

## Rangely: The Tire Sports Capital



## 5 Fast Facts About the “Tire Sports Capital of Colorado”

BY PATTY TOMSKY  
*Special to the Review*

### 1. Rangely is frequently called the OHV Capital of Colorado:

Rangely has miles and miles of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands open to OHVs and every other tire you can think of including plenty of gravel grinding for mountain bikers. The off-road community here explores out of eye-and-earshot of any other riders and can spend the whole week finding new places to explore.

For an inside look at the tire sports of Rangely we spoke to Andy Key, a thirty-year veteran of the sport, a local, and a huge fan of the Rangely Rock Crawling Park. Key told us that there’s a mixture of technical and fast trails to use both in and adjacent to the Park, so riders can access the full spectrum of trails, for any skill level.

“From easy to complicated, you can find it all. Plus, the views on top of some of these mountains and mesas are outrageous. You’re almost guaranteed to see wildlife like deer, elk and wild horses each time out,” said Key.

“There are tire sports opportunities here that simply don’t exist elsewhere in the state, heck in the whole region. You need to experience Rangely’s options to believe them,” Key told us. “You can ride around on all kinds of rocks and terrain. The openness and inclusiveness of the Rangely community to OHV riders is unparalleled. We’re really blessed to have this open area and offer it to our guests.”

In fact, Rangely has the only natural rock-crawling park in the state, with more than 560 acres of natural terrain designated by the Bureau of Land Management as a four-wheel drive park. The Rangely Rock Crawling Park remains the largest area in Colorado for giving your most rugged rock-crawling buggies the climb of their life. Andy said your side-by-sides can handle the crawl too, as long as you have 4-wheel drive and big enough tires.

Now that Moab has instituted new OHV rules, Rangely delivers an experience less strict, one that you may remember from years ago. It’s known by OHV insiders as a “mini-Moab” without the crowds or hassles.

“I have headed out early in the season to the rock-climbing trails and not seen a single person all day. You can’t say that about most of the rock-climbing options in our state or elsewhere,” Key said. “When we were prepping for our ROAR event, I didn’t see anyone each time—with three trailers parked at the trailhead. It never gets super busy because it’s so spacious.”

“You can park in town where you’re staying and not have to trailer out to the trailhead. Riding out on county roads to BLM lands and the Park is not to be missed,” said Key.

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# Crab Crack A Huge Success

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

This year's Crab Crack was a huge success! The Chamber would like to thank Sodexo for cooking the wonderful food and to our exceptional servers; Emma Smith, Kyrah Phelps, Maya Mercado, Annika Cantrell, Corbin Lucero, Macy Morgan, Kastyn Dembowski, and Alex Dillion. At the end of the night all of the tips the servers received were donated back to The Love of Isabella Cox Fund.

The Chamber would also like to thank all of the businesses who donated prizes to the raffle, buying tickets and tables to this event and for supporting The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce throughout the years.

This year the Chamber sent out a survey to choose who was most deserving of each award. The awards were presented during the event and the recipients are as followed;



Person of the Year  
Tim Webber



Small Business of the Year  
The WildFlower



Industry of the Year  
CNCC



Business of the Year  
Big D's



Partner of the Year  
The Town of Rangely

# Rangely Community Garden

BY RENAE HARDIN

The Rangely Community Garden was established in 2010 with the objective of promoting gardening in Rangely. Our existing site was an unused lot owned by the Town of Rangely that was filled with grasses, weeds, sage brush and greasewood. The Mayor and Council Members determined a Community Garden represented an opportunity to beautify the location and allow for the recreational activity of community gardening. Although they leased 2 acres of land the actual land that is fenced is only about 1.2 acres.

The success of the Garden depends on many factors one being due in great part to community support, especially, in-kind services as well as funding and cash donations. Volunteers are much needed on an ongoing basis to help the day to day running of the Garden to keep weeds under control, keep the grounds watered and free of weeds and trash as well as the upkeep of equipment.

The Community Garden Board is in need of additional board members. We currently have 2 positions open, but we only want serious candidates to apply and those who really want to be a part of the Garden.

We currently have 8 gardeners, and they may not have known each other before meeting at the Garden but by now they are slowly becoming fence post friends. That's what you call neighbors and due to the Garden they have become just that, neighbors.

The Garden can feed the hungry and be used as an educational section on how to grow your own food. The Garden has many purposes but mainly it is just plain good for Rangely and the people of Rangely. Come check it out!





# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

I'm excited to give everyone an update as RDH is moving forward with a number of initiatives. We are always looking for ways to best serve our community. We recently locked in a new bond rate, had our first RDH foundation fundraiser, brought billing back in-house, extended our provider base, and are replacing the fire suppression system at Eagle Crest which was in dire need of replacement.

We locked in a rate with US bank of 1.42% which will save \$2,721,103 from 11/1/22 to 11/1/26. This was accomplished by taking advantage of a small window of opportunity within the contract to refinance the current bonds owed as well as locking in a low interest rate. The original debt payments were \$23,966,950 from 11/1/2021 to 11/1/2026. After using 2021 tax revenue in the amount of \$3,052,050 and \$3,817,925 from the Debt Service Reserve Fund, we paid down the 2011 bond balance to \$17,096,975. Then, reducing the interest rate from 6% to 1.42% puts our new debt at \$13,655,000 through 11/1/26. Subtracting out the refinancing fees of \$96,138, this gives us the savings mentioned above. I would like to thank Wes White and Jimmie Dillon for their efforts in the process and the Board for making a motion to approve refinancing the bonds.

We are excited to bring billing back in-house. We would like to thank Monument Medical for their services the last several years. This brought three full-time jobs to our community, one focused on credentialing physicians and insurance carriers. The other two billing for Medicare/Medicaid and commercial insurances. We are proud to see our staff rise to the occasion, many have continued their education and received certificates in order for this to happen. We will have billing completely in-house by August.

The RDH Foundation is looking for ways to help fund our North Park project just across from Eagle Crest. The high school wrestling team with the help of the town didn't waste any time. They cleared out around 13 stumps and knocked down several trees. We appreciate their willingness to donate their time and equipment.

The foundation held a yard sale to raise money for the project. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped organize, and sell items throughout the day. The Foundation raised around \$1500. The Foundation has also applied for other grants such as the \$10,000 AARP grant and \$150,000 Main Street grant. The annual golf tournament will be held September 11th, 2021 so be on the lookout for more information. If you would like to donate, contact the business office at RDH.

Dr. Tyler Morwood will be starting July 19th. He and his wife bought a home next to the recreation center. I'm excited for Dr. Morwood's arrival and expertise. He grew up in Beaver, Utah got his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Doctor of Medicine in Dallas, TX and is finishing-up his residency at McKay-Dee Family Medicine in Ogden, Utah. He is a first-generation college student, Jeopardy game show enthusiast and enjoys hiking in the outdoors. Dr. Morwood will be working along with Leslyn Joseph NP, and Kelsey Riggio PA, in the clinic. We also signed Dr. Tyson Torgersen who will be starting next year in 2022. Dr. Torgersen is also from a small town in Escalante, Utah. He loves the outdoors, specifically coyote hunting. He will be bringing his wife and young family. I'm thrilled that we are filling our provider base. We will continue to search for one more permanent physician to help in the clinic.

Our walk-in clinic has been well received and is open Monday – Friday, from 8am-6 pm.

There's some activity over at Eagle Crest as the old fire suppression system is being replaced. We have an old horse trailer parked next to the building for the old pipe. This project should take the next several weeks to complete.

RDH continues to strive to put our patients first. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to me. We wouldn't be here without your support. The RDH Hospital Board, Foundation Board and the RDH family is here for you!



## Camper Park Gazebo

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Camper Park has a beautiful new addition. A new gazebo was recently added to the area behind the camping spots. The gazebo is 35' X 35' and was paid for via Rio Blanco County CCTIF Funds.

Thank you to the Western Rio Blanco Rangely Metropolitan Park District for pursuing this beautiful addition to the Park! We also want to thank all of their employees who were involved with the project, including those doing the installation.

The gazebo is available to the community as a rental. To rent the gazebo for your family please call the Rangely Rec Center at (970) 675-8211.







