RANGELY REVIEW &

A Paper for the People, of the People, by the People



BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On April 2, 2025, Rangely District Hospital (RDH) welcomed the community to an Open House celebrating the grand opening of its state-of-the-art MRI Suite. The event, which also featured a Provider Meet & Greet, drew a large crowd of enthusiastic residents eager to explore the latest addition to their local healthcare services. The turnout reflected the community's excitement and appreciation for the cutting-edge technology now available right in their backyard.

The new MRI Suite represents a significant milestone for Rangely District Hospital, underscoring its ongoing commitment to expanding and enhancing medical care for our community and region. With this advanced imaging technology, RDH is better equipped to meet the diverse healthcare needs of the community, offering faster, more accurate diagnostics without the need for residents to travel long distances. The addition of the MRI Suite is a testament to the hospital's dedication to keeping pace with modern medical advancements while prioritizing patient care.

Attendees of the Open House had the opportunity to tour the new facility and meet the hospital's providers, fostering a sense of connection between the community and the healthcare professionals who serve them.

RDH has been steadily growing, consistently adding services and resources to better serve its patients. The introduction of the MRI Suite is just one example of how RDH is working to ensure that comprehensive, high-quality medical care remains accessible to all who call this community home.



For those interested in learning more about the MRI Suite and its capabilities, check out the QR code for additional information or visit their website at www.rangelyhospital.com.

Thank you, RDH, for your unwavering commitment to meeting our medical needs and investing in the health and future of Rangely.



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Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

Greetings Rangely and surrounding community. Spring brings new milestones for Rangely District Hospital. I will provide quick updates on the progress that we have made and what is in store for us. The MRI project is complete, we have a new hospital board member, a sleep study program is gearing up and The Hospital Foundation has a new director.

Our MRI project is complete, open house held April 2nd, 2025. Thanks for attending and viewing our new addition. I would like to thank our board of directors for approving the project, Adams Management, FCI Construction, RTA Architects, Engineer Inspectors Jocelyn Mullin, Phil Vaughn, and GE for keeping the project on time. They all did a fantastic job in coordinating, construction, and completing the MRI suite. I would also like to thank our hospital staff and patients



for their cooperation while the construction crews were in and out of the hospital. Also, for adapting to the disruption they might have encountered during the process. By adding this state-of-the-art service, patients will not have to travel for their MRI scans. They can have them done here locally. The instrument is called the 1.5T Signa Voyager to help improve patient comfort, including a wide bore, breath-free, motion-free technology. I am super excited to offer this service to you and your family.

Our hospital board had three vacancies. We would like to welcome Kurt Douglas as our newest board member. Kurt is a long-time Rangely native who retired as a teacher from Rangely School District. Since then, he served on several boards in the community. I am excited for him to join our team. We will be appointing him at our next board meeting, then all office positions will be selected in the May meeting. Sam Tolley and Keith Peterson were self-nominations who are currently serving on our board. With three vacancies and three applicants there was no need for an election this year.

Last year we had to put our sleep study program on hold until we purchased some new equipment. The new equipment is now available, and we will be starting our facility sleep studies towards the end of May 2025. We have teamed up with Dr. Matt Mckee from Roosevelt to oversee the program and provide the overreads. Tracy Voelckel will perform the studies. This service line will help so our patients do not have to travel out of town for sleep studies.

Our Hospital Foundation has hired a new Director. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sierra Black. She has taken the reigns as the new director. Sierra recently has worked on the inpatient side of the hospital as the activity director for our long-term care unit. We have Sara Peterson, Taylor Allred, Carlene Cantrell, and a representative from the hospital board TBD in the May board meeting serving on the foundation board. A few of the projects the foundation is currently working on are the memorial tree in the entry way of the hospital, golf tournament in the fall, and Sunrise Park next to Eagle Crest. You can order a leaf or stone for the memorial tree \$100 per leaf or \$250 for a stone. Thanks to Mike Dillon for



engraving the leaves. It's great to have a new director that can continue our foundation's initiatives into the future.

Town of Rangely Police Chief Represents Lav Enforcement in Washington D.C.

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Last month, Chief Hamblin distinguished himself as the sole Colorado law enforcement executive invited to Washington D.C. for a meeting with newly appointed FBI Director Kash Patel. During the discussion, Director Patel reiterated the FBI's dedication to strengthening partnerships with local and state law enforcement for

enhanced national safety. Chief Hamblin expressed pride in representing Colorado and conveyed optimism regarding future collaborative efforts between the FBI and Colorado law enforcement.

Over the Moon

BY KELLI NEIBERGER

The Town of Rangely is so thankful to Moon Lake Electric for being an active part of our community. Last fall they helped us get our Christmas lights up on the big pine tree in front of Town Hall. Earlier this year, they used their wood-chipper to chip up a large pile of branches at the Community Gardens. Several people had dumped large branches where they



should not have been dumped. If not for Moon Lake's help, we would have spent many hours getting rid of these branches ourselves. Now garden members



have a usable pile of wood chips to be used for mulch or ground cover. They have also helped cut back large trees at the Museum when the Town's equipment would not reach the higher branches. Thanks again for helping to make Rangely a great place to live!

CNCC Appoints Amanda Ott as New Dean of Academics for Craig Campus

BY JESSE AITKEN

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) is excited to announce the appointment of Amanda Ott as the new Dean of Academics for the Craig campus. With a rich history at CNCC, Ott brings a unique perspective to her new role.

"My journey here at CNCC is unique in the fact that I have attended CNCC as a concurrent student, a non-traditional student, and am the parent of concurrent students. I have been employed here as both an adjunct and full-time faculty member, as well as an administrator," Ott said. "I have been involved with the college since the mid-90s, which also gives me some different perspectives on the evolution of the college and our community."

