

# RANGELY REVIEW

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## Parade Celebrates Rangely Fair Champions



BY ROXIE FROMANG

While the months of August and September are usually associated with heading back to school, many states nationwide also celebrate the end of summer by holding state and county fairs. First held in the early 19th century, fairs have developed from expositions of agriculture and technology into a 21st century American pastime. While the main draw of many present-day fairs are the extensive midways and live performances, several fairs still feature an educational component. Groups like 4-H and the Future Farmers of America encourage young people to participate in agriculture and offer both educational demonstrations and competitions.

The Rio Blanco County Fair wrapped up its 100th year in August. For the past century the communities of Meeker and Rangely have come together in the county seat for some good old-fashioned competition at the county fair. Rangely youth may have had their strongest showing at the “Centennial Gem”. As a way of celebrating the achievements of the Rangely youth at the 2021 Rio Blanco County Fair, 4-H Leaders and parents, with the help of the Town of Rangely, the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce, and many Rangely businesses, residents, and special districts, the first ever Parade of Champions was born. Organizers hope that this can be a yearly tradition to recognize some of the hardest working children in our community and promote two very worthy youth development programs, 4-H and FFA. Many of these members start their 4-H and FFA project one year or more before the County Fair. It's a lot of work and commitment that not everyone is up for.

Rangely youth that were honored in the first annual Parade of Champions were Corbin Lucero, Ryann Mergelman, Cutler Mergelman, Kinlie Plummer, Kastyn Dembowski, Dusty Hall, Dixie Hall, Drake Miller, Cash Leischer, Anthony Dorris, Rachel Elder, Jasmine Preciado, Cameron Preciado, Brielle Lucero, Keihlin Myers, Kassidy Sanford, and Brooklyn Griggs, all of which were Grand or Reserve Grand Champions at this year's county fair.



Special thanks to Big D's Oilfield Service, Urie Trucking and the Urie family, Rangely Police Department, Rangely Fire District, Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Rector and Rebecca Rector, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department, Beverly Hernandez, Kelsey Peters, Erik Striegel, and the Rangely Automotive Museum, McKenzie Webber at the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce for the use of the sound system, MC Tim Webber, Jeannie Caldwell, and Town Manager Lisa Piering, and the Town of Rangely for supporting our Youth Parade of Champions.

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# Police Department Receives Donation for K9

BY TI HAMBLIN

The Rangely Police Department would like to welcome Officer Hilton and K9 Nico as Rangely's new K9 team!

The most daunting part of starting any new K9 team is the startup cost. Each K9 can range in price from 10k- 30k depending on the K9's pedigree and training. K9 Nico was made possible by a generous donation made by Frank and Grace Huitt. The Huitts covered a large portion of the startup cost. The Town of Rangely picked up the rest of the bill. The Town of Rangely would not have been able to move forward with this new K9 team if it was not for the Huitts! Thank you, Frank and Grace, for believing in public safety!

K9 Nico is a three-year-old Belgian Malinois who was imported from Mexico. He is trained in patrol work (apprehension) and narcotics. Officer Hilton and K9 Nico received their training as a team from 3DogKennel, by Master Trainer Courtland Folks out of Craig. Courtland recently retired as a Sergeant with the Moffat County Sheriff's Office after approximately 20 years of service. He has trained many Police K9's over the years, several which are still working the road for Law Enforcement in the northwest corner of Colorado.

Officer Hilton is a transplant from Nashville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Navy as a Military Police Officer before attending the National Park Ranger Academy at Colorado Northwestern Community College in 2019. After spending time in Rangely, Officer Hilton chose to pursue a career with the Rangely Police Department instead of Federal Law Enforcement.

Officer Hilton and K9 Nico will be replacing Chief Hamblin and K9 Eiko who have served as Rangely's K9 team for 5 years.



# Congratulations RBC Fair Participants

BY TY GATES

Congratulations to all 2021 Rio Blanco County Fair exhibitors. The Centennial fair was certainly one to remember—as exhibitors' hard work culminated with incredible indoor exhibits and exceptional livestock shows.

Throughout fair week I had the opportunity to speak with some of Rio Blanco's finest youth. I am proud of the incredibly talented individuals who are growing up in Rangely and Meeker. Our remarkable kids represent the next generation of RBC citizens, and I am pleased to say the future looks remarkably bright!

Growing up I had the opportunity to participate in 4H and FFA. I am grateful for the experiences and important life lessons learned, which ultimately shaped the person I am today. These important organizations will always hold a special place in my heart.

I often hear the quote, "it takes a village," to raise children today and when it comes to 4H and FFA that is absolutely the truth! It is important to recognize the groups of individuals behind-the-scenes who make it possible for these programs to exist.

Thank you, parents. As a parent of 4H youth myself, I understand the support, love, and countless hours of "sweat equity" you may have invested in your child's project, this goes together with helping fund those projects at times. Thank you, leaders. Your commitment to volunteering helps enable the organizations to operate. Your time spent teaching and supporting our youth is invaluable.

Thank you to our Fair Board for donating their time preparing and coordinating the fair and the Junior Livestock Sale. Finally, thank you to our generous buyers who attended the sale. Your contribution to our youth and these important programs helps foster a foundation of continued learning and involvement.

As we look forward, I encourage our youth to remain devoted, determined, and steadfast in their goals and dreams. —Never give up. Reach the milestones. — Even if you fail at something 10-out-of-10 times, you're still ahead of those who never tried at all. Always keep your chin up and strive to achieve excellence. It's important to be a good loser, for without understanding how to lose, you can never truly be a good winner. Stay humble, work hard, be kind, empathetic, consistent, and understanding of others.

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





# Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner

BY KYLE WREN

We have had a busy couple of months at Rangely District Hospital and I'm eager to give an update.

Dr. Tyler Morwood joined our team on 7/19/21! Below is Dr. Morwood bio. Dr. Morwood attended school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah - Bachelor's degree in Mathematics -University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas; graduated in the top 10% of his class of 240 medical students. Certifications: Completed his residency in Family Medicine at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

He was born in Beaver, Utah, and lived there for much of his childhood. His father, an engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad, was transferred when he was 9 and they moved to Morgan, Utah. After his father had earned enough job seniority to hold a position in southern Utah again, they moved back to Beaver. Dr. Morwood was 15 and graduated from Beaver High School three years later. He is the oldest of 5 children and the first in his family to go to college. He'd like to think he has set a good example for his younger siblings by making education an important part of his life. He met his wife, Kaitlyn Marchant Morwood, during his first few months of residency, and got married in July 2020. Kaitlyn grew up in Ogden, Utah, and is the oldest of 7 kids. She is a schoolteacher and taught 5th grade in Ogden. Although she loved teaching, she is even more excited to be a mom. They are expecting their first child in December 2021. She enjoys reading, baking, board games, and spending time with family.

Dr. Morwood has spent most of his life living in small towns. Ever since choosing to become a doctor, he has known that he would like to practice family medicine in a rural area. "Rural doctors need to have such a wide range of knowledge from many different specialties because we are often the only physician our patients will ever have the opportunity to see. Knowing this, I have always approached each topic in my medical training with the question, 'How would I diagnose, treat, or handle this medical problem in a rural area where I have no specialists to help me?'" said Morwood. This mindset has helped him to develop knowledge of many different fields like pediatrics, cardiology, psychiatry and neurology that will be very helpful to patients in the rural setting. He attended McKay-Dee Hospital Family Medicine Residency with a rural-focused training program. It has a particular focus on inpatient medicine and sports medicine, which provided him with skills to handle a wide range of medical and orthopedic problems. He is hoping that the extra sports medicine training will allow him to be an asset to the high school and community college teams that compete in Rangely. His goal is to provide a wide range of medical care in Rangely so that patients do not have to travel long distances to larger cities to receive treatment elsewhere. If he ever felt a problem is outside of his scope of practice, he will be an advocate for patients to help them receive the specialty care they need.



