the individuals. Neither NWCDC nor YVCF endorse any individuals or organizations who represent themselves as grant professionals. We recommend organizations create an internal process to vet contract grant professionals. Visit <https://northwestcolorado.org/business-resources/hire-grant-writers/> to learn more.

“Among nonprofits, grants from government or foundations can represent one-third or more of the organization's total annual income,” said Greg Hamilton, YVCF Director of Grantmaking. “We expect the Grant Collective resource will help connect the charitable, community-focused work of these organizations—plus small businesses and governmental programs—with this critical funding source. When these organizations are better funded, our whole community benefits.”

NWCDC and YVCF are seeking interested grant professionals who would like to be listed in our Grant Collective database free of charge. Applicants need to fill out the following [Google Form](#): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-6gy-UzZHFe6k3RvD77FAYcMA6Jb7IHsIYQ3PN64hbKDceA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The NWCDC serves the counties of Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt, and their seven communities, which face the closure of two coal-fired power plants and four coal mines. Enhancing grant writing capacity for our communities allows Northwest Colorado to receive more funding for community development and economic development projects to address the challenges of the coal transition.

About NWCDC

Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC) is an intergovernmental agreement between Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties and their member communities, Craig, Hayden, Meeker, Oak Creek, Rangely, Steamboat Springs, and Yampa. These communities work collaboratively to diversify the regional economy and to support workforce development, affordable housing, access to child care, and regional transportation. Learn more, visit our regional website [NorthwestColorado.org](#)

About YVCF

The Yampa Valley Community Foundation believes in a thriving and connected Yampa Valley where there are opportunities and resources for all. YVCF leads transformational change throughout Moffat and Routt counties by engaging donors in purposeful philanthropy, empowering local nonprofit organizations, inspiring impactful grantmaking, and collaborating to build vibrant communities. Learn more at [yvcf.org](#)

Colorado continued...

Named after the colorful bends in clay layers collected by American Indians to paint, bring a picnic to devour in the heart of nature and see how many clues you can find of human life dating back as far as 9,000 years ago. In the heart of nature, there's nothing quite like a Paint Mines sunrise after hearing the nightly howls from the site's coyote pack. Back in town, Roosters Grille & Pizzeria is a hidden hole-in-the-wall to refuel in a sports bar venue with a great menu. Just south along the highway, the top-rated El Paso County Raceway is a family-friendly place "where the love for racing begins." Next June, Calhan will host the annual El Paso County Summerfest.

CASCADE

Some 11 miles from Colorado Springs, Cascade has long been a stopover for travelers on the Colorado Midland Railway in search of off-the-beaten-path scenery through Ute Pass. Most come to explore Pikes Peak Highway, a breathtaking journey to the top of Pikes Peak via tram, shuttle, or drive from Pikes Peak Highway Tollgate. Few attempt to hike its long, hard, 13.5-mile climb uphill with a gain of nearly 7,500 feet. Either way, enjoy stunning views and scenic stops along the way to the 14,000-foot summit with an amazing panorama. As a resort town from the 1880s through the 1920s, experiencing the beauty of Cascade Canyon remains a tradition for many, particularly in the fall season. RTP Trailhead offers beautiful mountain views over the green and then colorful forest.



The dog-friendly Crowe Gulch Picnic Area is great for rock climbing and photoshoots against the big rocks highlighted by the bright aspens. Commemorate your journey after a hike atop the Cascade Observation Site, and stop by Pike's Peak Rock Shop for a souvenir or to display on your mantle. The central Cascade Community Park features a gazebo where you can enjoy a picnic near the confluence of Fountain and Cascade Creeks, as well as access to Heizer Trailhead, a six-mile one-way hike. Right on the highway, Santa's Workshop-North Pole, a vibrant Christmas playland, is open from May to December to enjoy magic shows, ride the carousel, and visit with Mr. Claus. Wines of Colorado whips up buffalo burgers to wash down with flowing reds and whites in your close group of friends.

