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## The Town of Rangely... Colorado's Best Kept Secret

### Rangely Ranked #23 in the Nation for "Best Work from Home Cities"

BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL

Throughout the years residents of Rangely have managed to keep our community a very well-kept secret. As the pandemic craze and all of its side effects have swept across our country, political uproar and divide has continued to increase and the weather seems to find ways to make individuals and families re-examine life. Towns like Rangely however, have increased in popularity; they are quiet, safe, fun and filled with residents eager to help others in times of need.

Rangely, offers tremendous opportunities. From April through most of October, residents generally spend their time enjoying the wide-open spaces that surround our community. From floating the White River, to boating at Kenney Reservoir, OHV Trail riding, mountain biking, gravel grinding, camping, and golfing.... WOW! Rangely does have it all! We enjoy this great lifestyle without the crowds!

Recently, Rangely has received two national rankings that are worth mentioning. Since the pandemic began, remote workers have found their spot in the workforce. Based on current trends, many remote workers will find a permanent office in their home even after the pandemic ends. Remote work in Rangely is easily accomplished, especially since it

has gigabit fiber-optic internet services; this exceeds that of most large communities, such as Denver or Boulder. Did you know Rangely was recently ranked #23 in the nation for "Best Work from Home Cities" by PC Magazine based in New York, NY. Only two Colorado cities/towns in this article were in the top 50. We should be very excited to be on this Top 25 list at this point in time!

Another ranking we should all be excited about is the Newsweek Magazine ranking for Colorado Northwestern Community College. CNCC ranked #5 in the nation for community colleges whose graduates earn the most money. All residents should feel pride in this ranking. After all, our youth can go to college at CNCC for two years, tuition-free, and can even graduate high school with an associate degree! Very few communities can offer this tremendous asset.

I am frequently on conference calls, or Zoom calls, around the state. As I listen to the problems confronted by other communities, I find myself thinking of all Rangely gets right. We are a small town, nestled in northwest Colorado, with a lifestyle many crave. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible. We are indeed Colorado's best kept secret.

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# CNCC Foundation

BY: SUE SAMANIEGO

If I had a dollar for every time I was asked to explain what the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) Foundation does, well...we could do even more. But let's start at the beginning.

What is the Foundation's purpose? The Foundation's mission is to provide a sustaining stream of funding to benefit CNCC's Mission: to enhance people's lives by providing an accessible, affordable, quality education. Donor support enables CNCC to develop and enhance instructional programs, improve college facilities, offer student scholarships, and fund projects outside of the scope of traditional funding sources.

As a 501(c)3, the Foundation is a credible nonprofit accepting private gifts that donors can be sure will be used according to their wishes. The Foundation is also eligible to apply for grants that would otherwise be outside the college's reach.

Through outreach to alumni and business/industry, the Foundation encourages investment from both inside and outside of the region. This contributes to the local economy and provides for long-term sustainability of the college and its programs by building the donor base. The Foundation's ability to accept legacy gifts and endowments also contributes to the sustainability of the college.

All of this leads back to the mission. Gifts to the Foundation provide student and program support to ensure that all students have access to affordable, quality educational opportunities.

Spring is a busy time for the Foundation. It's when we hold some of our largest and most important fundraising events. For example, the 17th annual Foundation Dinner will take place Saturday, March 27 from 5:30-9:00 pm in the Colorado Room on the Rangely campus. Last year's in-person event had to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions and we held an online auction in its place. This year we are excited to be able to hold this event in person again. However, to adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines, seating will be limited to 175 attendees and individuals will need to wear masks when away from their tables. For those looking to attend, tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis by contacting Sue Samaniego (sue.samaniego@cncc.edu or 970.675.3216) or purchasing online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2021FoundationDinner>.

A new event will be held in April. The CNCC Chair Affair is a unique weeklong, online auction with a live kickoff on the CNCC Craig Campus on Monday, April 19 from 3:00-8:00 pm. Auction items will include creative packages featuring "chairs". These may be one-of-a-kind decorated items or new chairs packaged with related items. For more information go to <https://cncc.edu/cncc-foundation-news>.

Proceeds from these events go to CNCC scholarships and programs (80%), the unrestricted fund (10%), and the CNCC endowment (10%). Up to \$40,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by a grant from the Colorado Department of Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

Thank you to all who support CNCC through the Foundation's events and/or private gifts throughout the year.



## ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3/4/21	4:00/6:00/8:00PM	RHS vs. Meeker Basketball
3/5/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Softball
	6:00PM	CNCC vs. USUEastern Volleyball
3/6/21	8:00AM	RHS Basketball League Finals
3/6/21	12:00/2:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Softball
3/8/21		RHS Volleyball Practice Starts
3/11/21	2:00PM	CNCC vs. USU Eastern Baseball
	5:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Women's Basketball
	7:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Men's Basketball
3/12/21	12:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. USU Eastern Baseball
3/13/21	11:00AM	CNCC vs. USU Eastern Baseball
3/15/21		RJHS Volleyball Practice Starts
		RJHS Wrestling Practice Starts
3/17/21	6:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Volleyball
3/18/21	5:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Women's Basketball
	7:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Men's Basketball
3/19/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. CSN Softball
	6:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Volleyball
3/20/21	12:00/2:00PM	CNCC vs. CSN Softball
3/25/21	2:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Baseball
	5:00PM	CNCC vs. Snow Women's Basketball
	7:00PM	CNCC vs. Snow Men's Basketball
3/26/21	12:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Baseball
3/27/21	11:00AM	CNCC vs. CSI Baseball
4/2/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. Snow Softball
	7:00PM	Spartan Showdown Rodeo
4/3/21	12:00/2:00PM	CNCC vs. Snow Softball
4/8/21	2:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Baseball
4/9/21	12:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. SLCC Baseball
4/10/21	11:00AM	CNCC vs. SLCC Baseball
4/12/21		RJHS Track Practice Starts
4/16/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. USU Eastern Softball
4/17/21	12:00/2:00PM	CNCC vs. USU Eastern Softball
4/22/21	3:00PM	CNCC vs. CSN Baseball
4/23/21	12:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. CSN Baseball
4/24/21	11:00AM	CNCC vs. CSN Baseball
4/26/21		RHS Track Practice Starts
		RHS Baseball Practice Starts
4/30/21	1:00/3:00PM	CNCC vs. CSI Softball

## Next Edition - May 1<sup>st</sup>

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 [rangelyreview@gmail.com](mailto:rangelyreview@gmail.com) for more informaiton regarding the next article.



# Shop Local...Support Small Business

BY: MCKENZIE WEBBER

I would like to take the time to thank each of you for your hard work and perseverance through these tough times and for supporting the local businesses in Rangely. We would not be smalltown USA without any of them, so it is crucial to recognize them and to SHOP LOCAL! It is not always easy living in a small community, but working with all the wonderful people within ours provides unique experiences and connections you would never have in a larger community. For this we are grateful. At the Chamber of Commerce, we cannot wait to see where 2021 takes us! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns our door is always open! We look forward to working with all of you. The Chamber can be reached at (970) 675-5290, or you can e-mail us at rangelychamber@gmail.com



# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY: KYLE WREN

I'm grateful for the opportunity to reach out to the community in this review. We have endured many challenges the last few years but along with those challenges it has brought many opportunities to grow as a facility and community. We strive to bring the best possible healthcare to our patients with our professional staff while maintaining adherence to State and Federal mandates. I will update the Rangely community with the happenings of RDH in short segments throughout the year. I will start with our provider recruitment and staffing, possible options to refinance our bonds, and then a brief overview of our newly-formed hospital foundation.

We are currently recruiting physicians and have interviewed several. With Dr. Urish and Dr. Sutton relocating to Colorado Springs. Dr. Norris has been great and will be with us until June. We have also signed Dr. Tyler Morwood M.D. with the start date of July 19th. He grew up in a small town and is excited to work in a rural area. We are still in search for a Medical Director to oversee the clinical providers. Additionally, we are excited to have Leslyn Joseph, NP and Kelsey Riggio, PA who are currently accepting new patients to round out our current clinic providers. Dr. Hsu will be covering weekends in our ER and Dr. Sutton has signed a contract to work every other weekend, keeping a familiar face within the hospital. We still have Dr. Morse from Community Hospital and Dr. Laws from Glenwood Springs for specialty services. We are excited to announce that starting March 1st, we will be accepting walk-in appointments in the clinic. RDH's number one priority is our patients!

In physical therapy we welcome Greg Fugal as the new Director, along with Norian Edwards, Dan Drake, and Russel Erickson.

