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

Rangely, Open for Business



Special to the Review
BY NINA K. GLASER

The U.S. economic landscape is changing, and Rangely, CO is changing with it! The town is on a mission to diversify, in preparation for the future. Town residents include skilled workers, including those with experience in the trade industry and others who are entering the workforces after attending Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), which is among the top five community colleges in the nation whose graduates earn the highest salaries, according to Newsweek magazine. The college, which is a great asset to the community, also offers free tuition to residents.

Private enterprises are alive and well in Rangely, with business owners - from industries as diverse as retail, food service and hospitality - uniformly sharing how easy it is to do business in town. Their business may be in different industries, but everyone voices appreciation for the resources that are available, readily answered questions, and speed and reliability of Rangely's low-cost 1 gigabyte (GB) fiber optic network.

"Small businesses are the backbone of society. The Town of Rangely welcomes and supports new and existing expansion of businesses with low regulatory, utilities, property and sales taxes. Rangely would like to invite businesses to look into our quality of life as well, which includes great preschool and K-12 education, to include higher education through CNCC," said Town Manager Lisa Piering.

Local business owner Dorian Geba shared how owning and operating a business in Rangely differed from three other states, stating: "My wife and I consider ourselves lucky to be business owners in Rangely, CO, where our motivation to succeed is matched by the city, with fantastic people who are easy to deal with. In the past, I had found that business could be a bit hostile in some places, but Rangely blew me away! While there was still the usual permitting process to go through, the people in the town government are open-minded and truly pro-business. (Many administrations may say it, but Rangely means it!) I purchased a property in April 2021 and own the Silver Sage RV Park on Main Street. Thanks to Rangely's focus on economic development, I was able to qualify for a grant that provides me with signage assistance and improving the curb appeal of my business."



The local government supports businesses through the Rangely Development Agency (RDA) and Rangely Development Corporation (RDC), two Urban Renewal Authorities for the city (the RDA's Facade Renovation/Site Improvement Grant Program offers financial assistance to owners or tenants with a commercial business in Downtown Rangely); the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce; the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC); and the Northern Colorado Enterprise Zone program, of which Rangely's Rio Blanco County is a part.

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Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

I'm excited about writing in this edition of the Rangely Review. We have a lot of projects moving forward this summer. We recently conducted a community health needs assessment, we are working on our 5-year strategic plan for the hospital, we had a successful community health fair, we implemented customer service training, John Payne finished his term on the hospital board, and the foundation is making progress with Sunrise Park.

We conducted our community health needs assessment (CHNA). Our overall mission is "To continually improve the quality of life of the individuals and communities we serve." Our vision, "Rangely District Hospital, strives to be a premier hospital and healthcare center completely dedicated to providing optimal services for all we serve. We maintain an unfaltering commitment to caring for the people we serve and to our community. Patient service is our number 1 priority."

Every 3 years, critical access hospitals are to conduct a CHNA. A survey was sent out to the community to help us identify specific health needs. We also held 3 separate community meetings with key stakeholders from the area. As a result of the survey, several needs were identified. The top 5 in no particular order are listed as; 1. Behavioral and Mental Health

– considerations for crisis intervention, substance abuse, improving access to ongoing mental health. 2. Health and Health Insurance literacy and education. 3. Access to Specialty care services – explore resources/partnerships/referral relationships and expansion 4. Dental Care - bridging the gap in available dental services locally particularly related to Medicare/Medicaid patients. 5. Employee and Community Career Development – Explore more training, education, outreach, partnerships for employees and community members. Over the next few months we will be combining these initiatives with others into our hospitals' 5-year strategic plan. I would like to express my thanks to those who took the time to participate in the survey and those who came to the in-person meetings.

Debbie Smith led the charge in organizing the health fair this year. It was a huge success and again I appreciate all the efforts that went into the event. Thanks goes out to the Rangely Police Department, Rangely Fire, Classic Air Medical, CareFLIGHT, Colorado Advanced Orthopedics, community members and all our RDH volunteers who took time out of their day to make it a success. A lot of behind the scenes preparation goes into making it great. Teresa England won the gun safe and several others received additional raffle items and goodies. We had well over 200 lab draws and most of the results were sent out the same week. If you need assistance with interpretation of results or need to schedule a visit, call the clinic at 970-675-2237 or come to our walk-in clinic Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm (summer hours).

We implemented a customer service program a few months ago. It's called the "FRED" factor, based on a person named Fred and the book written by Mark Sanborn. It's all about exceeding our customers' expectations. The book is a nonfiction book; Fred was a mailman for a man named Mark. He went above and beyond not just for Mark, but all of those he served. He exceeded Marks' expectations every time he turned around. Hopefully, we can bring that culture to you as our customers. Internally, we are recognizing those employees who turn ordinary events into extraordinary ones. The three pictures below are Fred nominations so far for the month of May. Tiffany Skelton (Pharmacy), Andy Torres (Maintenance) and Rebecca Merkel (Dietary). We truly appreciate our employees who exceed our customer's expectations.

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Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) What Is It? And Why Do We Need It?

BY TIRYNN HAMBLIN, CHIEF OF POLICE

In Law Enforcement, we seem to deal with mental health issues more now than ever. What used to be more of a rare occurrence has become almost a daily call for service. We know there are a lot of different things that can trigger someone into having a mental health crisis. For example, increased stress, illness, trauma/violence, economy, COVID 19, drug and alcohol usage, etc. Unfortunately, in Law Enforcement we do not know what will cause someone to have a mental health crisis or when it will happen.

What we have noticed nationally, is the increase in violence between Law Enforcement and citizens that are having a mental health crisis. Some of this has been due to Officer's lack of training and understanding what a mental health crisis looks like.

What is Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training? CIT is a specialized police curriculum that aims to reduce the risk of serious injury or death during an emergency interaction between persons with mental illness and police officers. This is primarily done with scenario-based training that helps Officer deal with a wide variety of possible mental health crisis.

CIT training has long been the "gold standard" when it comes to training Law Enforcement Officers in dealing with mental health crisis. This training has been around since 1988 but only pushed main stream in the last 5-10 years due to recent mental health awareness. In the early 2000's this 40 hour course was cost prohibitive for most agencies and classes were rarely available. The substitute was a Mental Health First Aid course. This 8-hour class is free and was more readily available. This course focuses on knowing the signs and symptoms of what it looks like when someone is having a mental health crisis. CIT training is more specific on how Law Enforcement can handle those having a mental health crisis. Both have their purposes and good information, with CIT being the best fit for helping Law Enforcement handle in progress mental health crisis.

With mental health now being in the spotlight there is a national push for Officers to be better trained in dealing with mental health crisis. CIT training is now offered for free and is being held more often throughout the state. This gives more agencies the opportunity to get their Officers CIT trained.

Like most rural agencies what we lack is resources. This includes availability of training, funding and mental health see CRISIS on page 13



Please Join Rangely Police Department



For coffee with a cop event!

Pull up a chair and grab a cup of joe with the officers that serve your community.

This event is an opportunity for the citizens of Rangely to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in the neighborhood!

Date:

Saturday
6/18

Location:

Giovanni's Italian Grill
855 East Main Street

Time:

10 am to 11 am



Solicitation for Second Round of Employer-based Child Care Facility Grants Begins

Special to the Review

BY CHRISTINE RAMBO

As part of its mission, the Northwest Colorado Development Council, NWCDC, shares information about child care resources and funding that will improve access to affordable child care in our region.

