# **PRANGELY REVIEW**

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### The Town of Rangely Receives Two Great Recognitions "Colorado's Friendliest Town" and "Second Safest City in Colorado"



#### BY JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Town of Rangely, of recent, has seen a lot of growth, interest, and excitement within the community. The interest is well deserved as there are a lot of exciting things happening around town. And why not, Rangely is a great place to live and call home!

The two recognitions mentioned certainly add to the excitement. I mean, how can you go wrong with being a safe and friendly community?

Rangely was recently recognized by HousesFor.Sale.com as the "Second Safest City in Colorado." HouseFor.Sale. com is a new startup company that gathers safety data from several official sources, including the FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Once the information is gathered the raw scores are then ranked nationally, by state, to arrive at a ranking for all the cities and towns across the United States.

In today's world, a safe community is not always easy to find. A lot of work goes into making and keeping a safe community. Thank you to everyone who makes a recognition such as this possible. A huge shout out to our local law enforcement. Thank you for keeping our community safe!



As far as being "Colorado's Friendliest Town," the Berthoud Weekly Surveyor recently reprinted an article from HeidiTown.com. The article was reprinted to encourage individuals to make plans to travel somewhere small this year. Northwest Colorado, specifically Rangely, made the list. HeidiTown actually visited Rangely and I would like to quote them exactly,

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## Rangely Rec Center Mill Levy Increase Request

BY: JEFF LEBLEU

In the May 2022 election, the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (WRBM) is requesting a Mill Levy increase in the amount of 4 mills bringing their Levy to 8 mills. WBRM has not asked for a mill levy increase since 1996, 26 years ago. While mill increases can be difficult, each of us, as residents and businesses of Rangely, reap many benefits from WRBM.

Just to point out a few items of enjoyment..... the Rec Center Facility that includes the pool, weight and workout rooms, exercise equipment, and rooms



for racquetball, dance classes etc, our beautiful golf course, Parks that include Elks, Hefley, Striegel and Camper Park, 4th of July and SeptemberFest which includes the fireworks over Kenney Reservoir, baseball fields at the Rec Center



as well as those at Elks Park, and the many activities and classes taught throughout the year. Each of these items add to the enjoyment and pleasure for each resident in Rangely to include encouragement of a healthy lifestyle for the entire family.

Many communities throughout our state have Rec Centers some better than ours and some not nearly as nice; however, they also have large mills and very large membership and entrance fees. We have been fortunate throughout the years to have this great facility at a low cost. In addition to providing our community with great facilities, activities, etc. WRBM also employs residents which include summer help hired from our local youth. Their employees keep our facilities looking nice and of course they are always looking to make sure the residents have beautiful places and events to enjoy.

I can't imagine Rangely not having a Rec Center. The Rec Center is a huge draw for our community, to include individuals who are looking to relocate to our community. It is important that we support all our Special Districts in the community so that our community continues to move forward.

Please consider carefully when you are deciding how to vote on WRBM's mill levy increase. Do the many offers from WRBM outweigh the increase? I believe they do.





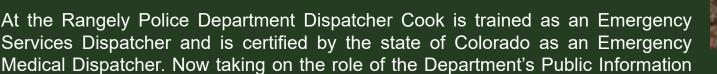


## The Rangely Police Department Announces the Incorporation of their First Public Information Officer.

BY CHIEF OF POLICE TI HAMBLIN

As many of you know, the digital age of policing is upon us whether we want to be or not. As communities across the nation increasingly expect transparency and accountability from those who protect and serve them, the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) has become essential in all police departments, large and small. Incorporating a PIO is important to bridge the gap between questions and answers through social media and to proactively engage stakeholders through media forward policing. The Rangely Police Department believes having someone in this role will continue to help them serve the community to the best of their ability.

Serving in this new role, formally taken on by the Chief of Police, is Dispatcher Tracy Cook. Dispatcher Cook started her career with the Town of Rangely in August 2020, after graduating from the National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Academy held at Colorado Northwestern Community College.



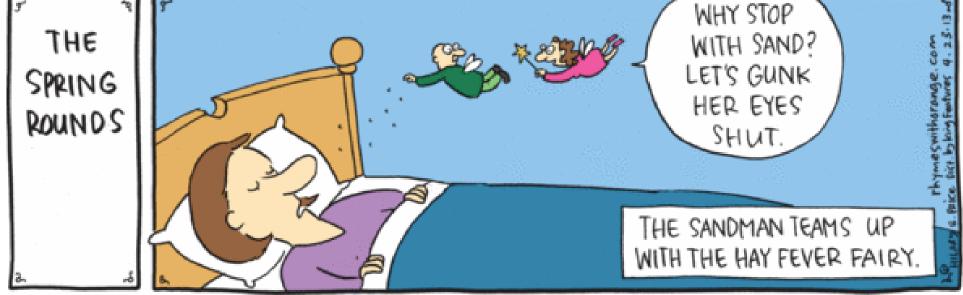


Dispatcher Cook grew up on her family's farm in Rhode Island where she shared her love for the outdoors and recreational activities with her six siblings. She states one of her favorite childhood memories is hunting with her brothers and the positive interactions they had with the Environmental Police. This led her to continue her education after high school and obtain a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Conservation Law Enforcement from Unity College in May of 2020, opening her eyes to the first responder and emergency services world.

Since graduating college and joining the work force, Dispatcher Cook has continued to work in emergency services and continue her training in both Rhode Island and Colorado. Taking the position of Public Information Officer and Dispatcher at the Rangely Police Department, Dispatcher Cook hopes to continue to grow the relationship between the Police Department and the community she serve in her new role using communication tools and community outreach opportunities.

Looking to the future, Dispatcher Cook hopes to achieve a master's degree in public administration or a related field. She hopes to be more involved in the Rangely community and be a resource for citizens to turn to for guidance in a time of need.





## Friendliest & Safest Town: CONTINUED

"During this trip we discovered Rangely, a place I dubbed "Colorado's Friendliest Town." All the towns in this post are above-average when it comes to friendliness measured by Colorado standards, but Rangely out-friendlies them all."

Thank you to all of the residents of Rangely for making our town warm and welcoming! You make our town awesome!

Rangely is a wonderful place to live, play, work and of course to raise a family. As a resident who only moved here about three years ago I can honestly say that Rangely is easy to fall in love with. The outdoor recreation available, the activities, the close knit community and the residents allow Rangely to maintain the title "Colorado's Best Kept Secret."