Ott's main goals as Dean include enhancing the college experience for all students while addressing the unique populations that makes the Craig campus special. She aims to implement changes and initiatives that will increase workforce certifications and opportunities for students.



Ott recognizes the challenges facing the CNCC-Craig Campus, particularly the need for housing and the high cost of living in the area. She sees significant growth opportunities, particularly in retraining and re-certification for coal mining employees as local closures begin, as well as in concurrent enrollment programs aimed at helping younger students achieve certificates or degrees for immediate employment in high-demand fields.

"I am motivated to help people who are trying to help themselves to a better life through education. I feel that everyone can learn something new, and oftentimes people are discouraged from doing so due to life pressures. I like to try to work with students to show them that you can get through challenges and get where you want to be," Ott said.

A native of the area, Ott has deep roots in the community, with her family and her husband's family having lived here for over 100 years. She is a proud mother of three and a grandmother to one beautiful grandson. Ott can be found in her office on the Craig Campus located in the library on the second floor of the main Academic building.

To schedule a pickup or for more info call the Town at (970) 675-8476.



RANGELY SENIOR TRASH PICKUP April 22nd - April 23rd

The Town of Rangely Public Works Department will pick up debris and rubbish by appointment only for those over 65 years of age or over.

Qualified persons must make an appointment no later than Monday, April 21st. All items to be picked up must be in the alley or left by the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. the morning of April 22nd.

Please Note: The property owner will be responsible to dispose of anything placed on the curb after 7:00 am on April 22, 2025.

No tires, batteries, hazardous materials, refrigerators, TV's or freezers will be accepted!

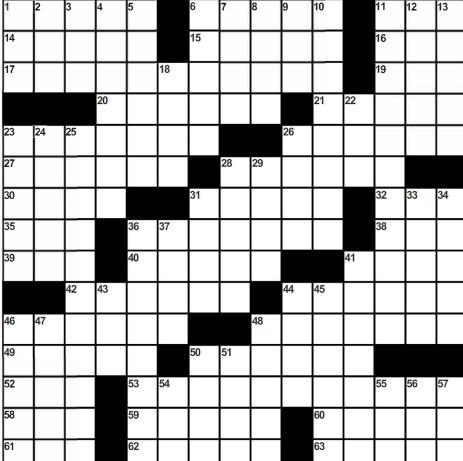
#CommunityPride #RespectRangely #Cleanup



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- 3. "Smoking or ____?"
- 4. Prepare for inurnment
- 5. Dress like a judge
- 6. Where Santiago is?
- 7. Wife of Zeus
- 8. Trigger finger problem?
- 9. Afghan currency
- 10. Phantasms
- 11. Old sci-fi TV series (with "The")
- 12. Needing to be doused
- 13. Cocktail coolers, slangily
- 18. Word with "War" or "cuts"
- 22. Shepherd's milieu
- 23. New moon, e.g.
- 24. Luxury ship
- 25. Densely populated areas
- 26. Work with a fighter
- 28. In a fitting way
- 29. They're 16th of 26
- 31. Agitation
- 33. Fancy Drive
- 34. Had a home-cooked meal
- 36. Guarded
- 37. Gaelic language
- 41. Bring to a total
- 43. Supportive sound
- 44. Tennis racket part
- 45. Certain cotton threads
- 46. Wake-up call alternative
- 47. Medal-worthy behavior
- 48. Meltdown sites
- 50. Volcano in Sicily
- 51. Something to shift
- 54. Farthest or highest, briefly
- 55. Squirrel's prize
- 56. It's Tokyo now
- 57. Word to end a fight

HERE WE GO!



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- 1. Explorer ____ de Leon
- 6. Fried fish complement
- 11. It makes waves
- 14. Like much testimony
- 15. Highly perturved
- 16. Abduction ship, some say
- 17. Closest advisers
- 19. Behavioral quirk
- 20. It can buy bling
- 21.Court employee
- 23. Easily bent26. Cordwood unit
- 27. Dropped a clue
- 28. Post-verdict recourse

- 30. Diarist Frank
- 31. Primitive fishing tool
- 32. Nest egg for one's golden years
- 35. Lay eyes on
- 36. Puts in the middle
- 38. Bon ____ (witty remark)
- 39. Be human, according to a saying
- 40. Nutmeg coverings
- 41. Fries, often
- 42. Surly and forbidding
- 44. They are sat on
- routinely
- 46. Handle a joystick

- 48. Purplish-red color
- 49. Punjabi police officer's

By Cale K. Brody

- 50. "I" affliction?
- 52. "Aladdin" prince
- 53. Jupiter and Saturn, for two
- 58. Fish eggs
- 59. Long bones
- 60. Practice piece for one instrument
- 61. What your wife may be called
- 62. Things wished upon
- 63. Determined to carry out

RDH Welcomes New Foundation Director

BY SIERRA BALCK

My name is Sierra Black, I am the new Foundation Director for the Rangely District Hospital Foundation. A little background about myself, I have lived in Rangely for 12 years. I attended Rangely High School and graduated in 2015. Rangely became my home and where I planted my roots. My husband and I have a beautiful 3-year-old daughter that we are very proud to raise in Rangely.

I have been a part of the Rangely District Hospital for the last four years as the Activity Director for the extended care patients, a CNA, and I am currently finishing classes to become a certified Surgical Technologist for our Operating Room.

I am excited to start this journey with the Rangely District Hospital Foundation to continue to build relationships through the community and further advance relationships from other entities outside of our community.



Our current Foundation projects are the Memorial Tree that is located inside RDH near the pharmacy entrance, Sunrise Park and our golf tournament will be held in September. Please reach out if you have any questions, would like to volunteer. You can reach me at sblack@rdhosp.org or 970-675-5011 ext. 116.

