# **PRANGELY REVIEW**

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

### **Rangely Rocked 2021**

### BY TOWN MANAGER, LISA PIERING: STATE OF THE TOWN

2021 was a very busy and exciting year for the Town of Rangely. I would like to address some of the high points of the year. First, Rio Blanco County Public Health provided information and clinics for both communities for COVID vaccines for all residents. RBC Health, Rangely District Hospital, CNCC, Rangely Public Schools and our business community made great efforts to put our health first while also providing a level of mobility that most communities were not able to offer. Our entire community came together, and our businesses provided the services and supplies that we all needed. That is what living in Rangely is about! We take care of each other!

The waterline project to High Zone wrapped up January 21st. We will work on new service lines for customers along Highway 64 early this spring/summer which will complete waterline replacement for the older cement line. Energy Assistance Grants through DOLA were awarded for the waterline replacement on the south side of La Mesa Circle (\$200,000). This project was completed in November 2021. The Wastewater Headworks Project (\$1,125,000) kicked off late 2021. The Town of Rangely received American Recovery Funds (\$284,402.25) which will also be applied to the Headworks Project.



The Main Street Program grants brought some great improvements to our community. A

CDOT Revitalizing Main Street grant was received for the Town Municipal Pocket Park (\$50,000). This provided for replacement of decaying cement in the courtyard to include improvements of the sidewalk from S. White to the Municipal Building along with a retaining wall. A Main Street Mini Grant (\$5,000) made possible a bike repair station, trash cans and new benches for the pocket park. The second CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Grant (\$50,000) allowed the Kennedy Pedestrian Path to be resurfaced with additional grants from AGNC and AARP (\$10,000) providing solar lighting along the Kennedy path as well. The Town of Rangely, the RDA, are acting as a fiscal sponsor for the Rangely District Hospital Foundation for a North Park grant (\$150,000) which will be adjacent to Eagle Crest Assisted Living Facility with a completion estimate for the summer of 2022. This was also a CDOT Revitalizing Main Street grant.

We have two businesses which qualified for grants under the new Main Street Open for Business Program which totaled (\$53,126.40). The East Entrance engineering and design was paid for by an administrative grant through Colorado Main Street (\$40,000). We are in the process of applying for a grant to complete the East Entrance project this year. The Main Street program has grown and has been driven by our Main Street Board lead by Jeannie Caldwell.

The State of Colorado moved all Dispatch Centers to ESINET for which our equipment was funded in part by grant awards from the Western Rio Blanco 911 Board (\$85,000), Chevron USA (\$30,000), Rangely District Hospital (\$20,000) and Blue Mountain Energy/Deserado Mine (\$5,000). The ESINET installation from CenturyLink was paid by a grant from the State of Colorado (\$12,970.74) through WRB 911. Microwave links were established on Mellon Hill and the roof of Town Hall to provide a direct connection to the State Digital Trunk Radio System (DTRS). We no longer rely on the RBC Sherriff's office for our connection. The microwave system was made possible thanks to Rio Blanco County grant (\$17,000), a donation from Pitkin County (\$6,000) and the services of Jeff Edelson. LoBo Tower in Meeker now provides our redundant connection to the DTRS. Rio Blanco County Dispatch also has redundancy now because of the Rangely microwave system.

The Police Department's K9, Eiko, was coming to the end of his career. Through a generous contribution from Frank Huitt (\$7,500) the Police Department retired Eiko and purchased our new K9 Nico along with a transfer of their Police Officer counterpart from Chief TiRynn Hamblin to Keller Hilton.

White River Village received a grant from Moon Lake Electric (\$5,000) as well as Ducey's Electric (\$2,000) for new lighting in all hallways and exit lighting for the facility. Ducey's Electric also provided a donation of lighting at the Rangely Animal Shelter (\$500).

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### Low Crime Rate

BY CHIEF OF POLICE TI HAMBLIN

We all live in Rangely for a reason. For some, it is the low crime rate. Of recent we have had added several new citizens to our community who moved to Rangely from large metro areas for this very reason. Speaking on behalf of your Police Department, we will always work to keep the crime rate low in Rangely; however, we need to keep in mind that a low crime rate does not mean no crime at all.

Generally, we have approximately 1-2 stolen vehicles per year in Rangely. When we do have a stolen vehicle, it is due to the keys being left in the vehicle (often in the ignition) and the vehicle left unlocked. This makes it easy to steal your vehicle!

We also have several vehicle break-ins a year. The vehicle is always left unlocked, and valuables are left in plain sight. We don't have master criminals we have opportunistic thieves!

We would like to remind our citizens that even though our crime rate is low we still need to lock our vehicles and remove the keys and valuables from our vehicles.

Some of the other items you should remove from your vehicle to remove temptation for thieves are:

- Medication
- Electronics
- Wallets/purses/handbags
- Important legal documents
- Driver's license/ passports
- Anything else of known value

A locked vehicle will not keep out someone who is truly determined to get in. As a wise person once said, what it will do is "keep an honest person honest" and require someone to take a substantial step to steal your vehicle or belongings. Luckily most people do not have interest in taking that substantial step! Let's lock up our vehicles and continue to keep our crime rate low!

### **Headworks Projects**

#### BY DON REED

In January of 2022, the Utilities Department broke ground on the construction of a new Headworks Building Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace the existing one, which has reached its life expectancy. Emily Peterson (Operator) and Jocelyn Mullen (Town Planning Engineer) will be the Town's representatives on this project.

The new building has been in the planning stages for the past couple of years. Jocelyn Mullen once again procured an Energy Impact Assistance Grant from DOLA to assist with funding the project. This was quite a task for her to accomplish considering the overall cost of the project. Unfortunately, due to COVID, costs of materials and equipment increased drastically which led the Town to ask for supplemental funding to move forward with the project. The Department of Local Affairs again granted the Town of Rangely the additional funds.





The building is being designed to meet the future requirements for the wastewater industry in Rangely. Completion is anticipated by fall of this year.

The Department would like to thank everyone who has been involved for their time and efforts in making this happen. Another great project for Rangely!

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

### State of the Town Continued



The Town of Rangely entered into a partnership with DOLA, OEDIT, CDLE and the Non-Profit Community Builders with our Northwestern Regional Community team to develop economic recovery and resiliency plans specific to our region and community, and roadmap implementation through a regional grant. We have just begun the interview process and will have more dates available for community engagement soon.

Western Slope Oil & Gas Association worked with the Town of Rangely to clean up dump sites in and around the town limits, with special attention paid to one south of town. We cannot begin to express our appreciation for the work this group has done each year for our community!

The Oil Springs Fire also showed our community providing support for the

emergency workers that came to manage the fire and protect our community. CNCC provided for the set up of incident command for the Fire Command Group in conjunction with Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager and the Sheriff's Department.

Our Marketing for and about the Town of Rangely has expanded exponentially. We have a presence on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter. The Town's website is continually updated with exciting news from and around town as well as important information. We receive many inquiries about the community from our posts, articles, and event promotions. Our community has become a destination and one that individuals desire to live in.

We are continuing to find ways to promote our community and keep residents informed. We are currently working on a tourism website. We will keep you updated on the release date for this website.