DIVIDE

Divide feels undisturbed north of Mueller State Park, a 5,000-acre outdoor playground of spring-fed meadows, ponds, forested ridges, and massive rocks to go camping, hiking, and fishing. Epitomizing the divide in tastes for Colorado's diverse mountainscapes, enjoy views of Raspberry Mountain, or scale the scenic peak via a moderate mountain trail through forested terrain and seasonal wildflowers. Craggs Trail Head offers craggy ridge views. Some 12 minutes west of downtown, Florissant Fossil Beds is a national monument and park with petrified redwood stumps. From Big Stump to Hornbeck Homestead, discover thousands of insect and plant fossils on a guided walk. Next door, the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center offers tours and programs on wolves and wild canines.



From the family-friendly Hayden Divide Park to Coulson Lake on the outskirts, Women's Trail 375 is great on a hike, bike ride, or horseback. To the east, the alpine lakes of North and South Catamount Reservoirs feature rugged shores and serene trails, perfect for hiking, trail running, fishing, and paddling. At about 9,000 feet in elevation, Catamount Recreation Area offers a challenging hike through the trees, which provide shaded breaks to the "Garden of Eden." You can share your impressions at Russ' Place, a top-rated spot with a patio and bright red umbrellas serving delicious burgers, beer, and margaritas. Drop by Paradox Beer Company for an evening with the boys.

FLORENCE

Colorful mid-century buildings define the antiquing capital of Colorado. Below the roaring Arkansas



Rangely Main Street Program 2024 Progress Report



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government



Mission Statement:

TREAD is devoted to working together with the community to preserve our small-town identity while developing a vibrant downtown attractive to residents, businesses and tourists.

Accomplishments:



We moved up in the Colorado Main Street Program and achieved the designation of Excelling!



Hometown Hero banners are hung on Main Street.



Worked with Town of Rangely and their urban development group to apply for and receive a \$500,000 grant to retain, attract, rebuild and expand Rangely businesses.



Granted \$53,610 in consulting services from Colorado Main Street for trail engineering.



Grant funds received from AARP in the amount of \$5,000 to install two new benches on Main Street.

* Economic Vitality * Design * Promotion * Organization

Looking Ahead to the 2025 Legislative Session

BY DYLAN ROBERTS

We're heading back to work at the State Capitol to begin the annual 120-day legislative session. After a tumultuous 2024 election season, it is now time to put politics aside, work together, and get things done that improve the lives of Coloradans. I'm ready to get going!

I consider it a privilege to carry the hopes, challenges, and ideas of my constituents into my work as your State Senator. Each year, the period between legislative sessions gives me the opportunity to spend time with all of you, travel to the most amazing parts of Colorado, and let my constituents tell me what we should focus on in Denver. Over the last several months I held town hall meetings in every one of the ten counties I represent, toured new affordable housing developments and local schools, and spoke with leaders and engaged citizens across the region about the issues that matter to them most.

Here's what I will be working on as the session gets underway:

Affordability

Over the last few years, our mountain and rural communities have seen unprecedented state support come our way to help local efforts to build and maintain more affordable housing - and it's working! Projects are breaking ground and families are moving into homes that allow them to live and work in the communities we all love. This state support is thanks to bills I have passed, the voter-approved Proposition 123 funds, and innovative public-private partnerships. Yet, there is still so much more we need to do to make sure individuals and families can afford a place to call home and make ends meet.

That's why my first bill of the year will again be a bipartisan affordable housing effort. The bill proposes to facilitate below-market investment by the State of Colorado in Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to buy down construction costs and mortgage interest costs to facilitate more affordable homeownership development in our state. Building more "starter homes" is key to giving hardworking Coloradans the opportunity to own a home, accumulate generational wealth, and prosper in our state.

I'm also planning to sponsor legislation that will lower the cost of prescription drugs, reduce the cost of homeowners insurance, and provide crucial utilities assistance to low-income rural residents so that we can all afford to keep our homes safe and warm. This session, we must be laser-focused on saving Coloradans money.

Other Local Priorities

Other pieces of legislation I am planning to introduce are based on ideas directly from folks in my district - thank you for being a part of your citizen-driven legislature!

I will have a bill to increase the number of judges in Colorado to help relieve the extensive backlog in our court system which is delaying justice and negatively impacting crime victims.