# CNCC Announces Award of over \$4M in State Grants and Capital Funds

BY JAMES CALDWELL

President Ronald Granger recently shared with our NW Colorado communities that CNCC will receive \$4.2 million in State Grants and Capital Funds to support expansion of College course offerings and improvements to College infrastructure. The following is a brief overview of a few of these recent awards:

## **CNCC - Cybersecurity Grant - AWARD: \$500,000**

This grant was awarded from the Colorado Attorney General's Office. It is for \$500K to be spent over three (3) years. CNCC is in the 2nd year. The purpose of the grant is to build and then implement an ASc Degree in IT Cybersecurity. Recently, CNCC was advised by the College's accreditor, The Higher Learning Commission, that our new Cybersecurity program is approved. Recruitment and enrollment are now underway.

## **RISE Grant – AWARD: \$743,000**

This grant is through the State of Colorado and is a redistribution of Federal support following the COVID pandemic. It is for \$743K over the next three (3) years. The purpose of this Grant is to increase accessibility to the College's programs throughout the NW Colorado service area by:

- Enabling Hybrid Education: The grant will provide in district High Schools with SMART Classrooms that will facilitate a hybrid education model. Hybrid Education models are when some students attend class in-person while others join virtually. SMART Classroom provide the technology to make this happen at Classrooms from our Rangely and Craig campuses to in district schools.
- STEM Bus: Improved delivery of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education is needed throughout our service area. The STEM Bus will be rolling laboratory that is equipped to teach higher level courses in Chemistry, Biology, or Physics. With this initiative, CNCC resources will literally be put on the road to our in district High Schools. Many of our High Schools do not have the resources or qualified faculty to teach these courses. Concurrent students will benefit from expanded and improved college course offerings that are HLC accredited and can lead to an Associate's Degree.

Purchasing for this project has already begun, and we anticipate that CNCC will be deploying the SMART classroom resources to our High School partners within the next few weeks.

## **IT Infrastructure Capital Project – AWARD: \$1,746,000**

This is an IT Capital project funded by the State of Colorado and approved through the Colorado State Legislature. CNCC has worked for three (3) years to secure this funding. We anticipate that this project will be expended over the next two (2) years. The purpose of this Capital Fund Project is to improve the College's IT infrastructure at the Rangely Campus. The project will modernize the electronic communication backbone between all Rangely campus buildings. It will substantially increase the speed of the College's intranet system and will facilitate the hybrid education model described in the RISE grant. Virtual classrooms are bandwidth intensive and require a strong and high speed communication backbone to provide a satisfactory educational experience. This project will also provide an overall improvement to our on campus lab and classroom education experience. A key learning from the COVID pandemic is that CNCC must flexibly provide education that is on campus, in SMART Classrooms or virtually to students working from home or dorms. AND we must deliver this to all user types at the same time! This project provides the IT infrastructure resources to meet this student need.

## **Controlled Access/Security Controlled Maintenance Fund - AWARD: \$511,000**

This is a State of Colorado capital allocation that supports the controlled (routine) maintenance projects required to keep College buildings functioning at appropriate levels. This project will replace existing door access controls and will replace and augment existing security video systems. The purpose is to provide additional safety and security for CNCC's students, staff and faculty. It will also better protect the College's resources and property.

## **Blakeslee/Allesbrook Window/Roof Repairs CM - AWARD: \$717,000**

This is a State of Colorado capital allocation that supports the controlled (routine) maintenance projects required to keep College buildings functioning at appropriate levels. This project will replace the roofs for two (2) Rangely campus buildings, (Blakeslee and Allesbrook). It will also remove and replace windows to improve climate control in these buildings. Blakeslee and Allesbrook have not been improved in several years, so these repairs are sorely needed.

CNCC is very grateful for the support of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, the Colorado State Legislature and the Governor of Colorado for their support and investment in higher education in Northwest Colorado. These grants and funds will significantly increase the College's program offerings, our educational reach within the district and the flexibility and quality of the student learning experience at our Craig and Rangely campuses and throughout the College District.

CNCC is thrilled to share news of these grants and capital fund awards. We look forward to the improved educational services that we will be delivering at your Colorado Northwestern Community College!

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## TIRE: *continued*

### **2. It's home to two "speed" races—a street-racing Rally and Hill Climb**

In June, Rally Colorado descends upon the town. Stage Rally car racing is modified street-legal production cars racing as fast as possible on underdeveloped roads (stages) in any weather conditions against the clock. Cars will slip, slide, and jump through miles of roads trying not to hit rocks and trees.

During the Rally, a navigator accompanies the driver, verbally issuing instructions on what turns are coming. The car with the fastest stage time wins the stage. The car with the lowest combined stage time wins the rally event. Since 99% of the event takes place outdoors, organizers continue to work with the local community to incorporate a safe, family-friendly environment.

The Main Street Parade is happens Friday night, in "Rally Town USA," Rangely, CO. Visit [www.rallycolorado.org](http://www.rallycolorado.org) for safe and approved designated viewing areas, including detailed safety instructions on how to prepare to safely watch the event. Rally organizers are planning to become a national event and expand their rides for the whole country to enjoy.

*Amazing Pintado Hill Climb once again roars through Rangely*

Later in June, the Rangely Canyon Pintado Hill Climb by the Colorado Hill Climb Association (CHCA) which is affiliated with the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, takes over the town. This year marks the 50-year anniversary of the CHCA. Racing in Rangely since 2018, the CHCA "is happy to head west" for the amazing hospitality of Rangely neighbors and visitors alike.

While you're in town, don't miss The Rangely Automotive Museum's amazing collection of automotive history including rarely seen automobiles and motorcycles. There are a few once-in-a-lifetime vehicles to admire there. "Kids of all ages enjoy this amazing museum! "There are several cars in the museum that most individuals would never have the opportunity to see in other locations," said Rangely's marketing/Economic Development Coordinator, Jeannie Caldwell. "My grandsons are really into cars and history, so this place is perfect for them!"



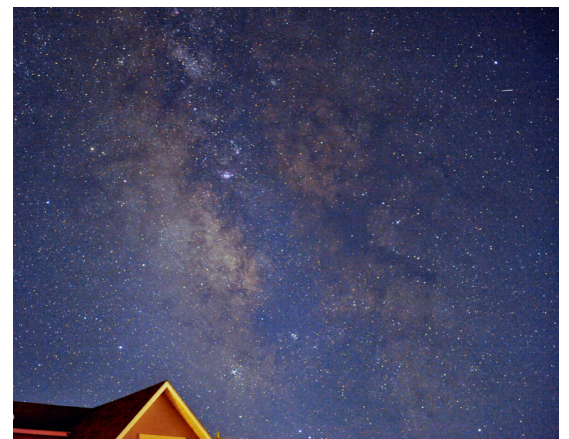
### **3. Nearly every street is open to OHVs**

If you're lucky enough to live in Rangely, your kids can ride their ATVs to school every day. Many homes here border BLM lands so the garage-to-trail crowd can fit in a ride at the end of an average workday. "If you're a remote worker, you can live wherever you want. You might consider Rangely as an option for relocation. Rangely has that small-town charm and excellent, high-speed WiFi at a very low cost.

Trails are well-maintained except for the ones that you want as rough as possible. That's why "find us where the pavement ends" is a fitting rallying cry for all tire-sports enthusiasts who visit the area. There are multiple trailheads into the Rock Crawling Park, unlike more crowded places, you never have to wait to start riding.

"We are always OHV friendly and people friendly, too," said Key. "Stop by the Town Hall when you get into town for a map of trails and the trips, tips and tracks to make your tire sport vacation awesome," Key said. "We're always happy to greet you."

Get a map of both the Rock Climbing Park and mountain bike trails or get a tour guide to take you out to some cool Native American sites, too. All of Rangely's Wagon Wheel West OHV trails are on the COTREX app as well.



### **4. Tire sports day off? Still tons to do...**

Days off from the trail offer so many options. Rangely is a dark skies destination—turn off the lanterns outside the motel or look up while camping and the Milky Way springs to life. Many love the dark skies for their kids' sake—a carpet of glittering diamonds overhead they've never seen in their former metro homes. "I can see the Milky Way from my front yard," Caldwell said. "And you could view the Comet Neowise from backyards across town—no telescope required."

Kayakers, fisherman, hunters, and water-lovers can visit Kenney Reservoir or the White River. Dinosaur National Monument is 20 minutes away, too.

You can waterski and fish on Kenney; kayak on the White River and set up camp in BLM lands as you go; or tube in the gentle section of the river that meanders past the parks and walking paths that border the town. If it rains, there's a Rec Center with a great kids' splash zone, too.

Finally, Cedar Ridges Golf Course is a gorgeous, 9-hole golf course perched on top of a mesa, offering every golfer's dream of pristinely maintained greens and views that must not be missed.