Your Ideas Shape Legislation

BY DYLAN ROBERTS

Each year, I prioritize working on legislation based on ideas brought to me by constituents. As the legislative session hits the halfway point, I am working on several common sense solutions inspired by constituents in Senate District 8, including bills to prevent I-70 crashes and delays, support our working families, improve public safety, and more. Here's where those bills stand:

I-70 Safety

The impact of crashes and closures along I-70 are felt most by locals trying to get home safely, pick up their kids from school, and travel to and from work throughout our region. I am a prime sponsor of two bills this year that would reduce t crashes and resulting road closures, which cost Colorado millions of dollars every hour. SB25-



069 would create a process to allow individuals and companies to help inexperienced truckers put their chains on. Further, this bill would close the passenger traction "loophole" and make sure that more cars have proper tires when they drive I-70 in the winter. HB25-1039 came straight from constituents in Georgetown, Idaho Springs, and Eagle County who deal with excessive noise along I-70 every single day. The bill would ensure that all commercial vehicles have a modern muffler, decreasing noise when engine breaks are used.

Supporting Coal Transition Communities

Supporting Craig, Hayden, and other energy-transitioning communities in Northwest Colorado - and around the state - is one of my top priorities. To ensure that these communities continue to be vibrant places for Coloradans to live and raise their families, I'm working on SB25-037, which would ensure that the Office of Just Transition coordinates more directly with the communities being impacted by its work and ensures that the most effective strategies are being used to support communities in transition. This bill passed the Senate unanimously.

Public Health and Safety

Over the summer, constituents from Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jackson Counties reached out to share concerns about aging septic systems - an issue that impacts many rural communities. Making necessary repairs and replacements to these systems is not just important for the individual homeowners, it's a community and public safety concern. That's why we introduced HB25-1120, which would create an enterprise fund to support replacing failing septic systems.

SB25-031 would make sure that when emergency alerts go out, they are accessible in both English and Spanish. In the case of a wildfire, winter storm, or other safety concerns, everyone should be informed as quickly as possible, including the 300,000 Coloradans who don't speak English as their primary language.

The reintroduction of wolves in Colorado has occurred almost entirely in Senate District 8, meaning that our local ranchers and farmers are on the front lines of wolf-livestock conflict and depredation. SB25-038 will protect the individual privacy of these individuals by ensuring that anyone who submits a depredation request after one of their animals is killed won't have their name and address shared with the public. County-level data on wolf activity and compensation would continue to be available, but protecting the safety and privacy of specific individuals is essential.

Affordable Homeownership

Colorado's mountain communities continue to face an affordable housing crisis. We've made progress in recent years to increase housing stock and drive down prices, but there's more that we must do. To build on this work, I am running two bills specifically targeting affordable homeownership. Buying a first home is key to long-term financial stability and growth for our working families. SB25-006 would

March CNCC Corner

BY DR. LISA JONES

Many community members of all ages are planning for their next phase in life. We hope a major part of your plan is to further your education and skill development. Once you decide to pursue or continue post-secondary studies, the next step is to determine where. Colorado offers a wide range of outstanding educational institutions, so why choose CNCC?

Explore CNCC's Mission, Vision, and Values statements through this link: CNCC Mission, Vision & Strategic Plan. These principles guide our strategic planning and daily operations.



Our Innovative and High Wage-Earning Academic Programs

- 1. CNCC has received final accreditation for its new Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology program. This program will commence in the Fall of 2025 and will join the impressive group of academic programs that lead to high-wage jobs. Radiologic technicians operate imaging and radiation therapy equipment and perform medical exams using x-rays to help doctors diagnose and monitor illnesses or abnormalities. The average salary for radiologic technicians ranges from \$63,000 to \$76,000
- 2. CNCC consistently ranks among the top community colleges in the nation for highest graduate salaries, according to Payscale.com. This achievement is due to CNCC's commitment to creating new and innovative programs.
- 3. CNCC is one of only two community colleges in the country that excavates and stores dinosaur bones. Walter, an herbivorous dinosaur, is housed in the Field Museum on the Craig campus, which is open to the public on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- 4. The College's new Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene is a 30-credit online program designed for current dental hygienists with an AAS. It includes a capstone course featuring a service abroad/humanitarian trip to Guatemala.
- 5. Through collaboration, students can earn a BSN in Nursing and in ECE/Elementary Education (2026)
- 6. CNCC sponsors annual Study Abroad/Global Education programs, with previous trips to destinations like Italy and Spain. A trip to Egypt is planned for the summer.
- 7. CNCC's Aviation program was recognized by Flight Magazine as the top program in Colorado for preparing graduates for the workforce.
- 8. CNCC's Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy is one of only six in the country.
- 9. In 2024, CNCC was ranked first among all Colorado community colleges for successful University transfer among low-income students.
- 10. Unlike most community colleges, we offer housing and intercollegiate athletics. CNCC provides unique programs that lead to high-paying jobs and bachelor's degree pathways, along with a residence life experience in Rangely at one-third the cost of a university.

Community Engagement

- 1. CNCC hosted a Town Hall meeting in Rangely on Monday, February 17, 2025, featuring U.S. Representative, Jeff Hurd. Community leaders and interested residents attended this event with discussions focusing on health care, food and housing costs, expanding regulations, energy and water rights issues, the State budget crunch and its impact on K12 and higher education, and rising personnel costs for businesses.
- 2. Growing concurrent enrollment which provides free tuition to high school students allowing them to earn up to an associate's degree before completing high school. This enables students the earning potential to support their own household.

Our Commitment

CNCC remains committed to access, student and employee success, while being responsive to community and workforce needs. The education we provide is grounded in the Colorado experience and focused on the skills students must have from day one upon transfer or hire. This commitment makes us a unique and obvious first college choice.