Another bill will ensure communities and counties experiencing energy transition have more input on how relief funds are spent to maximize impact. We're also working on legislation to ensure that our rural health centers get more support so that you can get the care you need close to home.

As another winter on I70 and mountain highways proves challenging for road safety and traffic jams, we'll be looking to build on my bill from last year that enacted chain carrying requirements for commercial vehicles and left lane restrictions on the most dangerous parts of I70. The new bill will help more people get chained-up and ensure rental car customers are aware of our state's already-strict traction laws. I'll also be working with colleagues on ways to increase cell phone coverage in rural Colorado - an issue I hear about from constituents frequently.

As always, I'm also working hard on a few pieces of legislation to protect our state's water and





February CNCC Corner

BY DR. LISA JONES

Dear Community Members,

January has been a very busy month here at the College, and both locally and nationally. I wish to start by acknowledging the tragic loss of life on New Year's Day in New Orleans, where a truck ramming incident claimed the lives of fourteen people and injured many others. On January 29th, an American Airlines regional jet carrying sixty-four passengers crashed into the Potomac River after colliding with a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter carrying three soldiers. There were no survivors. Let us keep their families, friends, and first responders in our thoughts and prayers.



This month, we welcomed new public servants at the local, state, and national levels. Let's keep them in our thoughts as well and offer them our support. By leading both individually and collectively, we can ensure that positive change takes place.

Colorado Northwestern Community College, part of the Colorado Community College System, remains aware of executive orders and other actions that impact our students. If we believe there could be confusion or concerns among students or community members, we strive to provide information to keep you informed. Recently, one such action has caused concern among higher education institutions and students nationwide.

On January 28, 2025, the White House Office of Management and Budget administered a directive to temporarily pause most federal funding authorized by Congress. Broadly the memo orders all federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor to temporarily pause the distribution of most federal funds through February 10. On January 29, 2025, the White House rescinded the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo that had temporarily paused most federal grant funding. This means that federal funding will continue without interruption, and there are no anticipated impacts on our college's operations.

Most were concerned about federal financial aid as well as veteran's benefits. Even prior to the order being rescinded, the College confirms that there will be no impact to Federal Financial Aid/Pell grants or Veteran Affairs/GI Benefits for students. Additionally, there will be no impact to personnel who are being funded by federal grants should the temporary pause go into effect.

Although the OMB directive has been withdrawn, the administration's broader executive orders on federal spending priorities, including those affecting diversity, equity, inclusion, and climate change, remain in place. We continue to monitor potential implications and will keep students, and the community informed of any relevant updates.

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December Crossword Solution

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promote our agriculture - both issues that are the lifeblood of the district I represent. We'll be looking to better plan for the water funding we know we need to fund our state's water conservation needs, getting resources and protections in place for ranchers dealing with the voter-imposed reintroduction of wolves that are killing their livestock, and securing permanent investment in habitat protection for our hunters, anglers, and everyone who values our great outdoors and public lands.

Balancing Our State Budget

While our state economy is doing well, new commitments from the November ballot and rising medicaid costs, alongside TABOR protections and uncertainty around federal funding, means that we are headed into a legislative session where we will need to make significant cuts. A balanced budget is one of the legislature's constitutional obligations, and this year it will undoubtedly require hard decisions. I am committed to protecting state investments in education and healthcare, and ensuring our limited funds are spent wisely where they will bring us the greatest benefit.

Hearing from constituents is especially important throughout the legislative session. Please join me for an upcoming town hall meeting or as always, you can contact me directly at 970-846-3054 or SenatorDylanRoberts@gmail.com.

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

Rangely District Hospital Senior Life Solutions Announces Expansion and a New Program Director

BY MALIA STRINGHAM

Rangely District Hospital is thrilled to announce the expansion of the Senior Life Solutions program's service region to now include the entire Northwest Colorado region. This growth enables us to extend our reach and provide much-needed mental health services to even more older adults. By expanding our service area, we reaffirm our commitment to enriching lives and supporting the well-being of aging individuals in our community.

The program has also added Malia Stringham, RN as the new Program Director of Senior Life Solutions. Her expertise and passion will play a key role in enhancing the care and support we provide to our community's older adults.