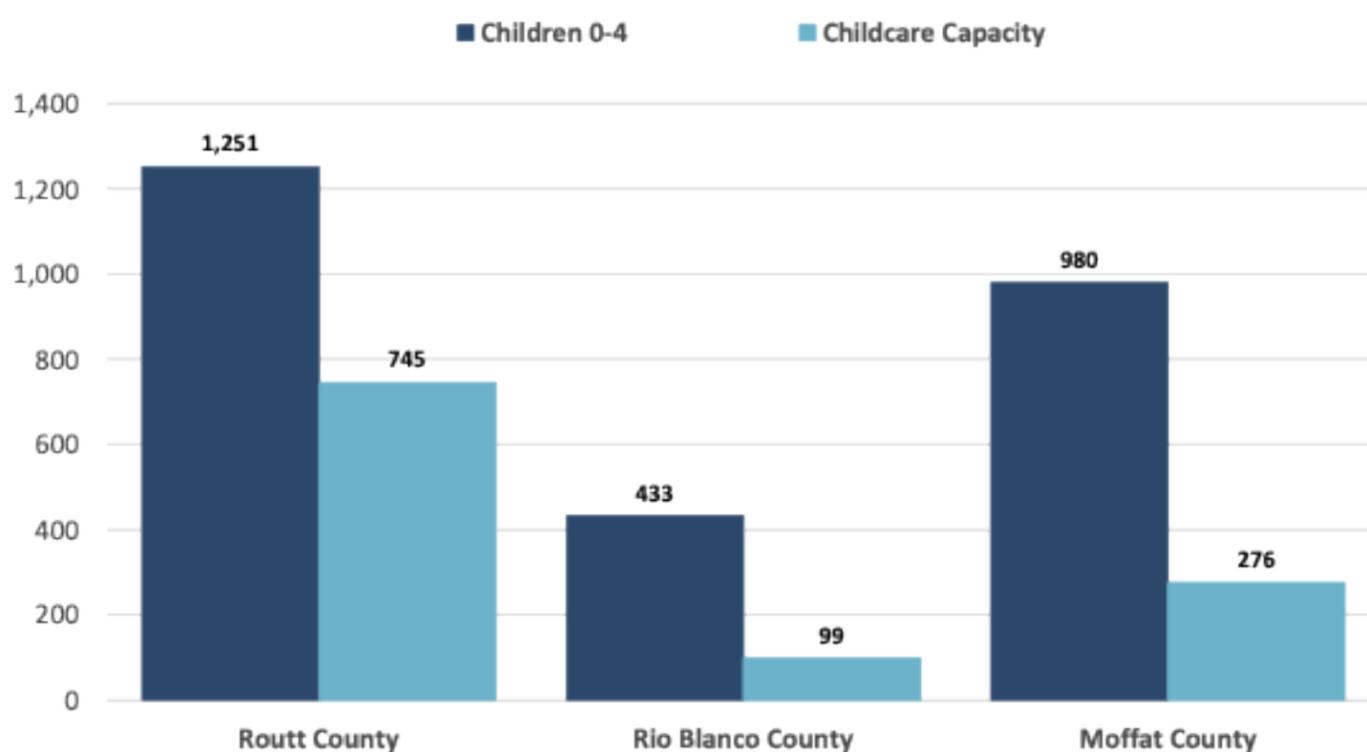
The State of Colorado recently released a Request for Proposal for the second round of Employer-based Child Care Facility Grants. The grants will provide up to half a million dollars to fund the construction, renovation, or retrofitting of a childcare center on the site or near to the site of the eligible entity's property to provide licensed childcare services to their employees.

Eligible employers or a group of employers are non-profit, for-profit or governmental entities. The grant requires a minimum of 50% match for for-profit companies and a minimum of a 25% match for non-profit and governmental entities. The deadline to submit the proposal to the Colorado Department of Human Services is June 15th, 2022 at 11:00 am.

"NWCDC recognizes the importance of having accessible and affordable child care in our communities," said Tim Redmond, NWCDC Chair. "Our three-county, northwest Colorado region suffers from a lack of child care capacity which has exacerbated workforce shortages and burdened many of our working families. This state grant of up to half a million dollars can help an employer or a group of employers thinking about offering child care to develop an employer-based child care facility. Having child care on-site can help employers attract and retain employees."

According to First Impressions Early Childhood Council, Congressional District 3, which includes Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, has the biggest gap in child care services at 45.1%. That means 45.1% of families who need child care can't find affordable services. Families with infants and toddlers (ages 0 to 2) have the hardest time finding child care services, where the slots are very limited.

Data analysis, compiled by NWCDC and Department of Local Affairs consultants, shows a big gap between the number of children (ages 0-4) who may need child care services and the number of slots available in Routt, Rio Blanco, and Moffat Counties.



Source: Colorado Dept of Education; U.S. Census; Economic & Planning Systems

General Eligibility for the Employer-based Child Care Facilities Grants

An eligible entity (applicant) is an employer who will be providing child care to its employees. If an entity partners with additional employers or a child care service provider to operate the child care program, the match requirement will still be based on the non-profit or for-profit status of the employer(s) involved. This grant is for non-child care employers.

- Applications should be for one child care location, even if multiple employers are involved.
- If a child care provider is an operational partner, they should not be the lead applicant. The applicant should be the eligible entity as described above.

Important Dates

- Questions to the Department for Human Services: May 27th at 11:00 AM MST
- Proposal Due Date: June 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM MST
- Public Opening: June 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM MST
- Anticipated Contract Start Date: July 1, 2022
- Anticipated Contract Term: July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023



BUSINESS: *continued*

"Large businesses tend to be moving into cities and absorb most business from smaller and medium-size businesses," said an Arvada, Colorado-based business owner. "We were looking for a community where a smaller business like ours would be valued and utilized. We have a lot to bring to a community and really want to be part of a community that is looking to grow. After a thorough investigation, we are choosing Rangely."

Remote workers should be drawn to Rangely, too. PC Magazine ranked Rangely #23 in the U.S. "Best Work from Home Cities" (one of two Colorado cities to make the ranking.)

"Remote work is made easy here with our high speed, 1 GB fiber optic internet services, offered for \$70 per month, which is less expensive than other locations," said Town of Rangely Marketing/Economic Development Coordinator Jeannie R. Caldwell. "When work ends, you can quickly enjoy the great outdoors surrounding our community, without traffic or crowds. Honestly, it is hard to believe that this type of wonderful place still exists."

The LOWdown on Rangely

Rangely, a small town in Colorado's Great Northwest Region, has garnered its share of recognition. Aliases include "Colorado's Friendliest Town," "Second Safest City in Colorado" and one of the state's "Top 10 Most Affordable Places to Live."

The cost of living is 13% below the Colorado average, and 4% less than the national average. In addition to its low cost of living, Rangely offers residents a low cost of doing business and a low crime rate.

Demographic Statistics*	
Average age of residents:	33 years
Median income:	\$55,000
Average home price:	\$220,000
Undergraduate degree or more:	25%
Some college:	34%

* State Demography Office, Colorado Demographic Profile for the Town of Rangely.