When him and his wife were interviewing for jobs, they were very impressed with what Rangely had to offer. "Rangely District Hospital is a remarkable facility for such a small town, and we loved all of the people we met on interview day. Both of us knew quite early that Rangely and Rangely District Hospital would be a great fit for us to live and work," said Morwood.

He loves reading, amateur photography, camping, hiking, board games, and movies. He is a trivia nerd and has a goal to be on the game show Jeopardy! After a hard day at work, there is nothing he loves more than having a "dinner and a movie" date with his wife.

Rangely District Hospital hosted a provider meet and greet on August 9th, inviting the community to come meet our team. RDH signed three other providers. Dr. Torgersen signed an eight year contract and will start in 2022. Dr. Salek will start in October of this year as well as Vivian Dillon. This rounds out our provider base with Dr. Sutton, Dr. Hsu, Dr. Morwood, Leslyn Joseph, Kelsey Riggio and Vivian Dillon.

The hospital refinance has been solidified, which will have an immediate impact on our community. We locked in a rate of 1.42% saving \$2,721,103 over a five year period. We have also transitioned into a Rural Health Clinic successfully receiving our letter from CMS. This transition will aid us in better serving our community. As of August 1st we are doing all the billing and coding in house.

Rangely District Hospital Board and Rangely District Hospital Foundation will have booths set up at Septemberfest again this year, and will be featuring a Dunk Party. Be sure to come out and dunk your favorite Rangely Resident. First to be dunked is Bernie Rice from 10 – 11am. Second is Frank Huitt 11 -1pm, Keith Peterson from 1 – 2pm, Kyle Wren from 2 – 3pm and Crandal Mergelman from 3 to 4pm. This will be a dunk by donation with a minimum of \$10 per 3 balls/chances. Donations will be put towards the Eagle Crest park project.

September 11, 2021 Rangely District Hospital Foundation will be hosting the First Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Ridge Golf Course. Four person scramble, \$200.00 per team and a 10:00 am shot gun start. Please contact Chris at the Golf Shop for additional information. There will be a food truck, \$100.00 hole sponsorships and prizes for the longest drive, closest to the Pin and top four teams – Clubhouse Payout.

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





# CNCC Foundation: Creating the Future one Brick at a Time

BY SUE SAMANIEGO

Community. People. Stories. This is what CNCC was built on. A community coming together to build opportunity for higher education close to home. People carrying stones up the hill to form the first buildings and passing a mil levy to keep the college funded. The stories of our students, our faculty and staff, the community echoing through the halls, across the graduation stage, and throughout the nation.

CNCC is truly a special place. Generations of future-minded people made CNCC what it is now. The future of any college or institution depends on investment in the long term. For community colleges, this is especially true.

This campaign will build a long-term investment to keep our buildings attractive and safe and ensure that students receive instruction from the best-prepared faculty with workforce-level technology.

For a donation of \$150, businesses, retirees, employees, alumni, board members, community members, or any supporter of CNCC receive bricks as a permanent marker of their support on the campus of their choice. The bricks will be displayed in an outdoor setting where they can be viewed by students and visitors to campus now and into the future.

Proceeds will be split: 50% toward current facility and program needs and 50% toward the endowment for the long-term sustainability of the college. This campaign offers you the ability to make a lasting impact on a place you love.

This campaign was started in honor of former CNCC President Ron Granger. The brick shown at the top is the free sample sent for us to give to him at his retirement party. Future bricks will not contain the Polar Engraving advertisement. The other photo shows the location chosen for bricks on the Rangely Campus.

To participate, go to [polarengraving.com/coloradonwccf](http://polarengraving.com/coloradonwccf)



## Colorado Municipal League District 11 Quarterly Meeting

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



The Colorado Municipal League District 11 Quarterly Meeting will be held in Rangely. The meeting will be held on October 13th. Lisa Piering, Town Manager for the Town of Rangely, currently serves as the District 11 Chair.

This meeting presents a great opportunity for Rangely leaders, as well as all other individuals who attend, to meet CML staff, contribute to CML policy, and network with colleagues from neighboring communities.

We are very excited to welcome all attendees to our community. We want to make sure each of them leaves with a taste of Rangely hospitality!

## Grant Received for White River Village

BY JANET MILLER

The Town of Rangely received a Moon Lake Electric CoBank award through the Sharing Success Program to install new lighting in the hallways, emergency exit lighting as well as three handicap ramps, curb and gutter at White River Village. Ducey Electric contributed to the lighting portion of the project by donating labor for installation.

The Town would like to personally thank Moon Lake Electric as well as Ducey Electric for their very generous contributions. The residents of White River Village are enjoying hallways that are well lit and easier access to the Radino Senior Center, which is located across the street. Many comments of appreciation have been made by those who call White River Village home.

The generosity of businesses and individuals in our community, such as Moon Lake Electric and Ducey Electric, make Rangely a tremendous place to live and work.







# Rangely Celebrates 75 Years

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Town of Rangely is very excited to celebrate the 75th year of Rangely's incorporation. The actual date of incorporation was August 27, 1946.

In honor of the 75th year, the Town created a new logo which will be utilized until the end of the year. The SeptemberFest Parade is also dedicated to this very important occasion.

As a community we are proud of this exciting event. Moving forward as a community we hope to see the next 75 years continue Rangely's traditions and greatest qualities, being those of a small town with caring residents, quiet, peaceful, slow pace, dark skies and most of all enjoying the wide-open spaces that surround us.

Take time on this 75th year to appreciate your hometown by performing an act of service in the community!



# Moon Lake Electric Membership BBQ

BY EMMA BAKER



Elks Park was bursting with activity August 11, 2021 for the Moon Lake Electric Association Membership BBQ that returned to Rangely this year. The warm summer air was filled with sounds of children playing and friends conversing as the community sat together to share a meal provided by the electric cooperative. MLEA employees from the Rangely district office and headquarters prepared the meal, greeted members and served plates of smoked brisket, hot dogs and hot links along with various other delicious sides and desserts. Board Directors from the seven districts of Western Colorado and Northwestern Utah were also on hand to speak with the constituents and pass out padded

bleacher chairs and flashing red balls for the younger attendees. Moon Lake Electric Association prides itself in its involvement with the communities it represents and was pleased with the record-breaking number of members that came out to share a meal with us. After a strange year of obstacles, isolation, wildfires, economic concerns and the cooperative's own software conversion it was a much-needed reprieve to serve the individuals who've built this cooperative into the strong model it is today.



# National Night Out

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

National Night Out for 2021 was held on August 3rd in the courtyard area between Town Hall and the Rangely Regional Library. National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships as well as neighborhood camaraderie. This year's event included live music, hot dogs, snow cones, fun games, goodie bags, a costume contest with prizes, dunk machine and vehicle tours.

First Responders were all in attendance, to include their vehicles, and of course our new K9 Nico. The purpose of the event was demonstrated perfectly, and you could truly feel the great relationship that already exists within our community. It was easy to tell that everyone enjoyed themselves because there was an abundance of smiles and laughter.

The first-place costume winners were:

## Age Group 1 to 5

Fisher Lohry

## Age Group 6 to 11

Jackson Dillon – 1st

## Adult

Ms. Rita with the Rangely Regional Library

Thank you to the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce for providing the Chamber bucks to the costume winners. We would also like to thank the Rangely Regional Library who provided lots of games and snow cones! What a great community we live in!







# In Colorado desert, 65-foot-tall tank offers otherworldly experience | Colorful Colorado

*Speical to the Review*

BY SETH BOSTER

RANGELY • Something — no one can quite say what — is happening on a sandy hilltop.