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create a pilot program authorizing the state to provide low interest construction financing, which would transition into low interest mortgages once the homes are built.

HB25-1272 would reform construction defect laws to incentivize the construction of more condos and 'missing middle' housing. The housing market in Colorado is facing an extreme shortage of starter homes which allow younger buyers to enter the market. The targeted liability changes proposed in this bill could motivate increased construction and opportunity to allow more young families to start building generational wealth.

Judicial Efficiency

State government has a constitutional obligation to provide a functional, timely judicial process for all Coloradans in criminal, civil, and juvenile court. Increased case filings have led to unacceptably long wait times and judicial overload. That's why I introduced SB25-024 to add more judges to courtrooms across the state. As a former Deputy District Attorney, I know how important it is to have focused, dedicated, and adequate judges in our courtrooms. When this bill passes, it would add 15 judges across the state, including one to the Eagle County Court docket.

Some more good news: every single one of these bills has received bipartisan support and is on track for passage. This is just a highlight of the legislation I'm working on for you, the residents of Senate District 8, with many more efforts underway.

I work hard to accurately reflect the priorities and concerns of my constituents while at the Capitol, so please reach out anytime to share ideas at SenatorDylanRoberts@gmail.com or my cell: 970-846-3054.

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

Clean Up, Clean Up Everybody Helps

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

With spring approaching, we start to see more people outdoors, trees start to grow their leaves, grass starts growing and everyone starts riding their OHVs everywhere. This is such an exciting time of the year.

Growing up in Kentucky, my mother made sure we always began our spring cleaning in March, before the weather got too hot. The females in our family focused on the indoors and my brothers and Dad focused on the outdoors. Spring cleaning had to be completed by April 1st, no later, so we could enjoy the summer without extra responsibilities. We worked hard and took great



pride in our small home and large yard. We made a lot of memories along the way too! Such as break time when we took time to play a few games just to make the day somewhat enjoyable.

Our neighborhoods are an extension of our home just as our neighbors are an extension of our family. It is important that we take pride in our relationships with our neighbors just as it is important to take pride in our neighborhoods. By taking pride in our neighborhood, I am referring to making sure there is no trash along our streets and that our yards are clean and tidy.

Imagine for a second if each neighborhood in Rangely picked a day to tidy up together, making sure there is no trash along the streets, yards are looking clean and neat—it could be a great way to take pride in where we live and to spend time with our extended family."

I even came up with a slogan for such an event, "A cleaner, tidier Rangely where neighbors' bond over brooms and rakes instead of just backyard fences." I guess it is more than appearances, it's about showing we care—for our homes, our streets, and each other.

As spring unfolds, the call is out for Rangely neighborhoods to rally together. With a little teamwork and a lot of community spirit, this could be the start of a new seasonal tradition.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Members of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

Pursuant to Article III, of the Bylaws of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc., Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Moon Lake Electric will be held at Moon Lake Electric's Corporate Warehouse Building located at 800 West HWY 40 in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, Utah, on Thursday, May 29, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1) To elect Directors for the Board of Directors of Moon Lake Electric, to represent Districts 4, 5 and 7 each for a 3year term.
 - 2) Presentation of the Annual Report to the members.
- 3) For consideration of such other business as may come before said meeting.

Any member may bring a resolution, petition, proposition, or issue before a member meeting in accordance with Bylaw III, Section 8 of the Bylaws of Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. Please contact Moon Lake Electric at (435) 722-5441 with questions.

Signed this 1st day of April 2025.

Josh Hunter Secretary-Treasurer

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February Crossword Solution

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Colorado Northwestern Community College Announces Discontinuation of Softball and Rodeo Programs

BY JESSE AITKENS

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) has announced that, after careful evaluation by institutional leadership, the college will discontinue its softball and rodeo athletic programs. The rodeo team will complete its season, with final rodeos at Colorado Mesa on April 11th and 12th, and at Utah Valley University on April 25th and 26th. The softball program is discontinued effective immediately.

The decision was approved by CNCC President Lisa Jones and her Executive Cabinet, citing long-standing challenges with sustainability, staffing, and overall program viability.

"Decisions like these are never easy, and we understand how deeply this affects our student-athletes, alumni, and supporters," said Zach Stevenson, CNCC Athletic Director. "Ultimately, we believe this is the most responsible path forward to ensure we are supporting all student-athletes with the quality, consistency, and stability they deserve."

Over the past several years, both programs have faced mounting difficulties, including low roster numbers, instability in coaching positions, and limited competitive continuity. Despite efforts to grow and sustain the programs, CNCC leadership determined that the long-term viability of softball and rodeo was not attainable under current conditions.

"Our focus is threefold as it pertains to college programs: Enhancing student success and the student experience, maintaining program excellence and, monitoring program sustainability for the purpose of institutional effectiveness. The College has invested a great deal of time and resources to help turn both softball and rodeo around, "said Dr. Lisa Jones President of CNCC "Unfortunately, these efforts were not fruitful. CNCC is in process of making sure affected students are supported through the transition and have options going forward."

All student-athletes currently signed to the softball program for future seasons will be released from their Letters of Intent and are now free to pursue opportunities with other colleges. The students-athletes who are currently on the rodeo team will not need to be released and will be able to pursue opportunities elsewhere. CNCC is actively working with impacted students in both programs to provide support and guidance during this transition.

"Our goal remains to provide an outstanding student-athlete experience, and that includes making hard decisions when programs are no longer meeting that standard," said Stevenson. "We are committed to moving forward in a way that strengthens CNCC Athletics and sets our students up for long-term success."