## **Rangely District Hospital CEO Corner**

**BY KYLE WREN** 

Before I start sharing what's happening at Rangely District Hospital, I would like to thank Jeannie Caldwell, McKenzie Webber and whoever else has their paws in the process of creating the Review. I'm sure there are countless hours of editing, reviewing, and waiting for entries to come in. THANK YOU from RDH and the RDH Board for letting us share our article each quarter. In this piece, I will give an update on our hospital board members, changes on the hospital foundation board, provider updates, and our marketing campaign.

We had two seats available and two applicants for the hospital board. The applicants were Keith Peterson and Ron Granger. Keith has been on the board for a few years and currently works at CNCC. He has been over allied health programs in his career and has developed a comprehensive understanding of how hospitals operate. Three things he would like to do on the board are "1. Educate the community, 2. Build trust, and 3. Start small and build.



Ron also has a strong educational background and recently retired as CNCC President. He has over 40 years in education at high school, community college, and university levels. The last 15 years were in administration as Vice President at community colleges in Wyoming and Missouri, and most recently President at CNCC. He stated "being on the hospital board gives me the opportunity to give back to the community, but most importantly, I have the opportunity to work with an excellent hospital with an excellent staff. I am excited to be a part of this board." We welcome both Keith and Ron who will be sworn in as a part of May's board meeting.

The hospital is conducting a community needs health assessment CNHA. There is a survey floating around, please take the time to fill it out and give us some feedback. This survey will help us determine how we can help serve you better. We held our first meeting last month with community members and will have two more in a few months. Results from the survey will help guide our strategic plan for years to come. A community needs health assessment is required for critical access hospitals every three years.

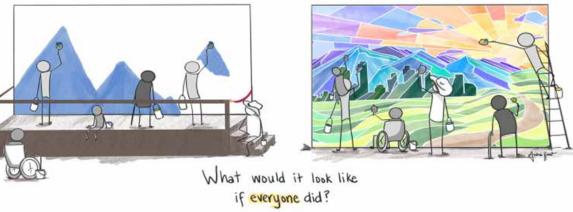
The Hospital Foundation is moving along as expected. Bernie Rice resigned as president, and I would like to personally thank him for his time and efforts in forming the foundation. Susie Berardi was voted in as President, Jeannie Caldwell, Secretary, Frank Huitt, Treasurer with Keith Peterson as a hospital board representative. We are working with the \$150,000 dollars we received from the Main Street grant and other donations to build the park next to Eagle Crest. True Value put in a fence last fall, and they will be putting in a sprinkler system shortly. Thanks go out to Rodger and his True Value team for making it look great.

The foundation will have a few activities to participate in this year. Most of the funds raised will help with the park's development. Some of the ideas mentioned were a second annual garage sale, skeet shoot, golf tournament, donkey basketball, and Thanksgiving dinner, TBD on dates and times. We are excited about the progress we've made so far.

It was provider week from March 28th- to April 1st, a shout out to all of our providers who work long hours and provide excellent care at our facility. We are lucky to have such a great team. We have Leslyn Joseph NP, Vivian Dillon NP, Kelsey Riggio PA, and Dr. Tyler Morwood MD in the clinic. DR. Charles Sutton MD and Dr. Timothy Hsu cover ER weekends. Dr. Frank Laws Cardiology, and Dr. Andrew Morse general surgery for specialty services. They are here to take care of your healthcare needs. Dr. Tyson Torgersen will be here in May to cover some shifts but officially starts in August 2022.

We are vamping up our marketing campaign. Hopefully, you have seen our new video of the hospital. The URL is https://vimeo.com/673360375/50618d1da7, enjoy. We are working to create a couple of short clips to post on Face-book, and updating our website. The website should be completed in a few months. Thanks to Align Media, Sara Peterson, and everyone involved in the production.

I'll leave you with a picture I saw from a Colorado Hospital Conference I attended a few weeks ago. Grateful for everyone's hard work to make RDH a great place to work and Rangely a great place to live. What would it take for everyone to be invited to contribute?



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### It Matters...

BY RICH GARNER

It seems that as I grow older, I can look back with clarity and pinpoint specific moments or events, that have impacted my life and my viewpoints of it. Some of those moments made more of an impact physically, like your first car accident, falling off a roof, or getting careless with a kitchen knife. There are other times the lasting memory has more of a mental impact on your life and makes you see things through a very different lens. Traveling the world gives you a deep love for this country and our way of life and the laws that protect us, especially if you travel to places that are not normally mentioned by travel agents. There are countless benefits of living in the United States that many people never really understand and therefore take for granted. Here is a story about one of my moments.



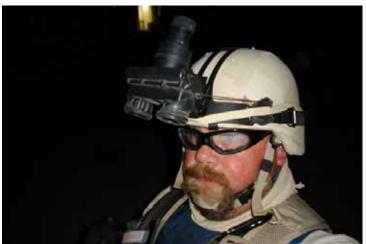
December 2004, I was part of a four-man law enforcement team, embedded

with the 1st Infantry Division, assigned to Samarra Iraq, as an International Police Advisor. Samarra had a population of approx. 350,000 people and was home to the historical Golden Mosque and the Spiral Minaret, it was also in the dreaded Sunni Triangle. We were tasked with training and mentoring the 600-man Samarra Police Department and coordinating Samarra Police Department activities with the Iraqi military and Coalition Forces.

I was summoned to the Adnan Palace in the Green Zone, Baghdad Iraq, for a meeting concerning the upcoming national elections in Iraq. The meeting was attended by all team leaders and assistant team leaders, as well as our military counterparts. The meeting lasted into the night, but the overriding message was clear, the elections must take place, and we needed to ensure they were safe for the people and as secure as possible. It was a very daunting task.

During the previous months we worked hand in hand with the Coalition Forces to try and make Samarra safe, but it was a very dangerous and volatile place. Already we had completed one major battle for control of the city (Operation Baton Rouge), but it had only curbed insurgent activity, not stopped it. We were still investigating multiple insurgency linked murders every week, including police officers, and mortar and rocket attacks were almost a daily occurrence.

For the next five weeks we increased our operational tempo and worked on securing locations for the voting centers. Once the centers were identified we began reinforcing them against attack and assigning security forces. The physical security for the voting centers consisted of multiple layers extending outward with Hesco and Texas type barriers, dedicated walking paths, security checkpoints, and armored vehicles. We brought in a 500-man Iraqi Public Order Battalion and additional armored vehicles.