### **5. You can ROAR every May**

Each first weekend in May, Rangely holds the ROAR OHV Adventure Rally which includes a Poker Run, rodeo, shrimp boil and so much more. Those who hit up ROAR year-over-year always come back for more.

If you're an off-roader, you've not had a Colorado vacay unless you get out to Rangely. Bring your bikes, trikes and jeeps and prepare for a time like no other in the high desert. Great weather complete with 300 days of sunshine, fewer crowds and miles of OHV trails including a natural rock-crawling park will put the "vroom" into your summer, 2021.





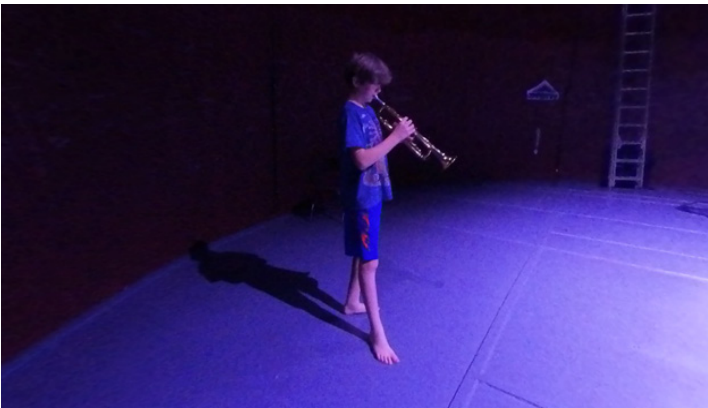


# Let There Be Light: The TANK and W.C. Striegel Join Forces to Light the 65-foot Sonic Wonder

BY JIM PAUL

Two Rangely institutions joined forces this spring to light up The Tank.

For decades, the abandoned water tank on County Route 46 has gained international attention for its sonic qualities. Brought to Rangely in 1959 for fire protection of the Moonlake Electric facility it looms over, the tank was never filled, as the shale hill beneath it proved too soft to hold the weight of 600,000 gallons of water.



Caleb Wiley tests the new spotlight in the TANK

But that same soft base made the Tank sing. The Tank sank into the shale, which bowed the floor upward, sending all sounds made inside into a deep swirling reverberation, as rich and sustained as any on earth. An industrial accident produced a world-class result.

In the winter of 2020, The Tank Center for Sonic Arts raised \$18,000 and purchased new theatrical lighting to make the visual aspect of the interior of the Tank as spectacular as its sonic qualities. Finally, after a year in storage during the pandemic, the lights were ready to be installed this spring.

One problem: Mounts for the lights had to be welded to the steel sides of the Tank at a height of nearly forty feet, too high for ladder work. Scaffolding was needed, and the nearest rental outfitfit was in Grand Junction. Besides, the rental cost exceeded the Tank’s budget



WCS employees John Sawsett and Justin Rusheron the scaffolding they constructed inside the TANK

W.C. Striegel, a local pipeline construction company in Rangely, came to the Tank’s aid, lending the scaffolding to build a forty-foot tower inside the Tank. WCS’s Deven Striegel and Matt Noel organized the loan, Teri Wilczek supervised the project, and John Sawsett and Justin Rusher contributed the work of constructing and dismantling the tower.

The slant of the floor meant the tower would lean dangerously, so the Striegel crew also constructed extensions for the outer legs of the scaffolding, to allow it to sit level on the curved surface.

Tank board members Bill Ballou and Bruce Odland climbed the scaffolding tower and welded mounts in place, then hung lights and cabling, assisted by board member Susan Schwartz and staffers Samantha Wade, Michael Van Wagoner, and James Paul.

Tank intern Caleb Wiley began training on lighting control and design, which is all done remotely, via an iPad. Now these lights, LED spotlights and washes that change to any color and produce almost no heat, are ready for the concerts

DOWN

- 1. Drink like a cat
- 2. Skin cream additive
- 3. Powder ingredient
- 4. Come to the fore
- 5. Beverly Hills Drive
- 6. Say “something” wrong?
- 7. “The King and I” schoolteacher
- 8. Whipped dessert
- 9. Freeling of foreboding
- 10. Small floor covering
- 11. Senior or junior
- 12. Coat you throw away without regret
- 13. Fun food for Fido
- 21. Talking points
- 22. Transmitter of digital photographs
- 25. Magnetic induction unit
- 26. Sleep disorder
- 27. Woman’s one piece undergarment
- 29. Bustle
- 30. It may pry
- 32. Beth follows it
- 33. Ball cohort
- 34. Like some craft shows
- 36. First name in action films
- 37. Delphic prophet
- 39. Retreated, in a way
- 40. Tokyo, formerly
- 45. Sitcom overseer
- 46. Final taker
- 48. Rouen’s river
- 50. Some bridge defenders
- 51. NASCAR engine part
- 52. Pelvic bones
- 53. Chinese society
- 54. Gene components
- 55. River past Orsk
- 56. Word with human and rat
- 57. Anglo-Saxon letters
- 58. Bachelor’s digs

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- 1. Sooner’s alternative
- 6. Dalai \_\_\_\_ (chief Tibetan monk)
- 10. Apprentice
- 14. Place to remember
- 15. Look \_\_\_\_ (visit briefly)
- 16. One with will power?
- 17. Served as gondolier
- 18. “ \_\_\_\_ as a bug in a rug”
- 19. Pontificate
- 20. Entry requirement, sometimes
- 23. Baby word
- 24. Fret and fume
- 25. Arena take
- 28. Opposite of flushed
- 31. Costa \_\_\_\_, Spain
- 35. Pet for King Solomon
- 36. Man Friday
- 37. Relating to the eye
- 38. Spy
- 41. Car styles

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- 42. Dutch town
- 43. Some of the IBM line
- 44. Authority to decide
- 45. Short reptile?
- 46. Oft-quoted unnamed ones
- 47. “So what \_\_\_\_ is new?”
- 49. “To Kill a Mockingbird” author
- 51. It’s often buried
- 58. Charles’ game
- 59. “Help \_\_\_\_ the way!”
- 60. Pricy strings, for short
- 61. “Yeah, right!” in teenspeak
- 62. Soul singer Hendryx
- 63. Conduct the class
- 64. Like Helen Keller
- 65. \_\_\_\_ per second (luminosity unit)
- 66. 1991-93 Australian Open winner



# For the Love of Isabella Cox

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Isabella Cox, daughter of Jason and Marybel Cox, is a beloved member of our community. She is a beautiful young lady, resembling her Dad for the most part, but sharing the kindness that both her parents have always shown to our community.

Isabella was recently diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After diagnosis she was admitted into Primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City where she was provided a team of amazing doctors and nurses. She spent approximately one month in Salt Lake City, receiving treatment for her illness.

After the month long stay ended, Isabella made her way home to Rangely. When she arrived she was greeted with smiles and waves from residents and family members who lined the streets to welcome her home. The First Responders actually escorted her into town and to her home. Everyone was thrilled to see her beautiful smile as she passed by.

Isabella will be receiving treatment for a while and could be under medical care for up to two years.

Per Isabella’s mother, Marybel Cox, “Isabella has been a Rockstar and is one tough kid!” As a community we believe her!

The community of Rangely has held many fundraisers to assist the Cox family including t-shirt sales, silent auctions, as well as donations. These acts of kindness illustrate the true nature of the residents of our town. We are a town of caring individuals and families who look after and care for one another. As a town we are truly unique.

I would like to share the words from the Cox family to the community of Rangely straight from a social media post, “We would like to say thank you to so many people in our AMAZING town! We are beyond blessed to live in this community. All your prayers have truly been felt and appreciated! We are overwhelmed with all the support, love and prayers that we have received. We cannot thank everyone enough. We are beyond blessed and grateful for each and everyone of you!. We truly live in the best town!

We have a long road ahead of us but Isabella is an amazing strong girl. We appreciate everything and everyone. We love you all!

Get well soon Isabella!



Kenney Reservoir at Sunset



Looking Out Over Chase Draw

Edition 2 Crossword Puzzle Answers

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Pelicans on Kenney Reservoir



# Great Turn Out For Annual Fishing Derby

BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

The 2021 RBWCD Fishing Derby was once again a resounding success filled with plenty of familiar faces and many new ones.

The Youth Derby on Saturday brought in a whopping 53 registrants ranging in age from 18 months to 15 years, spending time with family and angling for the big-one.