CNCC continues to offer a range of intercollegiate athletic programs including women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross-country, men's wrestling, men's and women's basketball, and men's baseball. For more information, please visit athletics.cncc.edu

Lisa Piering Retires as Town Manager of Rangely After a Storied Career

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Rangely, Colorado, is bidding farewell to a dedicated public servant and true hometown girl as Lisa Piering announces her retirement as Town Manager. After years of solid commitment to the community, Lisa will step down from her role on April 30, 2025, though she plans to remain a familiar face around town as a resident. Her departure from Town Hall will leave a void felt by colleagues, residents, and all who had the privilege of working alongside her.

Lisa's roots in Rangely run deep. Raised on a ranch in the area, she is a proud graduate of Rangely High School and embodies the spirit of a quintessential hometown girl. Her connection to the town isn't just personal—it's generational. Her great-grandmother was among the early settlers who helped shape the region. Arriving by train from Tennessee, she and her son journeyed to Denver before settling on the western slope. Initially landing in Meeker, her great-grandmother had her sights set on Rangely but was cautioned about the harsh winter weather. Undeterred, she opened a restaurant in

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A Mountain of Opportunity Awaits

A Special to the Review

A Community of Connection, Nature, and Opportunity

Situated in the rugged landscapes of northwest Colorado, Rangely is a welcoming town where quality of life is cherished, and neighbors are friends. A low cost of living and slow paced lifestyle add to the charm, making Rangely a perfect destination for those seeking a peaceful but thriving place to call home.

Marketing Director, Jeannie Caldwell describes, "Rangely is a small community full of a lot of wonderful people. Everybody takes care of each other. If there's a problem, there's always people who are willing to help out, just good, neighborly people."

A Gateway to Outdoor Adventure

Surrounded by miles of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, Rangely is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. "We have a river that meanders around the community that people love to kayak and float and enjoy during the summer," Caldwell illustrates. "We have a reservoir about five miles from town, we have a lot of OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) trails, and a lot of hiking." She highlights the Kenney Reservoir, which provides opportunities for fishing, camping, and water sports, and the White River, with seasonal rafting trips that extend all the way to the Green River in Utah.

"We would like to see more water features," expresses Town Manager, Lisa Piering. "Our plan is to put in at least two or three more river put-ins because of private property along the river. We want to make sure the public has access to the river and can recreate on it as well." The first of these projects, funded by the Just Transition Fund, is already underway, with plans to seek additional grants to support further development.

Economic Advantages

Rangely embraces traditional energy sources, along with a growing interest in green energy. The town's roots are an oil, gas and coal community which remain very important for economic growth. Piering emphasizes that Rangely is not solely focused on extraction. "We are about all forms of

energy as well," she says, stressing the importance of ensuring that any move towards green energy is sustainable, and aligns with traditional sources of energy and doesn't lead to excessive government spending.

In terms of economic drivers, some of Rangely's employers include Rangely District Hospital, the Rangely School District, and Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

Additionally major industrial and energy companies including Scout Energy, Utah Gas, and Deserado Coal Mine, represent the city's main employers and contribute significantly to the town, county and regional economic base. While Rangely's



retail options may be somewhat limited, Caldwell notes "We have as much retail as you want within an hour's drive, and it's a gorgeous drive."

Infrastructure and Growth

Rangely also enjoys strong infrastructure in water, gas, and sewer systems. "We are one of the few municipalities that manages our own gas system. We don't get serviced by another higher utility," details Piering. "Our cooperative electric company is based out of Utah, and we share that with North Eastern Utah and Northwestern Colorado, so we have a pretty good rate with them too. Our utilities are all fairly reasonable in the big scheme of things."

The town is well-positioned for future growth, with infrastructure in place to support expansion if needed. "Our boundaries are fairly tight." Piering admits. "We have room, but we won't be a large city by any means, unless we were to get some BLM ground." Despite this, Rangely has room for growth, and is exploring innovative projects such as a thermal energy initiative.

On the housing side, Piering says that Rangely would benefit from more private sector development. Along with this, she says, "We are taking part in Proposition 123, with a land banking program, and we're looking to build three duplexes that will come up for sale, hopefully for new homeowners or people that haven't been able to afford homes in the past." Rangely's low cost of living compared to other parts of Colorado, is another benefit for those looking to relocate to the area.

April CNCC Corner

BY DR. LISA JONES

Hello Community members, I hope the start of spring is treating you well. This is one of the best times of the year at CNCC. Students can enjoy outdoor activities, and we begin to look forward to honors and commencement programs. Below are some exciting events taking place in April and May, as well as a fellowship opportunity for high school (age 15 and up) and college students.

CCCS Employee and Student Excellence Awards-April 8 and 9 2025-Denver, CO

As members of our community are aware, we are one of 13 (Power of 13) community colleges within the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). Each year in April, employees and students are nominated by the College and selected by the System to honor at a luncheon. The employee awards program will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Denver and the student awards program will take place on April 9, 2025, in Denver as well. 2025 Employee Honorees include: Eric Przybszewski-Instructor of the Year; John Martinez, Classified employee of the year; Noreen Beckett, Administrator of the year and Sarah Ward, Faculty member of the year. Unfortunately, all student awardees have not been named. They will be included in next month's CNCC Corner.

CNCC's Foundation Dinner-April 12, 2025 5:00-10:00pm 500 Kennedy Dr. Rangely, CO-Colorado Room

This is the 21st Annual Foundation Dinner. Each dollar raised is used to raise funds for student scholarships and to increase the Foundation's endowment fund.

CNCC Day of Service- Friday April 18, 2025, 9am until done

CNCC Employees and students will partner with the Town of Rangely to paint cross walks, prep inside a town building for painting and other updates. Thanks to Town Manager Lisa Piering and the Rangely team for helping identify worthy projects and leading our employees and students. We will also partner with the City of Craig by picking up litter in Loudy Simpson Park and engaging in landscaping projects around the city. We wish to thank City Manager Peter Brixius and the City of Craig team for helping identify worthy projects and guiding us on the day. We look forward to bonding between students, employees and our community partners.