We are excited to announce that we will bring billing back in-house. This gives us the opportunity to staff locally, adding expertise and valuable jobs to our community.

The hospital has the option this year to refinance the hospital bonds. There are two ways to refinance: we could sell the existing bonds and buy new ones, or refinance through a bank with low interest rates. Administration and the board are looking at both options but are leaning towards the bank option with lower rates. The maturity of the loan would remain the same in 2026 and would save tax payers close to 1.9 million, depending on interest rates.

I'm proud to announce the creation of The Rangely District Hospital Foundation on January 7th 2021. Bernie Rice (president), Jeannie Caldwell (secretary), Frank Huitt (treasurer), Keith Peterson (RDH hospital board) and Susie Berardi (member). I have been working with the Hospital Board to formulate initiatives and goals for the foundation since its creation. I'm excited to be part of its growth and what the foundation has to offer in the future. We will mainly seek grants with our new 501(c)3 designation. Any donations are welcome and can be given to the front office at the hospital.

The Board, Administration, and all of RDH staff are trying diligently to meet all of your healthcare needs. Thank you for your support!





# CNCC Corner

BY: KEITH PETERSON

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) in partnership with Colorado Mountain College has been awarded a \$2.9 million dollar RISE grant to support concurrent enrollment in rural school districts by equipping them with much needed classroom technology. With these funds, CNCC will be standing up 28 smart classrooms in seven different school districts and will be purchasing the regions first mobile STEM lab.



As a rural community college, one of the obligations we hold most sacred is the obligation to provide the communities in our service area with access to college level concurrent education. Currently, CNCC offers concurrent education to 5 counties, boasting a service area of over 8000 square miles, the largest in the state. For many of our rural students concurrent education can be the difference between going to college or not. Research published by the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) demonstrates students are 23% more likely to enroll in college after having successfully completed concurrent courses while in high school. These students likewise experience more success while in college and are far more likely to complete a degree than a student who did not participate in concurrent education.

The acquisition of RISE grant funds will allow CNCC to greatly expand the catalog of courses it currently offers to concurrent partners. With remote learning technology in classrooms at high schools and the college, there is the potential to offer young students coursework in virtually any program of study offered by CNCC. The addition of a regional mobile STEM lab will allow students access to college level biology and chemistry courses previously unavailable to them, due to local lab limitations. Indeed, CNCC will now be in the business of bringing science to your doorstep.

Grants can be tricky animals. Often times the amount of administration required to execute or report on a grant can be more of an expense than the award. To that end, CNCC is always very deliberate in choosing which supplemental sources of money to pursue. In this case, we felt the RISE grant gave us a true opportunity to use grant funds to pump money back into the communities who support us. By bolstering our regional public schools we create a greater number of future college students with greater earnings potential to support our local economies, a win we are happy to facilitate for our entire region.

# New Business Spotlight

BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL

Since October Rangely has seen three new restaurants open in town. Congratulations to Dottie’s Kitchen, Pippi’s Soup and Subz and The Brunch Truck! Thank you for your investment in Rangely!

Dottie’s Kitchen is located at 35 Park Street, next to Blue Mountain Inn & Suites. Their telephone number is (970)675-2122. Dottie’s is open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00am to 8:00pm and Sunday 11:00am to 4:00pm. They offer dine-in, delivery, and curbside pickup.



Pippi’s Soup and Subz is located at 258 East Main Street. Their telephone number is (970)572-0133. Pippi’s is open Monday through Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 11:00am to 4:00pm. They offer dine-in, delivery, and curbside pickup.



The Brunch Truck is located on Main Street in the lot between the Main Street Café and Bank of the San Juans. Their telephone number is (970)620-8564. They are open Monday through Thursday 7:00am to 1:00pm. The Brunch Truck does accept call ahead orders.







# Navigating Through The Year...Pandemic Style

BY: KRISTIN LOHRY

This school year has been a bit out of the ordinary; however, our desire to inspire our students to become lifelong learners and positive difference-makers in society has remained the same. We are thankful to have spent most of the 2020-2021 school year in person. Our staff has been outstanding through all the changes, and we are grateful for the fantastic team we have.