Saturday was also the kick-off for the 30-hour derby which included an additional 85 registrants. These individuals and teams sweated through the heat, reeling in a whopping 583 lbs. of fish!!!

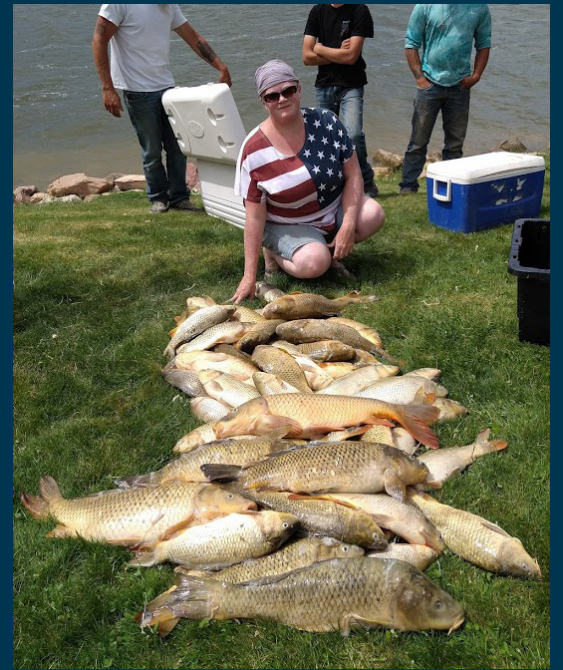


We thank all who participated in the fishing derby helping make this event great! The anglers, spectators, volunteers, our local CPW Wildlife Officers Terry & Garret, and sponsors are who continue to make this such a welcoming Rangely & Rio Blanco County event.

We also want to acknowledge an individual who has donated many years, not just in cash/prizes, but his time. Each year he has attended and with each year, we find him educating and mentoring our youth on becoming a better angler! A big shout out to Earl Sherman of Rangely Collision. Thanks for everything

you do making the fishing derby a greater experience!

Planning for 2022 is already well underway... See you then!



## Jamie Sanchez: Small Town, Big Heart, Big Gloves, Big Dreams

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

Jamie Sanchez is an up-and-coming boxing star and we are fortunate to have him living amongst us in Rangely! When Jamie was eight years old he saw a boxing gym for the very first time. Right then he decided he wanted to try it. Within three months of training, he had his first match and won! It was at this moment that his talent began to emerge.

Jamie's favorite part about competing is the support of his family, being able to showcase his skills, and knowing it is a sport he is able to perform on his own.

In a sit-down interview with Jamie, he said that boxing makes him a better person because it shows him how far he can push himself. He stated in two and a half months he was able to lose 23 pounds to prepare for future matches.

He had some great advice for those looking to get into the sport, "Boxing is not for everyone and you need to know what you're getting into, especially when you get hit. You have to be very strong minded."

Jamie recently trained and fought in the Golden Gloves competition where he won his first and second fights. He lost the championship match to continue onto regions. The first fight was a TKO win, which is when the ref calls the fight if the kid is not showing enough effort or strength. He is now training and preparing for the Silver Gloves competition which will be held in late July and in early August in Denver, Colorado.

Jamie can be found most days practicing his skills and teaching others with an interest in boxing at Sanchez Boxing, a locally owned boxing gym. Good luck to Jamie.....we will be cheering you on!





# Grant Aims to Grow New Apprenticeships in Northwest Colorado

BY SASHA NELSON

Helping Americans get back to work fast while growing their skills, and at the same time filling critical labor shortages for rural employers, is the aim of a new apprenticeship initiative being developed at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

“Apprenticeships have been a tried and true option for growing trade skills. They’re proving to be a powerful help to fill other highly skilled roles such as in healthcare and technology,” said Ron Granger, President of CNCC.

Regional labor market data indicates the largest demand is for home health care providers and aids followed by registered nurses, EMTs, Nursing Assistants, and Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Counselors.

“While the college has strong and growing programs, for some of these occupations an apprenticeship program might help fill the gaps for other occupations. Current employees can become apprentices and may help employers grow their own. Apprenticeships are also options for people who want to improve their opportunities while continuing to earn a paycheck, expanding the talent pool,” said Christina Oxley, Business Services Coordinator for the Northwest Workforce Sub-Area Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium

The college was awarded \$75,000 from the Colorado Healthcare Experiential Pathways to Success (CO-Helps) and Filling the Skills Gap (Co-Tech) programs to develop a college sponsored, multi-employer apprenticeship program.

“This model allows medium and small businesses to grow their own highly skilled workforce without the additional administrative burden larger employers and trade organizations assume when registering federally approved apprenticeship programs,” said Sasha Nelson, Director of Workforce Training and Community Programming for CNCC.

During the first phase of the program, the college is actively seeking partnerships with area employers hiring healthcare and technology jobs.

“Dollar for dollar, no workforce training method packs as much punch as apprenticeship,” said Melissa Anzlovar, Colorado Department of Higher Education Healthcare Apprenticeship Consultant and former rural medical provider. “On average, employers’ average return on investment is \$1.47 for every \$1 invested. Investments in the rural workforce can lead to improvements in the economic stability of communities.”

Apprenticeship programs reduce hiring and turn over costs and overtime, provide opportunities for cross training and improve employee engagement, but can be challenging for mid and small sized employers to manage. The college's model aims to make the process simple and affordable for employers and employees.

In a recent presentation about CNCC’s model, Melissa English, Apprenticeship Specialist Workforce Development Programs Colorado Department of Labor, described the simple steps employers would need to take to participate:

1. Work in partnership with CNCC to identify your organization’s specific needs
2. Complete Employer Agreement and submit to USDOL
3. Hire an apprentice
4. Pay apprentice progressively increasing wages
5. Provide on-the job learning (OJL) for apprentice
6. Match apprentice with a qualified mentor
7. Submit updates on apprentices progress and hours to CNCC

“We already have students eager to earn while they learn -- ready to take on the roles of full time student and full time employee to fill labor shortages in our area,” Nelson said.

To learn more about hiring an apprentice or becoming an apprentice contact Sasha Nelson by calling 970-824-1118 or emailing [Sasha.Nelson@cncc.edu](mailto:Sasha.Nelson@cncc.edu).

## Ashley Got Her Smile Back

*Speical to the Review*

BY RUTH MARTINSON

A big thank you to all who participated in the “Help Ashley get her Smile Back” bake sale fundraiser for Ashley Stewart. The bake sale was held April 23rd in front of Raven Reality where Ashley works. Thank you to those who baked goodies to sell or assisted with the sales and to those who purchased the baked goods and/or added to the donations. The fundraiser turned out a great success and because of everyone’s generosity, these donations along with others and money saved, Ashely was able to “Get her Smile Back” this week! Due to a medical condition when Ashley was little, it caused her teeth to weaken and lose them. With the medical costs taken care of and her NEW teeth, Ashley is ALL Smiles. Thank you everyone for showing the love and support our community has to offer its members.



# Silver Sage RV Park Under New Ownership

BY DORIAN GEBA

*Special to the Review*

“Hello Rangely! We are Dorian and Shelley Geba, the new owners of Silver Sage RV Park.

We first saw this park listed on a real estate website. The photos of the park on Main St. and the pretty little town of Rangely really piqued our interest. So, January 5th we decided to make the trip to Rangely and check it out. The high was 27 that day, later we were told that was balmy! Anyway, we pulled up to the park and got out and were immediately struck by the charm of the park and Town. What can we say, we fell in love with it. So we jumped in with both feet and made an offer. What really sealed the deal for us was when we came up a second time and met with some of the town officials.

The reception that we received just blew us away. The warmth and generosity of the people really took us by surprise. We kept looking at each other and saying, “Is this real? This is awesome! I love this place!”

Well, we closed on the park April 22nd and feel blessed to have such a fantastic management team in place with Mike and Sadie Armstrong. They share in our vision and have been such an incredible help to us.

We hope to help bring in tourism to the town of Rangely and share with the outside world the boundless outdoor recreational activities available. But most of all, the people and town of Rangely that truly make this area spectacular.”



# College Cybersecurity Program Passes State Approval Process, Welcomes Program Director

BY SASHA NELSON

Cybersecurity is on track to join the list of academic programs available to students who choose Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) in fall 2021 after passing two major milestones -- hiring a program director and receiving approval by the state.

“We welcome Dr. Rodney Alexander to Craig and the college. He joins us from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas where he was teaching networking and cybersecurity after a long career with the Department of Defense that began when he enlisted and served our country in the military,” said Ron Granger, President of CNCC.