Here stands a rusty, 65-foot cylinder once built to store water, emblazoned with an old railroad logo and graffiti from over the years. Inside there is a young woman with long, jet-black hair in Victorian dress and a young man with plain garb and a scraggly beard.

They do not wear shoes, because the epoxy paint must be preserved, he explains. “Because it makes people slow down, mostly,” he says. And because one does not wear shoes in a sacred place. Samantha Wade and Michael Van Wagoner are making music. But this is unlike any music you’ve heard.

His guitar is familiar, but the notes are not. Each chord emits a transformed frequency that careens across the curving steel and up to the steel cap, where pink and blue fixtures softly stream through the darkness. Wade’s flute similarly reverberates. She adds to the pulsating cadence with a voice that has been called angelic.

“Transcendent,” says an admirer sitting nearby, Heather Zadra, whose slightest whisper is amplified into more echoes. “Otherworldly.” These are “ethereal vocals” by Wade’s description. They are hums. Incantations without words. High and low tones from a ringing diaphragm. And they swirl and soar and dance with her still-fluttering flute and Van Wagoner’s endless, eternal guitar. There is something terrifying about the effect, in the way that things overwhelming and mysterious are terrifying. Also, there is something that makes you want to cry. That’s what happened to one performer here; he read poetry, rubbed metal against the walls and wept.

Welcome to the Center for Sonic Arts. Or simply the Tank, as this impossible sanctuary of sound has come to be known on Colorado’s remote desert, perched atop the oil fields about 90 miles north of Grand Junction. It has come to be known among experimental musicians as an ultimate laboratory and among curious audiences as a one-of-a-kind concert venue. This summer, a revered “synth wizard” from Oregon performed, along with a string quartet from Brooklyn. Not knowing what to expect, members’ eyes widened as they began playing. The Tank defies expectations. Magical, some have said. Alien. Mind-bending. Disbelievers look for some hidden microphone or device responsible for the trick.

But no. Resident engineers say it’s something about the thick, rounding walls. Something about the dimensions. Something about the Tank’s place over a bed of gravel, and something about the concave roof. Something about the isolation, the barrenness. And something, too, about the desert climate; sounds waves are more “excited” in heat.

No one can quite say what. “It’s just the space,” Zadra says. “The space is so giving.”

## Visceral discovery

Zadra sits on the Tank’s nonprofit board, which formed after 2013. That year, there was worry the structure would be lost forever. Wade, who grew up nearby, learned that the landowner was thinking of selling for scrap metal. This sent her into a panic. “I actually really prayed and prayed and prayed, because I felt like it just could not happen. It just felt like a violation of my soul,” she says. “And luckily by then, so many others experienced it to where it was far from just me.”

Locals had known about the intrigue for decades, since a company’s ill-advised water storage plan had been abandoned in the 1960s. Before the submarine-like door was installed, youngsters cut the lock on a drain hole and crawled into the darkness to flirt and giggle at the echoes of smashed beer bottles and stereos. Graduates filled the space with triumphant whoops and left their marks in spray paint.

The Tank became something of a cult phenomenon after 1976. Bruce Odland was fresh out of Northwestern University in Illinois, where he studied composition and conducting. He found himself in Colorado that summer for a traveling arts festival with fellow avant-garde types exploring the boundaries of consciousness. In Rangely, Odland was roaming the oil fields to create a collage of mechanized sound.

“And then this truck drove up,” he recalls. “Two burly oil workers come up to me in a big truck covered in mud, and they ask me if I’m the sound guy. They said, ‘We’ve got something to show you.’” At the end of a bumpy, disorienting ride, Odland reluctantly agreed to crawl into the hole, fearful this was some dastardly prank. The men banged two-by-fours against the walls and tossed rocks. “And when they stopped, it rang and rang and rang,” Odland says. “I’d never heard anything like it.” Never in some of the world’s grandest soundscapes he’d visited up to that point and thereafter. “It’s 10 times the effect of stepping into St. Paul’s Cathedral,” he says.







# A Special Concert for Isabella Cox

BY STEVE OSBORN AKD CHIP WUEZ

Recently I decided to use my skills as a music promoter to raise money for a local family whose daughter, Isabella Cox, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. My wife, Jennifer, works for the Town of Rangely with Isabella’s mother, Marybel. My first thought was the best way to raise money would be to bring in a killer band and throw a heck of a show in Elks Park with all proceeds going directly to the Cox family.

I made several phone calls as well as several social media posts which led me to book “Lendon James and The Highway 34 Band.” As most of you know bands are not cheap, so the next step was to look for sponsors to pay for the band. I again used social media, which proved to be a great tool. Rangely is a very generous, caring community and we had several businesses step up to the plate. Elaine Urie was the first sponsor to commit to the event indicating that both of her businesses would be happy to sponsor. Mandi and Dylan Smuts of Big D’s Oilfield Service were also pleased to sponsor the event. Mark Chillson of Chill



Mortgage and Rangely Elks BPOE 1907 were both eager to sponsor.

The show went off without a hitch. We had food from Tacos El Toro, my good friend Pam Benthall and her partner as well as the Purple People Feeder. I am pretty sure the entire town showed up to enjoy the event.

The concert was held on July 15th in Elks Park. We are pleased to announce that we raised over \$5,000.00 for the Cox family!!

I love doing events and look forward to many more as time goes on. I have grown to love this town and love seeing it grow and flourish!! GO PANTHERS!!!

## Edition 3 Crossword Puzzle Answers

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### DOWN

- 1. Word in a Garrison Keillor title
- 2. More than miffs
- 3. It's all we need
- 4. Jack Horner's last words
- 5. Steinbeck's Row
- 6. Bad entry
- 7. "Bad news!"
- 8. Certain squad's target
- 9. Heartfelt promise
- 10. Caesar's supreme council
- 11. "The Miracle Worker" star's nobleman?
- 12. 3 Down, in 42 Across
- 13. Church council
- 18. Babes in blue
- 23. Clone's characteristic
- 24. Author or manufacture
- 25. Letter drop
- 26. Thunderclap
- 27. Palindromic music makers
- 28. "Coma" author's chef?
- 29. Einstein, Mozart, et al.
- 30. Seer's sign
- 32. Gungel's gal
- 34. "The very \_\_\_\_!"
- 35. Proof preceder
- 37. Lea calls
- 41. Now hear this
- 43. Titles in old Turkey
- 44. Horses and carriages
- 45. Santa in California
- 46. Cheap Western
- 47. Kind of preview
- 49. "Get out of town!"
- 50. Radius companion
- 51. Look of contentment
- 52. Aka Romain de Tirtoff
- 53. Gave the once-over
- 56. El Pardo collection
- 57. Cantab rival

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### ACROSS

- 1. New Hampshire state flower
- 6. "Garfield" cartoonist, Jim
- 11. \_\_\_\_ de trois
- 14. It excites as sense
- 15. Skip over
- 16. One of Marmee's girls
- 17. "Diner" star's rasher?
- 19. Unit of bricks
- 20. It closes Taiwan
- 21. Cacophony
- 22. "The Jetsons" pooch
- 24. Chelsea chap
- 25. Was a good doggie?
- 26. KP Utensils or workers
- 29. Early androids
- 31. Cherished wood
- 32. Interoffice communiqué
- 33. Shorten short stories
- 36. Gallic cleric
- 37. "Haystacks" painter
- 38. Like some artists' models
- 39. Spot for an ocelot
- 40. Lena of "Havana"
- 41. Makes a wily move
- 42. City within sight of Vesuvio
- 44. Do a maître d's job
- 45. Bob the sportscaster
- 47. Calls on the dogs
- 48. Velcro kin
- 49. Mushroom soup ingredients