Our students at the Early Education Center have been busy learning about simple machines, polar bears, math equations, math strategies, spelling patterns of “R” controlled vowels, main idea and details, double-digit addition and subtraction, informative research papers, living and nonliving, and geography. Kindergarten will begin learning about Author Todd Parr in the next couple of weeks.

At Parkview Elementary, the second graders have been working on various skills, including the author’s purpose, main ideas/details, narrative writing, and geometry. Third grade has been rocking math tests and learning new styles of writing. They recently closed their chapter on division and started learning about fractions. Fourth-grade students study Colorado History and learn about when Colorado first became a state. Fifth graders have just wrapped up their first chapter of our Matter unit in science. They have used their brilliant deductive skills to determine how substances made from molecules and atoms can be filtered and separated.

Our kindergarten through fifth-grade students have the opportunity to enjoy physical education. In art, the students learn about two very different but exciting painters: Vincent Van Gogh and Salvador Dali. It’s that time of the year where Jump Rope for Heart comes around, so students are working hard on their jump roping skills in preparation for PE. They will be working with The American Heart Association to raise awareness and funds for cardiovascular and stroke research and earn money for our school for new PE equipment.

Our sixth graders at the Rangely Junior/Senior High School just finished the Hunter Safety Course. Students and obtain a Hunter Safety License at the end of the course if they passed all the requirements. Our local game wardens Terry



Wygant and Garret Smith taught the lesson. This year, we have a new class called Careers at the junior high level. Local business owners and those employed in our community have been coming in weekly to talk to our students on various topics such as lifelong learning, leadership, appearance on the job, and employee expectations.

Our high school level agriculture classes have been busy. Students in Agriculture Science made butter as part of their food science unit. Agriculture Mechanics students started tearing apart their Briggs and Stratton engines for their small engine unit. For the unit, they will rebuild each engine. For the final, the machine must start.

Students have been learning how to sew on buttons and zippers in the high school life skills, class and make aprons. They recently started a unit on yeast and how to bake with it.

The high school government classes have spent the last few months learning how the election process works. They have been examining each candidate’s platforms, such as response to the COVID-19 pandemic, commitment to domestic oil drilling and fracking, and the recent impeachment process for former President Trump.

Junior high boys basketball just wrapped up their season, and the junior high girls started theirs. In March, Junior high volleyball and wrestling will begin, followed by track beginning mid-April. There have also been two seasons of junior high cheerleading.

High school athletics are well underway, with boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, and wrestling nearing the end of their seasons. All home games are live-streamed, and links can be found on our Rangely School District RE-4 Facebook page. High school volleyball will begin on March 8, and baseball and track will start at the end of April.

Our high school drama class recently presented the play Murder’s in the Heir. The high school band will have a Winter band concert on February 25 at 7:30 PM. We invite you to join us virtually by using our Facebook link to live stream the concert.

If you are looking to become more involved with the Rangely School District, please consider becoming a substitute teacher. We are always looking to add substitutes to our team. For more information on becoming a substitute, visit our District Office at 402 West Main.

Rangely School District wouldn’t be a success without the support of the Rangely community. We are thankful to everyone who helps make the district a prosperous place for our students to thrive.



Have something you would like to contribute. Submit articles, events or photos to The Rangely Review at [rangelyreview@gmail.com](mailto:rangelyreview@gmail.com)

# A Main Street Community

BY: JANET MILLER

As the Town of Rangely horticulturist, a large part of my duties includes the beautification and care of Main Street. Of course, a large part of this is the Town flowers that grace our Main Street each summer, helping to bring a little color to town. The dreary part of winter is when the planning begins, and unlike surrounding communities that use the same design and flowers every year, Rangely’s flowers are different each season. The flower order is made in February and the tiny flower starts will arrive in April. The Town of Rangely partners with the Rangely Community Garden to replant the flower starts into the larger pots that they will grow in for the summer months. As you can imagine, it is quite a large task to plant 160 pots with flowers, and we always welcome any volunteers that are able to help. The planting day is usually



the last weekend in April. The flowers are then tucked away inside the hoop house at the Community Garden, where they are watered, fertilized, and protected from the chilly nighttime temperatures until around Memorial Day weekend, when they are placed along Main Street for the season. For the year of 2021, the Town flowers will have a Patriotic color scheme, and I am looking forward to watching them grow and add color to our Main Street for the summer months.