The Town of Rangely Public Works, Utilities, Building & Grounds, Gas Department and Police Department work together on every project regardless of whether it falls within their department's description. Our employees have saved our community many dollars by not hiring consultants to run the projects, unless absolutely necessary.

Grants are a great source of income but also require a large amount of work and oversight, management, submission, and execution from all Town employees. Special recognition to Jocelyn Mullen, Town Engineer and



Jeannie Caldwell, Marketing and Main Street Director. These ladies put in countless hours into research, development and vision to arrive at the final award phase.

The Town of Rangely works cooperatively with all the Special Districts, CNCC and Rangely Public Schools. We have a great respect for where our revenue comes from which is our Businesses and citizens in one form or another. Thank you for supporting the work that we all do to provide services to our community. The Rangely Board of Trustees and the Town of Rangely's employees work very diligently to make decisions that will keep our budget in check especially when our revenues are dropping. We value our lifestyle and love Rangely. Thank you!









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## **Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner**

**BY KYLE WREN** 

As we head into 2022 the board, providers, hospital administration, and staff are always looking for ways to better serve our patients. When you think of going to the hospital for care it is not always in the most favorable circumstances, but regardless of your situation we hope you have the best experience at Rangely District Hospital. An experience so great that you will share it with your family and friends.

Throughout the year we have an employee of the month chosen by fellow employees. Then, at the end of the year an "Employee of the Year" is nominated using the chosen employees of the month. Similar to employee of the year, department manager of the year is also by nomination. Finally, department of the year is chosen by administration. I would like to share who was selected.

> Employee of the Year 2021 goes to.... Jeani Lucero - Jeani had several nominations from her peers and administration. She is



all you do!

very well rounded and works behind the scenes to fill any gaps that need patched. She volunteers on a regular basis no matter the task at hand. When long term care had the outbreak, she was one of the first to volunteer to help out. She goes above and beyond at any time without a second thought. This was well written in many of her nominations. She also picked up the Rangely District Hospital Foundation responsibilities, new employees' orientation, welcoming to the new employees and is a very good example to her co-workers. I am grateful to hand out this well-deserved award to Jeani. Thanks for

#### Manager of the Year 2021 goes to....

**Debbie Smith –** RDH is honored to recognize Debbie as Manager of the Year. The Manager of the Year possesses all the qualities of a great leader and is one who has brought their team through thick and thin. Debbie is meeting the needs of her providers, community, and staff. I am about to say a bad word (COVID), which has been on the forefront the last couple of years. Debbie has accommodated our staff to get tested for

COVID for several months now even though regulations change by the minute. Debbie is an example to those around her and was nominated by several of her peers. She is dedicated to her job and on days off she sometimes will show up to work, even change vacation to cover the department. Lab passed their state inspection

with flying colors, took over Health Fair, plus fills in with ambulance runs when needed. She is an example for everyone to learn from. Thanks Debbie for your hard work! Department of the Year 2021 goes to....

**Business Office -** The decision to name the Department of the Year was a difficult one. As we continue to go through the COVID-19 pandemic every department has stepped up and has done an incredible job serving our community; everyone has worked so hard and done so well at what they do. Ultimately the choice was made to recognize the Business Office as the Department of the Year.

The Business Office has seen both significant changes and significant increases in responsibilities. The clinic has converted to a Rural Health Clinic, which changed the billing



process. The hospital has moved credentialing under the Business Office as well. Finally, and most significantly, billing has come back in-house under the Business Office, and is going exceedingly well. Above and beyond anticipated improvements in billing and collections, this change improves our service to our patients, who can now come into the facility and see a familiar face when they have questions about items on their bills. Michelle and her team have worked exceedingly hard to improve the services that we provide to our patients, and we are grateful and blessed to have them on our team. **Christmas at Eagle Crest** I had the opportunity to attend the Christmas Party at Eagle Crest on the 18th of December. Tammy Dunker and her staff did a wonderful job putting on a party for the residence. I appreciate them for inviting family and friends to join them. Everyone enjoyed the music, good food and company. We have a few things in the budget for Eagle Crest next year. We will be adding shingles or a metal roof to the building as the existing roof is in need of repair. There are several areas where water has leaked through the roof causing damage. We are also updating rooms with carpet and fresh paint when they become available for new residents to enjoy. This will continue throughout the year. We currently have 11 residents and have additional rooms if you know of somebody that would benefit living at Eagle Crest Assisted Living. We welcome you and your family.



### Manager Position Open in the Clinic

Henry Morgan has been with RDH for several years and is currently serving as the Clinic Manager.

### Lt. Rich Garner announces his Candidacy for Rio Blanco County Sheriff

**BY JEANNIE CALDWELL** 

Rich Garner, who currently services as a Patrol Lieutenant at the Rangely Police Department, recently announced his bid for Rio Blanco County Sheriff via a Press Release. The election will occur in November of this year.

Below is his full Press Release:

"Family, friends and fellow residents of Rio Blanco County, after thoughtful consideration and overwhelming encouragement from citizens, law enforcement and business professionals, I am excited to announce my bid for the office of Rio Blanco County Sheriff in the 2022 election.

If elected, I intend to lead with dignity and respect, and expect those employed by my office to emulate the same values. The protection,

security and welfare of our citizens and visitors is my top priority. If elected, I would make certain the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office will work tirelessly in cooperation and partnership, with all persons, groups, and organizations, for the benefit and protection of everyone within Rio Blanco County.

As citizens of Rio Blanco County, we deserve to be informed on matters regarding our personal safety, the safety of our family, and the safety and welfare of our community. As your Sheriff, I would ensure the citizens of Rio Blanco County are well informed and would make any and all changes necessary to expand community involvement in public safety and enhance public trust.

I look forward to this endeavor and strive for a clean campaign that exemplifies my sense of public service and professionalism that has guided me to this point. I would be honored to receive your vote for Rio Blanco County Sheriff in the 2022 election.

'Traditional Values Solving Modern Problems'

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments at garner4rioblancosheriff@gmail.com. Or visit my Facebook page @ Rich Garner for Rio Blanco County Sheriff"

### Rangely Police Department Welcomes Officer Burr

**BY JEANNIE CALDWELL** 

The Rangely Police Department is excited to announce and welcome Officer Brad Burr. Officer Burr was sworn in on January 25th at the Town Council meeting by Chief Hamblin. His wife, Cindy, pinned him.

Officer Burr grew up in Green River, Utah. He graduated from Utah POST, where he worked as a law enforcement officer for 30 plus years.

He also graduated from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He later obtained a master's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University in 2011.



Officer Burr and his wife Cindy have seven children and six grandchildren. They moved to Rangely in October of 2020 with their daughter Hayley. He worked at Colorado Northwestern Community College as the Public Safety Officer.

When asked about his career he stated, "My entire career has been in the service business and my goal is to continue serving communities and individuals in a profession that I love and enjoy. I am grateful to be here and to be a part of the Rangely Police Department."

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### **CEO Corner Continued**

He recently accepted the Director of Respiratory position. With Henry moving on to his new role we hired a new Clinic Manager. We had an excellent pool of candidates to choose from and appreciate them for applying.