The week prior to the election was a blur, intelligence briefings, last-minute changes due to security leaks, and nighttime raids taking insurgents into custody and out of the city. Car bombings and rocket attacks drastically increased. We suffered through daily ambush attacks, and very little sleep. We spent days getting the Iraqi National Police coordinated and trained for their upcoming role in providing election security. The police were scared, some moved their families out of the city, most wore ski masks at all times to hide their identities, and many didn't show up for duty. Getting them to man checkpoints or go on patrol was a monumental undertaking. But we forged ahead.

January 30, 2005. The day dawned cold and overcast. I was in an overwatch

position at the main voting center in Samarra preparing for what I believed could be a very long, and possibly deadly, day. In the days and weeks leading up to this point propaganda from the insurgency had warned everyone to stay home, warned of bombings, assassinations, and death for anyone that attempted to vote in the elections. The question I was asking myself, would anybody willingly risk their life to vote? Iraq had not had a fair election in over 30 years, this day was a milestone for the post-Saddam Hussein era of Iraq, would it end in disaster? Samarra was a particularly violent area as evidenced by constant mortar attacks, car bombings and rocket attacks. Would the people risk all that to simply vote?

As the sun started to crest, the people started coming. The lines began to build, checkpoints began to flood with people, all wanting to vote. Mortars and automatic weapons fire could be heard in the distance, but the checkpoints kept reporting they were being overrun by people wanting to vote. All day the people kept coming, by the hundreds, thousands, all coming to vote.

Many times, that day I watched people exit the voting center through my binoculars (Coalition Forces were not allowed to have direct contact with any voter or be in the inner security perimeter). The smiles on their faces, holding up ink-stained fingers, laughing, cheering, dancing, all because they were able to cast a vote, an honest vote, in a fair democratic election, to choose the people that would represent them. All the danger, all the checkpoints, the waiting in lines for hours, just to vote. It was an experience that really made me appreciate something that many of us take for granted, our right to vote.

### Savannah Wolfson Announces Candidacy

**BY: SAVANNAH WOLFSON** 

We are an Army family. When Dad is gone, I talk to my children about how Dad is away because he loves them and he is doing this for them. I never imagined we would be telling our kids the same thing about me.

I am the Republican candidate for House District 26. I am a homeschool mom in Oak Creek who has dairy goats and loves to make soap. The past few years have shown me that it is time for mothers to stand up for their children politically. Our state leadership has made it clear that they will put families in NW Colorado last in every decision they make, but good parents will sacrifice to give their child a better future. I want to be a public servant to families here, so that our children grow up with promise and hope.

NW Colorado has been continuously trampled at the state level. Our gas prices will go up 8 cents after the election to fund things like electric car chargers across the state. The legislature scheduled that price increase for after you vote so you wouldn't notice it until after their names went on the ballot again. I asked my state rep, "We don't live down the street from the grocery store, like someone on the Front Range. I drive an hour and a half to buy groceries. All of our grocery stores have to truck food in, and our gas is already more expensive. Why did you vote for this when you knew it would hurt us more?"

He admitted that they discussed the disproportionate impact on his constituents but concluded with, "But I didn't write the bill." He had voted for it, though, because he obeyed his party instead of advocating for the families in NW Colorado.

We have seen this disconnect with many issues, like the forcible shutdown of jobs, the Meat Out Day, and wolves. The leadership in our state does not believe that your life matters as much as someone on the Front Range, but there is good news! After redistricting, HD 26 includes Routt, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Eagle Counties. It's now a swing district and winnable for either party. The power is with us, and it will all depend on who shows up and is involved in this election. You can make an impact!

I have several goals at the state legislature, but they all stem from the same idea-that we are created equal. This idea, rooted in deep spiritual truths, makes the founding of America unique in the world, and empowers the everyday citizen. No politician can run your life better than you can. I will advocate for financial freedom and affordability through lower taxes, less frivolous government spending, and less regulation. I will advocate for parents to be able to make health and schooling decisions for their children. I will advocate for your ability to defend your body, your family, and your property. I will advocate for you to be allowed to make your own medical decisions with the advice of your doctor instead of an unelected bureaucrat. You deserve these things as a human being with equal rights to your leaders.

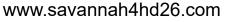
You need a candidate who lived in the district when she decided to run, who pays bills here, and is part of the housing market. You need a candidate who is planning on staying here whether she wins or loses. You need a candidate who wants to be a public servant, not a politician, and won't put party over people. You need a candidate who has paid attention to local issues and the state legislature so they can be your voice and stand up for the issues that are important to you. You need a candidate who wants to put the power of your life back into your hands instead of hoarding the power for themselves. I am the only candidate in this race who meets those qualifications. I humbly ask for your support, because I would be proud to represent the people of this unique district.

Sincerely,

Savannah Wolfson

Oak Creek, CO

Candidate for House District 26





# FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 26

### **PROTECT & UNIFY NORTHWEST COLORADO**

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## It Matters: CONTINUED

Fast forward to today.

The Constitution established the United States as a Constitutional Republic. A Constitutional Republic is a form of government in which a representative is elected by the people to govern over them, according to the rules established in the law of the land and it has a constitution that limits the government's power. U.S. citizens elect a President, and other representatives, who then govern them as the Constitution directs them to. This means that our government – federal, state, and local – is elected by the citizens. Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that U.S. citizens have. About 150 million American citizens are qualified to vote. Unfortunately, many don't. They give up on a chance to choose leaders and representatives who will do the things that are important to them.



Besides voting for officials, we also vote on issues. Voters may want to make changes to their community, such as building bigger schools or adding new roads. We can contact our government officials when we want to support or change a law, like allowing ATVs to be operated on town streets. Voting in an election and contacting our elected officials are two ways that Americans can direct how our government operates and what should be priorities.

While presidential or other national elections usually get a significant voter turnout, a smaller number of voters participate



in local elections. Our local and county elections direct the day-to-day operations of our immediate surroundings, like schools, parks, roads, libraries, and so much more. Voting in local and county elections helps solve issues that occur in your community. For example, if a city or county faces issues with poor streets and roads, voting for a good mayor or county commissioner may help solve the issue. If a school system begins to fail, people on the school board can fight for more funding, or advocate for more teachers or purchase equipment for enhanced student safety. Local elections give the people an easy opportunity to make their communities better.

Local and county elections also determine how well a community functions based on the decision of the people. They make policies regarding what types of development can take place in certain zoning districts within the city limits or in unincorporated parts of the county. Local elections often affect funding for fire departments, recreation centers, museums, and libraries. The vote of the people in local elections also affects larger elections. Your vote may not directly elect the president, but if your vote joins enough others in your voting district or county, your vote undoubtedly matters when it comes to electoral results.

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedoms that we as Americans sometimes take for granted. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights, especially your right to vote.