"Rangely offers most things larger communities offer, including The Rangely District Hospital, a designated Level IV Trauma Center, the Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation, boasting a full-service recreation center, golf course, and calendar of events throughout the year. We are surrounded by Bureau of Land Management properties that beckon you to come out and play! These amenities make Rangely a great place to live, enjoying safe, small community living," said Piering.



The town is minutes from the Canyon Pintado Historic District, the closest with amenities to Dinosaur National Monument and only 25 miles from the Utah border (220 miles from Salt Lake City), 70 miles from Grand Junction and 275 miles from Denver, CO. Outdoor enthusiasts will have a variety of activities to choose from, including boating; cliff diving; fishing for trout, bass, northern pike, crappie and catfish; mountain biking; and OHV Trails and rock crawling at the only natural rock-crawling park in Colorado. Additionally recreational activities include The Tank, a 60' water tank that is an acoustical wonder and concert venue; the adventurous three-day ROAR OHV Rally in August; a host of festivals and more!

Space to Build - and Grow - Your Business

Buildings, vacant lots and warehouse structures are available in Rangely for small manufacturing, agricultural production, healthcare, outdoor recreation companies, remote companies and workers, small artisan and boutique startups, tourism, and more!

Join a population of 6,336 in Rio Blanco County, 2,500 of whom live in the Town of Rangely, from all walks of life in a great town, full of wonderful people and an amazing place to do business!

#TwoGirlsOneSmallTown Podcast

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

There is something new coming for listeners in Rangely, CO & beyond. Two Girls, One Small town hosted by McKenzie Webber and Jeannie Caldwell. They are taking on navigating what is going on in our little slice of heaven, along with exploring our past and future. They will be interviewing people of all different backgrounds, talking about what's going on, what's happened & what's to come. Tune in every Wednesday on Spotify & Apple Podcast. You can find the links on The Rangely Chamber Website or like them on Facebook @TwoGirlsOneSmallTown





The High DESERT MILE

**COME RACE ONE MILE DOWN RANGELY'S
MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11
2022**

**CHECK IN OPENS AT 8:00AM, RACES START AT
9:00AM AND 9:30AM**

▶ 825 E Main Street

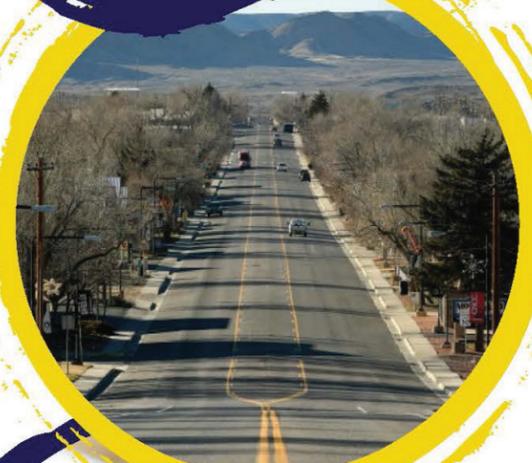
The check in and start of the race will be at 825 E Main Street, in the parking lot between Giovanni's and Nichols. The race will be exactly one mile down Rangely's scenic main street.

Ⓜ Open and Elite Heats

There will be two heats. An open heat will be available for any and all to walk, jog, run, and race. An elite heat will recommend an entry time of under 7:30 for women and 6:30 for men. Top 3 female and male finishers in each heat will receive a one of a kind trophy.

💰 \$20 Entry Fee

This entry fee will help cover the costs of a timing system, providing food and drinks, and ensuring that every participant gets a t-shirt. All additional proceeds will go towards supporting current/former Rangely High School athletes with costs associated with sports.



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WITH QUESTIONS patgscog99@gmail.com

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Andy Shaffer Meets Senator John Hickenlooper

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On April 21st Mayor Shaffer, Town Manager Lisa Piering and Jeannie Caldwell traveled to Craig, Colorado for a meeting with Senator John Hickenlooper.

During the meeting each elected official was allotted time to present to Senator Hickenlooper about their community as well as the local economy. Mayor Shaffer pointed out during his presentation the importance of the fossil fuel industry to the economy, not only locally but nationally. He also made the point that the fossil fuel industry was trying hard to be a good neighbor and to comply with all the tough regulations they have been handed. He called upon the Senator to provide help for the fossil fuel industry by being an equally good neighbor.

Meetings such as this can be difficult; however, Mayor Shaffer made his points adamantly. He presented a strong case for the Town of Rangely and the fossil fuel industry.

Lisa Piering had the opportunity to speak with Senator Hickenlooper after the meeting. She reiterated the strong case made by Mayor Shaffer for the fossil fuel industry.



The Town of Rangely Owns the Natural Gas System, What Does That Mean?

BY KELLI NEIBERGER

Rangely's municipally owned and operated natural gas system is just one more thing that makes Rangely "Out of the Ordinary." There are few municipally owned natural gas systems in Colorado, and even fewer that are as small as ours. We have over 34 miles of gas main lines and 1,126 gas services. We have about 1,040 active customers at any given time.

You might wonder, "What does this mean for me and why does it matter?" There are several benefits of a municipally owned utility. One, is local control. A publicly owned gas system offers a community control over how gas is provided to homes and businesses. Elected officials have a hand in utility rates and the budget. These officials are accountable to the citizen ratepayers they serve. Publicly owned gas systems, by nature provide competitive costs. Rates are not established by a utility commission in the state capitol, but locally by citizen-controlled councils and boards with the assistance of the Gas Department Supervisor. Stockholders do not pressure municipally owned gas systems to produce dividends. With local ownership comes greater local scrutiny which in turn leads to more efficient management and lower administrative costs.

The Town of Rangely Gas Department strives to provide outstanding customer service. We can do this in part because we are in total control of the system. We are very much a part of the community and maintain close relationships with our customers. Customers' needs can be met very quickly, and emergencies dealt with immediately. Our work crew possesses expert knowledge of the gas system and are accountable to local officials and the public.

Last, but not least, there are economic benefits of a Town owned gas system that you may not realize. Funds from operating the gas system are used to help the Town pay for other services it provides at no cost to the public. We help ensure that local dollars stay at home. Whenever feasible, we purchase goods and services locally and a good part of our employees' salaries are spent in the community for housing, groceries, and other items.

I grew up in Rangely and am proud to be a part of this community. I have seen many ups and downs over the years and am constantly amazed by the resilience of our little Town and its people. I am happy to do my part to make sure Rangely continues to be a great place to live.





CNCC Corner - Reflection

BY LISA JONES

As I reflect on my first academic year at Colorado Northwestern Community College, it has been one of excitement, challenges, and opportunities. We had the joy of celebrating our incredible students in April and May through honors ceremonies, pinning/winging events, and at Commencement. For those interested, we have shared many of those photos and videos in the CNCC Spotlight section at the bottom of the main page of our website at www.cncc.edu.

The CNCC experience is one which, in my humble opinion, everyone should have. As we look ahead towards the coming year and our future, CNCC has secured the assistance of a company to help us better capture the words and marketing strategies that would highlight our unique qualities as a college.

Crafting the right message that resonates with those outside our borders will increase enrollment by attracting larger numbers of students who can appreciate who we are, as we are. It will encourage these prospective students to join our Spartan family, take advantage of our signature program offerings, and learn from our outstanding faculty. This brand identity work will not result in changes to name, colors, mascot, or logo, but is focused on messaging and strategy.