In his first few weeks Alexander established the college as a CISCO Networking Academy, began setting-up the dedicated computer lab and settling into life in Craig.

“I was surprised to see deer walking the streets in town. Everyone has been very friendly,” Alexander said. “We have a lot of work to do to prepare for our first Cybersecurity students. I’m setting up a League of Legends gaming club for students returning to CNCC in the spring. E-sports like this will be a fun way to build interest in the program.”

Development of the cybersecurity program is being supported by a \$500,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Law under the direction of Attorney General Phil Wieser awarded in February.

A team of college staff was joined in April by a Business Industry Leadership Team composed of people involved in cybersecurity at local, regional and state levels who are advising the college on the skills, knowledge and abilities most desired in the profession. Additionally, they have been helping to determine the equipment and software needed for learning labs.

“The need for Cybersecurity professionals continues to grow, offering opportunities to work locally and also remotely. It’s our role to advise the college so that the program aligns with industry to ensure students that graduate from the program are ready to enter the workforce,” said Tim Osborn, chair of the Cybersecurity BILT Advisory Board and Operations Manager for the Craig Station.

Northwest Colorado won’t be the first region to turn to the high-tech sector in a transition from coal, as the Appalachian region saw a similar transition about a decade ago with the growth of companies like Bitsource in Pikeville, Kentucky.

“We’re a region filled with practical inventors, accidental entrepreneurs, makers and doers that use their skills to get their work done. When we reimagine that work in another context, it’s not so hard to believe that some coal miner will have what it takes to be the coders and cybersecurity professionals of the future,” said Kathy Powell-Case, Dean of Career Technical Education for the Craig Campus.

The next step is credentialing the program through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and qualifying the program for federal financial-aid eligibility.

“We’re on-track with our plans to hold the first classes in Craig in the fall of 2021. We’re excited to welcome Dr. Alexander to the team. We’re grateful for the hard work of our BILT advisory board, Attorney General Wieser and the community for their outstanding support,” said Keith Peterson, CNCC Vice President of Instruction.





# The Little Piggy Went to the Library

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

Have you signed up for the Library's Summer Reading Program yet? We are off to a great start with 219 participants thus far (and counting). All ages are welcome, and it is not too late to sign up and join the fun through July! The Library is open for sign-ups from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, at 109 East Main Street.

After last year's hiatus due to Covid, our Summer Reading Program will be back this year on Tuesday, July 27th. From 10:00 A.M. to noon at the courtyard between Town Hall and the Library, all the old favorites will be back: Snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, pony rides, water games, baseball toss, and you can even get your nails done! Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss out. Our volunteers are just as excited as we are to have this event back. Please visit the Library or call us at 970-675-8811 with any questions. You can also find us on Facebook. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget that Miss Rita hosts Storytime year-round on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. She has been known to take it up a notch or two during the summer. Come see what kind of costumes, stories and snacks she has in store for you.

Finally, a heads up: The Library turns 50 in October! Watch for details as our celebration plans unfold.



# Rangely Loves Rally Colorado!

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

For the past five years, Rally Colorado, has been a huge asset to the Town of Rangely as well as an extremely enjoyable event for its residents. Samantha and Joseph Chiarelli, who head up Rally Colorado, have been in charge for two years now. They do a phenomenal job bringing teams and volunteers to Rangely.



At the end of the 2021 event there were 29 teams entered with 58 CO drivers and a grand total of 115 volunteers, 42 of which were amateur radio operators for safety.

The Town of Rangely, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and residents are very thankful for to have this event in our small town. We look forward to watching the event grow even larger in the years to come. There is also talk of Rangely possibly hosting a second race for nationals, perhaps in 2022.

Thank you Rally Colorado...We look forward each year to your return!

# Rangely District Hospital Laboratory

BY JODI DILLON

We here at the Rangely District Hospital laboratory are proud to offer a complete line of in-house testing, from basic chemistry tests and blood counts, to cultures for urinary tract and strep infections. We also have the capability to send an endless number of tests to our reference laboratory, the highly respected Mayo Medical Laboratories. Our lab offers in-house rapid Covid-19 testing for those who qualify, as well as Covid testing that is sent to the reference laboratory for pre-surgery patients.

We also offer the annual Rangely Community Health Fair, a well-attended event where a number of tests are offered at an exceptionally reduced rate as a service to our community. All testing for the Health Fair is resulted in a timely manner and mailed directly to the patient. Those results can also be sent to your healthcare provider at the patients request.

The experienced staff here in the lab truly care about your comfort and strive to make your experience as painless as possible. From the simple to the complex, Debbie, Chris and Cassie welcome you to stop in the next time your doctor places an order for lab tests. We look forward to seeing you.



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# Rangely On the Map: Colorado’s Best Kept Secret

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Along the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway lies the small, rural town of Rangely. Known for its community of caring citizens and stunning views of the Great West Region, this town is a must-stop for visitors looking to explore an authentic Colorado gem.

“We honestly have a town filled with caring citizens, clean air and amazing adventures, right out each resident’s backdoor,” shares Jeannie Caldwell, Marketing Coordinator for the Town of Rangely. Caldwell herself first moved to Rangely as a remote worker from Ohio before joining the Town of Rangely team.

Rangely was recently ranked #23 in the U.S. for “Best Work from Home Cities in 2021.” Whether you’re looking to book a staycation or to change up your work-from-home scenery, the town’s 1GB of fiber-optic internet and plethora of high desert outdoor experiences make it an enticing invitation.

“After work I can easily be exploring or enjoying the great outdoors in a matter of minutes,” says Maryanne McCoy, a remote-working resident. “It’s all about lifestyle! There is no traffic or crowds to stop me. This is unlike most areas in Colorado. I would not change this great experience — a much simpler, happier way of life.”

McCoy moved to Rangely from the Front Range and frequently has visits from family who are impressed with her new lifestyle.

Once home to the Fremont Culture and Ute Tribes of the Douglas Creek Canyon, The Canyon Pintado National Historic District today includes hundreds of archaeological sites with pictographs and petroglyphs in honor of the region’s history. Check out the Rangely Outdoor Museum to further dive into the town’s archives.

Another point of interest is the The Rangely Automotive Museum, owned by Rangely native, Bud Streigel. Streigel has been collecting since a young age and this is his private collection. The museum has some very rare autos and motorcycles from the early 1900s.

Surrounded by hundreds of miles of BLM property, Rangely is known as a personal playground for your tires. It’s no wonder many refer to Rangely as “The Tire Sports Getaway of Colorado.” Here you can ride your OHV, side by side, jeep, four-wheeler, mountain bike or bicycle anywhere in town except Main Street (and you can still cross Main Street with these vehicles).

To top it off, Rangely is also a college town. Home to Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), the school is a tremendous asset to the community. CNCC provides numerous events including college athletics, rodeo and activities hosted by student groups and college organizations. High school students can take concurrent enrollment classes and college credit or even complete their associates degree while still in high school. They also have access to a wider range of subject matter through the concurrent enrollment classes.

Rangely residents can also take advantage of the CNCC’s tuition buy-down. Depending on the area of study, the buy-down covers most, if not all, tuition costs for local residents. That’s great considering CNCC was recently ranked #5 in the nation by Newsweek for “Community Colleges Whose Graduates Earn the Most Money.” The ranking is due in part to the many career focused degrees offered at the college with high earning potential such as Dental Hygiene, Aviation Flight and Aviation Maintenance.”

With 300 days of sunshine to enjoy, dark star-lit skies at night, hundreds of miles of trails and one of the only designated natural rock-crawling parks in Colorado, Spoke+Blossom is marking the scenic Town of Rangely with a big red dot this season.

## YOUR RANGELY ITINERARY

This summer, you can swim, kayak or float in the White River meandering around Rangely. Or, four miles east lies Kenney Reservoir, a popular area for boating, water skiing and cliff diving. Keep an eye out for the occasional seaplane flying in and landing on Kenney, and at the end of the reservoir you’ll find wetlands filled with beaver, deer and many species of birds.

A summer holiday spent at Kenney will surely be memorable for the whole family, especially when extra entertainment and festivities are offered.