Why is voting so important? Because every vote counts! An election might be decided by a single vote and history would be changed because a person won...or lost...that one vote! Many of your local elections have been won, or lost, by a few votes. I have talked with local officials that remember elections, local and county, that were decided by a single vote.



So, you want to make a difference in your community? Register to vote. Stay informed, stay involved, and vote. It's the best way to make your voice heard, and it really matters......

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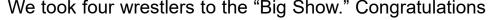
### **RHS State Wrestling**

**BY: JC CHUMACERO** 

This year was a great year for the Panthers wrestling team! We took four wrestlers to the "Big Show." Congratulations to SO Kobey Chism (132), SR Zane Varner (152), JR Kasen LeBleu (220), and SR Byron Mackay (HWT).

Wrestling started on Thursday where every guy wrestled one match. Chism had a very tough first draw facing off against the number two seed from Wray where we took a loss. His opponent ended up being the state runner up. LeBleu also fell to a Wray opponent. The seniors came out firing though, both Varner and Mackay beat their first opponents by pin. I was very happy with the first day.

On day two the morning started with two very tough match ups for Zane and Byron facing off against Rio Blanco County, Meeker. Varner lost a very competitive match against the 152-pound state runner up, Connor Blunt 4-2. Mackay also lost a tight one losing 5-2 to Tanner Musser. I respect the





program Meeker has built. They have very tough kids and a pretty star-studded coaching staff. I was very impressed with how those two competed against them.

Kasen LeBleu lost a heart breaker in overtime against his Center opponent 3-1. He ended up getting 6th. This eliminated



him from the tournament. I hope Kasen can see how much into these matches he truly is. We are looking forward to his improvement for next year.

Kobey came away with the only win for the second session beating his Center opponent 4-0. One more win was needed to make it into day 3. Chism lost a very close match to a senior from Olathe he had lost to at regionals. He looked like a completely different wrestler, and I could tell he just decided to cut loose and have fun in the match losing 4-3, eliminating him from the tournament. As a sophomore, making it to state is impressive and I see Kobey having a very bright future in this sport with years to come.

Both Zane and Byron were able to come away with wins from regional foes getting them into day 3. Zane beating Norwood in dominating fashion 7-1 and Byron beating his Ignacio opponent by fall. Day three seniors Zane and Byron were left facing what we call the "blood rounds" their first match of the day was a "win or go home" situation. Varner

beat his Custer County opponent 8-2 and Mackay defeated his North Ford opponent by fall. This advanced both to the medal rounds.

Varner left no question getting him into 3rd and 4th as he dominated his Fowler competitor pinning him in 35 seconds. Mackay battled hard beating his Trinadad opponent 8-6 also getting him into the 3rd place match. With their last high school matches in front of them, both Varner and Mackay shook the hands of their opponents one last time. Zane lost a battle to Lyons losing 5-0. Byron lost to County Line by fall in a match



he was winning. Both of these young men came away top four

in the state in their respective weights! That is very impressive and I'm extremely proud of them.

It was a great weekend of wrestling and I'm very proud of all the young men that participated. I would like to thank my whole team and coaching staff for sticking by my side this year, Coach Dillon and Coach Buck. Managers Kenzie Satterly and Whitney Rusher, FR Aydan Christian (113), FR Landon Carlson (120), JR Colton Stevens (126), SO Kobey Chism (132), FR Izaiah Moody (138), SR Braxton Moore (145), SR Joseph Adams (145), SR Zane Varner (152), SR Alex Black (160) SR Brent Cantrell (170), JR Kasen LeBleu (220), and SR Byron Mackay (HWT).

### **Next Edition - June 8th**

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

### White River Flood Irrigation and Return Flows

#### BY ALDEN VANDEN BRINK

Probably one of the oldest methods of irrigating fields is surface or flood irrigation where water flows down small trenches or over fields running through crops. While water is running over the fields it also percolates through the soils inducing alluvial aquifer recharge increasing ground water level, which our White River community is cultivated around with considerable dependance. Water that is unused by flood irrigation or other uses in the aquifer eventually return to the White River for the beneficial reuse by your neighbors downstream which is applicably referred to as "return flows". In our case, a significant portion of flood irrigation water applied in the upper basin along with the unused portion eventually returns to the river system for other downstream water users to reuse later in the season.

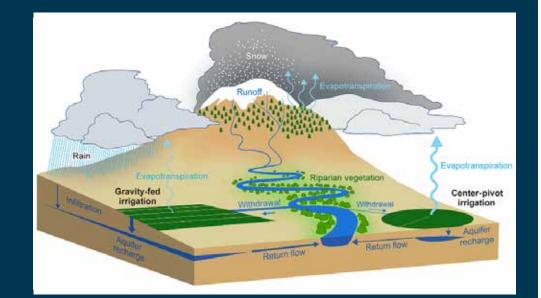
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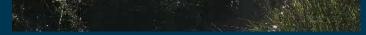
With ongoing and increasing drought severity our alluvial aquifer and intertwined return flows that we all have grown dependent upon, becomes even more critical since our White River basin has extremely limited water storage reservoirs and the induced aquifer recharge provided by flood irrigation is our primary storage mechanism meeting a large variety of "reuse water" needs across our basin. Instances where flood irrigation ceases impacting domestic wells, reduced seasonal stream flows, or other types of unintended injury can & do happen. There are benefits switching to a more efficient irrigation method but considerations for unintended consequences should be reviewed prior to implementation.

The neighbors water well or diversion structure that is now struggling to obtain water might be the unintended recipient of truly good-intended water conservation. Careful review and consideration should be part of all water conservation planning efforts. To learn more contact:

- Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District 970-675-5055
- CSU Extension 970-878-9490
- White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts 970-878-9838









## **Community Counts**

BY NITA SMITH

#### CONNECTING ENERGY/EXTRACTION INDUSTRY AND THE COMMUNITY

• 24/7 Response Line for Fast Resolution to Your Concern (866-442-9034)

• Pro-active Notices for temporary industry impacts, travel alerts, wildfire information, prescribed burns and misc. information pertinent to your area.