With the recommendations provided, CNCC will learn how best to, market our signature programs, fill seat vacancies, and to grow our programs.

Finally, to help in our strategic planning and budgeting, this company will provide us with recommendations on how we can best meet workforce and economic demands by developing new programs and services or offering both in different ways depending on the needs of our community. Once this consulting company has completed its work, its leadership deliver a presentation to the college and community members. We will share the time, date, and location of this presentation on our website in July and the community presentation will occur in August.

Thank you to all those who have, and continue to help as we work towards better, brighter future and congratulations again to all our recent graduates.



Business Spotlight: Outside Inn LLC and IrGeeked

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Budget Host Inn was recently purchased by Bonnie and Kevin Scarlett from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The new name of the hotel will be "Outside Inn."



Bonnie and Kevin are in the process of moving to Rangely once their home in the Springs is sold. They have 5 children and 2 grandchildren.

Both Bonnie and Kevin grew up in military homes. Kevin's father was in the Air Force and Bonnie's father was in the army. They attended high school together and met in choir. They reunited at their 20-year high school reunion and were later married. They share a love of games and music and were in the Parker Chorale. Bonnie also loves crafts.

In addition to purchasing the hotel, they opened an arcade and pinball game room in the building where the Subway was previously located. The arcade

is called "IrGeeked." The current hours for the arcade are:

Friday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Locals can play all day for \$10.00.

When asked about their move to Rangely they stated, "We look forward to getting to know each family in Rangely. We are very excited to make the move."



Rangely High School Baseball Team - Act of Community Service

BY JEFF LEBLEU

The Town of Rangely would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the Rangely High School Baseball Team, Head coach Jeremy Lohry and assistant coaches Dylan LeBleu, and Ryan Prince for the time, several hours, spent on a recent community service project. On Friday May 13th the team and coaches painted the curbs on Main Street. They did an amazing job!



Service such as this is a great example, to everyone in our community, of caring for and loving our community. Examples such as this helps keep Rangely the very special community it has always been.

THIS IS RANGELY

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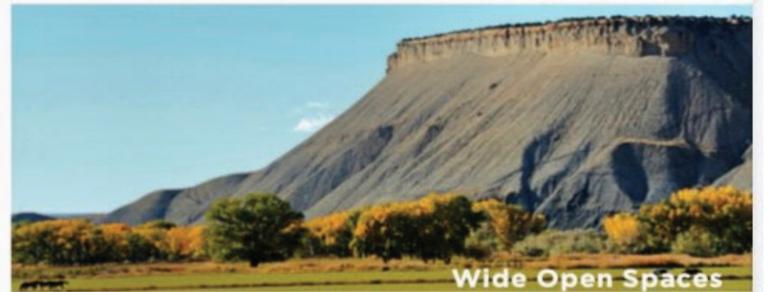
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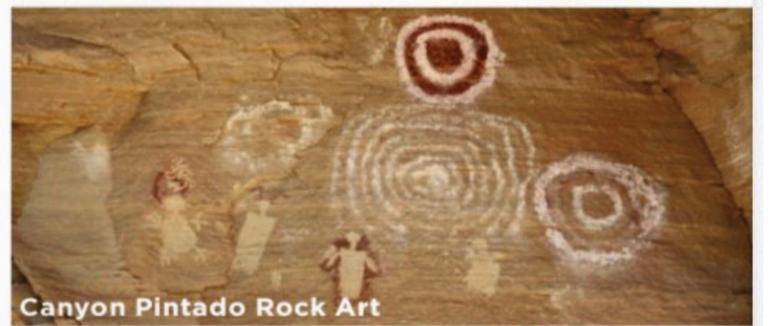
Kenney Reservoir



White River



Wide Open Spaces



Canyon Pintado Rock Art



Kenney Reservoir



Rock Crawling Park



Freedom Walk and Free BBQ

Honoring our Veterans,
Law Enforcement, First Responders

Thursday, June 23rd @ 6:00pm

Beginning at Hefley Park by Veterans Statute

March from Hefley Park down South Stanolind
to Elks Park

Guest Speaker TBA



WRB REC &
PARK DISTRICT



★ FOURTH OF JULY ★ CELEBRATION

JULY 1

SURF-N-TURF DINNER

6:00PM @ 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 2

RIB COOK OFF - 8:00AM

JUDGING AT 3:00PM

PIE BAKING CONTEST

JUDGING AT 12:00PM

INFLATABLES

10:00AM - 2:00PM

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

10:00 AM

**ALL EVENTS LOCATED AT
ELKS PARK**

JULY 3

NIGHT GOLF @ CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE

CALL, 970-675-8403, TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM

JULY 4

**FIREWORKS @ KENNEY RESERVOIR
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My Father on the Roof...

Special to the Review
BY KEN BAILEY

I had to smile when reading about the installation of the tower or facility on Mellon Hill -- "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)."

This brought to mind the old TV relay towers that used to stand on Mellon as the last link to bring TV from Salt Lake City, Utah to Rangely in the days of my youth (1960's). We always knew what the weather would be, a day or two before it arrived -- though we only got Utah local news!

I can remember my father, up on the roof of our home on Cottonwood Drive, muscling a TV antenna into place and then visually pointing it toward the distant Mellon Hill, as my mother and/or we kids ran inside and back to confirm when we had the best reception in place!

Here's a drawing depicting that long-ago event.



Oceans of Possibilities

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

Looking for something fun and free that the whole family can do this Summer? Look no further than your local Library! Our Summer Reading program is set to launch on May 26th and run thru the end of July. There is no stress -you don't need to be anywhere at any specific time. You can read what you want when you want! Our Library participates in the National Collaborative Summer Reading Program which means that we are doing the same theme as other libraries around the United States. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities".



The participation rules are few and simple. Visit the Library to sign up and get your promotional gift and then let the reading begin! While we would prefer that you read books from our collection (we have about 23,000 and counting), books from home, audio books and e-books can count also. You will receive one book slip from the Library to fill out for each title that you read. That slip then goes in to a bucket for your appropriate age group. At the end of the program there will be drawings from those buckets for fun prizes! (The more books you read, the better your chances are of winning). You also have a chance at winning our weekly candy guess! A different sweet treat will be featured each week.

Miss Rita will also continue to have storytime on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. Complete with a crazy costume and yummy snacks of course.

We will once again host our annual Summer Reading Carnival in late July. For those of you who have attended in the past, you know what a blast it is! Anyone who hasn't attended before, doesn't want to miss out on the fun!

Please contact the Library with any questions. Our regular business hours are 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. You are welcome to stop in at 109 East Main Street or give us a call at 970-675-8811. You can also find us on Facebook!

ROAR 2022

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

This year for ROAR 2022 we had record numbers in Rangely. For our three-day event, we had 149 vehicles in town and fed well over 300 people. Every hotel and RV park was completely booked out, some, months in advance.

The Rangely Chamber truly could not have put on this event without all of our volunteers that helped with whatever we needed. Special THANK YOU to Brad and Michelle Casto, Ryan Huitt, Joyce and Burt Key, Andy Key, Logan Osborne, Wayde Rusher, Tim Webber, the entire Chamber Board, Rio Blanco County Search and Rescue, Rangely Police Department, and ALL of our guides and sweeps that took the time to make this event enjoyable!