Rangely District Hospital's Senior Life Solutions program is a specialized intensive outpatient group therapy program. It is uniquely designed to address the mental health needs of individuals typically aged 65 and older, helping them navigate life transitions and challenges such as depression and anxiety often associated with aging. In her new role, Stringham will be responsible for leading and coordinating the program staff to ensure top-quality patient care while engaging the community to build awareness about Senior Life Solutions and the importance of mental wellness.

Stringham noted she was born and raised in Vernal, Utah and loves the small-town environment and quality of life that Rangely provides. She became a nurse in 2012 and throughout her career has worked across a variety of nursing disciplines - including correctional facilities', psychiatric nursing, home health, hospital risk management and case management which have helped her recognized the unique role that mental wellness has for improving people's quality of life and overall health.

When asked about her new role, Stringham shared, "Mental wellness has a direct impact on physical health. Rangely District Hospital and Senior Life Solutions recognize this vital aspect of healthcare, especially for seniors."

Remember, anyone can refer a patient to the program – whether it's a physician, family member, healthcare professional, or even the patient themselves. Help is just a call away!

For more information about the Senior Life Solutions program at Rangely District Hospital, or to have program staff reach out to a senior you are concerned about, call 970-675-8002.



**Legal Notice of Nominating Meetings
MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Members of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., residing in District 7 are hereby notified of the District Nominating Meeting, scheduled as follows:

District 7

Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Moon Lake Electric Office, Rangely, CO

This meeting includes members living in Rangely and Bonanza.

The meeting is called under the provisions of Bylaw IV, Section 3, of the Bylaws of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

The purpose of the meetings is to nominate candidates for the position of Director for the above District. Only bona-fide members residing in the District may make nominations for the position of Director, and nominations so made at this meeting will be voted on at the Annual Meeting to be held May 29, 2025. Nominations shall be restricted to no more than four individuals by a majority vote of members present at the meeting. In addition to the nominations made at the nominating meetings, candidates may be nominated by petition, of any fifty or more District members. Petition packets are available at Moon Lake's headquarters office. Any petition must be received at the Moon Lake Electric Roosevelt Office by April 15, 2025. For inquiries regarding District boundaries, please reach out to the Roosevelt office at 435-722-5400. Members are encouraged to attend and ask any questions they may have regarding the operation of their Cooperative.

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River, the small town's two big attractions include Dakota Hot Springs and Skyline Drive to the northeast and northwest, respectively. Both unique Colorado scenic experiences, the drive feels like a roller coaster with top views over the whole valley, plus cool dinosaur footprints. The springs are a natural retreat, with hot water sans a tourist vibe to soak in the benefits. Score a parking spot for your camper through the night, and relax in the springs or soothe your sore muscles post-hike. One of the filming locations for the Netflix original *Our Souls at Night*, the region's only scenic byway follows old stagecoach and railroad routes through rich fossil sites.

Red Rosebud Bed & Breakfast is a top-rated spot for comfort creatures. On a stroll down Main Street along its famous array of antique stores, Florence Brewing Company is a railside watering hole in bright retro digs with food trucks, fresh beer, and friendly staff. Pathfinder Park features a rolling, dog-friendly grass field with a beautiful wooden kids' playscape. Along the river east, Florence River Park offers maintained and accessible trails plus small, rumbling falls to relax in the sounds of after. Just across the river, Blue Heron Park is a beautiful ecological park, worth a short hike to throw a line and catch bass for your dinnertime campsite. Next door east in Penrose, the iconic 2 Sisters café serves breakfast staples and ice cream treats.

LEADVILLE

Defined by stately red-brick buildings and the National Mining Hall of Fame, Leadville takes pride in its high-altitude, down-to-earth lifestyle. Discover the highest incorporated city in America with eight museums and 50 historic structures, like the Leadville Irish Miners' Memorial. The small mountain town under Prospect Mountain to the northeast may lack glorified ski runs, but its Turquoise Lake is spellbinding to step right out to from Sugar Loafin' Campground. Mayqueen Campground offers access to Colorado Midland Trailhead and Windsor Lake Trailhead. Imbibe the warm local vibes at the brick-clad City on a Hill Coffee & Espresso with fresh sandwiches, sweets, and coffee drinks. Melanzana Outdoor Clothing nods at the national forests and public lands from the doorstep.