Contact information:

NitaSmith, ExecutiveDirector, nita@communitycountscolorado. com (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009)

#### WHO IS COMMUNITY COUNTS COLORADO?

COMUNITY COUNTS

Community Counts Colorado is a non-profit organization that helps the community and the energy/extractive industry have "open communication." Do you have an issue or concern? Our Response Line (1-866-442-9034) is available 24/7/365 days a year with nine of the major operators, the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison and the Community Counts Executive Director at your service to help you resolve your concern. If you do not know who can help you then choose any of the operators or the "9" button for the Executive Director and we will be glad to take your information and expedite it to the proper party. Check out our website (www.communitycountscolorado.com) for more information on the industries, a rig map, calendar, list of Board of Directors and Staff, list of our membership and a query link for questions. Would you like to receive our informational e-mails that include pro-active notices for temporary impacts, rig moves, travel alerts, wildfire information and other pertinent information relevant to the area you live or work in. We operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco County so send your e-mail address to nita@communitycountscolorado.com and Nita will be happy to add you to our database relevant to the county you live or work in. If you need further assistance, give our Executive Director, Nita Smith a call at 970-712-7317.

# An Old Familiar Face and Some New Ones too...

#### BY AMORETTE HAWKINS

Rangely Regional Library has had a changing of the guards so to speak. Three positions were vacated in a 10-month period. Leaving only Director, Amorette Hawkins and Children's Librarian, Rita Reich on staff.

Justyne Peters was the first to vacate. She earned her college degree and accepted a full-time position at Utah Gas Corp. Next, Meagan Ward headed to CMU to continue her college education. Lastly, Karen Packer retired after 17 years of service to the District. They are all three greatly missed by their coworkers as well as the Library patrons. Well wishes go out to all three for the next chapters in their lives. Thanks for being part of the story of the Library and we hope you come back and see us

The Library welcomed back Kelsey Harvey. Kelsey worked at the Library during her high school and college years. It is like she was never gone and we are lucky to have her back! Miss Halie Elam also joined our Library staff after having completed her degree at CNCC. She is a fantastic additionalready adored by her coworkers and patrons alike. Last, but certainly not least, the Library now has an official sub-Susie Berardi has become our fill in Librarian. She is just as wonderful on the other side of the counter as she was as a library patron. She has already earned her keep by bailing us out on numerous occasions!



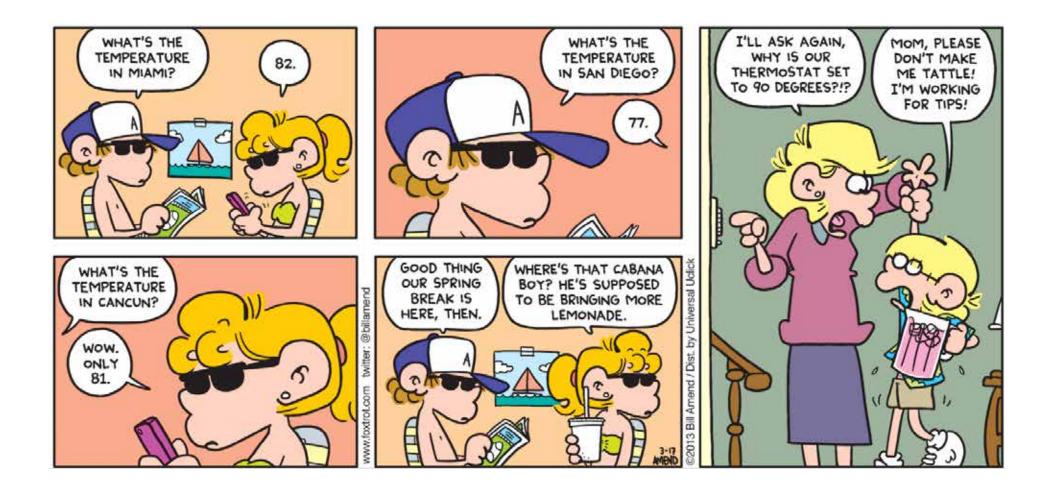
Miss Rita continues to have Storytime year-round on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30. All ages are welcome. You never know what fun stories she has in store, what she will be dressed up as or what kind of craft and snack you get to take home.

The Library is once again gearing up for Summer Reading. Stay posted for more news as the Summer draws closer.

Library hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M Monday thru Friday. Our phone number is 970-675-8811. You can also find us on facebook!

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# Spring Break...



Kid's Korner



## **APRIL 28 - MAY 1 SAVE THE DATE 2022**



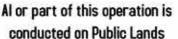
### **SATURDAY APRIL 30**

Registration *@* EEC Building all day **Open Riding** Rider/ Guide Meet n' Greet

THURSDAY APRIL 28

OHV Expo **Guided Rides** Poker Run **OHV** Rodeo

### FRIDAY APRIL 29 Please call the **SUNDAY MAY 1 OHV** Expo chamber for more **Open Riding** Registration info 970.675.5290 **Riders Meeting Guided Rides** Shrimp Boil Night Ride RANGELY OHV **ADVENTURE RALLY Rangely, Colorado**







under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management

### 2022 RANGELY OHV ADVENTURE RALLY

### MORE INFO TO FOLLOW WE HAVE A FEW SURPRISES IN STORE!

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

### **Student Government Day**

#### BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

Student Government Day 2022 was a huge success. The Rangely High School seniors were able to spend a day learning what goes into making local government happen. They were broken up into individual roles and were able to shadow the supervisors and learn what actually goes into the job. The students were also able to tour the water treatment plant.

A huge thank you to Commissioner Ty Gates for coming to Rangely and talking to the students about getting involved in our community and how much of an impact our young people's voices have. Another HUGE thank you to Rangely School District RE-4 and Mr. Lohry for allowing the kids an opportunity to do this. Thank you again to the Rangely Junior/Senior High School bus garage and Bart Neilson for helping transport the kids. Finally, thank you to the Town of Rangely, Colorado for investing in this day and these kids. I have huge hopes after today for the future leaders of this community! These kids are being raised right and you all should be so proud of them!





### **Rangely Community Resource Pantry**

BY SUE SAMANIEGO

The Rangely Community Resource Pantry (RCRP), located at 419 E Main Street, received two grants this winter that will allow expansion of programs and offerings. The Food Pantry Assistance Grant, administered by the Trailhead Institute, provided \$3,500 to increase offerings of fresh foods, with a primary focus on items resourced from local, Colorado producers. A \$5,000 grant from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) provided funds to help improve our infrastructure, including shelving, repairs, painting, etc.

As an organization staffed only by volunteers and supported only by donations, these grants will make an enormous impact. During the spring, changes will begin to show. Signage will be purchased to make the building more recognizable. The lobby area will be painted and decorated to be more welcoming to patrons. Shelving will provide capacity to better organize non-food, household items such as pans, utensils, linens, cleaning supplies, etc. that are also in demand. Once the upgrades are complete, the RCRP will hold a community open house. Of course, the community is welcomed any time we are open.