- 51. "Jiminy!"
- 54. From \_\_\_\_ Z
- 55. "Boomerang" star's fruit?
- 58. Big name in old cars
- 59. Joe Louis, in Detroit
- 60. Top-drawer
- 61. Gopher wood structure
- 62. Round or minute
- 63. Word with out or up



# Hydroelectricity on White River

BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

Hydropower generation accounts for approximately 52% of the nation's renewable electricity generation and 7% of total electricity generation. Our White River has two hydropower generators: Miller Creek Ditch Small Hydro Project and Taylor Draw Dam. Miller Creek Hydro uses water decreed from the Miller Creek Ditch Company during irrigation season for a 160-kW generator providing renewable energy for approximately 60 homes in the White River Electric Association. Taylor Draw uses a decreed water right from the White River specific to hydropower generation with the potential to produce power year round should stream flows be available producing a maximum of two megawatts hydropower generation providing renewable electricity at peak output for about 1,200 average homes. Miller Creek Ditch Company and Taylor Draw both have the ability as a water calling structure but to date this water right has not been exercised. With the ongoing drought our White River Basin hydrology is being stressed negatively affecting water use and renewable power production. In the case of Taylor Draw this impacts the RWBCD's ability to maintain Taylor Draw Dam and associated electricity production equipment. Both projects are licensed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulated projects in good standing. In our rural Rio Blanco County, our White River provides enough Hydroelectric generation for approximately 37% of homes at peak electricity production. There are a total of 3421 homes in Rio Blanco County.

To read about the Miller Creek Hydro project visit <https://www.wrea.org/sites/whiteriver/files/downloads/Miller-Creek-Success-Story.pdf>.

## Gas Department APGA Safety Award

BY KELLI NEIBERGER

The Town of Rangely Gas Department has been awarded the American Public Gas Association Safety Award for 2020. This award is in recognition of the successful efforts made to ensure the safety of our employees, customers, and the integrity of our gas system for the year 2020. This is the fifth year in a row that the Town has received this award. The APGA categorizes gas systems by size or man hours worked in a year. We were the only system of our size to receive the award this year.

To be eligible to receive this award, the Town of Rangely Gas Department had to work a certain number of man hours in relation to the number of employees. Also, a formula was used to calculate man hours per reportable injuries. The Gas System with the fewest number of reportable injuries per man hours receives the award. The Town of Rangely Gas Department had zero reportable injuries in 2020.

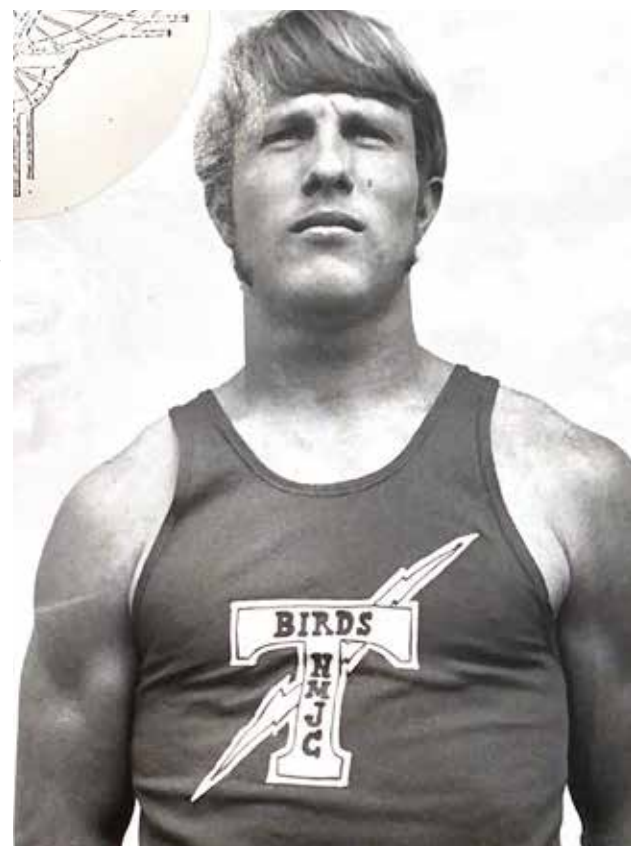
The Town of Rangely Gas Department employees pride themselves in providing our customers with a safe, reliable gas system. We strive to provide excellent customer service and have a very experienced staff of 3 full time people and 1 part time person. We have a combined 78 plus years of experience. Our staff is proud to call Rangely our home and will continue to help make Rangely a great place to live.

## Small Town: Olympic Dreams

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

Once in a while you come across a person who inspires you to be the best person you can be. As he would say it, "try, is a word for failure." James Kurrasch is one of those individuals who will always push you to reach your potential no matter what.

In 1964 Kurrasch realized that running track was what he was going to be great at, when a coach took him aside from hanging with the bad kids and told him that he ran fast and needed to come out for the track team. He took this advice and later realized he excelled in middle school, and was taken to compete against high schoolers. James later went on to compete at the collegiate level first at New Mexico Junior College and Oklahoma State. He became a four time All American Runner. While at Oklahoma State he barely missed the Olympic trials in 1973 in the 400 open. The qualifying time was 46.5 seconds, and he was 3 tenths of a second away from going. James later moved to Rangely, where he raised his family, worked and inspired many young runners, jumpers, hurdlers and throwers to reach their highest potential not just on the track, but in life as well.



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## TANK: *continued*

Though, the experience was indeed religious in the Tank, minus the images and sermon. “The Tank has the great luxury of being free of all of that,” Odland says. “You’re just in a very perceptual experience, where you’re not being guided to any particular conclusions. Everybody feels there’s some kind of spiritual connection going on in there, but nobody’s describing it for you.”

After his introduction, he showed fellow festival-goers later that night to the Tank. He remembers the ensuing event accompanied by instruments as “shamanistic in a way.” They went on to their homes around the country. But they returned year after year to the Tank — pilgrims to their Mecca.

### ‘Power of the Tank’

After Odland’s discovery, album titles tried to capture the Tank’s essence. “The Soaring Bird,” one was called. Others were “Leaving Eden” and “Ray of Life.” Michael Stanwood titled his after the crawl hole, “Portal,” and described the Tank as this: “a vessel where serendipity is always alive, patience is rewarded, trust is sustained, and surrender can at times give way to a sense of grace.”

Ownership of the Tank came under Stanwood. He collected donations from Odland and fellow “tanksters” to pay taxes. But like other owners before him, Stanwood grew wary of liability. By 2013, he told friends he was considering an offer to sell. Thus began the nonprofit to be led by New York-based Odland. Friends of the Tank, they called themselves from around the country — “an eclectic group of artists, sonic explorers and practical minds bound by common experience.”

And they weren’t all outsiders. Wade hung flyers around her hometown informing of the mission to reclaim the Tank and formally open it to residents and visitors. In a conservative town lacking artistic outlets and more proud of hard work, common sense, pig roasts, hunting and off-roading, Wade always saw herself as an outcast. “I was the weird one,” she says.

But she always felt at home in the Tank. Opening it to others, she believed, could lead to mutual understanding and deep connection. Zadra, another local, felt the same way.

The Tank “shows us where we have common ground,” she says. “You come into a space like this, I don’t care who you are, I don’t care what your background is, I don’t care whether this becomes something you come back to. But we all experience the power of the Tank.”

With funds raised, savvy locals offered support to help bring the Tank up to code. One offered to build a proper road up the hill. Another offered electrical expertise. A local restaurant added a Tank pizza to the menu, with sales benefiting the nonprofit.

The experimental concerts of recent years don’t appeal to most of Rangely, Zadra admits. But between events and recording sessions, locals often mingle in the Tank with outsiders — country people and city hippies exploring sound together. “I’ve had groups of strangers go in, and one will start humming, another will start humming, and in about 10 minutes, they sound like a celestial choir,” says James Paul, the Tank’s executive director.