Inspired by the unspoiled nature around, the town caters to a great après scene through many art galleries and restaurants. The Hall of Fame and Museum delivers mining history with exhibits like a mine replica, minerals, and a model railroad. Nearby, Leadville National Fish Hatchery welcomes you for a gorgeous day in the watery scenery with history plaques, easy trails, fish feedings, and a picnic shelter. Heading east, stop by the beautiful Monarch Mine, Mosquito Pass, and, if you dare, Mt. Sherman. This well-known 14,043-ft. peak with an old mine is one of the state's easier fourteeners. You'll feel more than qualified to snatch the last slice from your table spread at High Mountain Pies, a must-stop for pizzas, calzones, and sandwiches in a snug, laid-back feel with a patio.

RANGELY

Rangely is framed by mesas and blue skies. The welcoming town attracts many looking for high desert adventures in the state's northwest corner near the Utah border. Find yours along the iconic Dinosaur Diamond Scenic and Historic Byway, a 512-mile route with traces of prehistoric dinosaurs. Most known for its Dinosaur National Monument, the big national park offers rafting, hiking trails, and campsites near cliffs full of dinosaur fossils. For thrills, the Wagon Wheel Trails comprise a 160-mile network through canyons and pinyon, a free 4X4 spot to explore anytime. The Chamber of Commerce offers maps, while the annual three-day Rangely OHV Adventure Rally features guided rides and fun for all, like a poker run, shrimp boil, rodeo, and scavenger hunts.



The Rangely Rock Crawling Park, the state's only designated natural area for this extreme form of off-roading, offers more than 560 acres of terrain with trails like Chain Break and Poison Ivy. The Canyon Pintado Historic District boasts the largest concentration of archaeological sites along the Dinosaur Diamond. Find clues of life 11,000 years ago through rock art, the petroglyphs, and pictographs along the sheer sandstone walls at eight marked sites along Highway 139. Rangely Outdoor Museum shares artifacts on those who shaped the landscape, from dinosaurs to early Indigenous peoples, pioneers, ranchers, and oil field workers. Don't miss the 35-classic car collection owned by a local at the Automotive Museum. Once owned by Warner Brothers Studios, you may recognize the McFarlan

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from movies.

VICTOR

Home to roughly 360, Victor takes pride in being called a true Colorado ghost town, particularly since it was once a-bustling during the Pikes Peak or Bust Gold Rush Days. Perfect for history hunters and scenery chasers to revel in the slower pace of the heyday, visit in time for Halloween for a real ghost vibe on a tour of the old cemeteries. As a National Historic District, check out its Midland Terminal Railroad Depot and check in to the top-rated Victor Hotel. The Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, with mining artifacts, boasts rooms on the second floor that appear as if people just got up and left for a day of work. From summertime hikes to the great snowshoeing in the winter, get fueled at the local favorite Gold Camp Bakery with homemade baked goods and sandwiches.



The "Trails of Gold" meander through the wealth of mining history, with old gold mines that brought prosperity to the area, a legacy of fame, plus tourism into the region. The area in the heart of nature showcases vibrant springtime wildflowers in spring and colorful wildlife trails in the fall. Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company, the richest gold mine in the state's history, is its only remaining significant producer of gold. Just northeast, the old Stratton's Independence Mine and Mill on the south slope of Battle Mountain boasts an altitude of some 9,780 feet. West of town, embark from Little Grouse Mountain Trailhead to one of the most charming yet nightmarish sites, Rita the Rock Planter. It's a very light and easy hike for the little ones to feel the magic, plus killer views to bond over the landscape below.

COLORADO'S SCENIC AND HISTORIC TOWNS

Framed by mountains and blue skies, Colorado is a year-round treasure, offering everything from skiing and foliage to serene lakeside towns like Leadville. The vibrant hues of the Paint Mines bring a splash of color to your journey in Calhan, while Florence's hot springs provide the perfect retreat, complete with RV camping and soothing post-hike soaks.