Current hours are the first and third Mondays of



### Business Hours

### 1st and 3rd Mondays each month 3 pm – 5 pm

Wednesdays 4 pm - 6 pm

2nd and 4th Saturdays each month 9 am – 11 am

Hours are provided by volunteers, so they may change with little notice. Watch our Facebook page for lastminute changes.

the month from 3-5 p.m., every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m., and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from the LDS Church Relief Society, Rangely District Hospital, Colorado Northwestern Community College business office, and the RCRP board keep these hours staffed. These volunteers are appreciated beyond words.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### <u>CNCC Oral Cancer Run</u>

April 23 @ 7 am @ Elks Park

Rangely OHV Adventure Rally April 28-May 1: All Day @ EEC Building

#### CHFA Lunch N' Learn

May 2 @ 11:30 am @ Town Hall

### **CNCC** Foundation Dinner

#### **BY: SUE SAMANIEGO**

Nearly 180 people attended the 18th annual CNCC Foundation Dinner and Auction on March 26. The event was a resounding success. Although final figures were not available at press time, the event will net over \$64,000. Eighty percent of the funds raised go toward current scholarship and program needs, 10% to CNCC's endowment for long-term investment, and 10% to current greatest needs.

President Lisa Jones welcomed the crowd and thanked the community for the incredible support they have shown the College for 60 years. Vice President of Instruction Keith Peterson emceed the night and served as auctioneer.

Aladdin Food Management Services provided a delicious "Mom's Home Cooking" dinner of pot roast, fried chicken,



mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, cake, and cheesecake to fuel attendees through the evening.

Student scholarship recipients related their gratitude to the crowd for the assistance they receive that will help them to meet their academic and career goals. These stories reminded the crowd of the impact their generosity has each year.

The auction brought bidding wars, impromptu song and dance, surprise items, re-donated items, and a lot of laughs. What a great time!

This event succeeds each year because of the generosity and dedication of so many of our community members and businesses. Program sponsorship was provided by Rangely District Hospital, Alliance Energy Service Company, and W. C. Striegel. Dinner sponsors included Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), NAPA Western Slope, Rangely True Value Hardware, Diane and Frank Sizemore, and Ann and Rick Brady. Dessert sponsorship was provided by Sue and Robert Samaniego.

Donors of auction items included Big D's, Blanco Cellars/Little Cheese Shoppe, Ellen Boudreaux, ColoCPA, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, Hampton Inn Grand Junction, Laurie's Allison's Pantry, Bill Mitchem, Moon Lake Electric, Nichols Store, Prater's Plumbing and Heating, Rangely Trash Service, Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, Sweetbriar, The Salon – Lindsey Wiley, Timberline Bank/WealthSource, Town of Rangely, Shannah Wenzel, White River Market, Yardley's Auto, Rangely Conoco, Dr. Lisa Jones, David Hardman, Sue Samaniego, Sasha Nelson, Rangely True Value Hardware, NAPA Western Slope, Ann and Rick Brady, Diane and Frank Sizemore, Sam and Lonnie Tolley, James Caldwell, Blue Mountain Inn, The Wild Flower, Keely Ellis/KE Creations, Jo Ann Baxter, Western Rio Blanco Park and Rec District, Tim Webber, Bo + Nae Dog Biscuit company, Pinon Tree Liquors and CNCC Agriculture, Aviation, Library, Dental Hygiene, and Student Services (staff/faculty/students).

Cash donations came from Ducey's Electric, Kevin Amack Insurance, Russell George, Mike Miller, Reuben and Stephanie Talbot, Big D's, and Todd and Sarah Ward.

Volunteer support was provided by several Foundation board members and CNCC faculty, staff, and students.

"Thank you to all donors, attendees, and volunteers," said Sue Samaniego, Executive Director of Advancement. "This night would not be possible without you. CNCC would not be what it is without you."





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## VA Western Colorado Healthcare System Mobile Medical Unit

#### **BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL**

The Town of Rangely loves their Veterans! We are grateful for their service to our country which provides us with freedoms that unfortunately many throughout the world do not have. We salute and honor them every chance we get.

We want to express gratitude to the VA Western Colorado Healthcare System for providing a Mobile Medical Unit in Rangely to offer healthcare to local Veterans, in Rangely and surrounding areas. The Mobile Medical Unit was deployed at the end of September 2020 to provide healthcare to areas where distance creates a hardship for Veterans to receive medical care. The Mobile Medical Unit travels to Rangely, Edwards, Colorado, Gunnison, Colorado and Montezuma Creek, Utah. They are based out of Grand Junction, Colorado.

The Mobile Medical Unit is in Rangely once a month, on the third Tuesday and Wednesday. On opposite months they are in Rangely on the first Tuesday and Wednesday as well as the third Tuesday and Wednesday.

If you are a Veteran and are seeking healthcare, the Mobile Medical Unit is perfect for you. Their hours are 9 to 4 for walk-ins. If you are looking to see a physician/provider the hours are 9 to 10:30 am on Tuesdays and 8:00 to 10:30 am and 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Wednesday.



Should a Veteran require mental healthcare they should stop by the Mobile Medical Unit. They can provide same day access for mental health. If they are not in town you should reach out to:

#### **Veterans Crisis Line:**

#### 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

I was fortunate to meet the nurse who works in the Mobile Medical Unit. Her name is Tracy Schertz. She truly seems to love her job and working with Veterans. She stated, "I enjoy coming to Rangely...the people and town are very welcoming. We see more Veterans in Rangely than any of the other communities."

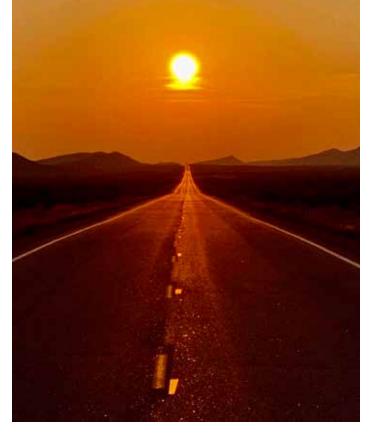
Such an incredible service provided to our Veterans! Thank you!



## Coming Soon..... DiscoverRangelyCO.com

BY: JEANNIE CALDWELL

The Town of Rangely is excited to announce a new tourism website which will be debuting soon called DiscoverRangely.com. The website is for the sole purpose of promoting tourism and all of the amazing outdoor recreation and activities offered in Rangely.



We look forward to sharing the site with you in the very near future!



## Coffe With A Cop

BY TRACY COOK

#### What is it?

Coffee with a Cop is an event that agencies around the country are participating in to break down barriers between the officers and the communities they serve. This event has no agenda, no barriers, and no speeches, it is just simple communication between the officers and the community.