I am excited to announce Brittney Plummer as the new Clinic Manager. She was born in Grand Junction, raised in Rangely. Brittney graduated from Rangely High School and then CNCC with an Associates of Applied Science: Dental Hygiene. She is married to Jason Plummer and they have three daughters, twins Gentrie and Kinlie and 5-year-old Jacie. She is passionate about patient care and management. Her vision for the clinic is to provide a patient-oriented clinic. She stated "Patients should always be the top priority and I hope I can bring some new visions into the clinic." I look forward to working with Brittney and glad she could join our RDH team.

Following the lines of what Brittney stated, in the hospitals Vision Statement it clearly states patient service is our number one priority. We are looking for ways to expand our services to meet the needs of the community. Within the month we will be performing a community health needs assessment (CHNA). This will help us with our overall strategic plan for the future. This will include a survey that community members can fill out to help us understand what you need most. Your feedback will be instrumental in our steps moving forward as an organization.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our rural community with the best possible healthcare available. Reach out to any of our board members, administration, or staff with questions or concerns.

# Sheriff Anthony Mazzola announces his Candidacy for Rio Blanco County Sheriff

BY ANTHONY MAZZOLA

Rio Blanco County Sheriff Anthony Mazzola officially announces his 2022 candidacy for re-election. Mazzola has served the constituents of Rio Blanco County as Sheriff for the past seven years, having been elected in 2015.

"In 2015, I ran on being fiscally conservative and I am a strong supporter of the United States Constitution. I have lived up to those promises by only spending tax dollars on what we need and not what we want. Now, as a candidate for re-election in 2022, I intend to campaign and serve with the same fiduciary duty," said Mazzola.

Last month, Sheriff Mazzola was elected by his peers as President of County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC), which is an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the Office of Sheriff by providing quality relevant programs and support with integrity, transparency, and accountability.



Previously, this position was held by one other Sheriff from Rio Blanco County, Retired Sheriff Ron Hilkey. Serving as CSOC President provides Sheriff Mazzola the platform to advocate for rural, western Colorado communities, especially with regards to legislation at State and Federal levels.

"In 2020 and 2021, I was part of numerous committees who sought amendments to several Stateled law enforcement reform bills. As a board member of CSOC, we fought to strengthen the voice of law enforcement at the capitol. We did so by working together with the Colorado Chief of Police Association and the Fraternal Order Police. Together we made a tremendous difference in many bills that were presented," said Mazzola.

Sheriff Mazzola's recognition at the State level also includes a 2018 appointment by former Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper, to serve as a board member for Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board. In 2021, he was re-appointed by current Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, for a second term on the POST Board.

His experience includes over six years' time spent as an investigator for the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office, four years of which he served as Chief Investigator of Rio Blanco, Garfield, and Pitkin counties until June of 2014.

Sheriff Mazzola has proudly served the public since 1985 when he entered the United States Army, serving for 4 ½ years and again in 1990 when he was recalled for Operation Desert Storm. Soon after his return from Desert Storm, he began his career in Law Enforcement with the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office as a jailer. Moving up the ranks, he spent eight out of his 18 years at the Sheriff's Office as Undersheriff.

Family and community are two incredibly important aspects of Sheriff Mazzola's life. "My true joy in life is spending time with my family. My wife of 40 years, Cheryl, and I have one son, Anthony, who, like Cheryl and I, grew up in Meeker. I am very active in the Meeker Lion's Club, where I served as President for two years. I am a member of the local V.F.W. Post 5843 and served as the President of the Board of Directors for the White River Electric Association (WREA). Currently, I serve as a board member on the Colorado Northwest Community College (CNCC) Foundation Board."

Sheriff Mazzola welcomes any questions, concerns, or comments you may have. Please send to amazzola@live.com or stop by the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office to discuss in-person.

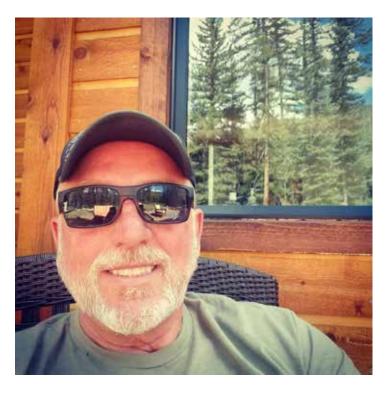
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### **Jeff Anderson**

**BY: DENNIS HARP** 

Four and one half decades gone, 46 years ago, December 20, 1975, dawned clear and cold in Rangely. Oilfield workers went out to work. Townspeople went about their daily business. And a high school men's basketball team readied itself for a trip to take on the always tough Rifle Bears-a team they had not defeated at Rifle in 17 years.

Rangely High had a powerful team that year. All five starters would end up as all-conference selections, a first in the mighty 10 team Northwestern League. The team would end up winning 21 games and lose only 2, a school record. They would score over 100 points five times that year, an accomplishment for the record books. They would average 90 points a game. They would score 115 points in a state tournament game, a state record that still stands. All these years later they are still mentioned nine times in the Colorado High School Activities Association record book. Despite being the smallest school by enrollment in the state AA rankings, they would eventually end the season by capturing the AA State Consolation Championship in Denver.



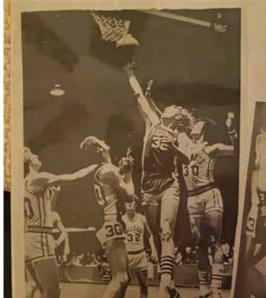
The starting five players- Alan Ducey, Alan Stahlecker, Brian Fairchild,

John Cook and Jeff Anderson would all claim numerous athletic honors before their careers would end. Ducey would end up the all time scorer and rebounder in basketball, all-state in football, a state champion in the high hurdles, and a 13 time letterman. Fairchild would set assist records in basketball and be all-state in baseball. Cook was a state finalist and a finals place finisher in the hurdles over multiple years. Stahlecker, just a junior this season, would be all-state in football and basketball and an accomplished decathlete before his career ended.

But on this night, in a cold, coal heated, hostile crowd gymnasium in downtown Rifle, a record setting all-time school and state performance by a Panther would allow the Panthers to break that 17 year losing streak and vault the team into state prominence.

What happened on that cold, clear night long ago is that the starting 6'7" center for Rangely, Jeff Anderson, had a career record setting night, scoring 51 points, grabbing 27 rebounds, and shooting an unimaginable 24 for 27 from the field while going 3 for 3 from the free throw line, leading the Panthers to a 78-51 win over the Bears.

The 51 point individual scoring record ranked as one of the top ten individual scoring efforts for all classes in the history



of the state of Colorado at that time. Anderson's 24 made field goals still ranks in the top five in Colorado prep history, as does his 30 points scored in the second half of the game.

"You have heard of players being "in the zone", said Anderson, who now resides in Arizona. "I was deep, deep in that zone. I never reached that level of play again, either in my high school or college career. It is hard to describe but I felt that I could not miss, and I rarely did. "

Remarkably, Anderson's point total, still a school and conference record, came through the regular flow of the game. There was no effort by the Rangely team or coaching staff to run up his point total, it was all just scored during the natural playing of the game.

"I knew we would have a tough league opener at Rifle," Anderson recollects. "They had a powerful front line, a 6'9" inch all conference center and a 6'3" all conference forward. It would take a great effort to beat them at their place in our conference opener."



But the 17 year losing streak would end this night, in emphatic fashion. Up by 13 at halftime, the Panthers went on a scoring blitz to put the Bears away. At one point Anderson scored an amazing 25 straight points for Rangely, and gives credit to his

teammates for his record setting performance.