Rangely TREAD, our Colorado Main Street Program, has received a grant for installation of a small “pocket park” between the library and Town Hall. The “pocket park” will have flowers of course, a few smaller shrubs, and a small area of grass. It will also have some benches, and a bicycle repair station where bicyclists can make smaller repairs to their bikes. This is an exciting addition to Main Street and I am anxious to get started on the project.

Last Spring, most of the bump out planting areas around True Value along Main Street were planted with drought tolerant perennials and ornamental flowering trees. The plantings did very well in their first season as they became established and filled in those areas quite nicely. I am looking forward to planting the remaining bump outs this spring and will be using more of these tough drought tolerant perennials that will do well in our high desert Colorado climate and thrive with minimal care and maintenance.

As drivers enter Rangely from the west, one of the first things seen is The Rangely Automotive Museum “Discover Rangely” wall. The landscaping surrounding the wall includes beautifully blooming daffodils in the spring, annual flowers that provide color all season long, and perennials that include phlox, echinacea and fall blooming asters. The landscaping around the wall includes Springsnow crabapple, drought tolerant potentilla and yucca, ornamental grasses, and other flowering shrubs. Across the street is Poole Memorial with many of the same species of trees and shrubs, echinacea, Black eyed Susan, daylilies, gaillardia, as well as a circular planter that is planted each spring with bright and bold annuals such as Wave petunias, snapdragons, daisies, and zinnias. My team and I will be maintaining these plantings as well, making sure they are healthy, beautiful, and eye catching as they welcome people into our little Town.

Rangely’s street trees, lining both sides of Main, are a huge asset to our community. Planted in the 80s, they consist mostly of green ash and honeylocust. They receive regular watering during the growing season, annual fertilization and insect control in order to keep them healthy. Trees in general are so beneficial to our community. From increasing property value to benefitting wildlife, to helping to cool our streets, these trees are an important part of Rangely.

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DOWN

1. Unsullies

2. Flower part

3. August baby, probably

4. Tic-\_\_\_\_-toe

5. Hubbub

6. Monopoly starting place

7. Barefoot Food Network start

8. Communicate

11. Santa syllables

13. Clean with a cloth

15. Concise

16. Don Draper, for example

17. Unfit

19. Compatriot

20. What a swindler does

21. Young swan

23. Unusual

25. Pause mark

27. “So there!”

29. Forever and a day

30. Shakespeare classic: Richard \_\_\_\_\_

31. *Life of Pi* director Lee

33. *Dallas* villain

ACROSS

1. Half-pint

3. Sleepy

9. Sean Lennon’s mom

10. Sneezy (phrase)

12. “\_\_\_\_ apple a day...”

14. Bloom of the Netherlands

16. Dopey

18. Grumpy

22. Happy

24. Cheap and showy

26. Physician’s request

28. Doc

32. \_\_\_\_ Mahal

34. Bashful

35. Suitable

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# Wolf Creek Reservoir Update