#### What is the purpose of this event?

A successful coffee with a cop event is about having human interactions and building trust in the community. This event is not a community meeting and is not subject specific. It is about officers communicating with the citizens on a more intimate basis to get to know the community members and build public trust with the police department.

Start the conversation and break the ice. Shake a hand and allow the public to know that we are all human and we are here for a common goal. That goal is to build that public relationship and allowing the community to know they have a someone they can trust and confide in.

Be aware of body language and how you are communicating. We are not here to interrogate the public and extract information, instead get on their level and speak to them using effective communication skills.

#### Where will this event be located?

The location of this event will be in a public area in town that will have the space to yield a high turnover. Understanding that the town of Rangely is a small place with not many areas to hold this event, we reached out to Gio's and they are willing to co host and provide the venue.

#### Who is participating?

This event will not just be limited to officer participation, it will include participants from all areas of the department. This will allow for the public to get to know our team as a whole and be more comfortable requesting assistance in their time of need.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in this event from the community. We will be reaching out and posting flyers in churches, the recreation center, the college, town building, restaurants, gas stations, etc. We will also be posting this event on all social media platforms.

#### When will this event happen?

This event will occur on the third Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 am.

For more information on this event please see... Recourse: https://coffeewithacop.com/



10 am to 11 am

WITH A COP

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For our first coffee with a cop event! Pull up a chair and grab a cup of joe with the officers that serve your community.

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

Date: Wednesday, Location: Giovanni's Italian Grill 855 East Main Street



### Xeriscape

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

With the threat of ongoing drought and possible water shortages, many people are turning to the principles of xeriscaping for their home landscapes. For some, the term Xeriscape conjures up thoughts of a hot, desolate yard covered in rock with no lawn or plants. This couldn't be further from the truth. Xeriscaping does not mean" Zero Scaping" as many believe. Rather, it can be defined as creating landscapes with water conservation in mind using mostly native plants and an efficient irrigation plan. These native plants require very little maintenance and are better for the environment because they don't require synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. There are several principles involved so let's talk about how to incorporate these concepts into our home landscapes, which will help to conserve this precious resource of ours ...water.

#### **Drawing of property**

The first step is to create a basic drawing of the property. Include the house, property line, any existing deck areas, walking paths, driveway, existing trees, water spigots, downspouts, and any other pertinent information. Measure the area as closely as possible so that you will have an idea about how much space you have which will help determine the amount of plants you will need. Transfer this onto a graph paper and use a 1:10 scale, meaning for every 1" it equals 10'.

#### Plan

Are you planning to replace all the yard at once, or just making modifications to the existing yard? Will you do all the work at one time, or over several years? Will you do the work yourself or hire someone?

Typically, you will need to map the yard out into three zones: Arid Zone, Transition (moderate) Zone, and Oasis Zone. You will group plants together with varying water needs into these three zones, thereby helping to minimize the water usage.

**<u>Arid Zone-</u>** This is the zone farthest away from the house that will receive only the moisture from Mother Nature. In this zone you will plant only native plant material that grows naturally in our climate.

**Transition (Moderate) Zone-** This is a transition between the Arid Zone and the Oasis Zone. This will be home to drought tolerant plantings that can survive without water for extended periods but need some supplemental watering throughout the season. The plants also require some seasonal maintenance but are not high maintenance plants.

**<u>Oasis Zone</u>** This area is the closest to the house and human activities and will receive more consistent water, but plants in this zone do not require high amounts of irrigation water. You can direct downspouts into this area to help minimize irrigation use, as well as collect rainwater into barrels and direct that water for use in this area. You can also create some areas of annual color in this zone and these areas will require at least annual maintenance.

#### <u>Lawn Area</u>

Lawn areas do not need to be eliminated but should be reduced to only the areas that are used regularly. For example, you will want grass under a swing set or around a trampoline area where children play or where pets frequent. You will also want to evaluate the type of grass that you are using and consider using one with less water needs like Tall Fescue. Watering grass less frequently but for longer periods of time will create deeper roots that will be healthier and able to withstand some drought on a regular basis. Watering every day will create a weak root structure that depends on more water. Typically watering once or twice a week is better than watering every day.

#### Soil Prep

Soil amendment is an important part of gardening and Xeriscaping is no exception. Adding organic material to the Oasis and Transition or Moderate Zone will help increase the nutrient and water holding capacity for those plants needing water supplementation. In the Arid Zone, simply loosening the soil by rototilling the area will improve water infiltration and allow for more oxygen in the root zone which increases root development making those plants even more drought tolerant.

#### <u>Mulching</u>

Covering the soil with mulch material is an integral part of Xeriscaping, as it reduces water loss through evaporation, cools the root zone, helps prevent erosion and prevents weed growth. Common mulch materials are landscape bark or rock.

#### **Irrigation**

Drip irrigation is the most water conserving method to use for those Transition and Oasis Zones. Like lawn areas, deep infrequent water is preferable to more frequent as it creates stronger roots that can withstand long periods without supplemental water.

#### **Choose Plants Wisely**

Spend some time researching the best plants for each area. For the Transition and Arid Zones there is a wide variety of Native drought tolerant species available that are colorful, fragrant, and beautiful. Another benefit of gardening with natives is providing habitat for songbirds and pollinators. Please see the attached list of natives that will thrive in Rangely and the surrounding area.

see It Xeriscape... page 20

## **Rangely Chamber Annual Dinner** "Dinner in the Old West"

#### BY MCKENZIE WEBBER

I want to start out by thanking everyone who supports the Chamber and donated to our 2022 Chamber Member Annual Event. I apologize that we were unable to have crab this year, but I am so happy we were able to find a better substitute. I wanted to start by recognizing and thanking a few people. For starters, I would like to thank Aladdin and the whole crew that came together to cook the incredible meal (which included, steak, shrimp, mashed potatoes, and vegetables galore) for all of us and for being a sponsor of the event.

Another sponsor of the event is CNCC so thank you all as well for everything you do to support the Chamber. I want to recognize all of our wonderful servers, the kids were awesome and some of the most hard-working individuals I have met, so kudos to all of their parents! I also want to thank Steve Osborn for providing the wonderful music, Marybel and Jason Cox for being the bartenders, and Annette Webber for helping with tickets.

Lastly, I want to recognize my board members for all of their tireless work and support they give the Chamber, Jodi Dillon, Jennifer Noel, Janet Miller, Bob Kissling, Shawn Morgan, and our newest board member Emma Baker.