One of the biggest compliments that Rangely received all weekend was just how welcoming and kind we are. I think this truly speaks VOLUMES to what type of people we truly are here in small-town USA! ROAR will officially happen every year on the last weekend of April, and people are already starting to book for next year, we are excited to see how this event can grow in the future!





Welcome Officer KayLyn Duke

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

KayLyn Duke was sworn in as a Police Officer for the Rangely Police Department by Chief Hamblin on May 24, 2022 at the Town Council meeting. She was pinned by her Father, Warren Duke. Many of her family members attended the swearing in ceremony. We are very excited to have a female officer on staff in Rangely. She is the only female in law enforcement in Rio Blanco County.

Officer Duke began her Law Enforcement career in January of 2021 at the Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy at Colorado Northwestern



Community College (CNCC) in Rangely. While attending the academy she got to know many of the

residents in town, as well as some of the Officers and Dispatchers at the Police Department. She found Rangely to be a beautiful town and decided to stay and become one of our Dispatchers with future hopes of being an Officer.

She grew up in Frisco, Texas graduating high school in 2017. She later attended college at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri where she earned a bachelor's degree in applied science and sustainability.

During her speech to the council she stated, "She is real excited to serve the Town of Rangely." She thanked the council (town) for the opportunity.



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professionals to assist Officers after we make initial contact of someone having a mental health crisis. With Mind Springs (our mental health provider) in a complete overhaul it is more important now than ever Officers are as best trained as possible in dealing with mental health crisis.

It was an immediate goal when I was selected as Chief in 2019 to make sure that all Rangely Officers are CIT trained. I believe this is important so we can best serve the citizens of Rangely and our visitors. Currently every Officer with the Rangely Police Department is certified in CIT besides myself, I am scheduled to attend the next training offered which is in August of this year. I prioritized having Officers that are out handling the mental health calls to be trained first.

With Rangely Officers now having the best training currently available to deal with mental health crisis, it is my hope we can reduce the risk of serious injuries, death or needles incarcerations to any Rangely citizens/ visitors or Officers.

I am always open to feedback on how to better help our mental health issues in Rangely. If you know of resources, have ideas or just want to share a story stop by the Police Department and speak with any Officer. You can also email me at Thamblin@rangelyco.gov or attend our monthly Coffee with a Cop which provides the community an open forum to discuss anything on your mind. The next one is June 18th at Giovanni's!

Upcoming Events In Rangely

The High Desert Mile

June 11th @ 8am

Start at 825 E. Main St.- run down Main St.

Freedom Walk & Free BBQ

June 23rd @ 6pm

Hefley Park to Elks Park

4th of July Celebrations

July 1-4 All Day

All Around Rangely

Hill Climb

July 16-17 All Day

Around Rangely

Rally Colorado

July 23-24 All Day

Elks Park

Septemberfest

September 2-5 All Day

All around Rangely



CHILDCARE: *continued*

To download the RFP along with its 7 required Exhibits, log on <https://codpavss.cloud.cgifederal.com/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>, click on the "public access" button, and search for Employer-based Child Care Facility Grants. For more information, contact Austin Tuttle, Colorado Department of Human Services, at austin.tuttle@state.co.us

About NWCDC

Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC) is an intergovernmental agreement between Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties and their communities to work together for regional economic development. The NWCDC focuses on economic diversification and resiliency, workforce development,

Letter from Your New County Commissioner

DEAR RBC VOTERS,

As the GOP Primary approaches on June 28th, you will have the opportunity to either vote by mail-in ballot or vote in person at your designated polling location. I am asking for your vote for me, Virginia "Ginny" Love, to continue as your District 1 County Commissioner.

I believe in transparency. I will post my number and email to be available to all constituents. I feel it is important to not only let you know what organizational meetings I will be attending, but to share with you the agenda items. I believe in public comments and encourage your participation in a respectful manner. I am interested in reaching out to citizen advisory groups. The more we all engage in good conversations, the more we can all understand each other and reach common goals.

Being accessible is so vital in this position. I will continue to be a full-time commissioner. I left my prior position to devote myself to the citizens and voters of RBC. My door is always open and you may call or email me. If you need to set up a meeting after 5:00pm, let me know and we will arrange it. Being available to those working is important to me. I will be in my office unless attending meetings, and will be available in Rangely at least one day a week.

Working with not only our local government entities, whether county or municipalities and our neighboring counties, but also with our state and federal agencies, will allow me to keep up with issues that could affect RBC. Keeping in contact with agencies such as these gives us the opportunity to look for ways to maximize revenues, without raising taxes.

I will continue to be positive, dependable and proactive as your RBC Commissioner and I am dedicated to serving you. I would greatly appreciate your support for me to continue as your District 1 Commissioner. Thank you.

Virginia "Ginny" Love
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Paid for by Virginia Love



New Flags for our Main Street

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

On Memorial Day weekend each year, Rangely's tradition has been to line our Main Street with US Flags. This is a tremendous way to honor all of those who have served our country and protected our freedoms. This year the older flags were replaced with new ones as the older ones were in disrepair.

The Public Works Department takes care of the flags on Main Street, making sure they are hung at appropriate times and respected. Thank you to this Department for a wonderful contribution to our community. We love our flags that hang on Main and want to see this tradition continue for years to come!

Our community does a tremendous job of honoring our flag. I watch proudly as the youth of our community are taught to respect the flag.

God bless our flag, our country and those who have served, current, past and future.





Silver Sage RV Park First Year in Review

BY DORIAN GEBA

It's hard to believe that one year has already passed since we purchased the Silver Sage RV Park in Rangely. I remember driving up here last spring, with my wife Shelley, to sign the papers and thinking, I hope this turns out all right.... There were just a lot of unknowns. New business, new town, new people, new everything.

Well, I have to say that everything has turned out pretty fantastic. Our management team, Mike and Sadie Armstrong, have played an important role right from the start. They share our vision and have been working diligently day in and day out.

Running and building a business is never a solo act. For us, it's been a collaboration of local people, local businesses, a local bank and the City of Rangely. If these collaborations do not come in to play, business can become much tougher than it already is. I know, I've experienced it.

Probably the most pleasant aspects of doing business in Rangely was the how warmly we were received by the community. Around every obstacle there was a local business person lending a helping hand or an encouraging word. In fact, most surprising was the reception from the City of Rangely. Most cities say they are pro-business, that they are here to help you grow and prosper when in fact, they just want to make sure you're paying the city and county taxes and any and all fees associated with your operations. This is what was different about the Town of Rangely; the City truly wanted us to succeed and told us so. These were not just words, these were actions that I have experienced personally. I can say emphatically that the Town of Rangely has played a significant role in our first year's growth and success. The active role that the City played this past year is something that I have never witnessed or been a part of in my entire business career. It is so nice to know that the City of Rangely has our back.

Looking back at this past year, we would have never imagined what has transpired. It has been very exciting to not only grow our business, but also to be a part of the growth of the Town of Rangely. Yes, there were a lot of unknowns. New business, new town, new everything, but that's what makes growing a business so challenging and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Rangely Has a New Mural

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Thanks to Patrick Scoggins the Town of Rangely is enjoying a beautiful new mural. The mural is located on Stanolind Avenue and features Rangely's surrounding landscape, an oil rig and small plants native to Rangely. The mural is a great addition to the existing murals located around town.