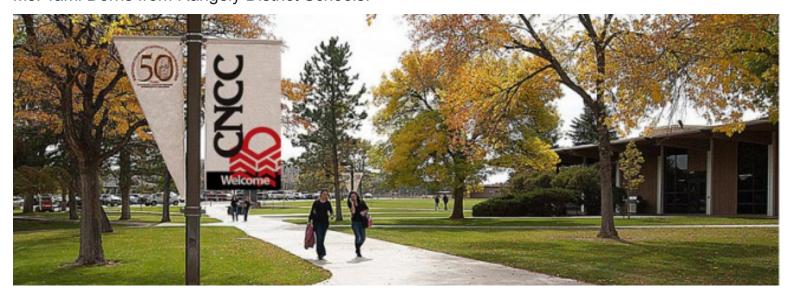
CTE Signing Day- May 1, 2025- 10am-1pm- CNCC, Rangely Campus

This is the first CTE Signing Day sponsored by the College. Seven high schools were invited to participate, with Rangely High School joining immediately. This event will honor juniors and seniors who intend to pursue a career in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) field, regardless of the college they will attend or if they join the military. We want them to know that the path they are setting will provide them with a high-paying and satisfying career, while also contributing to the growth and improvement of CTE professions.

CSBR Fellowship- June 2-6-virtual and June 9-14 in Denver

Sponsored by the Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR) supported by Lockheed Martin-CSBR Summer Fellowship Program - Colorado Space Business Roundtable (https://coloradosbr.org/fellowship/)

CNCC will donate the support of a bus and a driver to transport students to and from Denver. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer.Barker@cncc.edu. Driver, educator and chaperone will be Ms. Tami Dorris from Rangely District Schools.



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Challenges and Aspirations

"I think as the population grows we'll see more businesses and services come to town," explains Caldwell. Efforts to diversify the economy include the RARE (Retain, Attract, Rebuild, Expand) grant, which provides \$500,000 for local business development.

"The RARE grant is made up of two sections, a Pitch Competition and a small business improvement program. The Pitch Competition will run over a 3 year period and will offer 3 prizes each year. 1st prize - \$15,000, 2nd Prize - \$10,000 3rd Prize - \$5,000. The second section, a small business support program will offer 8 to 10 grants up to \$40,000 each. The RARE program will also offer technical assistance at no cost to the business," Caldwell elaborates.

The hope is that this opportunity will bring some of Rangely's home based businesses into brick and mortar locations. "We do have new businesses," she recounts.

"Dollar General opened here about three years ago. Tractor Supply is putting in a new store here. see Opportunity on pg 14

Opportunity continued...

We do have quite a few things, but there's always room for growth." Caldwell says the community is also well positioned for cybersecurity and aerospace. She elaborates. "We have great internet, one

gigabyte, very inexpensive. There's a lot of room for those types of businesses to be here."

As Rangely works to attract new enterprises, Piering points out the town's natural beauty and infrastructure which have the potential to draw new residents. "I think we could really house a lot of remote workers," she says.

"Alot of that generation does enjoy the outdoors, where they can just do their work and then go out and play in any direction. Plus, we have high speed internet, so you could come here and work. The college is here, and we have a little bit of everything."



Colorado Northwestern Community College is important to Rangely's growth strategy, with diverse offerings such as a popular park ranger program, and a top notch aviation program that offers pilot and mechanic training. "That's an area that's going to be severely lacking in the future, because there are a lot of people retiring from that," Piering explains.

"There's a lot of opportunity here for that to grow, especially if we're able to get the right grants to expand our airport and possibly get more planes and hangers." Caldwell remarks on the unrestricted airspace, which is a further advantage of the town's location. "Rangely is the perfect place for businesses that need to experiment," she adds, pointing out that the nearest larger community is 45 minutes away, allowing CNCC planes and other operations to fly freely."

Revitalization

Rangely's Main Street, anchored by Highway 64, is a center of activity and development. Spanning over a mile, the street features businesses from end to end, with a central cluster near Town Hall that serves as an informal downtown. "There has been revitalization in the last 5 to 10 years," Piering relays. "A motel across from us put in some smaller apartments. We've had some Main Street grants that have helped some businesses redo their storefronts. There have been opportunities that have really enhanced our main street."

The private sector has also contributed to Rangely's growth. The Silver Sage RV Park, located near the town center, was sold three years ago and has since been completely renovated, now featuring high-speed internet and modern amenities. "It's just a beautiful area now, near the center of town," says Caldwell.

From a tourism perspective, Rangely offers an array of events that draw visitors year-round, including a three-day OHV rally. "Last year, they had over 200 riders. They have dinners and get togethers in the evening, but really, they just get out and ride the trails," Piering conveys. "We're trying to develop more mountain biking in this area. We don't have specified trails, but you can easily mountain bike on any of the roads or trails that are already existing."

Another major draw is the TANKCenter for Sonic Arts which illustrates the diverse offerings Rangely can boast in the realm of culture and the arts. Representing a unique arts center, the city is able to cater to those looking for an out-of-the-box arts experience.

A Place to Belong

Looking ahead, Piering says the focus will be on continuing to capitalize on the benefits of both the college and the hospital. "The hospital has expanded a lot of their services, with doctors that visit, rather than having them fully staffed in our community," she expands. "I think there's a few areas that we could build on, in addition to working towards more green energy projects." Growth in housing and retail are also on the agenda, with the hope of attracting more businesses that supply essential items like food and clothing. "Our True Value Hardware, it's not just a typical hardware store. He's got refrigerators, washers and dryers. He really offers a lot for a small community," Piering illustrates.