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# New Beginnings at CNCC: Getting to Know Dr. Jones

*Special to the Review*

Dr. Lisa Jones arrived in Rangely on June 15th. She is excited to be here and will assume her new role as CNCC’s 11th President on July 15th. We feel that we know Dr. Jones professionally and are excited to work with her. This article is about Lisa Jones, her family and her thoughts about coming to Northwest Colorado. The following are excerpts from recent conversations and an interview with Dr. Jones:

**Introduce us to Lisa Jones, not the educator, the human being.**

"I was raised in a family of eight. I am the second oldest with my sister as the eldest and four younger brothers. I am a first-generation college student and raised with very modest means in Detroit, Michigan.

I love people. In general. I love meeting people and learning all about them. I have learned a lot about my family history through Ancestry.com and have a family tree of over 2,600 people developed over three years.

**What are your interests, hobbies – What do you enjoy?**

I love traveling and have visited over 40 States and four Continents. My hobbies include writing poetry, watching sports events (football, baseball, basketball, tennis, figure skating, outdoor sports). I like hiking, camping, snowmobiling, boating, and gardening.

My children all were involved in sports- my daughter, Jasmine- Basketball, rugby and softball, snowboarding, karate; my first son Aaron; karate (black belt), diving (high school-third place at State), gymnastics, snowboarding, football, and Christopher, my youngest - soccer.

I love the performing arts, dance, vocal, theater. Our children were also involved in the performing arts, taking dance, vocal and musical theater lessons. My son Aaron was cast as Young Simba in Disney’s “The Lion King” on Broadway for nearly two years beginning in 2003. My stepson Jason was in band, playing the trumpet, and performed in high school theater. My daughter Jasmine performed in The Nutcracker at the Detroit Music Hall for 2 years and in Othello, same location. She was first chair in the band playing percussion and quads, and Christopher played the viola.

**Tell us about your family? Who will be moving to Rangely with you?**

My husband Stephen has been in aviation since high school, first served as an aircraft mechanic, a records manager, and an auditor. He now works at American Airlines as an auditor. He holds a personal pilot’s license. My stepson Jason recently obtained his pilot’s license and is accumulating flight hours to become a commercial pilot, following in his dad’s career footsteps.

I just moved into the President’s Residence at CNCC. My son, Christopher, will stay with me through the summer until he returns to Penn State (pursuing a degree in computer science). Stephen will join me after he gets a transfer or becomes vested.

**What do you look forward to in joining CNCC?**

Living in Colorado has been on my bucket list for years, so I am very happy to be here. Best yet, I landed in the prettiest, most undisturbed part of the State!! What a gorgeous, place with people who care about growing the community.

At CNCC, I look forward to meeting with members of the college and the community. The College is filled with amazing, committed, and multi-talented people. I look forward to listening to the goals and ideas about the future of the College, meeting with students, attending athletic events and student leadership meetings. I also cannot wait to host a community event at the President’s Residence on Campus. Finally, I am looking forward to my first sunrise and sunset.

**What is the first fun thing you will do in NW Colorado?**

I like driving fast, but I cannot do that on the road, so I want to buy two ATVs to tackle the Wagon Wheel West OHV Trails!! I am also looking forward to visiting the Dinosaur National Monument, the Rangely Auto Museum (I am from Detroit) and



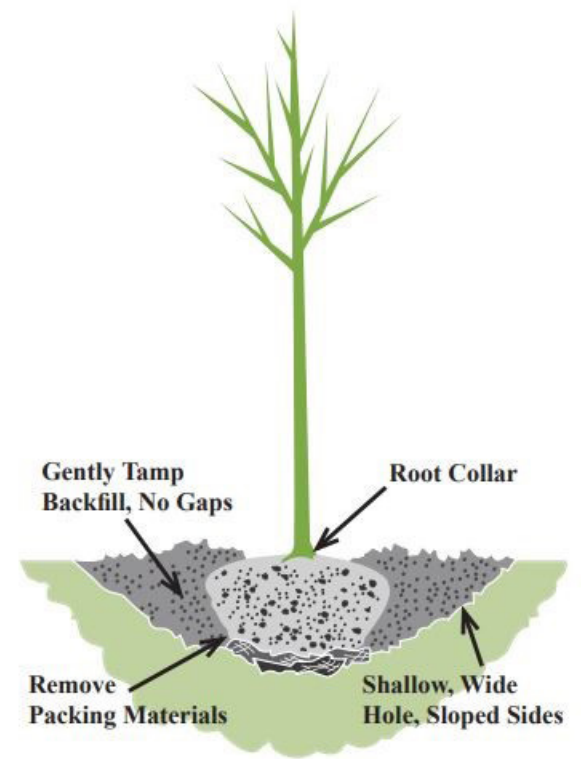


# Correct Planting Procedure for Potted Trees

BY JANET MILLER

Planting trees too deep is one of the most damaging things that can be done to trees in the landscape, yet it is probably the most common problem that I see when diagnosing tree problems. When a tree is planted too deep, it will lead to gridling roots which causes a gradual decline in health, and eventual death of the tree. Because it takes several years for the symptoms to show, many times it goes undetected, and the homeowner never really knows what caused the tree to succumb. Symptoms include branch and/or twig die back, slow growth, lack of proper root flares, and a general failure to thrive. This article will guide homeowners through the proper way to plant a tree to avoid this problem.

The first step is to decide the depth of the planting hole. It is imperative that no soil is added on top of the root ball or onto the trunk. Do not always assume that the tree was planted at the correct depth in the nursery. If you can see a root flare, it is a good indication that the tree is at the correct height. The root flare is a natural swelling at the base of the trunk. Even though all tree species have root flares, sometimes they are difficult to see, and some younger trees will have very minimal flare. A good way to determine depth is to use a small screwdriver to gently probe into the top of the root ball a few inches out from the trunk. You should be able to locate 2-3 structural roots in the top 1-3 inches of soil. If you cannot find these roots, the tree is probably too deep, and you will need to remove some of the soil from the top of the root ball before planting. The hole should be dug approximately 1-2 inches less than the height of the root ball.



The next step is to dig a hole in a saucer shape that is 2-3 times the width of the root ball. The wider the better for the establishment and long-term health of the tree. By sloping the sides of the hole into a saucer shape, you are maximizing root growth and helping roots to grow out and away from the trunk into the surrounding soil.

After removing tree from the pot, gently place it into the hole, making sure that the top of the ball sits approximately 1-2 inches above grade. It is typically best not to amend the backfill soil so as not to create a problem with roots growing out past the planting hole. For extremely poor soils, a very small amount of amendments can be added, but never add more than 20 % compost to the native soil, mixing the two together well. Place a small amount of backfill soil around the base of the ball and firm it with your foot to help stabilize the ball. Continue backfilling making sure not to add anything on top of the ball, but only up to the edges (knee) of the ball. Water the entire area well so that the soil is settled and all air pockets are removed, adding more soil as necessary. Creating a soil basin or lip approximately 3-4 inches outside the root ball will help to contain the water and direct it down to the root zone of the tree.

Adding mulch to the planting area will help to maintain soil moisture, cool the root zone, and suppress weeds. Never add any mulch up next to the trunk or within several inches of it. Mulch should be approximately 2- 3 inches thick to maximize benefits to the tree.

Staking of trees is not recommended unless you are in a very high wind area. Staking trees will reduce trunk taper development and create a weaker tree long term. It also can damage the trunk if not done properly. If you feel it necessary to stake your tree, please remove the stake after one growing season.

## Big Smiles!

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

In a small town like Rangely, Colorado we often look over the many great things that the town is able to offer. Such things as a dentist office that sits inside the hospital. Dr. Ken Myers and his wife Jenine have been servicing the Town of Rangely for nearly 32 years, and this is the very thing that what brought Dr. Myers to Rangely. According to Dr. Myers, he became a dentist because he wore braces and thought it was cool, originally starting out as an orthodontist. Dr. Myers says that the most rewarding part about his job is being able to meet new people and seeing people that he helps. Some advice that he would give to someone wanting to get into dentistry would be to “Evaluate every option you have and look at every opportunity you have.”

Did you know that he offers in-home bleaching services? Now more than ever it is important to stay local and utilize the services we have right here in small town USA. Dr. Myers ensures that the people of Rangely's teeth stay clean and healthy and we are very fortunate to have him in town.



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“Our Fourth of July fireworks are shot over Kenney Reservoir and are second to none,” shares Caldwell.“They echo loudly through the canyons. We have families come from all over the country to view our fireworks.”

Grab your fishing gear and head to the White River, Kenney Reservoir or Camper Park. Then spend the night at various campgrounds throughout town with your RV, self-contained or tent camping.