He adds: “There’s something to be said about an experience that takes you out of yourself and takes you away from our ordinary concerns. That’s one of the reasons the Tank has transcended politics I think. And in this moment of American history, that’s such a delight.”

### Finding harmony

Odland sees the Tank as confirming his big theory of sound. Essentially, he says, we don’t listen enough. We listen to TV and radio. We listen to our movies and music. But do we listen to our surroundings? Odland asks. The sounds of nature that please us, for example, and the sounds of traffic that don’t? Do we listen to what the world is telling us? Do we listen to each other?

Society is “overly visual,” Odland explains, distracting and quick to stir emotions. “I think sound has an important message that’s largely ignored.”

The Tank has a message. Talk over someone, for instance, and the sound is muffled, echoing cacophony. Talk too fast and too loud, and the result is the same. Groups here consistently find they have to slow down, locate each other’s sound, then pair with it. There is a certain balance to accomplish here. A certain way of harmony.

“I think anybody who steps in there gets their ears woken up,” Odland says. “And when they walk out of there, their ears are still woken up.”

## 3rd Annual Becky's Walk

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

The Chamber held their 3rd annual Becky’s Walk on August 21st. Becky’s Walk is a fundraiser to honor Becky Dubbert’s life and to raise money for the MS Foundation. The MS Foundation helps “provide programs and support services to those affected by MS that help them maintain their health, safety, self-sufficiency, and personal well-being; and to heighten public awareness of multiple sclerosis in order to elicit financial support for the Foundation’s programs and services and promote understanding for those diagnosed with the illness.”

This year the chamber was able to raise \$1,500 to send to the MS Foundation. The winners of the Becky’s Walk 5K Run, Walk & Bike were Steve Green, James Talbot, and Matthew Morgan. The Chamber is thankful to all of those that showed up to help out, Jodi Dillion, Shawn Morgan, Annette Webber & Jeff Dubbert.







# Rangely District Hospital EMS

BY SHANNA KINNEY

## HISTORY

Rangely District Hospital was known as "Rangely Community Hospital" in May of 1947, when it first opened. The EMS Department/Ambulance service was originated as part of the Rangely Hospital District in 1956. The department was staffed by volunteers from the community and charged with providing ambulance services to the community as well as unincorporated areas on this end of Rio Blanco County. Eventually the district hired a part time EMS Manager to oversee the department. This part-time position was filled until the mid-1990's. With changes in the need for recruitment, retention, education as well as regulatory requirements of the federal, state, regional and local governments, the workload demanded the need for a full-time employee to manage the department.

In May 2004 the district hired its current EMS Manager, Shanna Kinney. Shanna is the only certified Critical Care Flight Paramedic in our community; a fact which should not go unnoticed as this certification is the highest level of certification attainable for a paramedic.

In the last 17 years, the EMS department has gone through several changes. These include the change from a fully volunteer department to part-time/casual medics. These medics are citizens who hold primary jobs all over our community; yet they respond to emergent and non-emergent calls for service when available. Although these citizens may not be full-time employees, their commitment to the EMS Department makes them invaluable members of our community and hospital.

It takes much time and commitment to become an EMT and even more to maintain the certifications each medic has worked so hard to obtain. The families of our EMT's also sacrifice, in order that their loved one can maintain their skills through training and while using those skills when responding to calls. Calls that most often are made at odd hours, inconvenient times, and inopportune moments as these medics attempt to juggle their careers, family, sleep and part-time EMT jobs.

The EMS Department currently consists of 2 full-time employees, the EMS Director and Ambulance Coordinator. The Department EMS Coordinator Kelly Chenoweth is an EMT-Intermediate with over 11 years of experience. Kelly is currently working diligently to have her Paramedic certification by September 2021.

## SERVICES OFFERED:

In 2015, the Rangely EMS Department applied and obtained Certification as its own EMS Training Center. This allows the EMS Department to offer, the following courses:

### *Training Center:*

1. Initial Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course
2. Initial Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course
3. Intravenous (IV) certification course
4. Basic ECG interpretation course
5. Initial Advanced EMT (AEMT) course
6. Initial EMT-Intermediate course (However, the national registry does not test for this as of December 31st, 2019 so there is no way to test out anymore for this level)

### *Training Group:*

1. Continuing Education for EMR providers
2. Continuing Education for EMT / EMT-IV providers
3. Continuing Education for AEMT providers
4. Continuing Education for EMT – Intermediate providers
5. Continuing Education for Paramedic providers

### *Other courses offered:*

Instructed by EMS staff

- Basic Life Support courses (BLS for the healthcare provider)
- Heartsaver FA/CPR/AED (this course is for the general public, local businesses, companies, etc. who need of this course)

Hosted by EMS/Nursing staff

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS)
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
- Outreach training from Level I/II trauma Centers
- Careflight of the Rockies – provides additional EMS training for staff
- Classic Air Medical – provides additional EMS training for staff







# Carnival Brings Summer to an End

BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

The Summer Reading Program at Rangely Regional Library has drawn to a close. We had wonderful participation again this year. There were 251 readers who signed up to read a total of 2,000 books! We had a total of 10 different winners of the candy guess competition held each week.

Our Summer Reading Carnival made a triumphant return after having been cancelled last year due to COVID. There were approximately 300 youngsters and volunteers in attendance. The old favorite activities were available to those who came; including face painting, pony rides, water games, milk bottles toss, balloon animals, nail booth and even some cotton candy and snow cones to hit your sweet spot!

Please come visit our booth at “A Night at Hogwarts” on October 29th at Parkview Elementary. We will have some fun Harry Potter themed giveaways and the ever-popular candy guess. It is a community event not to be missed!

The Library is still planning for a 50th anniversary celebration that will take place in October! More details will unfold as the date gets closer.

Stop in at 109 East Main Street and check us out (literally) or give us a call at (970)675-8811 with any questions. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. You can also find us on Facebook!



# Main Street Pocket Park

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



TREAD, Rangely's Colorado Main Street Program, is pleased to announce the completion of the pocket park located on Main Street, in the courtyard area between Town Hall and the Rangely Regional Library. The park was funded by a grant from CDOT Revitalizing Main Street as well as in-kind labor from the Town of Rangely's Department of Public Works and Buildings and Grounds.

The new park consists of beautiful grass, landscaping, two benches, a trash receptacle as well as a bike repair tower. The benches are shaded by larger trees and make for a wonderful place to enjoy lunch or just visiting with friends. Young and old bikers

can utilize the bike repair tower, which consists of several tools, for bike repairs as well as a pump to add air to bike tires.

Please take the time to visit our gorgeous new pocket park! It just may become your new favorite spot in town.



# New Vice President of Student Services at CNCC

BY LISA JONES

On August 16, 2021, Mr. Hardman joined the college as its new Vice President for Student Services. David brings 15 years' experience supervising, working in or with Admissions/enrollment management, Student Life, Diversity awareness and education, Athletics, Rights and Responsibilities and Residence Life. As a value add, he holds an MBA which will prepare him well to support the College's goal of fiscal responsibility and growth. He also holds an undergraduate degree in the Arts specifically sculpture and ceramics.

David Hardman was born in the greater Houston, Texas area in 1982. After graduating from Willowridge High School in 2002, David decided to go to college at Bethany College. He received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in: Art Studio with Concentration in Sculpture and Visual Art Administration with Concentration in Ceramics, and minor in Business in 2007 from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas.

The Hardman family found a home in Rangely right away and David, his wife Melissa and two sons have settled in nicely. The sons started classes with their new Rangely classmates on the first day and have reported making great friends. Mr. Hardman has hit the ground running and is working toward efficiencies and enhancements in the student experience, and creation of a data informed strategic enrollment management plan.