Rangely is more than just a place to live, it's a welcoming and vibrant town, rich with quality of life opportunities. As Piering aptly states, "The people are what make this community so well managed and also a place where people enjoy being." With its blend of outdoor adventure, economic opportunities, and a strong sense of connection, Rangely offers something for everyone.

Congratulations Are in Order

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN

We are proud to announce that Brittany Mancini, our Dispatch Supervisor at the Rangely Police Department, has been elected to be the Western Regional Director for the Colorado Chapter of the NENA/ APCO organization. The NENA/ APCO organization provides complete public safety communications expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach to benefit their members and the public. They also foster technological



advancement, availability and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number system (9-1-1) by promoting research, planning, training and education.

Brittany will serve on the executive board for 2 years as the Western Regional Director where she will gain even more experience and be able to not only serve the Town of Rangely, but also be a voice for the Western Slope of Colorado 911 dispatchers. Some of her duties as the Western Regional Director are the following:

- 1. Represent issues and concerns of the membership from each assigned territory.
- 2. Perform duties incidental to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the governing documents or by the chapter Executive Board.
- 3. Be responsible for establishing and maintaining communication with members of the region represented. This includes, but not solely, membership, training, meetings, nominations, elections and the annual conference.
- 4. Be responsible for working together, with the assistance of other committee members if needed, to recruit candidates for positions on the board.
- 5. Provide updated contact information for all agencies within their region at the December meeting.
- 6. Assists in bringing new training opportunities to the state and participates in the logistical planning of each. oo —

This is a great accomplishment for Brittany! This also brings a unique opportunity to bring the Town of Rangely into bigger conversations! Awesome job Brittany!

Town Manager continued...

Meeker, where her pies became legendary—some days selling as many as 40. When the seasons allowed, she finally made her way to Rangely, laying the foundation for a family legacy that Lisa would carry forward.

That legacy also includes a unique tie to the community: Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) sits on land once owned by Lisa's great-grandmother, a testament to her family's enduring imprint on Rangely.

Lisa's career with the Town of Rangely began in 2006 when she took on the role of Town Treasurer. Her talent and dedication quickly shone through, and by 2012, she expanded her responsibilities to become the Clerk/Treasurer. In 2018, she stepped into the position of Town Manager,



a role in which she truly excelled. Over the years, Lisa has been a steadfast advocate for Rangely, representing the town with dignity and pride. She worked tirelessly—often well beyond regular hours—to preserve the values that make Rangely special. Her leadership has been a cornerstone of the community's stability and growth.

"Lisa has been a force for Rangely," said a colleague who wished to remain anonymous. "She stood strong for us in every way possible, and her absence at Town Hall will be deeply felt." Whether navigating challenges or celebrating successes, Lisa's commitment to the town never wavered. Her efforts ensured that Rangely remained a place where residents could take pride in their shared heritage and way of life.

As Lisa prepares to close this chapter of her career, the community extends its heartfelt gratitude for her service. While she won't be far—remaining a Rangely resident—her daily presence at Town Hall will be missed.

Congratulations, Lisa, on an exceptional career and the countless contributions you've made to Rangely. Your legacy, like that of your great-grandmother's journey, is one of resilience, hard work, and an unshakable love for this town. Here's to a well-earned retirement!

CNCC Launches Radiologic Technology Program

BY JESSE AITKEN

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) is proud to announce the launch of its new Radiologic Technology Program, designed to provide students with the knowledge and hands-on experience necessary to pursue a successful career in medical imaging. This innovative program, beginning in the fall semester, will offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Technology, qualifying graduates to sit for national or state certification exams and begin working in the radiography field.



The Radiologic Technology Program at CNCC will be

delivered over five semesters, including a summer semester dedicated to internships at healthcare facilities across Northwestern Colorado. Students will spend half of their time in the classroom, where

they will engage in didactic coursework, and the other half gaining real-world experience at local healthcare organizations, where they will perform radiographic imaging procedures on actual patients.

"Radiologic Technology is an exciting career field that combines patient care skills with advancing technological practices. Those who graduate from the program will become a valuable member of a healthcare team by contributing to the treatment and evaluation of disease in the specialty of medical imaging," said Jade Bruchez Radiologic Technology Program Lead Faculty.



The program is open to students who apply and are accepted through an application process. Prerequisites are required and must be completed before beginning the program in the fall semester.

"Embarking on a new Radiologic Technology program with CNCC is not just the beginning of a course of study, but the start of a journey where knowledge meets compassion, and science meets service. Here, we will equip the next generation of healthcare professionals with the tools and skills needed to succeed in this field and make a lasting impact in the world of medicine." said Amanda Ott, Dean of Academics Craig Campus

Graduates of CNCC's Radiologic Technology Program will be eligible to earn national licensure through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam or be eligible to take their state registry. This will allow students to practice as a licensed radiologic technologist in a variety of healthcare settings including large trauma facilities, small community hospitals and imaging centers to name a few.

For more information about the program, the application process, and admission requirements, please visit https://cncc.edu/degrees/cte/rad-tech/index or contact Jade Bruchez at jade.bruchez@cncc.edu.

North Rangely OHV Open Area

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Have you checked out the North Rangely OHV Open Area? The Bureau of Land Management updated the park recently

with an outdoor bathroom, a picnic shelter area, a nice parking area as well as a kiosk with a map outlining the riding area. While locals have ridden the area for, well who knows how long, the upgrades are very nice! Be sure to head over and check it out. In the meantime, take a look at the photos!



Rangely District Hospital Host Successful 2025 Community Health Fair

BY Derek Nielsen

Rangely District Hospital was proud to host our annual Rangely Community Health Fair this past Saturday, and what an incredible turnout we had! The event was a true reflection of the strong and supportive community we're lucky to be part of.