"We just had an amazing once in a lifetime team that year," said Anderson. "We ended up having one bad game at state but I will always believe we were the best team in Colorado that year."

Anderson would end up the year averaging 24 points and 15 rebounds per game for the Panthers. He would be the first Rangey High School player to be named first team all-state and would play in the AA all-state game, leading the north squad to victory.

After high school Anderson would go on to garner all-conference honors during his collegiate career in Montana. But he never again had a game like he did 45 years ago on that cold December night in Rifle. It was truly a once in a lifetime moment.

### A Little History About Urie Trucking

**BY: ELAINE URIE** 

We started in 1973 moving Colorado Well Service's Workover Rigs (Julius Poole & Hershel Pilcher). We worked under them as trucking authority at that time through the federal government which was limited to only selected trucking companies.

After several years, we wanted to expand our trucking business, so Steve took a Truck Pusher job for B&M Trucking (Buck and Gloria Pollard) in Rangely, we also leased our trucks to them. We moved rigs in the area. This is when we started moving Drilling Rigs in the Chevron Field and surrounding area.

With Steve's experience in heavy hauling and rig moving; we got to know the people at John Bunning Transfer Co Inc out of Rock Springs, WY, a family operation since 1895. They made us an offer that we couldn't refuse, so we jumped on board and once again expanded our territory of operations. In approximately 1976 we leased our trucks to them and began team operations. We helped each other in moving Drilling Rigs and all oilfield equipment in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.



At this time the government Trucking Authority was beginning to be

challenged, the common people wanted to see it opened up to all people. I attended meetings in Denver with other people like us who had that desire, knowing that the current system only supported a few. It all ended up for good, as the Transportation Industry changed.

The Motor Carrier Regulatory Reform and Modernization Act (Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (MCA) is a United States federal law which deregulated the trucking industry. This was a part of the sweeping reduction in price controls, entry controls, and collective vendor price setting in US Transportation; it began in 1970-1971 and continued on into the 1980s. This was collectively seen as a part of deregulation in the US Transportation and signed in by President Carter. This was very welcomed by the people, especially those who had to lease their trucks out to the "few" and pay them the first 25-35% of their income. Since all products were either railed or trucked, this opened up a huge industry to all American citizens who were given the opportunity to benefit from this Legislation. It removed 45 years of excessive and inflationary government restrictions and red-tape off of the back of American people and businesses. It gave the trucking industry greater flexibility and new opportunities for innovation for the American people

As the oilfield has historical booms and busts, we took part in that bust of the 1983ish fall. It was a sad time in our personal history but a sad time in the oilfield industry as well, we were not alone as many fell alongside us. But good men are resilient, America still has opportunity!!

Due to the deregulation of the transportation industry and the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, in April of 1995 Urie Trucking obtained its own authority to operate. Urie Trucking Heavy Haul and Oilfield Services began again, but under its own authority for the first time. Experience is a great teacher in life.

So here we are today, 2022 our 49th Year of Heavy Haul Trucking – moving the Big Iron with our experienced boys now, Brian and Alex, working with us and have learned the skills from their Dad. We continue on, experts in the world of Heavy Haul Trucking Services in the Oil and Gas Industry. In 2003 we expanded into Heavy Equipment Operations - road maintenance, reclamation, building roads and locations, etc. A good synergistic relationship.

It has been an interesting ride through the 49 years and with God's direction, we will continue on to serve our community, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming customers for years to come.

We are so grateful to all the people and companies along the way of our growth that taught us in our journey and trusted in us to move their equipment. So many good people on this trail have become our friends over the years. We still have ole Harvey Corban (B&M friend) that calls us about twice a month to check on us and the community he is still attached to; we place flowers on his child's grave at the Cemetery for him annually. We love our community and thankful we have been part of producing jobs and supporting Rangely families. We feel Urie Trucking has been an asset to Rangely and Rio Blanco County for 49 years. Our support has extended out to 4-H, schools, college, and many entities here. Your support has been and is appreciated. May God bless Rangely...





### Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Rural Water Progresses

**BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK** 

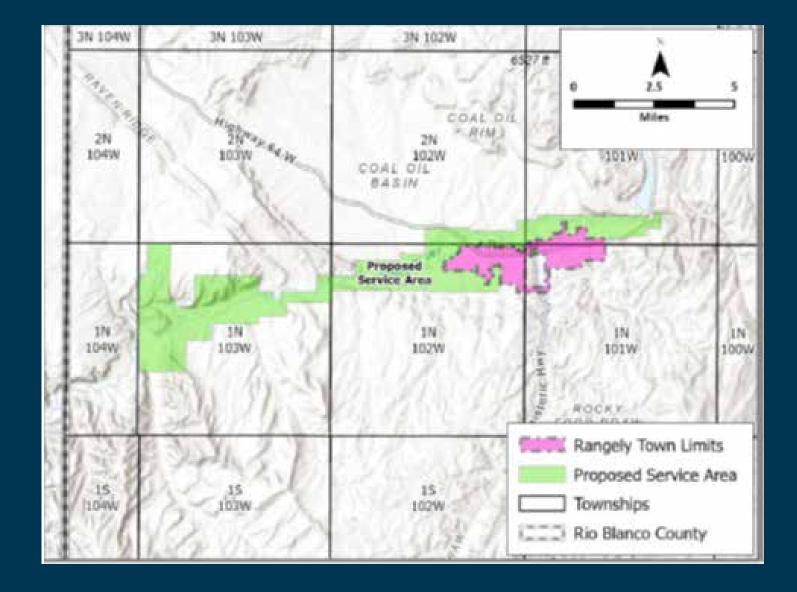
(December 28, 2021) As you may recall, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (RBWCD) Board of Directors completed a beneficial initial step forward by finalizing a Rural Water Feasibility Study. This report found the project to be feasible with considerable benefits to our community. The project will provide a reliable, high-quality supply of drinking water to properties outside the Town of Rangely, that are not currently served by the Town's water system.

Seeing the value of providing an alternate drinking water supply to our rural community, the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) recently awarded the RWBCD a gracious grant awarded a \$50,000 from for continuation of the rural water project. The CHFA grant has since been put to work developing the Pre-liminary Engineering Report and a Pipeline Pathway Environmental Assessment both of which are essential components for completing a USDA Rural Development and Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) financing application.

Over the next few months, RBWCD staff will be actively pursuing the completion of our USDA and DOLA applications for submission in the summer of 2022. During this time individuals within the proposed service area will be contacted by an independent contractor who will be completing an anonymous income survey. Your completely anonymous response to the income survey is necessary to establish USDA funding. The higher the household income the less grant funding available and likewise, the lower the income the higher the potential grant award amount.

Upon completion of the pipeline design, environmental assessment, and income reports the district will initiate a rate study. This study will be used to determine connection cost, monthly base rates, and user fees.