The TANK Center for SonicArts, located near the west entrance to town, is an acoustical marvel. It’s a sense-altering experience truly found nowhere else on earth. A never used, 60-feet tall, 30-feet across rusted steel water was discovered in Colorado by sound artist and sonic thinker Bruce Odland in 1976. A small group of musicians have been recording there ever since. Check out the TANK summer schedule at tanksounds.org.

Main Street is loaded with local eateries catering to varying appetites. Try Giovanni’s Italian Grill, El Agave Mexican Restaurant, Pippi’s Soup and Subz, Dottie’s, Main Street Cafe or California Wok, in addition to a few food trucks. Take your order to-go and picnic at Elks Park or Hefley Park.

One of the largest elk herds in the state is located around Rangely, making the town a hunting hotspot in the fall. For those looking for another sport, Cedar Ridges Golf Course (which is located on top of a mesa) offers a secluded getaway. Give the Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center a visit and enjoy its impressive space. Also, Dinosaur National Monument is only 20 miles away, making the town a great place to stay while visiting this natural wonder.



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as many antique shops as I can find. For the record, I am a paleontology and archeology geek.

*What is your favorite jam when working out or traveling?*

I am a true product of Motown. The Temptations are my favorite. During college, it would be - Queen (Freddie Mercury is one of my favorite vocalists), everything Motown, Michael Jackson, Gloria Estefan, Elton John, Culture Club. Like my Dad, my musical tastes are eclectic. I just know what I like such as Mozart and Bach; Snoop Dogg and Eminem; Queen and Aerosmith; Shania Twain, Reba McIntyre, and Garth Brooks.

*Please share an experience that provides insight into the essence of Lisa Jones?*

My family’s journey defines who I am as person and leader.

My dad, Harry, was born in Riceboro, Georgia. After high school, he took the greyhound bus to Detroit to live with his biological father. My dad’s stepbrother was James Jamerson, a nationally renowned bassist and originating member of the Funk Brothers, of Motown. My Dad loved spending time at Motown in the “pit” with his brother and became enamored with the music industry.

My Dad married a local girl, Salome “Bay”. They moved to California for several years where he worked for Wamer Brothers Music. He was a music promoter for Alvin and the Chipmunks, among other cartoon characters.

Not making enough money, my family moved back to Michigan in 1967 where my dad landed a job at Detroit Diesel, then a subsidiary of General Motors. This was a year before the 1968 Detroit riots. At the time, GM paid very little, so my dad and mom tried their hand at several small businesses where all of us (the kids) worked.

My parents opened recording distributing businesses, grocery, and liquor stores. We were a prime example of the working poor. My Dad would put the little he made into businesses. As crime (break ins, robberies) increased in Detroit, my dad’s attempt to balance a full time job and running a business became too dangerous and too expensive. So, after 15 years, he gave up on his dream of being a business owner though he never lost his love of entrepreneurship and music.

My dad focused on his career at Detroit Diesel. He took advantage of GM training opportunities, secured a job at the main GM plant in Warren, MI, and became a trainer. This job was protected from harsh working conditions, had better benefits and great pay. He was finally able to provide for our family and give them a lifestyle that aligned with his intellect and his work ethic.

I was attending grad school then and could finally breathe as I knew my family would be safe and secure with finances in a good place. Three of my four brothers work at GM. My Dad retired just a couple of years ago and he is 83! Both my Mom and Dad are still alive and in good health.

I am so thankful for my parents, and how they take pride in family, community, strong character, respect for our family name and in giving to others. My family’s journey from the rural south, to Detroit, through California and back to Detroit, made me who I am. These experiences instilled life principles which guide my thoughts and decisions. I believe that these values make me a perfect fit for the small town, rural environment, and culture of NW Colorado."





# Rio Blanco County Fire Restrictions

BY ANTHONY MAZZOLA

Pursuant to Rio Blanco County Resolution 2019-06 the following acts are prohibited in Rio Blanco County.

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, charcoal grill, coal, wood burning stove or shepherders stove, including in developed camping and picnic grounds. Devices using pressurized liquid or gas are exempted.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, building or tent.

3. Using an explosive requiring fuse or blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets and tracers or incendiary ammunition.


4. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor, and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a round-point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.

5. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame (except with a current permit, contract or letter of authorization).

6. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:

a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a;

b. or Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a).


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- EXEMPTIONS**
- A. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.

B. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- This order becomes effective at 12:01AM, June 25th, 2021 and will remain until rescinded. Done at Meeker, Colorado, this 22nd day of June 2021.

Violations of these regulations could be punishable as a Class 6 felony 18-13-109(2)(a).
- # Goodbye But Not Farewell
- BY RONALD GRANGER
- As most of you know, I will end my tenure as President of Colorado Northwestern Community College at the end of July. Although I will be saying goodbye to the position at the college, my family and I have decided that Rangely is the place we want to be. We will be staying in the community and hope to be a part of the future of Rangely.
- We can’t imagine a better place to be than Rangely, Colorado. We literally live in the great outdoors with the most friendly, caring people in the world. Over the last five years, we have learned how important it is to be in a community that puts the people first and does everything they can to make you feel welcome and at home. We also have learned that this community is one that looks at the future and is always trying to make things better for generations to come.
- Over the last several months, the nation has faced some very unusual times. When I talk to others and tell them what is going on here, they are amazed how resilient the people are in this small community. I have been asked many times by people from all over the country how we have managed so well as a college and a community. My answer is always the same—we care about the people and care about each other.
- I do want to thank everyone for making my years as the President of CNCC some of the best years of my career. The employees, the town leaders, the businesses, and the community are what make CNCC great and made my job so enjoyable. I could not have asked for a better place to end a 40 year career in education than in a small town in Northwest Colorado and a small college that makes a difference in the lives of everyone associated with it.
- With all that being said, I will be seeing all of you around town and at events in the community and at the college. Alisa, Samantha and I are proud to make Rangely our forever home and look forward to this new chapter in our lives.
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# 2021 Panther Track Season

BY KRISTIN LOHRY

After Covid canceled the 2020 track season, the Rangely High School Track Athletes were eager to start the 2021 season. This year the track team comprises 20 athletes lead by Seniors Dixie Rhea and Maya Mercado.

The 2021 track season didn't start until late April, with their first meet on May 7th, whereas typically, they start in the middle of March. In addition, the 2021 season will run nine weeks long instead of 11 weeks. Throughout those nine weeks, the team will attend eight meets, league, and State.

Senior Dixie Rhea has had a remarkable season. Dixie broke the school record for the 100 and 200-meter dash and qualified for State in both those events. The girls' Sprint Medley Relay, made up of Dixie Rhea, Hayley Burr, Maya Mercado, Mary Scoggins, also qualified for State, broke the school record, and placed second in the league of 14 teams. The three school records were being held by athletes who ran in the '90s.

Eight athletes have qualified for State. To qualify for the State, you must have a mark in the top 18 in the State. The State Tournament will be held June 24-26 in Lakewood at the Jeffco Stadium.

Current Qualifying Athletes:

- Dixie Rhea: 100 Meter, 200 Meter
- Maya Mercado: High Jump
- Hayley Burr: 100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles
- Mary Scoggins: Long Jump, Triple Jump, 800 Meter
- Rylee Allred: Discus
- Timothy Scoggins: High Jump
- Kenyon Cochrane: Discus
- Andrew Dorris: 800 Meter and High Jump
- Sprint Medley Relay: Hayley Burr, Dixie Rhea, Maya Mercado, Mary Scoggins

According to Head Coach Beth Scoggins, "all the kids have made significant improvements, and it has been a lot of fun coaching them. It is impressive that so many kids have given up a good part of their summer to participate in track and field."



Senior Dixie Rhea



Senior Maya Mercado



Panther Track Team

## Upgrades on Main Street

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Have you noticed the upgrades taking place on Main Street; more specifically, the sidewalk widening in front of the Police Department, Town Hall, the Rangely Public Library and the Rio Blanco County Public Health Building, which are well underway? The upgrades include a pocket park installation in the common area between the Library and Town Hall, which includes two benches, a trash receptacle as well as a Bike Repair Station. The project is expected to be completed with the next 2 to 3 weeks.

TREAD – A Colorado Main Street Program, received a grant for the project, with the match coming from in-kind labor provided by town employees.

This is a very exciting project for our community. Be sure to check it out after completion. We are excited for the community to enjoy this new area.

We would like to thank the Department of Public Works, Jeff LeBleu, Supervisor, for the many hours of labor they provided to this project.