One of the most impactful parts of the fair took place in the draw room, where our dedicated team completed an impressive 229 blood draws. A huge shoutout to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make that happen—you helped ensure people had access to vital health screenings and early detection tools.

We also want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and take down the event. Your hard work and cheerful attitudes made the day run smoothly from start to finish.

And finally, to the incredible individuals and organizations who donated their time to set up booths and educate our community—thank you. Your willingness to share your knowledge and resources helps make our Health Fair the success it is year after year. Because of you, our neighbors left better informed and more empowered to take charge of their health.





We are deeply grateful to everyone who played a part in this year's event. Here's to continuing our mission of promoting wellness and bringing health resources close to home!

Also, the winners of our prizes were:

Pizza Oven: Teresa LeBleu Camping set: Yong Chang Camp Cook Set: K Culpepper Trekking Poles: Andy Shaffer





Police Patrol Officer Rangely Police Department

The Rangely Police Department Police Patrol Officer I position requires that candidate have a High School Diploma or GED, A VALID Colorado Driver's License and must be 21 years of age. Applicants must be Colorado Post-certified and able to perform all essential job functions and peripheral duties as well as meet specific knowledge and skill requirements.

Salary range is \$50,000-58,000 and would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately.

Successful applicants for the position will be administered a psychological test, pre-employment drug screen, physical/function capacity test, polygraph and full background check. Applicant must be able to work rotating shifts including nights, weekends and holidays.

Applications may be obtained from the personnel department (970) 675-8476 or police administration (970) 675-8467. Applications are also available on our website at **www.rangely.com**. Email resume and completed application to **thamblin@rangelyco.gov**

Rangely is a small town located among the stunning mesas of the high desert in Northwest Colorado, which is part of the Great West Region. Our town is filled with caring citizens, clean air and amazing adventures...right out your backdoor. We feel fortunate to have 300 days of sunshine a year, dark skies, hundreds of miles of OHV Trails and one of the only designated natural rock-crawling parks in Colorado. We are located on the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway.

Please visit our website and see everything that Rangely has to offer. We look forward to hearing from you! Position is Open until filled. The Town of Rangely is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF RANGELY - DISPATCHER

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Education and Experience:

High School diploma or GED equivalent, and zero to one (0-1) years public safety dispatch experience OR an equivalent combination of education and experience. Will train the right individual with no previous experience.

Additional Information:

Depending on the needs of the Town, incumbents may be required to obtain and maintain

additional licenses or technical certifications. Working nights, weekends, and holidays is required. Must be able to type a minimum of 35 words per minute. Successful applicants for the position will be administered a psychological test, pre-employment drug screen, physical/function capacity test, polygraph, and full background check. Applicant must be able to work rotating shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays. As of January 1, 2023 starting wage \$20/hr.

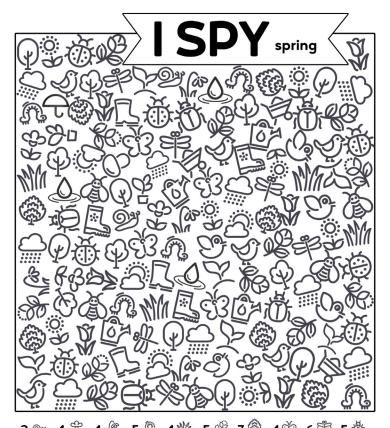
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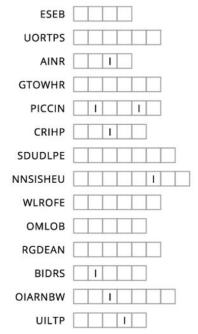
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6th Annual Nick Lancaster Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday May 31, 2025

Where: Cedar Ridges Golf Course, Rangely, Co

Tournament Format: 4 -Man Scramble, 18 Holes Registration Fee: \$320/Team

> Shotgun Start: 9:00 aum Lunch Provided

Prizes: 1st thru 3rd, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive

To Register, please call: Chris Hejl 970.675.8403

Proceeds to benefit the

Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation.

Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation Cornhole Tournament a Huge Success

The Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation had the honoring of hosting a Cornhole Tournament on March 8th @ Colorado Northwestern Community College. All funds raised that evening went to the family of local Rangely High School student, Tristan Scott.

The event would not have been possible without the help and support of this wonderful community. We would like to thank so many people for their time, resources and expertise. First of all, Michael, Ashley, Kassidy and Paisley Sanford-no way this tournament would have happened without you! We appreciate you organizing and running the tournament as well as helping cleanup. You did not stop from the moment you so graciously said yes to helping. Most importantly, you set the tone for a good time contains to Shane Sanford and Deuce and Laura Lancaster for being recruited to help as well! A big thanks to Colorado Northwestern Community College for allowing us to use the facility-it was the perfect place! A big thank you to Emma Baker at the Chamber of Commerce for all of her help in the early stages of planning. There is no gesture that could express our gratitude to Jessy and Courtney Powell of Powell Liquor Company for their support and extraordinary generosity-you guys really blew us away!!!!! A special thank you to Justyne Dembowski for all of her work behind the scenes, during and after the event. Thanks also to Diane Sizemore-you always come swooping in to help out and hang out and we appreciate you doing so. We also wanted to recognize the 4H kiddos that came and helped out. Thanks to all of the players-some even traveling to be a part of the night!

A separate thank you to all who have so generously donated to the Scott family via the account at the Bank of San Juans. You have helped us help them!!!!

To the Scott family-we hope that you felt the love and support and know that it extends beyond that night! The highlight of the evening was having all of you there enjoying yourselves playing in the tournament!!! To Tristan- we are rooting for you the whole way thru your healing journey. Your best years are ahead of you not behind you......

Bleed Green!

Bleed Green Lancaster #17 Foundation