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



To lead in the protection, conservation, use and development of water resources of the White River Basin for the welfare of the District and to safe guard for the Lower Rio Blanco County all waters of the White River to which the State has entitled

Would you like to write about Rangely History for the Rangely Review? If you are interested, please email us at rangelyreview@gmail.com. Please note this a volunteer position. A Night At:

BY VICKI DOUGLAS

A Night At Hogwarts

Friday, March 4, 2022

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Parkview Elementary



A NIGHT AT HOGWART'S started in 2013 and has continued to grow each year. Of course it took a slight break but we are back on track this year and planning for March instead of October as in past years. The activity is put together by the staff at Parkview Elementary with the help of retired teacher Vicki Douglas and many volunteers from the community. It started out as a fun night to encourage reading and help raise funds for the classrooms; however it proved so successful

that it has become a community tradition with attendance growing every year.

You don't have to be a Harry Potter fan to enjoy Hogwart's, but if you are, you will get all the subtle little details that so closely match the movies and books. If you aren't a fan you will still have a great time attending classes on potions, physics, and arithmancy, sampling the Butter Beer, playing Quiddich, tasting the sweets from HoneyDukes or finding a squirting toilet at the Weasley Joke Shop. The Leaky Cauldron sells a variety of snacks and The Owlery has an assortment of owls, dragons, and other creatures to take home and don't forget to pick out your wand at the Wand Shop, or as they say, the wand will pick wizard.

The Knight Bus runs between the EEC and Parkview throughout the night to help ease the parking situation. Ernie Prang, the Shrunken Head, and his sidekick Stanley Shunpike will make sure you arrive at your destination safely.

It is always best to purchase your admission tickets and galleons ahead of time from administrative assistant, Cheri Smith at the Parkview office. She is a huge part of the planning of Hogwart's and keeps things running. Or you can visit Gringott's Bank that evening and purchase your galleons, the only currency accepted, from Warwick Davis the Goblin Bank Teller.



Bring the entire family and plan on a fun-filled, magical night!

Proceeds will benefit the continuation of this event and will provide the staff with needed classroom supplies.

Questions: Call the Parkview Office at 970-675-2267







### Kodi Nelson Appointed as Town Councilwoman

**BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL** 

On December 15, 2021 Kodi Nelson was appointed and sworn in as a Town Councilwoman for the Town of Rangely by Town Clerk Marybel Cox.

Kodi and her family moved to Rangely in September of 2021 from Douglas, Wyoming, shortly after visiting the area and seeing what Northwest Colorado had to offer. When asked why she chose Rangely she stated, "We fell in love with the community and the area."

In 2020 Kodi was nominated Wyoming Woman of Influence in the entrepreneur category and in 2021 she was nominated Wyoming Woman of Influence in the tourism category. She previously owned Kodi Rae's Coffee & Bakery in Douglas and received a nomination for Sweetest Bakery in Wyoming in 2019. She is the current owner of Moosehead Lodge.

Kodi, her strong leadership and entrepreneur skills as well as her energetic personality, will be a tremendous asset to the community as well as the town council.

Thank you for choosing and serving the Town of Rangely Kodi!





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Do you have something you would like to share with the community of Rangely and surrounding area? If so, please contact The Rangely Review at <u>rangelyreview@gmail.com</u> for more information regarding the next article.

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### **ROAR 2022**

#### BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

This year the Rangely OHV Adventure Rally will be held on April 28 – May 1st, 2022. ROAR is a three-day event full of fun, food, OHV riding on all of Rangely's amazing trails, an OHV Rally and a poker run put on by the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Department.

Registration is open online through the Rangely Chamber's website under "ROAR" or, you can stop into the Chamber and register in person. Each registration comes with a t-shirt, two tickets to the OHV Rodeo Dinner, a shrimp boil ticket, and breakfast each morning.

In 2021 we had over 200 participants for this event and plan to double out numbers this year. Thank you to all that help make this event happen each year, Andy Key, Brad and Michelle Casto, Bob Kissling, Jeff Rector, Tim



Webber, and the Bureau of Land Management. We look forward to the years to come and growing the event even bigger!



# Kennedy Drive Walking Path Improvements

# A Main Street Project

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



The Kennedy Drive Walking Path is now complete with new pavement. Solar lights were also recently added making this a great area for walkers.

The walking path improvements were funded by a CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Grant. The solar lights were funded with a matching grant from AGNC in addition to other small grants. The 10% match for the grant was completed by labor from town employees who truly put in a tremendous amount of time on this project. Thank you to all Town employees involved with this project!

Another successful project completed by TREAD, a Colorado Main Street program, and the Town of Rangely!

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### **Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award**

#### **BY ROXIE FROMANG**

The Rangely 4-H Council was awarded the 2021 Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award from CivicPlus. This a very prestigious award and the group placed in the top 100 national winners. This year CivicPlus had 700 nominations from 49 states.

In addition to the council's award, Rangely's own 3x Colorado State Fair Champion Cash Leisher-Fromang, a 4-H member, was honored for "Outstanding Public Service Volunteerism" by CivicPlus for Rio Blanco County. The 4-H Council and Cash each received a letter and certificate of recognition.

The group will potentially be eligible for a volunteer service module to help organize others in their community to be



of service. Millard Rose, CivicPlus Vice President, stated "Your volunteer's service to your community is an inspiration to all, and is exactly what this award program had in mind when it was developed." Congratulations to our award recipients!

The nominations came from Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Rector and nominees accumulated community service and volunteer work was taken into consideration by CivicPlus.



### FOOTBALL FIELD

1. ALL SLEDS MUST CONSIST OF 90% CARDBOARD, NO NAILS OR SCREWS MAY BE USED 2. REGISTER AT THE RACES 3. DIVISONS: 4-10 YEARS OLD, 11-15 YEARS OLD, 16 AND UP (INCLUDING ADULTS)AWARDS FOR THE FASTEST SLED AND THE MOST CREATIVE SLEDS IN EACH DIVISION

### New Program Director to Build on CNCC Aviation's 60 Years as the Flight Path of the Western Slope

### BY: KEELY ELLIS

DEC. 3 (RANGELY) – The buzz of planes overhead has become commonplace in Rangely, Colorado. In large part this is because Rangely is home to Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) where for nearly 60 years they have been training commercial pilots on the western slope of Colorado. CNCC has educated hundreds of pilots around Colorado and beyond. Alumni have excelled in flight operations at airlines, corporate, private and military ventures.

This week, Colorado Northwestern Community College announced the hiring of Nathan Hardin as its new Aviation Flight Program Director. Nathan is an alumnus of the CNCC Flight Program and served as flight instructor for three years and the National Intercollegiate Flight Association (NIFA) team coach, before completing both a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Liberty University and a Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership. Prior to accepting the director position with CNCC, Hardin was the Director of Aeronautics at Southwest Aeronautics Mathematics & Science Academy in New



Mexico for three years, where he has worked to expand their secondary aeronautics programming and created their drone program. Hardin is also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served as an Aviation Electronics Technician.

For Hardin, the position is a bit of a homecoming. "The thing that excites me most about becoming the Aviation Program Director at CNCC is the ability to give back to a community and school that has given me so much. As an alumnus of CNCC I am extremely proud of where I came from and I can't wait to show this community, and the world at large, what we are capable of.", said Hardin.

He goes on to explain, "My long term vision for CNCC Aviation is to bring the program into the 21st century. I see a future at CNCC where we are meeting the challenges of the aviation industry by supplying the best trained, most conscientious aviators possible, in the most well equipped and maintained fleet in the state of Colorado."