BY: ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

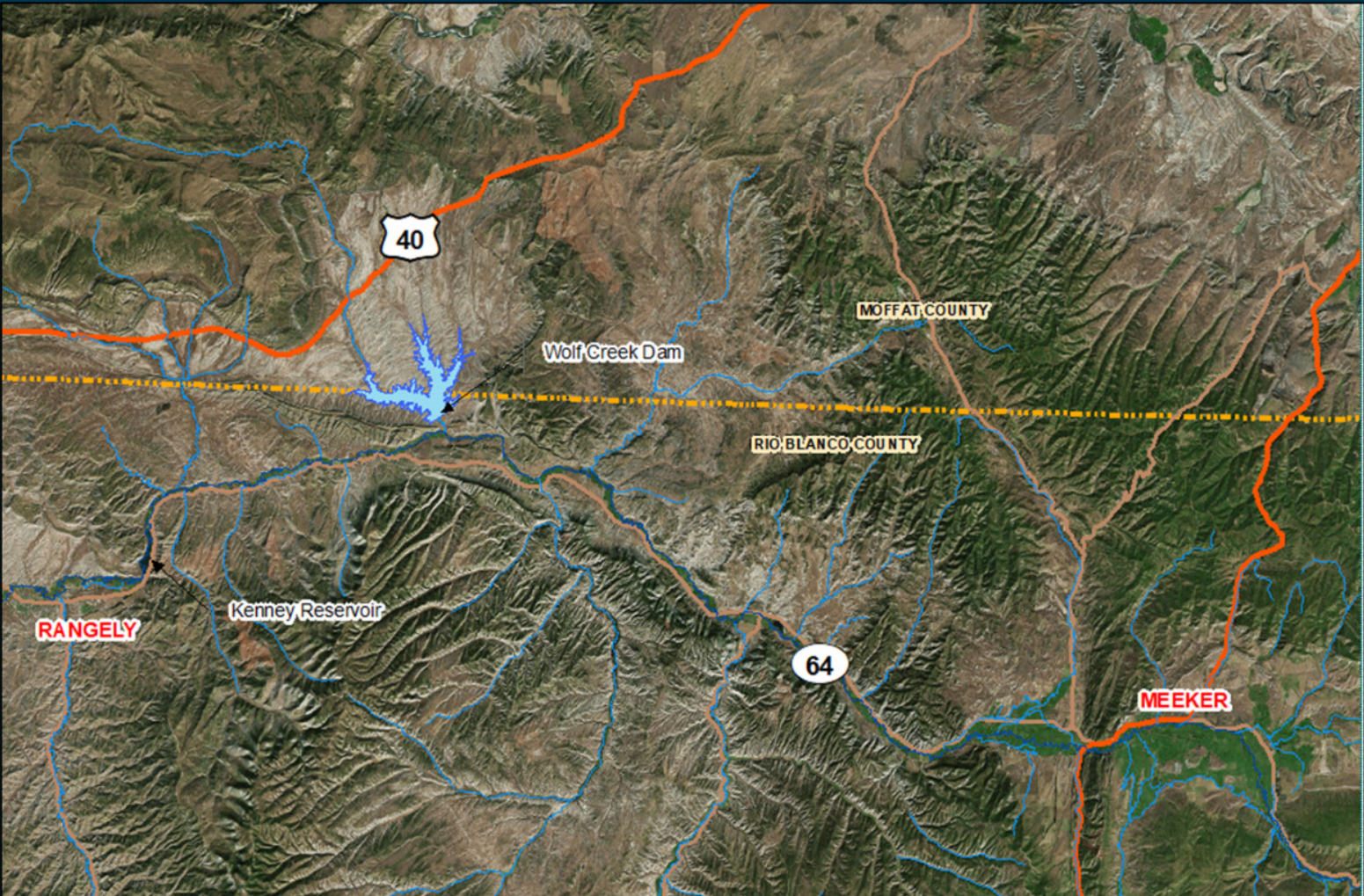
Since 2013 the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District has progressed with the development of the White River Storage Project/Wolf Creek Reservoir for multiple uses within the White River basin. Since project initiation RBWCD has completed considerable analysis to firm up the Off-channel Wolf Creek Reservoir as the preferred alternative; continued refinement of purpose and need; economic/financial plan; and best method of fill.

In January 2021 RBWCD obtained a conditional storage water right of 66,720 acre-feet. Decreed uses for water stored in the new reservoir will include municipal water for the Town of Rangely and replacement water that can be released to offset future water uses within the District boundaries and within the Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District (YJWCD). The YJWCD includes portions of eastern Rio Blanco County, Moffat County and the Town of Meeker. Other uses for the stored water include water to mitigate impacts associated with the reservoir, hydroelectric power generation and in-reservoir uses for recreation, fisheries, and wildlife habitat.

To aid in water development within the White River, system the District continues to work with the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the Nature Conservancy, the State of Utah, and the Ute Indian Tribe to determine the water needs for the recovery of endangered fish as part of the White River Management Plan and Programmatic Biological Opinion.

Wolf Creek Reservoir is part of Colorado’s Water Plan that calls for the development of 400,000 acre-feet of new water storage in Colorado. Upon completion the new reservoir will provide more than 15 percent of the new water storage in the Colorado Water Plan. It will be a reservoir located in western Colorado that provides water specifically for west slope water users.

Wolf Creek Reservoir will allow a small portion of the White River runoff water volume to be stored in the reservoir each year. This water will then be released from storage to offset reduced river flows during periods of droughts, meet the needs of the District’s constituents and partners, and to help offset the effects of climate change on future river diversions.