Spellbinding in every season, channel your inner explorer with a Lewis and Clark vibe through these scenic small towns. Whether it's Rangely's rugged off-road trails or Divide's tranquil alpine reservoirs, each destination showcases Colorado's stunning natural beauty.

For outdoor thrills or moments of quiet reflection, these towns promise memories that will linger long after your visit.



21st Annual Foundation Dinner

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

5:00 - 10:00 pm

DINNER & DRINKS, AUCTIONS, GAMES

COLORADO ROOM

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\$60 per ticket

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Confusion from DC Hurts Rural Colorado

BY DYLAN ROBERTS

Hello from the Capitol where one month into the legislative session, the Colorado State

Legislature is hard at work. This session has already emphasized the importance of a functional symbiotic relationship between federal, state, and local governments. With a new administration in Washington, we face day-to-day uncertainty and ongoing announcements that threaten federal support when providing important services to rural Colorado has never been more important. The Trump Administration will stop playing politics with these existing funds - because it could be catastrophic for rural Colorado. Here's why:

Rural Healthcare

Senate District 8 is home to 9 rural hospitals, including 5 that are considered "critical access

hospitals." A funding freeze impacts most hospitals, but rural and critical access hospitals tend to serve older and lower-income populations, meaning they serve a disproportionate number of Medicaid users and as a result, rely more on federal funding. In 2023, rural hospitals in Colorado delivered almost five thousand babies and cared for nearly five hundred thousand outpatients. They also employed sixteen thousand community members and had an indirect economic benefit of \$6.6 billion dollars. Rural hospitals are a crucial resource in our communities, where my constituents have limited healthcare options. The closure of a rural hospital forever changes the landscape of that community.

In addition to our rural hospitals and Medicaid users, federal funding supports rural telehealth options and support for community health centers. Mountain Family Health Center, Northwest Colorado Health, Summit Community Care Clinic, and Clinica Family Health provide essential care across my district while operating with limited funding. The Colorado Community Health Network, an organization representing the 20 community health centers at work across the state, stated that a freeze would have the "immediate impact of preventing nearly \$9 million in monthly payments that are used to cover payroll and other costs." Uncertainty about federal support, even for only a few days or weeks, can have long-term consequences for organizations on the front lines providing care in rural Colorado.

Agriculture

Agriculture producers are a major part of our economy and character and they provide the state and the country with high quality food. Farmers nationwide received more than \$10.5 billion in direct government support in 2024, nearly half of which came from conservation focused programs. The recent temporary federal funding freeze would have paralyzed efforts to encourage sustainable agriculture practices, farm loan programs, and/or disaster assistance for farmers that Congress passed in December. Supporting our farmers and ranchers means ensuring they have reliable access to innovative developments and federal support.

Water Funding

I am incredibly proud of the work done by the Colorado River District, local governments, counties, and the state to secure half the funding needed to permanently protect Shoshone water rights. In January the federal government announced a \$40 million commitment to match state funds and secure the water right, which would forever increase water security on the Western Slope without changing existing flows into the Front Range. That \$40 million has now been temporarily frozen by the new administration, along with another \$95 million specifically focused on supporting the Western Slope areas of the Colorado River Basin. Protecting finite water resources is not a partisan issue and we should all urge the Trump Administration to un-pause this crucial funding for Western water security.

Ongoing Confusion

31.7% of Colorado's budget comes from federal funds. The attempted federal funding freeze, even though it has been rescinded, caused widespread concern and confusion. Head Start programs