That is welcome news for the aviation industry that has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to travel restrictions, many airlines furloughed pilots or offered them early retirement in order to reduce costs. As the world begins to emerge from the pandemic and travel restrictions are being lifted, airlines are struggling to find pilots to meet the rising demand. There are 66,920 aviation jobs open nationwide (over 1,100 in Colorado alone), among 1,668 locations offered by 954 companies.

Thankfully, there are individuals like David Cole who are willing to help. Cole, a former CNCC Flight

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## **CNCC New Program Director: Continued**

Program Director and longtime supporter of CNCC's aviation program, stepped out of retirement to shepherd the aviation program while they searched for the new program director. He points out, "The demand for pilots is high and it's just going to increase. Frankly, that's why I'm here. Aviation programs are struggling to find instructors who have the experience to qualify for the position because they're being taken up by the industry."

Cole continues, "I don't think it has been this bad since the mid 70's when airlines offered to hire private pilots with a high school diploma and pay for the rest of their training."

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Prior to the pandemic in 2019, the projected growth in jobs for pilots by 2030 was 10% and for aviation maintenance technicians was approximately 13%. Post pandemic, due to the number of retirements, Boeing forecasts the number of new pilots needed over the next 20 years in North America alone will be 130,000.

CNCC stands prepared to take on the challenge, along with institutional and educational partners



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"Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver has long valued its academic partnerships with CNCC. CNCC's Aviation Technology program and the Aviation and Aerospace Science Department at MSU Denver have collaborated for decades in developing integrated pathways for students seeking careers in aviation as future professional flight officers." said Jeffrey Forrest, Chair of the Aviation & Aerospace Science Department at MSU Denver. "We believe that Nathan is the type of leader who will foster and grow collaboration between CNCC and MSU Denver, and be critical to the enhancement of Colorado as a national center for aviation and aerospace educational services and commerce."

Dr. Lisa Jones, CNCC President, under her new administration has recognized the value aviation has to the region of Northwest Colorado and has committed college resources to expanding an already thriving historical program into a growth oriented program for the future. Investment of resources and expanded enrollments will be to the economic benefit of the entire western slope.

"CNCC has a proud history in aviation and deep roots in the industry with partners and friends all over the globe", notes Dr. Jones. "For many years the program has topped the national rankings as an outstanding two-year aviation program and its graduates are sought globally."



"Moving forward into the next 60 years, our goals are to expand capacity, opening opportunity for greater numbers of student pilots; utilize aerospace research to continue innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and build upon the existing partnerships we have nurtured in education and industry.", explained Jones.

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### **Gio's Family Dining**

**BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL** 

While it is difficult to see long-time residents and successful business owners retire, it is equally exciting to see young, energetic individuals decide to invest in our community. As announced on Giovanni's Italian Grill's social media on January 27th they are selling Giovanni's Italian Grill to Samantha Herrera, who has worked for Giovanni's several times.

Sam, as she likes to be called, moved to Rangely with her family when she was in 7th grade. Her husband, James, is a Rangely native. They have one child, a son named Liam, who is four years old. A beautiful, young family!

While Sam and her husband lived in Rangely previously, they did move away from Rangely for a few years. Approximately two years ago they decided to return. James is currently employed with Scout. When Sam was asked about deciding to return to Rangely she said, "The decision was easy for us. Rangely is home. Rangely offers what we couldn't get anywhere else."

Giovanni's Italian Grill, as we currently know it, will see some changes. The new owner plans to change the name to Gio's Family Dining. Don't



worry, Sam indicated and it is important to note, that all crowd favorite foods from Giovanni's will stick around.

A Facebook page has been created for the new restaurant and it is called "Gio's Family Dining." Be sure to follow the page to keep up with all the exciting news around the restaurant.

A frequently asked question will of course be along the lines of what other changes will we see. Sam gave a very good

answer to this question on the Facebook page. Below is what she said:

"Here is a little insight into some of the changes that will be coming. While I very much aim to follow in John and Sandy's successful and hardworking footsteps, this will be a new restaurant. There will be a new menu and I have tried hard to keep some of the crowd favorites while also introducing new items for everyone to try. There, most likely, will be a short shut down while some cosmetic changes are done to the interior of the dining room and kitchen. I will update everyone when that time comes and how long we plan on being closed. I hope to start giving you all some teasers within the next few weeks and just ask for your grace, and understanding, while this change is made and I try to bring my dream to life."

A huge thank you to Sam and her family for investing in Rangely! We are excited to watch and assist you in reaching your dream!

Would you like to write about Rangely History for the Rangely Review? If you are interested, please email us at rangelyreview@gmail.com. Please note this a volunteer position.

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### **CNCC** Athletics

BY: CANDRA ROBBIE

We are heading into a very busy time of year for CNCC athletics, so this month we wanted to share a bit about upcoming events and some exciting changes happening within CNCC Spartan Athletics.

First, our men's and women's basketball programs are closing out their seasons. Each team has three home games remaining that will take place between February 10 and 15. February 12 will be a special game celebrating sophomore day and will be our alumni game. CNCC's local PTK chapter will be holding their food drive and admission will be free with the donation of non-perishable food items. The basketball team's seasons will end at the SWAC Regional Tournament in Salt Lake City, UT on February 23-26.

Our baseball and softball teams began competition on January 28. They are currently competing it tournaments in warmer areas, like Las Vegas and Phoenix. This will help as they gear up for conference play starting in late February and early March.

The second half of Rodeo season is just around the corner. Their first rodeo in Salina, UT on March 3 & 4. CNCC will host the Spartan Showdown Rodeo April 1-2 at Columbine Park in Rangley. Mark your calendars.

The hiring of Tammy Olson as head coach in November will allow for the expansion of the rodeo program to our Craig campus starting fall 2022. This will create

opportunities for many young local rodeo athletes since there are numerous pipeline youth programs in Routt and Moffat counties and Craig is currently the home of the Colorado High School Finals Rodeo.

In all 2022, the men's and women's soccer programs will transition to the Rangely Campus. Soccer will be joining six other athletic programs and over 100 other student athletes on our Rangely Campus. The change will improve support and better meet the needs of our soccer students.

Cross country will be added to the Rangely campus this fall. There are few junior colleges in the state of Colorado with cross country teams. Adding cross country to CNCC is a smart move because there are many athletes in the states of Colorado and Utah without a college team to call home. CNCC is currently searching for the right coach for this program.

Finally, the CNCC athletics page (https://athletics.cncc.edu/) just finished a makeover. Check out the new look and get to know the teams, coaches, schedule, and see the latest updates of your favorite Spartan Athletic team. Go Spartans!

### Giovanni's Itallian Grill

#### **BY JEANNIE CALDWELL**

John and Sandy Payne, longtime residents and current owners of Giovanni's Italian Restaurant in Rangely, are retiring. Typing this statement brings about a lot of emotion. For me personally, they were one of the first people I spoke to in Rangely when my family was deciding to call Rangely home. Their restaurant made us feel welcome and part of the family...I guess you could say right at home. The customer service, in addition to the wonderful food, by them as well as their employees was second to none.

On January 27th John and Sandy shared on Giovanni's social media





that they would be retiring and selling their restaurant to Samantha Herrera. In the announcement post they stated, "As inviting as retirement seems, we have a mixture of emotions making this announcement. We thank God for allowing us to live our dream of restaurant ownership and for your love and support these many years.