RBWCD will continue to progress focusing on the dire need for water resiliency and the economic security a firm water supply will provide. This includes the continued coordinated development of the White River Management Plan, a Programmatic Biological Opinion for endangered species, implementation of a streamlined permitting process, finalizing project Purpose and Need, a firm financial plan, and continued stakeholder outreach.

For more information, please contact Alden Vanden Brink Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Manager, at (970) 675-5055.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CNCC Foundation**

April 1 - 7:00pm

**Pool Easter Egg Hunt @ Rec Center**

April 1 - 7:00pm

**Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt @ Elk’s Park**

April 2 - 8:45pm

**Rangely OHV Adventure Rally**

April 29 - May 2

**Rally Colorado**

June 5 - June 6

**Hill Climbs**

June 11 - June 12





# Will March Go in Like a Lion or Out Like a Lamb

BY: AMORETTE HAWKINS

Maybe Miss Rita has the answer to the age old riddle....You can find Miss Rita at the Library on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am for storytime (She will be the one dressed in a costume, with lots of fun stories to read and a snack at the end if you are a good listener).

You can also find the other Library staff, Karen Packer, Justyne Peters, Megan Ward and Amorette Hawkins, Monday thru Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm, ready to help you fax, copy or scan documents or maybe just help you find a great book, audiobook or movie. Heath GeBauer works behind the scenes to help keep the Library clean and sanitized. Don't feel like coming in? Call ahead for curbside service. Our phone number is (970)675-8811 and a real live person will pick up every time you call! You can find our catalog at: <https://rangelyregionallibrary.follettdestiny.com>.



The Library also has a computer lab with brand new computers thanks to a CARES Act grant. Patrons have access to a color printer for a minimal fee. Need something laminated? We can help you with that too.

Did you know that Rangely Regional Library is a host for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library? You can sign your child up to receive one free book per month delivered to your home from birth through the 5th birthday.

2021 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Library in our current building. Stay tuned for celebration information! You can find us on facebook @RangelyPublicLibrary.

## There's a New Brush Truck in Town

BY: LINDA GORDON

In August 2020, Rangely Fire District purchased a new brush truck to replace the old 1997 brush truck. The brush truck goes out on brush fires, controlled burn calls, offroad rescues and many community service events such as High School Bon fire, Hill Climbs and Road Rallies. This truck has been used to watch houses and oil field buildings that have been in the path of wildfire. This truck is equipped with 400 gallons of water, approximately 20 gallons of foam, wildland fire tools (chainsaws, shovels, picks), and if needed it can be equipped with additional rescue equipment. This new truck has a crew cab and can hold five fire personnel. In 2020 the brush trucks were dispatched 27 times.



In August of 2019, the Fire District applied for a CCITF grant that would be used to help pay for a large part of the new truck if granted. In November 2019, the Fire District was notified they had received the grant with the stipulation that the money would need to be spent by December 2020, so the Fire District ordered the new

truck and received it in August of 2020. The Fire District is grateful to the Rio Blanco County Commissioners for giving the Fire District this grant.

In the past when the District has had to make purchases such as fire trucks, we have been lucky to receive very large donations from Rio Blanco County, Chevron and Shell Oil Company to help pay for these trucks, but because of the current economy in the western part of Rio Blanco County, we couldn't rely on the same large donations this time.

The Fire District has not asked for a mil levy increase since 1997 when the mil levy went from .5% to .874%. In May of 2020, Fire District went to the public and asked for a mil levy increase to help the Fire District in the future to replace older equipment, train firemen, replace the gear the firemen wear to keep them safe, and keep the Fire District run as efficiently as needed to protect Rangely homes, businesses and residents. As usual, the residents of Rangely came through and approved the mil levy increase. The Fire District is very grateful to the residents of Rangely for their continued support of the Fire District.

## ROAR is ON!!! Save the Date

BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL

ROAR is on and is going to be bigger and better than ever! Rangely, are you ready???? A great Chamber event we are excited to welcome back will take place April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event schedule will look like this:

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Registration, Open Riding and Rider/Guide Meet n' Greet.

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** - OHV Expo, Registration, Riders Meeting, Guided Rides, Shrimp Boil and Night Ride

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – OHV Expo, Poker Run, OHV Rodeo

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Open Riding

You can register on Eventbrite at <http://bitly.ws/bS6r>. If you prefer a hard copy of the event registration form, stop by the Chamber and see McKenzie. Thank you to the Chamber and all those involved in making this happen!