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# New Officers in Town

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN

The Rangely Police Department recently added over 70 years of experience to our ranks! In the month of May we welcomed back Lt. Phil Stubblefield and Sgt. Rich Garner to the Police Department in Supervisor roles.

Lt. Stubblefield comes to us from Meeker, where he was the Chief of Police from 2017- 2020 before retiring. In Lt. Stubblefield's 40-year career he has held many titles. Some of these titles include, Airport Security Director, Public Safety Director, Deputy, Detective, Lieutenant, Chief Investigator, Sheriff and Chief of Police. Throughout his career Lt. Stubblefield has served on several boards and developed several community programs here in Rio Blanco County that are still used today. Lt. Stubblefield briefly worked for us at the end of 2020 before retiring for a second time. We are excited that Lt. Stubblefield has decided to once again "un-retire" and bring his years of knowledge and experience to Rangely as our Police Lieutenant!



Sgt. Garner has lived in Rangely since 2009 with his family. In that time Sgt. Garner has served as a Deputy and then a Sergeant for the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Garner worked for the Rangely Police Department for a brief stint in 2016, lasting until 2017 when he retired from Law Enforcement completely. In Sgt. Garner's approximate 30-year career he has held several titles. Some of these titles include, Patrol Officer, Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Training Coordinator, Range Master, International Police Advisor and Swat Sniper. Sgt. Garner is a military veteran having served in the U.S. Army. Before taking our Patrol Sergeant position, Sgt. Garner was serving as a Trustee for the Town of Rangely. We are excited that Sgt. Garner has decided to bring his years of knowledge and experience to the Police Department as our Patrol Sergeant!



Both of these gentlemen bring years of dedicated service of public safety to our Department. Both have a proven track record in leadership and community involvement. When you see Lt. Stubblefield and Sgt. Garner out on patrol make sure to stop them and say hi!

# 2nd Annual Freedom March

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Freedom March 2021 is in the books, but the reasons behind the event will stay strong in our small, patriotic town. The annual event is held to honor the military, past and present, all first responders, all law enforcement, and all patrol. The event was well-planned, enjoyable and an overall great success.

The event started at Veteran's Park with a speech from CNCC President Ronald Grainger. Ron spoke of the need to be proud of our military, first responders, law enforcement and patrol. He stated we need to remember where our freedoms came from and at what cost.

The group then marched under the U.S. Flag, down Stanolind to Elks Park where a free BBQ was provided. The park was full of residents gathered for good cause. They were enjoying each other's company and good food.

Thank you to the Huitt and Tolley families for hosting this great event!



All photos taken by Roxie Fromang



# Thanks for the Memories

BY RONALD GRANGER

As I think about my retirement at the end of July, I have been reflecting on my time here at CNCC. In the last five years I have seen so many wonderful things happen at the college. We have added programs such as Cybersecurity. We have transitioned much of our community education into workforce development. We have seen our Foundation grow and keep growing. We have been able to receive several grants and to get money for improvements for our IT infrastructure, safety and security, and maintenance of our buildings. And of course we have not only survived, but have thrived, during a global pandemic.

But as I review the past I kept coming back to the greatest accomplishment the college has achieved. That accomplishment is keeping and hiring the right people for the right jobs. Over my 40 year career in education I have never had the opportunity to work with a more dedicated and innovative group of people than what we have at CNCC. All of the other accomplishments could not have been done without the personnel we have at the college. No matter what problem arose, this group of people found the solution to not only solve the problem but to move us forward. It is impossible to describe how I feel about all the employees and what they have done for the college and me.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention how great it is to be at a college in Northwest Colorado. This area has been and will be home for me and my family. I can't imagine going somewhere else that has as much to offer as northwest Colorado. We have the friendliest people, the hometown pride, and some of the best scenery in the country. The college has thrived because of our location and the great support we get from all of our communities.

As I wind down my tenure as President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, I will always be grateful to the employees, the communities we serve, and the people of this great area. CNCC is a great college in a great area, and I can't imagine a better place to end my education career. Thank all of you for the great memories.



# Tent City 2021 - Rangely Campus Staging Area

BY JAMES CALDWELL

Just 20 miles south of Rangely, the Oil Springs Fire has surpassed 7200 hundred acres. On Sunday, US Highway 139 was closed as the fire jumped the road closing direct access to Grand Junction from Rangely. CNCC, in cooperation with BLM firefighters, has agreed to make Rangely campus the fire response staging area for the Oil Springs Fire. President Granger shared, “Over the next week, CNCC grounds will be transformed into a firefighter encampment which may house as many as 600 wildfire fighters.” BLM fire fighters will



take advantage of CNCC's Weiss Conference Center using it for offices, meetings, locker rooms and foodservice from the Spartan Den. “We are saddened by the circumstance, but we are happy to provide our grounds and facilities to BLM Firefighters. CNCC stands with our local communities, ranchers and the county in doing everything that we can to control the Oil Springs Fire.”, said President Granger. In 2018, CNCC provided its campus grounds for approximately two weeks in Colorado's fight against the Red Canyon Fire. As a community, we are thankful for the BLM firefighters and their service to us and our neighbors. **HATS OFF to our FIREMEN! THANK YOU!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4th of July Celebrations**  
July 1-4

**Alive After Five**  
July 22

**Rock n' Bull**  
August 28

**Chopper Dropper**  
September 4

**Septemberfest**  
September 4-6

**Scenic West Regional Volleyball  
Tournament @ CNCC**  
November 5-6



# Small Town, Big Bang

BY JENNIFER NOEL

Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District is proud to host the 2021 Fourth of July Celebration.

We are busy making plans for a fun-filled weekend. Everything from fire safety, food preparation, set up, and clean up. Executive Director Tim Webber and supervisors Richard Brennan, Chris Hejl, Bethany Green, Natalie Kurrasch, along with their faithful employees are working diligently to offer a fun and safe celebration. Unfortunately, our current hot and dry conditions add to the stress of putting on a safe event.

We have a great lineup of events starting on July 1st with Night Golf at Cedar Ridges Golf Course. This is a 4-person scramble tournament, and it fills up fast! The golf course is lit up with LED lights to guide the golfers on their way through nine holes. Different colored golf balls light up the night sky.

Join us July 2nd for a Surf-N-Turf dinner at the Cedar Ridges Golf Course. We have carefully seasoned, slow cooked, mouth-watering ribs and boiled shrimp complete with potatoes, corn and onions for only \$20 a plate. We also offer a kid's hot dog meal for \$5 a plate. Purchase tickets Monday-Friday from 6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. After the meal, stick around and enjoy a free concert featuring Tom Bennett. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend, a chair, and a cold drink for a relaxing evening.

July 3rd will keep you busy, starting with the 5k Color Run. This event is sponsored by New Eden Pregnancy Center. It begins at 8:00 a.m. and will start from 219 S Sunset. Contact 970-675-2300 for more information. Elk's Park will be packed full of delicious smells from our annual Rib-Cook Off beginning at 8 a.m. with judging at 3:00; a Pie Baking Contest will be judged at noon, so bring your best fruit pie, cream pie or both; Inflatables from 10:00-2:00 and finally, a cornhole tournament beginning at 11:00. Come early and s

July 4th will be celebrated with a bang as we shoot off our famous firework show at Kenny Reservoir at dusk. Your eyes will be delighted with the many fireworks up to 12 inches round and spectacular color. Remember to watch the water because we also shoot fireworks from a pontoon boat floating on Kenney Reservoir. You will not want to miss this weekend packed full of fun things to do.

The WRBM Recreation Center and Park District would like to thank all the volunteers who help make this event possible, especially the community, for participating and making our celebration worth all the hard work.






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PARK DISTRICT

# ★ FOURTH OF JULY ★ CELEBRATION

## JULY 1

NIGHT GOLF @ CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE

## JULY 2

SURF-N-TURF DINNER  
6:30PM @ CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE  
RIBS & SHRIMP \$20 A PLATE  
KIDS HOT DOG MEAL \$5 A PLATE  
\*TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE REC CENTER  
FREE CONCERT - 7:00PM

## JULY 3

NEW EDEN COLOR RUN  
CONTACT 970-675-2300  
FOR INFO  
RIB COOK OFF - 8:00AM  
JUDGING AT 3:00PM  
PIE BAKING CONTEST  
JUDGING AT 12:00PM  
INFLATABLES  
10:00AM - 2:00PM  
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT  
11:00 AM

## JULY 4

\* FIREWORKS @ KENNEY RESERVOIR  
SHOW BEGINS AT DUSK



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