I have mentioned that a significant change would be happening this year for John and me. And the time has come to say that Giovanni's will be under new ownership within the next couple of months. We are so excited for the new owner, Samantha Herrera, as she pursues her dream of owning Giovanni's. While Giovanni's is still in our name, John will assist in operating the restaurant. At the completion of the sale, John and I are looking forward to dining at the new Gio's Family Restaurant."

Since 2003 John and Sandy have been serving the Rangely community delicious food at Giovanni's. They have and will continue to be great assets to our community.

Thank you, John and Sandy, for believing in Rangely, for making Rangely a better place to live and of course for the countless delicious meals you have served to the residents of Rangely and beyond. We will look forward to continuing to see you around town! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

# Rio Blanco Rec District Mill Levy Increase May 2022 Election Information

BY TIMMOTHY WEBBER

The Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District will need to go for a mill levy increase at the May 2022 Election. They have not gone for a mill levy increase for operating expenses since 1996. They have tried to prolong asking the public for additional tax revenue to operate the Recreation and Park District as long as they could, but the tax revenues have dropped over the last 10 years and as a result, they do not get enough tax revenue to cover their current expenses. They have used their reserves to the point where they will have to make drastic cuts and closures to be able to operate with what they currently get from tax revenues and fees.

Their current mill levy of 4 mills is \$994,520 less than it was 10 years ago. It has been dropping all but one year to get to this point. Their expenses have been increasing just like all your expenses have gone up over the last 10 years. They have had to use their reserves to operate. They will be out of reserves in 2023. The Rec District does get money from fees but because their fees are so low, it is minimal additional revenue. They have looked at what raising their fees would bring in and a substantial increase in fees would still not cover the expenses (wages, supplies, repair and maintenance and utilities) they have. The District has made cuts by not replacing over 4 full time people when they left. They start their part-time employees at minimum wage, but even minimum wage has gone up. They have not been able to keep up with what other entities pay their full-time employees in order to keep costs down. Because they have to maintain parks, buildings, golf course and the pool, they have had to replace equipment as it warrants. They do most of their own maintenance.

The Rec District feels they have been very responsible with their money in the past 10 years by cutting cost. They have let other entities go ahead of them with their mill levy increase requests. Some entities have gone a few times, but it has now come to the point that the Rec and Park District can no longer put this off. If they do not do something before 2023, the District could be in a place that they will have to cancel programs, close facilities, and parks. The District is looking to the public, they need the public to tell them what you want them to do for the future.

Their plan is to ask for an additional 4 mills which would bring their mills to 8 mills. This would allow the Rec District to continue to operate and maintain their facilities. We realize this is double, but this is what it takes to operate at this time. If they asked for less than 4 additional mills, they would have to come back to the public in a few years depending on the assessed values and ask for an additional mill levy increase again. If they asked for less than the 4 mills right now, they would have to still increase fees, cut programs, and cut back on facility maintenance which mean longer shutdowns. They feel if they ask for the additional 4 mills now, they can keep fees at a minimum and still provide the services they are providing at this time.

The Rec District provides a lot of free events for the residents of Rangely such as the fireworks, inflatables in the park (3 to 4 times per year), inflatables for school field days, Springfest for the middle school students, Septemberfest activities, Christmasfest activities, cook offs, pie contests, free swim days, Pool Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween activities, free pool time for Swim team to practice, free pool time for school PE classes, discounted admission for CNCC students, Rec Ctr parties for CNCC students, discounts for employee admission for numerous companies, free Wi-Fi.



The current cost to property owners for the Rec District 4 mills is:

\$200,000 Home	\$57.60 per year
\$1,000,000 Business	\$1,160.00 per year
\$1,000,000 Oil & Gas	\$3,500.00 per year

# Rio Blanco Rec District Mill Levy Increase: Continued

BY INCREASING TO 8 mills for the Rec District your taxes would be:

\$200,000 Home	\$115.20 per year
\$1,000,000 Business	\$2,320.00 per year
\$1,000,000 Oil & Gas	\$7,000.00 per year

History of mill levy increases for the Rec District is:

- 1990 2.448 mills
- 1996 4.000 mills

Last time raised for operating expenses was 25 years ago.

History of admissions fees increase:

1980	2004
1.50	2.75
1.25	2.50
1.00	2.00
Free	Free
	1.50 1.25 1.00

Since 1980 (41 years ago) the admission prices have increased \$1.25, that equals an increase of \$ .03 per year.

#### Admission other places:

	Vernal	Meeker	Gypsum
Adult	7.00	7.00	10.00
Teen	5.00	5.00	5.00
Child	5.00	4.00	5.00
Seniors	Free	5.00	7.00

The Rec District feels, because the taxpayers support the Rec District through their property taxes, it did not seem right to charge as much as other places charge.

Listed below are some of the Capital Projects they have done over the last 10 years totaling \$1,805,595.59. This can help everyone know what the Rec District has spent the tax revenues and reserves on that has caused them to get to this point:

2011 \$277,565.24

Copier, 2 trucks, 2 snowplows, roof on Rec Center, pumping system

2012 \$206,899.26

Computer, 2 lawn mowers, 2 tread mills, 1 elliptical machine, NEOS Wall in Elks Park, picnic tables, hydroseed, fence at ball fields

2013 \$206,894.37

Extractor, new trees, resurface racquetball floors, driveways and sidewalks and weight room addition

2014 \$299,867.26

Trailer for inflatables, truck, Hefley irrigation, concrete work and sod, skid steer, compressor, mower, Workman sprayer, 14-person van

# **Rio Blanco Rec District Mill Levy Increase:** Continued

2015 \$113,574.87

4 mowers, spin bikes, inflatables for pool, duck slide, aqua treadmill, motor for water slide

2016 \$253,740.65

Irrigation at park and camper park, LED lights at Rec Ctr, resurface playground, picnic tables, 5 tread mills, 1 elliptical, replaster hot tub and additional inflatables for pool

2017 \$28,557.70

Mower, camper park fence, welder

2018 \$68,560.95

Ball field renovations, RTU units, security system, tennis court fencing

2019 \$141,383.36

Golf Course Gazebo, pump, replace another pump, boiler repairs

2020 \$176,467.52

Camper Park Gazabo, boiler repair, seal and caulk pool, new card admission program

2021 \$217,004.61

Trees, truck, Toro Workman, pool resurface

The Board of directors, the Director Tim Webber and all the employees of the Rec and Park District want to make sure, you the public know how much they appreciate your support. They know they would not be able to do what they do without all of you. They know these are tough times and they want you to know that this was a tough decision to make. If they could have figured out another way, they would not be coming to the for public for a tax increase. They just do not have any other choice. If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Tim Webber, Jennifer Noel and Linda Gordon.

### IN MAY 2022, PLEASE VOTE "YES" ON THE BALLOT QUESTION FROM THE WESTERN RIO BLANCO METRO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

THANK YOU

This is provided by "Committee to vote yes" to Rec Center 2022 mill increase. Western Rio Blanco Metro Recreation and Park District provided the data to the committee.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Dinner In The Old West <u>4-H Cardboard Sled Derby</u> **Night At Hogwarts**

February 12 @ 10 am @ RHS February 19 @ 7 pm @ CNCC

March 4th @ 5:30 pm @ Parkview Elementary

### **Composting is Cool**

BY JANET MILLER- HORTICULTURIST, COLORADO MASTER GARDENER, AND PAST ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST

The best way to amend your soil, is by adding organics. For the gardener, building the soil profile is a continuous process that never really ends. Rangely soils are challenging at best and can be frustrating at times, so having a working compost pile can be one way to help lower PH, improve soil structure, texture, and increase fertility.