Thank you, Patrick, for a job well done and for beautifying our community!





The Town of Rangely Welcomes New Councilmembers

BY JEANNIE CLDWELL



The Town of Rangely recently welcomed two new Trustees to the Town Council, Todd Thayn and Kyle Wren. Both individuals bring a lot of knowledge to the Council as well as an interest in seeing Rangely remain a great place to live, work and play.

TODD THAYN

Todd Thayn was born and raised in Moab, Utah. He is married with four children, three girls and one boy. His career began with operating a gas plant in the oil and gas field at the Lisbon Valley Gas Plant for Encana USA. He transferred to Rangely in January of 2006 and is currently employed with Utah Gas Corporation.

He and his wife Kristen graduated high school from Monticello High School in Monticello, Utah. They were married in 2010.

Todd and his family greatly enjoy the outdoors and all mother nature has to offer. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, boating, and anything outdoors. He also enjoys metal and leather work.

When asked about serving on the Town Council he stated, "I am excited to be part of the Rangely Town Council. My family and I love the residents of Rangely and are very excited that our children are growing up in such a wonderful community."

KYLE WREN

Kyle Wren, CEO of Rangely District Hospital (RDH), has been employed with the hospital since 2010. He began working for RDH as the Lab Director but was later appointed the COO. In January of 2020 he was promoted to CEO.

He has a bachelor's degree in Laboratory Science with a Minor in Spanish. He obtained a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Weber State University.

Kyle moved to Rangely from Idaho with his wife, J'lyn, who is a Rangely native. They have three children, Kevin, Miah and Taya.

As a family they enjoy spending time together, riding OHVs, hunting, fishing, and playing board games.

In his spare time he runs with the Rangely Ambulance as an EMT. He is also a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Rangely Fire Department.

Kyle's mission is to bring patient-centered healthcare to the rural community he loves and serves. He is very excited to serve on Rangely's Town Council.



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That's A Wrap for Rangely Panthers

BY KRISTIN LOHRY

State Track 2022

The Rangely High School Track and Field Team took 16 athletes to the state games held on May 19-22. They were initially scheduled for May 19-21 because they were postponed for a day due to weather.

On Thursday, the girls' sprint medley started the meet-off with Hayley Burr, Ryann Mergelman, Miah Wren, and Ashlyn Ducey getting into finals. The 4x200 made up of Miah Wren, Ryann Mergelman, Emma Smith, and Ashlyn Ducey missed getting into the finals. Hayley Burr ran the 100 hurdles finishing in 10th place. Kastyn Dembowski and Annika Cantrell both competed in the high jump. Neither athlete placed. The boys' 4x800 was the last event of the day. The relay team consisted of Timothy Scoggins, Clay Allred, Colton Noel, and Andrew Dorris, and the team was able to come in 15th place. The meet was to resume on Friday, but they postponed it until Saturday afternoon because of the rain and snow.

On Saturday, Kenyon Cochrane was the first competitor finishing fifth in the discus with a throw of 141-10. James Talbot was the next competitor, and he ran the 3200m run, finishing in 10th place with a new personal best of 10:33.74. The sprint medley had their finals, where they finished eighth. The same girls also ran a 4x100, and they didn't make the finals. Hayley Burr ran in the prelims for the 300 hurdles and secured a place in the finals. Mary Scoggins competed in two events that went back to back. She placed fourth in both long jump (16-7) and 800 (2:26.26).

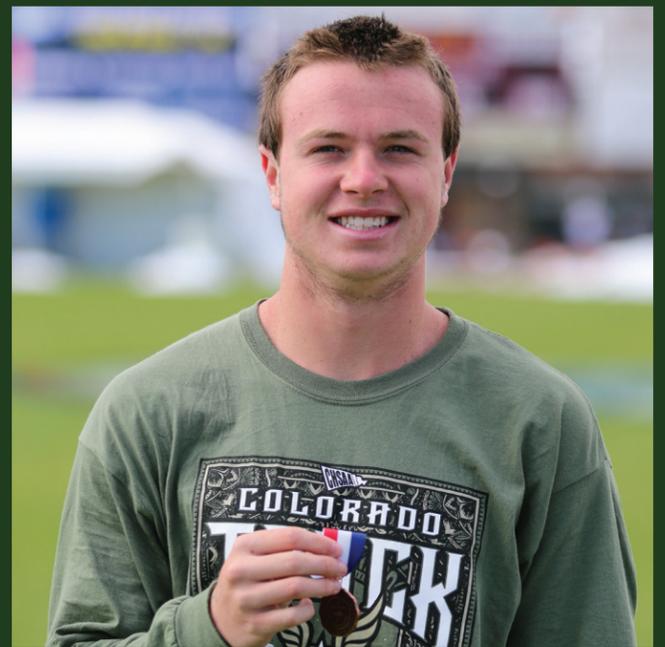
With the meet held on Sunday due to weather delays, three senior athletes had to choose between staying at the meet to compete or going back for graduation. Hayley Burr, Timothy Scoggins, and Mary Scoggins decided to stay at the track meet and compete. All three athletes were honored at the state meet, where they walked out with other athletes who were missing their graduation.

Rylee Allred and Kyrah Phelps were the first to compete on Sunday with the discus. Rylee Allred finished in 10th place with a throw of 104-07 for a new personal record. Phelps had a throw of 94-5.5. Timothy Scoggins finished 9th in the high jump with a 5-10 jump. Hayley Burr ran the 300 hurdles taking fifth with a new personal best of 48.66. Mary Scoggins had the triple jump, where she was able to take sixth with a leap of 33.3-5. The last event of the day was the 4x400. Hayley Burr, Ashlynn Ducey, Miah Wren, and Mary Scoggins ran the race of their life but was unfortunately disqualified.

"It was a great meet. There were tears of joy as well as disappointment and pride. I am very proud of every athlete, and we will only get better. We will miss our seniors: Burr, Noel, Timothy Scoggins, and Mary Scoggins. They are great leaders, role models, and helpers." said Coach Scoggins.

Baseball Season Recap

The 2022 Baseball Season was the best season for the Rangely Panthers in 12 years. The Panthers finished the season 14-8 overall, 7-1 in league play and a share of the Western Slope League title, and a berth to the Colorado 2A state tournament. The Panthers fell to the Pirates of St. Mary's in round one of the state tournament by a score of 8-2. The Panthers will lose five great senior players to graduation but return a great core of key players for the 2023 season.



Rangely Water Conservation

BY TOWN OF RANGELY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Due to issues like warmer climate and an increase in water demand, we are watching our water resources slowly deplete. Some of the largest lakes and reservoirs in the United States are reaching all-time lows and do not appear to be getting any better for the foreseeable future.

Just to give you an idea of what the current situation is, here is what Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the United States, looked like around 2002 versus what it looks like now:



Lake Mead twenty years ago



Lake Mead currently

Lake Mead has remained below full capacity since 1983 and as of March of 2022, it is holding only about 31% of full capacity and continues to drop. The two major factors contributing to this decrease are drought conditions and increased water demand from California, Arizona, and Nevada. Lake Mead is fed by the Colorado River, to which the White River eventually makes its way to.