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# Rangely District Hospital Foundation Fundraiser

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Rangely District Hospital Foundation is excited to announce their very first fundraiser! A 4-person scramble golf tournament will be held on September 11, 2021 at Cedar Ridges Golf Course. There will be a 10:00 AM shot gun start. The price is \$200.00 per team. Prizes will be provided for the longest drive, closest to the pin as well as a top 4 team clubhouse payout.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.00. You can drop the funds off for hole sponsorship at the Front Desk at the Hospital.

Please contact Chris at the Golf Shop for additional information. He can be reached at (970) 675-8403.

You don't want to miss this great event!



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# GOLF TOURNAMENT





# Benefits of Service to Your Community

BY LISA PIERING

Rangely has a great reputation for being a very close-knit community. We value our rights, we care about our neighbors, their families, and the relationships that we have between each other. We support each other and try to help each other when in need. I believe these are some of our greatest strengths as a community.

Serving or volunteering is extremely important to our community and has many benefits which will enhance the community you live in and how you hope to see it in the future for your extended family, whether it be your grandparents, parents, your children, and future generations to come. Some thoughts to consider about the best way to serve or volunteer in your community are:



- Small tasks can make a difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need.
- You meet other people and learn to work together to solve issues or come up with solutions to improve our lives.
- You improve your social skills which may lead to better relationships, jobs, support network and common interests.
- You increase your self-confidence, self-esteem, and your overall satisfaction with life. You can take pride in the work and a more positive view of what you have impacted.
- You are teaching the next generation how to become an active member of your community and what the benefits and resources that it creates does for everyone.
- As we have all seen with issues over the last year social isolation has been so detrimental to our families and support systems. Depression and stress can be reduced by feeling like you are making an active difference in the community.
- The only requirements for these positions are passion and positivity. The best qualities that you can bring to these types of positions are an open minded, willingness to do what is needed and a positive attitude.

I would especially like to encourage, and even challenge, our future generations to begin to take on board positions or volunteering in the community. Your decisions will shape our future community and how we move through the challenging times ahead. Rangely needs you, your energy, your great ideas, and your passion for Rangely! Be the one to make a difference.

## 12th Annual Rockin' Bull

BY CANDRA ROBIE



Saturday, August 28th CNCC Athletics held the 12th Annual Rangely Rockin' Bulls. The bull riding event was a tristate showdown with riders representing Colorado, New Mexico and Idaho. This event is held annually to help raise money for the CNCC Athletic Department. The money helps fund facility and equipment upgrades for the future success of the athletic programs.

The winner of this event was CNCC Rodeo Alum, Beau Southern, taking home a beautiful buckle and a cash prize. Beau is a 2020 CNFR qualifier and winner of the Rocky Mt Region in bull riding. Beau won this event in 2019 and stated that he would be back next year to make it 3 out of 4 wins.

CNCC Athletic Director, Candra Robie, would like to not only thank the amazing showing of spectators at the event but the support from the community and our sponsors. Without the help and support of many, this event would not have been as successful as it was.







# Fall To Do List

BY JANET MILLER

As the weather starts to cool down, gardeners begin to get busy! Fall is a great time to garden. The reprieve from the heat of summer gives a second wind and allows one to enjoy the garden before those frigid months that loom ahead. Taking advantage of these beautiful fall days will give you a jumpstart in the spring thereby helping to get your garden started much earlier and relieving some of the spring prep work that goes along with gardening.

## In the yard:

- Cut back herbaceous perennials, irises, bulbs.
- Plant trees and shrubs. Fall is the ideal time to plant! Cooler temperatures reduce transplant shock and allow the roots to get well established prior to the heat of summer the following season.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, crocus.
- Plant cool season annuals to brighten up the fall/winter garden such as pansies, johnny jump-ups, or ornamental cabbage and kale.
- Prune deciduous trees and summer/fall blooming shrubs. Never prune spring blooming shrubs such as lilac or forsythia in the fall. These shrubs set their flower buds in the fall for the spring bloom. Pruning these shrubs in the fall will remove those buds causing them not to bloom.
- Divide herbaceous perennials and either plant the divisions in other areas of the yard or share them with friends. I call this "Multiplication by Division".
- Wrap the trunks of young and/or smooth barked trees to prevent frost cracks from developing in the winter months.
- Fertilize the lawn in early fall. This will help promote a healthy root system which creates a hardy lawn.
- Rake up tree leaves and use them in the vegetable garden. See below.
- Make sure to drain your hoses and store them out of the weather if they will not be used during the winter months. If it is necessary to use hoses during freezing temperatures, remember to unhook them from the spigot between uses to prevent freezing of pipes.

## In the vegetable garden:

- Enjoy the fruits of your labor! The harvest is such a satisfying time of year for the gardener. Take the time to relish this part of the season. What isn't eaten fresh can be shared with neighbors and friends, or frozen, canned, or dehydrated to be enjoyed during those long winter months. Self sufficiency is such a fulfilling experience, whether it be just a small harvest enjoyed with family or producing a bounty that helps to sustain your family and reduce your grocery expenses.
- If you would like to extend the growing season, build a cold frame, or use row covers.
- Plant a fall crop of cool season vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, kale, radishes, garlic. These crops can tolerate frost and actually do better in the cooler weather!
- Evaluate the season! What worked well, what didn't, how can I improve next year?
- After harvest, remove the vegetation. Leaving dead plants in the garden can promote disease and insect infestation. Fungus, insects, and disease oftentimes overwinter on the dead plants, so removing them in the fall can prevent these problems from occurring.
- If you don't have a compost pile, now is a great time to start one.
- Cover the soil with 3-6" of organic matter. You can use things like shredded leaves, grass clippings, manure, hay, or straw (use certified so there are no weed seeds in it). This will protect the soil over winter and amend the soil for the following season. In the spring, you just till it in and you will be ready to plant.

As always, if you have any garden related questions, I am happy to help. I can usually be found at Town hall or on Main Street working to beautify our little Town.



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## EMS: *continued*

The EMS department and its staff hope to be able to teach the following in the future in house.

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS)
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)

*Services we offer:*

1. 911 emergent and non-emergent response
2. Standby's for community events, fires, etc., scheduled and unscheduled
3. Interfacility transports (transport of patients from a hospital to a hospital, primarily within our region, however will and have transported to Denver and SLC, Utah facilities)
4. Critical Care transports (have the necessary, medications, ventilator, and critical care Paramedic provider for these kinds of transports)
5. Both Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Specialty (critical care) services
6. Air Medical transports with the fixed wing crews.

In 2008 and in 2010 – The EMS department applied for grants and successfully obtained 2 brand new Ford F450 Ambulance's to replace the departments aged and outdated ambulance fleet.

In 2017, The EMS department again applied and was awarded grants to completely pay for its newest Ford F450 4-wheel drive ambulance. After much discussion, it was decided the department needed 3 ambulances due to increased occurrences of multiple calls for service, standby's and interfacility transports and so it was decided to keep the oldest ambulance in service.

All 3 ambulances were obtained through grants submitted by the EMS Director and with very little funds coming out of the capital budget of the hospital.

In 2008, to replace an ambulance it would have cost the district approximately \$180,000.00 without grant funds, donations, etc. Today to replace an ambulance the cost is over \$250,000.00. While grant funds are hard to come by today it has also become quite difficult to be awarded funds. The EMS department is currently working hard to apply for and succeed in obtaining grant monies to replace the 2008 ambulance currently in our inventory.

We ask the community to recognize the commitment and sacrifice our EMS staff willingly and selflessly provide to our citizens.

# Little Town has Claim to Colorado's Only Rock-Crawling Park

*Speical to the Review*  
BY SETH BOSTER

RANGELY • At the base of a craggy ridge in Colorado's far western desert, Shawn Morgan parks his souped-up Jeep and eyes his target.