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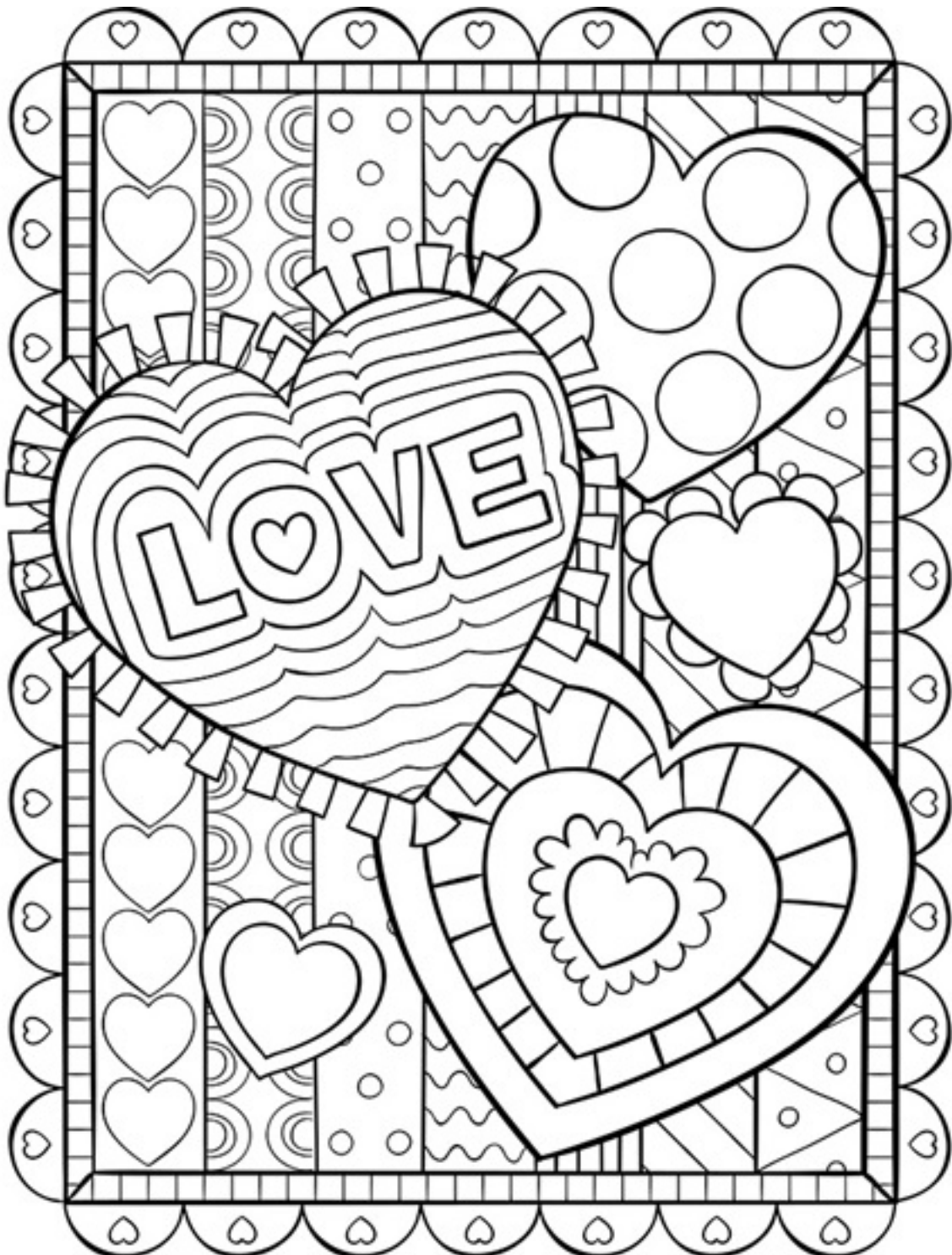
provide childcare and preschool education to 11,600 children in Colorado and create 5,000 jobs across the state. Dozens of programs across the country are still unable to access their federal funding. The Medicaid portal was shut down nationwide, slowing down reimbursement for Colorado hospitals. More than 25,000 Colorado seniors rely on Meals on Wheels to access food, and the program had still not received clarity on whether or not they would be allowed to continue operating before the order was revoked.

Rural communities have the most to lose amongst this confusion. While federal uncertainty persists, I am grateful to be at the State Capitol working with Republicans and Democrats who share my goal: to lower costs, protect our rural communities, and make the lives of our constituents better. In a state where an estimated 11.2% of the population is food insecure, we don't need to cut funding to food banks. We need to make sure groceries are as affordable as possible. In a state where almost 34% of people spend more than 30% of their income on housing, we don't need to make it more difficult to afford a home. We need to be working to build more affordable units and creating a path to not just affordable rentals but affordable homeownership.