Although Rangely is not directly affected by the levels of reservoirs such as Lake Mead, their issues are certainly relevant to us. Reservoirs experiencing such catastrophically low levels is indicative of what potential problems we could eventually be facing. Water shortages are ubiquitous across the American Southwest and to think Rangely is exempt from these issues would be a mistake.

Have you noticed how much milder the winters are than they used to be? As nice as it is to not to have to shovel as much snow, this change in the climate is detrimental to our water sources. The less snow we get in the high county during the winter, the less water we have in the river throughout the year. As a result of less snowfall year after year, we are experiencing lower than average flows in the White River.

How could this affect us?

Using USGS monitoring sites, we are constantly keeping track of flows in the river. The flow is measured in units of cubic feet per second, or CFS. USGS's website also allows us to compare current data to previous years to give us an idea of where we should be. We rely on this data heavily to determine if we need to be concerned or not. Once the CFS in the river drops below certain level, we need to start looking at the possibility of initiating water restrictions on the community. The way it is currently set up, water restrictions are broken up into four distinct stages based on the CFS:

Stage 1 - Minor Shortage - 100 CFS for 10 days: This would be a "voluntary" water restriction. We would ask users to try and conserve as much water as possible with the goal to reduce all water usage by 15%.

Stage 2 - Moderate Shortage - 75 CFS for 5 days: This is the beginning of mandatory restrictions. A tier-pricing system will be implemented to discourage the use of water; the more water you use, the higher price per gallon you will pay. Raw water users will be on a "call-up" basis and will only be allowed to utilize the raw water system once daily demands for the community have been met and will likely be on a set schedule for watering.

Stage 3 - Severe Shortage - 50 CFS for 3 days: Cease usage of all irrigation systems; irrigation may only be permitted during certain times only if river intake will allow. Any exterior usage of water, such as washing vehicles or filling a pool, will be prohibited. Fines will be issued for non-compliance. The Town will initiate a call on the river.

Stage 4 - Curtailment of Nonessential Water Use - 25 CFS for 3 days: Absolutely no use of water for nonessential usage. Fines will continue to be issued for non-compliance. The Town will initiate a call on the river.

To our knowledge, the Town of Rangely has never had to issue water restrictions, but the possibility is always present.

What can we do to help?

Aside from performing ritualistic rain dances, there is nothing our small town can do to deter the drought conditions that we face. However, what we CAN do is decrease Rangely's water demand through water conservation year-round and not just during potential restrictions.

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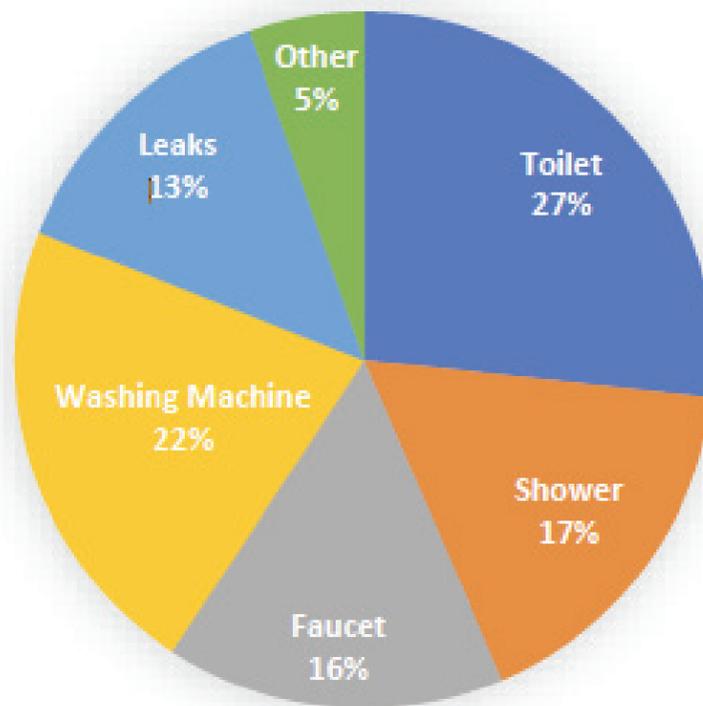
The average US family consumes around 300 gallons of water per day, or about 9,000 gallons per month. According to a study by the EPA, here is a typical US household's average allocation of that water:

Please note that this chart does not include irrigation. In Colorado, the average lawn size is around 8,100 square feet. If you were to give your lawn the recommended 1 inch of water per week, this could add an additional 20,000 gallons of water per month, an increase of 220% (seasonally).

Just looking at the pie chart, you could already start to see a few ways to decrease consumption, the obvious one being repair all leaks. Here is a list of other things you can do to save water:

- **Xeriscape your yard** - This does not necessarily mean eliminate all grass and plants from your yard. Instead, try planting more drought resistant plants. The goal is for your landscaping to be able to withstand extreme drought conditions without sacrificing aesthetics. Note: an established lawn is extremely resilient to drought conditions. They can survive weeks without water.
- **Do not water your lawn in the middle of the day** - When you water while the sun is in full force, you lose a lot of that water due to evaporation. Instead, the best time of the day to water is in the morning before 10 am or, if you cannot water in the morning, between 4 and 6 pm. You do not want to water any later than because if your grass does not have enough time to dry, you can introduce disease and fungus to your yard.
- **Take shorter showers** - Limit showers to just the amount of time necessary to soap up and wash off. Fifteen-minute showers are nice but very wasteful.
- **Install water efficient fixtures and appliances** - Low flow toilets and high efficiency washing machines are a few examples. You can also add a brick to your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water per flush.
- **Wash only full loads in both the dishwasher and washing machine** - Make sure you are getting as much "bang for your buck" per wash as possible.
- **Do not let the faucet run while you are brushing your teeth** - most of the time spent brushing your teeth does not require water to be running. The same thing can be said for shaving.
- **Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge for drinking** – Rather than running the faucet until the water is cold, keep a pitcher of water in the fridge.
- **Collect rainwater for watering plants** – In Colorado, you are allowed to collect two barrels (up to 110 gallons) of rainwater for use on the property where the rainwater is collected. The water can only be used for outdoor purposes. Colorado House Bill 16-1005
- **The list goes on and on...**

Water Consumption In Average US Household



On their own, each of these suggestions will only contribute, quite literally, a drop in the bucket to the pursuit of water conservancy. Collectively, however, our efforts can certainly make a difference. By reducing our water demands now and becoming accustomed to a more water-conscientious lifestyle, potential water shortages will not be as impactful to us.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