While an outsider sees a cluster of rocks, he sees a driving lane. "We call this the competition spot, or the playground," Morgan says. The competition spot for local enthusiasts like him who rumble burly machines up and down seemingly impossible terrain. The everyday playground for motorhead residents of the dusty, little town down the road drawn to the most extreme fringes of off-roading.

This is the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, the only one of its kind in Colorado, according to the owning Bureau of Land Management. This is 560-plus acres of slopes with jumbled and jagged boulders and steep and deep cracks and crevices that challenge the boldest, gravity-defying drivers. They've left their rubber marks on lines known as Megasaurus, Stegosaurus and T. Rex — nods to the ancient cliffs in view forming Dinosaur National Monument. Another "trail" is called Chain Break. A busted chain dangles as a marker and warning.



"It's you against the rocks," Morgan says. Just the way he likes it, along with about 30 others who competed at the annual challenge here last month. Here and at other events along the worldwide circuit, drivers negotiate obstacles between cones and are scored as they go. They achieve absurd angles, one of them being close to 90 degrees. Sideways and upright, they typically look on the verge of collapse.

Many off-roaders prefer the fast lane — the rock crawling park is actually more popular among dirt bikers and ATVers who zip along the flats — while a minority prefers the slow lane, no less perilous. "I like climbing rocks," Morgan says. "I like getting into predicaments where you don't know how

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## ROCKS: *continued*

you're gonna get out of it." So he goes. His "buggy" rumbles to life and roars toward the rock wall, where it moans and groans and creaks as it creeps upward, one carefully placed 37-inch tire after another. Rock crawling is a family affair for Rangely's niche crowd. As Morgan climbs, his 13-year-old son, Matthew, looks on beside his grandpa, Mike. "For me, it's intense fear," Matthew says. "It's good for the heart," Mike jokes. "It gets the heart rate up all right. It scares you to death."

It was a larger interest group in the early 2000s, says Jeff Rector, who led the charge in establishing the rock crawling park back then. He started a group that would fundraise and work alongside the BLM to develop routes. Two decades later, that group isn't nearly as active.

"People shifted and went to different machines," Rector says. He saw rock crawling lose its appeal as technology whirled. Ragtag crawlers tinkered in their garages, beefing up rigs, while the industry forged ahead on machines that were lighter, faster, more accommodating and more affordable. Side-by-sides covered several miles in an afternoon while rock crawlers managed only so many feet. And drivers of those side-by-sides weren't nearly as sore and exhausted at the end of the day. Rector understood. After a competitive crawling career dating to the 1990s — inspired, like many others, by the scene in Moab — he too shifted. He finally got to thinking, he says, that some of what he was doing was "absolutely insane."



But the Rangely native and county commissioner would hate to see the rock crawling park overlooked. "That park is a jewel for this community," Rector says. The community is counting its jewels in an increasingly volatile economic landscape. Gas and oil has historically spelled booms and busts for Rangely, and the cycle lately has been the latter. "It's in the tank right now," Morgan says here at the rock crawling park.

Not 50 yards from his vehicle stands an idle pumpjack. The imagery is not lost on Morgan, a board member of the local chamber of commerce: one symbol of the past perhaps, and another of the potential future. Analysts have recorded substantial growth in the off-roading market — globally valued

between \$14 billion and \$15 billion in 2020 — with steady growth projected for years to come.

"It's pretty neat we have world-class rocks right here in Rangely that are five minutes away," Morgan says. "The rocks and the formations here are as good as anywhere you'll find anywhere you go." But Rector wonders: How far are people willing to come? Rangely sits at the end of a high, twisty road, about 90 miles north of Grand Junction. "Discover Rangely," reads the banners posted along the main drag.

"The problem is the road to Rangely leads to nowhere, unless you specifically want to come to Rangely," Rector says. And then there's the waning interest he's observed. Other than visitors at the annual competitions, rock crawling seems for a select bunch in town. For families like the Morgans. Atop this crawl, young Matthew takes in the view of his hometown below. "That's part of the fun," he says. "Some of the best views you get are from rock crawling."

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## Rangely Community Resource Pantry

BY SUE SAMANIEGO

The Rangely Community Resource Pantry relocated to 419 E Main St. in April. (Our mail continues to be received at the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce at 225 E Main St.) Current hours of operation are Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9-11 a.m. We are able to schedule appointments outside of these hours if needed.

The new location offers more space for storage of food, household items, and our developing interview closet. With our expanded space, we are hoping to expand our services and hours of operation. To do this we need to expand our network of volunteers. If you would be interested in helping out as a volunteer on a weekly, monthly, or as-available basis, please contact us by stopping during our open hours or calling McKenzie Webber at the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce (970) 675-5290.

While our space is functional, the front area where we greet clients and donors is a bit run-down and not very inviting. Our goal for this fall is to paint the counter front and walls, purchase some new curtains, and add a few minor decorative touches. Additional needs to support the pantry expansion include heavy duty shelving, free-standing clothing racks, air-tight storage bins, and of course food, housewares, or funds to purchase the needed items.

The Rangely Community Resource Pantry is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation (EIN - 84-2734268). Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.





# Panthers Back to School

BY KRISTIN LOHRY

The 2021-2022 school year is underway, and what an incredible sight it is to have the buildings filled with students. The Rangely Junior/Senior High School started on August 16, and Parkview Elementary and the Early Education Center began on August 18. After a school year filled with unknowns last year, it is exciting to start this year with a sense of normality.

Throughout the district, we have welcomed six new teachers to our team. Amanda Boydstun joins us from Meeker, Colorado, and is teaching junior high English. Savannah Smith, a Rangely High School Graduate, will teach math and biology to our junior high students. A Meeker High School Graduate, Clinton Kilduff, has lived in Rangely for a couple of years and has taken the ag teacher/FFA instructor position. Jessica Dillon worked for the school district last year and will be joining the teaching staff this year as the high school special education teacher. Guy Summers and Kelli Irvin will teach music for the district, and both are new to Colorado.

Both junior and senior high athletes have been busy as cross country, volleyball, cheerleading, and football are all currently underway. We also have four senior high athletes who are traveling to Meeker to play softball. Athletic schedules can be found on our website, Facebook, and app. We hope to see everyone out cheering on our Panthers at the home games. Save the date; homecoming will be Friday, October 8.

The district has recently launched a new website along with a Rangely School District App. This app allows you to see our live feed postings, events, lunch menu, athletic schedules, and so much more. To download the app visit your App Store and search Rangely School District. Along with our website and app, we encourage you to follow our Facebook page, Rangely School District Re-4, to stay up to date on the happenings in the district, along with pictures of sporting events and activities.



## Hometown Technology Solutions

BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

Hometown Technology Solutions, LLC is owned by Johnathon and Jenn Cottrill who both grew up in Rangely, moved away, and came back to start a business. They offer screen repairs on phones, security camera installation, computer repairs, and so much more!

Hometown Technology Solutions, LLC can be found at 729 East Main Street. Their phone number is 970.364.3704. For more information and to schedule an appointment, stop by, give them a call, or visit their website [www.hometowntech.us/](http://www.hometowntech.us/)



## Promotional Videos Coming Soon

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL



The Town of Rangely recently hired Align Multimedia in Rifle, Colorado to assist with creating two promotional videos for the town. Align Multimedia will work with Jeannie Caldwell, Marketing Director for the town, in completing the videos. One video will focus on living in Rangely while the other will focus on doing business in Rangely.

Shoots for both videos have occurred and are currently in production. Rangely residents were utilized for the videos. The videos will be announced and premiered on the Town of Rangely's website as well as social media upon completion. We hope to have both videos available within the next month to six weeks.

Up to 20 smaller videos, 30 to 45 seconds, will be created from the shoots taken during the filming of the larger videos.

All residents utilized in the videos were fantastic! We would like to personally thank them for their efforts and participation. We look forward to sharing the videos with everyone soon!