Making Colorado more affordable, keeping Colorado safe, and supporting the Western Slope way of life are my top priorities, and I will never stop advocating for them, and you. You can contact me directly at SenatorDylanRoberts@gmail.com or 970-846-3054.

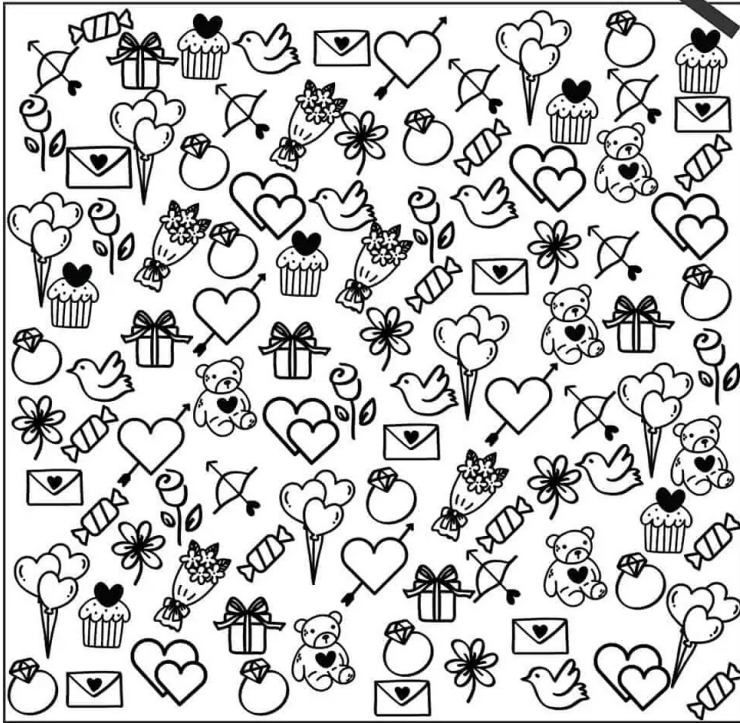
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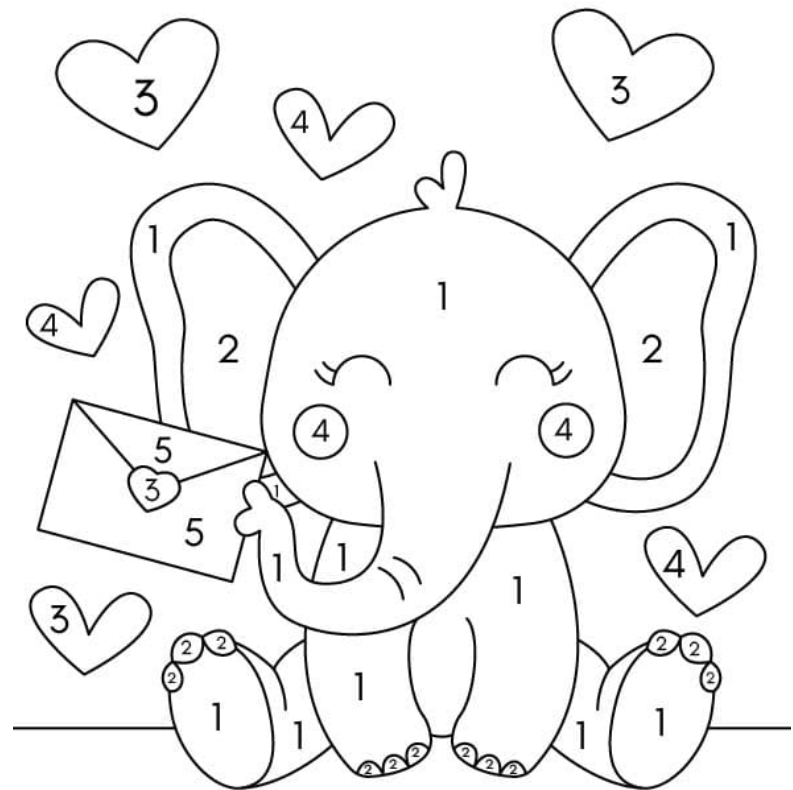
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