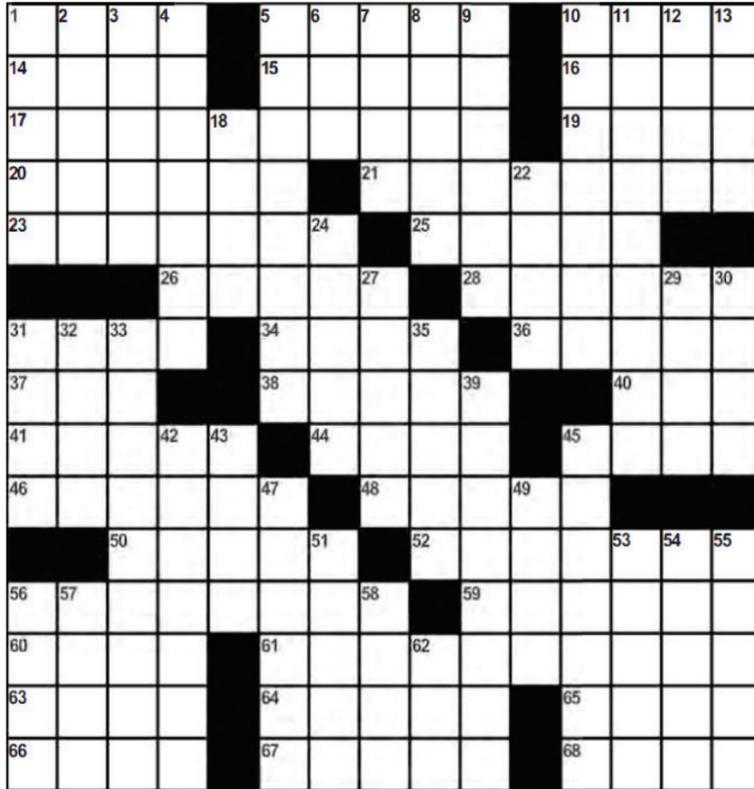
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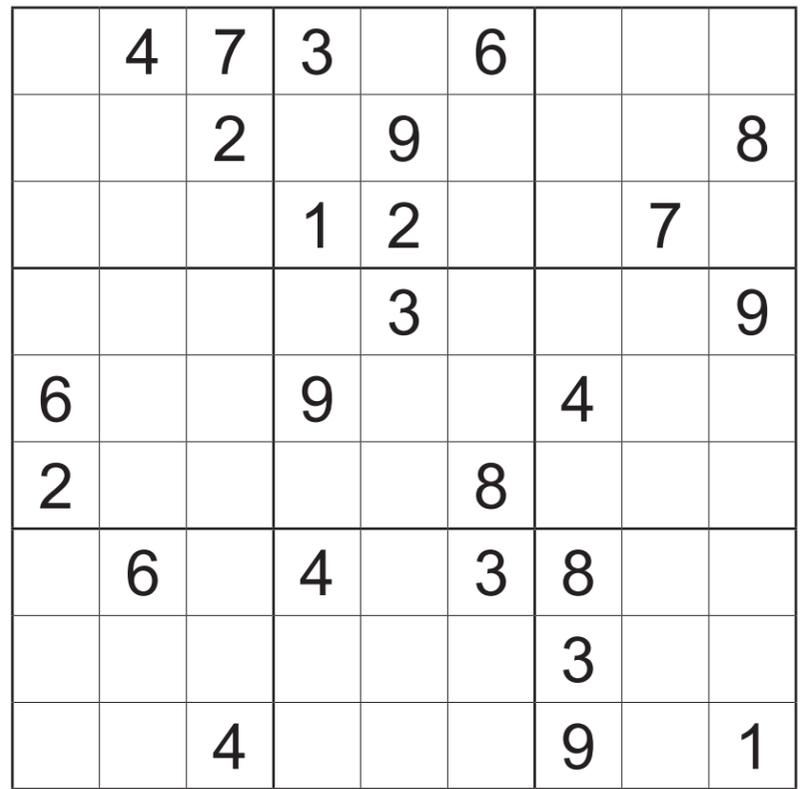
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2. Beyond silly
3. An Einstein he's not
4. Leave confidently in one's care
5. Refuse to be annoyed by
6. Sawbuck
7. Semis
8. Skilled
9. Interstate calamity
10. Nebulous
11. Pool game
12. Profess
13. Summer shirts
18. Male red deer
22. Mont. neighbor
24. Elitist
27. Fluctuates
29. "Sphere" state
30. "_____ you be my neighbor?"
31. Things to abide by
32. Decrease?
33. Sideshow sight
35. "Star Wars" surname?
39. Cattle drive actions
42. Saw-edged
43. London Streetcar
45. Rainless
47. Bargains
49. Crystal-baller
51. Window for plants
53. Madison Square Garden, for one
54. Like the dryer filter
55. Celebrations
56. Octopod's octet
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58. Madrid miss (Abbr.)
62. Lower, as prices

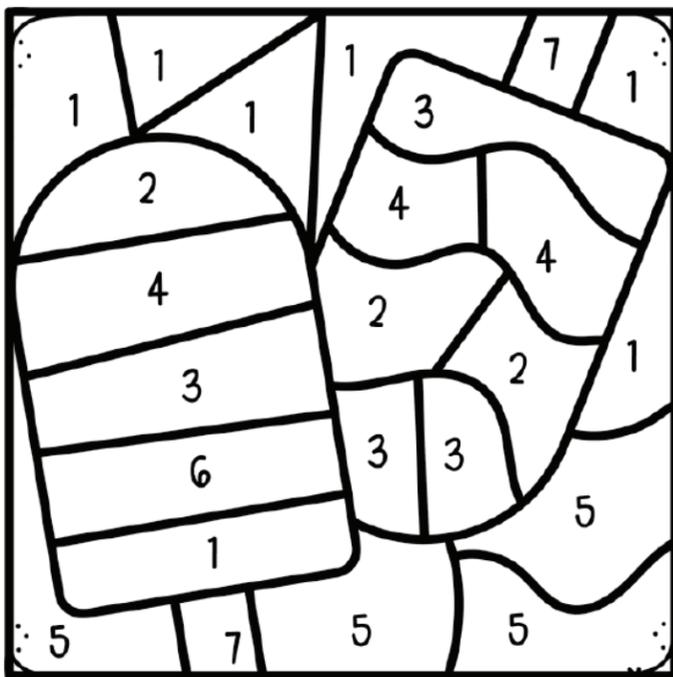


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| 1. Citrus fruit | 23. Lengths of service | 41. Most unfavorable | 61. Draft |
| 5. Backward parts? | 25. Royal house | 44. Dorothy Gale's dog | 63. Track-and-field contest |
| 10. Hit a baseball long and far | 26. Kind of silence | 45. Chimney sweep's concern | 64. Subside to a drizzle |
| 14. "More" or "cash" followers | 28. Yellow American fruit | 46. Villainous visages | 65. Chip in a pot |
| 15. Note Swiss miss | 31. Brit's elevator | 48. "The March King" | 66. "You bet!" |
| 16. Privileged person | 34. In the military it's messy? | 50. Plath's Muse | 67. Jalousie parts |
| 17. Heavenly hit from the '50s | 36. Japanese city | 52. Grapefruit serving, often | 68. Roll call refusals |
| 19. Precisely (with "to") | 37. Jackie O's second spouse | 56. Startling things | |
| 20. Polar wear | 38. Anteroom | 59. Sweetie pie | |
| 21. Cash dispensers? | 40. K-O links | 60. Hayworth the Hollywood legend | |



Kids Corner



My name is _____

Color by number:

- ① blue
- ② pink
- ③ yellow
- ④ orange
- ⑤ green
- ⑥ red
- ⑦ brown

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- BUG SPRAY
- CROWDS
- FIREWORKS
- HAT
- HELMET
- HOME ALONE

- INTERNET SAFETY
- LIFE JACKET
- LIFEGUARD
- NO DUNKING
- POLICE OFFICER
- POSION IVY

- SLAKE
- SPIDER
- STORM SAFETY
- SUNSCREEN
- SWIMMING
- WEAPON SAFETY