# Welcome to the Fall 2021-22 Academic Year at CNCC

BY LISA JONES

The month of August has been a busy one at CNCC. We welcomed the start of the 2021-22 academic year, saw an enrollment increase, made new College friends, welcomed back our faculty and students and received significant HLC and Department of Education approvals. In our sight lines are the achievement of our strategic priorities, finalizing preparation for our HLC visit and reaffirmation, and continuous nurturing of the CNCC experience which includes a community where every student is known by name, colleagues are like family, classrooms are not limited by walls and opportunities are endless.

In late July, CNCC Experience Day was held in Rangely. Students participated in a large group day session and selected two of four afternoon excursions: Scuba Diving (Oceanography program); Aviation-Flight Simulation; Dental Hygiene, National Park Service, and Equine Tours.



In early August, the Craig campus hosted its event which allowed for a full campus tour, a Paleo excursion, and demonstrations from Cybersecurity, Cosmetology, and Nursing. The athletic coaching staff helped welcome our new potential students and their families and the Campus Life team made sure each participant had a valuable and enjoyable experience.



During the week of August 16, 2021, we welcomed our faculty back to campus. Members of the President's Cabinet held listening sessions focused on the strategic plan. The Craig session was held on August 16th and the Rangely session was held on August 18th. All faculty and staff were invited to attend. Information gathered will be incorporated within action steps developed from this year's strategic priorities. On Tuesday, August 17th Convocation was held on the Rangely campus with all employees. The program included an ice breaker, presentations on the prior year accomplishments, and our strategic priorities for the coming year followed by an employee picnic.

Our strategic priorities, taken from the strategic plan are aligned with the College's core values, and through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion with a focus on efficiency, effectiveness, compliance, resource development and fiscal responsibility.

## Strategic Priorities

- Enrollment Management and Student Success- specifically targeting untapped markets and underserved populations
- Preserving Our Financial Reserves
- Academic Program Evaluation, Enhancement and Expansion
- Institutional Effectiveness-Branding, program demand analysis, Org analysis, CQI, 2022 Reaffirmation \*
- Friend-raising for Transformative Impact-friends, funding, future-focus
- Recruiting, training and retaining highly qualified employees-through a DEI lens
- Strengthening Communication to Exceed Stakeholder Expectations-Proposed outcomes- increased knowledge, transparency, satisfaction, engagement

\*The college intends to engage a firm to conduct an internal and external analysis, assisting in the identification of – Community/ Industry needs based on the shifting economy, academic programs aligned with these needs, effective messaging, and marketing strategies to capitalize on CNCCs unique identity and brand, and recommendations on enrollment targets and program composition by location. This information, with full stake holder input, will provide the College's leadership with a guide toward effective deployment of resources.

This analysis will assist in further cementing the fact that CNCC is one College that serves multiple distinct communities. Though we have equal responsibility to all, resource allocation must be equitably considered, based on community needs and tempered by resource realities. A recent article by the Craig Daily Press is evidence that the confusion regarding the purpose of each CNCC location continues.



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# CNCC: continued

## Our Guide: CNCC Value Statement & Core Values

Innovative teaching, outreach education, and continual assessment will ensure that our students have the skills to further their education, succeed at meaningful careers, and prosper in a complex and increasingly diverse world.

- Achievement: Provide holistic and broadly-based student support to prepare our students to achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals.
- Life-long Learning: Offer educational programs that encourage continued education as well as respond to evolving workforce environments.
- Equity and Inclusion: Promote a culture of equity and foster a safe positive environment of inclusion for all students, employees, and stakeholders
- Innovation: Utilize innovation to provide unique learning, leadership, and recreational experience in the diverse natural environments of Northwest Colorado.
- Community Involvement & Development: Create and nurture meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships with the Northwest Colorado community and beyond.
- Add - On: Fiscal Responsibility, Efficiency Identification and Resource Development

## Our students and enrollment

New and returning residence hall students moved in beginning August 18th. Parent orientation was held on August 18th and new student orientation occurred Thursday evening, August 19th through Sunday, August 22nd. Along with learning academic and life success skills, new Spartans participated in team activities, the vision ropes course, scavenger hunts, hiking, rafting, and tie dye bump and jump.

With many institutions experiencing enrollment declines, we are pleased to report an increase in enrollment this year. At the end of regular registration (August 25, 2021), CNCC held a 4.0% head count increase and a 3.2% FTE increase.

### Enrollment Growth by Program

- Cosmetology- This program experienced a 64% increase in enrollment from this time last year
- Cybersecurity- In its first year, the inaugural student class was 57% higher than expected and required for solvency. These students enrolled as a full cohort, in the four-course semester sequence.
- National Park Services Program, Dental Hygiene and Automotive Technology- All full
- GED and ESL Classes. The College has been placing heightened emphases on non-credit and short-term programs which provide College access to greater numbers of our neighbors. The Craig Press highlighted our ESL and GED courses, offered free of charge to residents. Since its origin a few years ago, this program has grown five-fold in enrollment.

# ATHLETIC EVENTS

These are only the home games/meets

DATE	TIME	EVENT			
9/9/21	6:00PM	RJHS Vball vs. Soroco/Meeker	10/11/21	5:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Grand Valley JV
9/10/21	10:00AM	RJHS Fball vs. Hayden	10/14/21	6:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Snow College
9/17/21	1:00PM	RJHS Vball vs. Little Snake River	10/15/21	4:00PM	RHS Vball vs. West Grand
	4:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Debeque		7:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Soroco
9/24/21	TBD	RJHS Vball vs. Manila	10/16/21	1:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Southern Nevada
9/27/21	5:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Plateau Valley JV	10/18/21	4:30PM	RHS Fball vs. Little Snake River JV
9/30/21	5:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Caprock	10/22/21	7:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Vail Mountain
	6:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Salt Lake CC	10/23/21	1:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Vail Mountain
10/1/21	TBD	RJHS Vball B,D Tournament	10/25/21	2:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Trinidad State
	4:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Hayden		5:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Hayden JV
	7:00PM	RHS Fball vs. West Grand		7:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Western Wyoming
10/2/21	1:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Southern Idaho	10/29/21	6:00PM	CNCC Vball vs. Utah State - Eastern
10/8/21	4:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Soroco (Homecoming)	10/30/21	1:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Plateau Valley
	7:00PM	RHS Fball vs. Gilpin County	11/5/21	TBD	CNCC Hosting Regional Vball Tourney
10/9/21	1:00PM	RHS Vball vs. Manila	11/6/21	TBD	CNCC Hosting Regional Vball Tourney

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**RDH Foundation Golf Tournament**  
September 11

**CNCC Veteran's BBQ**  
September 14th

**Octoberfest**  
October 16

**CNCC Volleyball Hosting Regional Tournament**  
November 5-6





# SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF SEPTEMBERFEST

## Celebrating Rangely's 75th Anniversary Incorporation

BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

Labor Day weekend in Rangely is an incredible celebration of the end of summer. This year's celebration was extra special since we were celebrating the 75th anniversary of our town's incorporation. The celebration consisted of incredible fireworks, inflatables in Elk's Park, a chili cook-off, parade, craft fair, a barbecue provided by the Rangely Recreation Center, car show, free anniversary cake provided by the Town of Rangely, cornhole tournament, fireman's pancake breakfast, and a great concert.

We may be a small town but our SeptemberFest celebration is in no way small. The event grows each year in activity offerings and attendance.

Many hours of labor go into planning a great event like SeptemberFest. Thank you to the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District staff and Executive Director Tim Webber for all they do to make this event possible for our community.

The float winners for the parade were:

First Place - Town of Rangely

Second Place - Rangely 4-H

Third Place - W.C. Striegel

Congratulations to the winners!

Below are several photos illustrating the memories we made during this great weekend!