People seem to be unnecessarily intimidated by the process of composting. I get questions about this topic often, so let's talk about just how simple it can be to make this coveted "black gold" that we hear about. Simply put, composting is the process of organic matter being transformed into compost by the microorganisms and fungi that dwell there. Your goal is to create a healthy environment so that these organisms can do their job. The better the environment, the quicker the process. My compost bin at home is a simple set up with pallets to create bins in which to put my composting material. It's pretty basic but does the job. In college, we just had a pile without sides or anything to contain it which made it easy to turn and maintain.

The balance of four ingredients is the trick to making rich compost in short amounts of time.

1. Carbon is like energy for the microorganisms and can be identified because of color. Examples include dried leaves, twigs, cardboard, moldy hay or straw, sawdust, bark, shredded paper, garden soil, and ashes from a wood stove.

2. Nitrogen provides protein for the microorganisms that helps them to multiply and to grow. These are the green materials such as fresh lawn clippings, eggshells, rotted manure, fruits, vegetables, table scraps, or freshly pulled weeds (make sure they don't have seeds on them).

3. Moisture is a necessary component to your compost pile. Too much water is not a good thing and has the potential of drowning the microorganisms, so be careful. A damp pile is necessary, so make sure to sprinkle it regularly with light applications. I like to add water when I turn the pile. This helps to make sure the moisture reaches the middle.

4. Oxygen is needed for the microorganisms to do their work. When you first start the pile there will naturally be open spaces for the oxygen, but as the material begins to break down, those spaces will decrease. Remember to turn your pile about every month so that there is enough oxygen inside the pile.

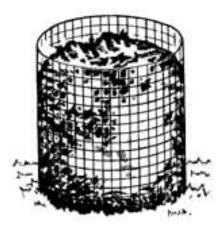
The ideal carbon to nitrogen ratio is about 25:1 (carbon/nitrogen), which really just means that at this rate the break down process happens the fastest. Is there a need for a recipe? No! If you are mindful of this fact and try to at least add 3:1 carbon/nitrogen (brown to green), it will be adequate. The material will break down, regardless of the ratio that is added, and as you become more experienced and understanding of the process, the time from start to finish will decrease.

When starting a new compost pile, add the ingredients in layers approximately 3-4 inches thick starting with a base of twigs, or on top of a pallet. Remember that twigs will help with added carbon as well as creating spaces where oxygen will fill and be available for the microorganisms, alleviating the need for turning as often. Adding a shovel full of compost or good garden soil in each layer is a good idea, as it is high in microorganisms and will speed up the process. Keeping the pile a maximum 3-4' tall is a good rule of thumb. This height is easy to maintain and turn when the time comes. You can start a second pile next to this one if space isn't an issue. I have two piles going at any given time.

As your pile increases in height and begins to break down, pull out a shovel or pitchfork and turn the pile. As discussed earlier, this process helps get oxygen to the center of the pile and also incorporates some of the newer material on top into the middle where the more composted material is. Mixing the ingredients too often can slow down the process, so be mindful of this and only do it about once a month. In fact, some people never turn their compost. If you get busy and forget or just don't have time, don't worry! Your compost will still work- it will just take longer for the microorganisms to do their job.

There are many ways to make a compost bin so let's explore some of these ideas.

Fasten welded wire together to form a simple hoop.





Wood pallets make great compost bins.

Simple three bin design allows to have different stages in each bin.



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### **RHS & CNCC Sporting Events**

RHS Women's BB V Cedaredge	2:30 pm	February 5
RHS Men's BB V Cedaredge	4:00 pm	February 5
CNCC Men's BB V Snow College	7:00 pm	February 10
CNCC Women's BB V Snow College	5:00 pm	February 10
RHS Women's BB V Caprock	5:30 pm	February 10
RHS Men's BB V Caprock	7:30 pm	February 10
RHS Women's BB V Little Snake River	4:30 pm	February 11
RHS Men's BB V Little Snake River	6:00 pm	February 11
CNCC Men's BB V College of Southern Idaho	1:00 pm	February 12
CNCC Women's BB V College of Southern Idaho	3:00 pm	February 12
CNCC Men's BB V Utah State University Eastern	5:00 pm	February 15
CNCC Women's BB V Utah State University Eastern	7:00 pm	February 15





### **Rangely Chamber in 2022**

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We look forward to continuing to collaborate with our existing businesses as well as many new businesses and entities in the community as we start the 2022 year. Below is a list of events to look forward to this next year from the Chamber:



Dinner in the Old West: February 19, 2022 @ CNCC Colorado Room 7 pm - 9 pm

**ROAR:** April 28 – May 1, 2022, this past year we had over 100 OHVs in attendance for ROAR and plan on doubling this number this year and years to come.

#### **Rally Colorado :** July 22 – 24, 2022

My door is always open to visitors and open for anyone wanting to talk. The Chamber exists to support the local business community by providing assistance to local businesses and organizations. Investing in the Chamber benefits both your business and your community.

Please contact me at 970.675.5290 if you have any questions.

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### **CNCC** Job Opportunities

#### **Colorado Northwestern Community College**



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#### **AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY** INSTRUCTOR Location - Rangely Campus

Teach, guide and inspire the next generation of AMT professionals in classroom and practical settings.

#### Minimum Requirements

- · A & P Certificate from the FAA years industry experience (still encouraged to apply if less)
- · Experience with computers, various industry specific tools,
- and appropriate lab equipment. Experience with a student learning management system

#### Preferred Qualifications

- · Bachelor's Degree from College or University
- · Prior teaching experience
- Inspection Authorization FAA

#### Pilots' License – FAA

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#### **Colorado Northwestern Community College**



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Athletic Trainer Full-time (10month), fully benefited position

\$35k - \$45k / year | Location - Rangely Campus Provide emergency care & first-aid to Athletic Teams

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- · Bachelor's degree in Health/Physical Education or related field
- from an accredited college or university National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification
- (NATABOC) Certificate Licensed, and in good standing with DORA (Colorado

- Department of Regulatory Agencies) Current CPR/AED & First-Aid Certification Ability to work collaboratively with physicians and other health care providers

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Master's Degree or higher in related field
  typear of field experience

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#### Minimum Requirements

- · H.S. Diploma or equivalent
- 2+ years of clerical/administrative experience
- 2+ years customer service experience
  Current Driver License

- Must have MS Office experience
  Ability to work with a variety of individuals within the College and the Public

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Associate's Degree in related field
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- · MS Office Certificates
- BANNER Software experience

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- · High school graduate or GED
- An Airframe and Power Plant (A&P) certificate
- 5 plus years A&P license without violation.
- lid driver's license.
- Minimum 5 years Cessna single experience

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college
  Inspector Authorization (IÅ)
- · Ten (10) years of experience in aircraft maintenance
- Cessna Factory School certification

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