Last year I said that 2020 was the year of kindness and I think that 2021 was the year of change and progression. We had many businesses started, sold, and bought. All of which caused worry, but I believe also caused positive progress and change.

One thing that I have always admired about Rangely is how quickly we come together and move forward with whatever comes our way. I want to leave you all with a quote from Tony Robbins that says, "Change is inevitable, progress is optional."



Person of the Year: Diane Sizemore



Partner of the Year: ColoCPA Services





#### Small Biz of the Year: Raven Realty

### Biz of the Year: Rangely True Value

## Xeriscape: CONTNUED

After your research, pull out the drawing that you created of your space and place your plants where they will do the best. Keep in mind microclimates or areas with shade, full sun, partial sun etc. Having a plan before beginning the actual installation will help keep you organized and make sure the plants are planted into the correct water usage area in the landscape.

Water conservation is becoming more and more important in the Colorado landscape as the threat of drought continues to loom on the horizon. Xeriscaping can create beautiful and livable areas in the landscape while being mindful of water usage and reducing the amount of water that is needed. Remember...Xeriscape is NOT "Zero Scape".

Happy gardening!

## **Golden Spade**

#### BY: MCKENZIE WEBBER

The Town of Rangely and The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that we will be sponsoring The Golden Spade Award Program for 2022! Beginning in June and continuing for the months of July and August, we will be awarding the Golden Spade for Rangely's "Best Residential Yard," "Best Business Front," and "Most Improved Yard."

It is our hope that this program will give residents as well as our local businesses incentive to participate in the program and to beautify their yards and storefronts. This will of course, improve the aesthetics of our community which will benefit all of Rangely.

Monthly prizes include a yard of the month sign, free water for a month (up to \$75), chamber bucks, a framed certificate and gift certificates from our sponsors.

If you would like to participate please fill out an application on the Chambers website rangelychamber.com under "Golden Spade" or pick up an application at Town Hall. You can then email it to rangelychamber@gmail.com or drop it back at Town Hall.

#### Sponsors:



Pinyon Tree Liquor, EZ Auto and Diesel Mechanic, Professional Touch, The Salon





Registration: 7:00 AM • Walk Begins: 8:30 AM

### LOCATION:

Elk Park 311 South Stanolind Ave Rangely, CO 81648

### COST:

Walkers \$30 to pre-register, \$35 day of the event Oral Cancer Survivors are FREE Children 5 and under are FREE/Ages 6-10 \$15

### **REGISTRATION:**

For more information or to register, please visit:

https://oralcancerfoundation.donordrive.com/event/north-colorado



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### Save the Date: Club 20 to Host Summer Policy Committee Meetings in Rangely

BY: CLUB 20

GRAND JUNCTION — Community leaders from across Western Colorado will gather on July 28th and 29th in Rangely at Colorado Northwestern Community College to participate in Club 20's Summer Policy Committee Meetings to discuss many of the pressing issues impacting our region.

These meetings are free and open to everyone to attend, but registration is requested for planning purposes. Please plan on bringing \$5 if you plan on eating lunch. Registration will be available on the Club 20 website closer to the event.

"The Summer Policy Committee Meetings provide Club 20 members and the general public with the opportunity to learn about current issues, ballot measures, and proposed policy



changes that will impact the Western Slope," said Club 20 Executive Director, Christian Reece. "We are fortunate to have experts available in each of our policy areas who can guide our committees through discussions and help to develop actionable solutions."

During the second week of committee meetings in Rangely, the second half of Club 20's policy committees will meet over the course of two days with the first 30 minutes of each day dedicated to Federal Updates and an informal Networking Reception to follow the first day. The committee meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Colorado Northwestern Community College

500 Kennedy Drive Rangely, CO 81625

\*Meetings to begin around 8 am and to conclude after the last committee adjourns with a Networking Reception to follow.

Committees to Meet:

- Federal Updates
- Agriculture
- Water
- Business Affairs- Colorado Space Business Roundtable
- Informal Networking Reception

Friday, July 29, 2022

Colorado Northwestern Community College

500 Kennedy Drive Rangely, CO 81625

\*Meetings to begin around 8:30 am and to conclude after the last committee adjourns.

Committees to Meet:

- Federal Updates
- Public Lands and Natural Resources
- Energy

Don't miss this phenomenal opportunity to shape the future of Western Colorado!

These discussions are free and open to the public. Registration is requested for planning purposes. For a complete list of agendas and for more information, visit us at www.club20.org. Please contact us at (970) 242-3264 for more information.

Club 20 is a 69-year-old coalition of the individuals, businesses, organizations, and local governments in Western Colorado's twenty-two counties and exists to advocate for the interests of this region on both the state and national levels.

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### **ROAR Volunteers Needed**

#### **BY: MCKENZIE WEBBER**

Rangely OHV Rally, also known as ROAR, is scheduled to be held on April 28 – May 1. The event is less than a month away, and we are so excited! As of now we have 115 vehicles signed up to participate in this event and are expecting to have about 300 people in town. The Chamber is always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please reach out to us at 970-675-5290. Please note that volunteering means a free registration for the whole weekend!





### The Tank 2022 Concert Season

**BY: JAMES PAUL** 

#### 2022 CONCERT SEASON AT THE TANK

#### Friday May 6 7pm FORT LEWIS COLLEGE CHOIR

Choral music at the TANK is utterly uplifting and transporting, especially by this joyous and free-spirited group, The Fort Lewis College Choir. Gorgeous choral harmonies, in an a cappella setting, works by Sullivan, Rachmaninov, Whitacre. Led by director Charissa Chiaravalloti. Free and open to all

#### Sunday May 22 6pm PEDDLERS OF JOY

Peddlers of Joy honors indigenous music and sacred traditions and explores new understanding of music's power to enhance well being. Dedicated to creating mindful music live in the moment, this performance ensemble comprises Mad Dog Friedman on Native American flute and Theremin, Sean Bennight on guitar and Freyja Wild on vocals. Free and open to all

#### June 17 to 19 SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Grand Gathering of Sonic Pilgrims. This year the TANK returns to a tradition from pre-covid years, inviting all sonic pilgrims to celebrate the summer solstice in weekend-long solo presentations, group soundmaking and general jams. Starting Friday at 5pm and continuing until Sunday at 5pm. Special ceremonies on Friday at sunset and Saturday at dawn and noon. Free and open to all

#### Saturday June 18 8pm LEON LITTLEBIRD AND LISA ANN WHITE

Headlining the Solstice Festival this year are Leon Littlebird and Lisa Ann White. A regionally and internationally acclaimed musician, performer, recording artist and composer, Leon is a third generation native of Colorado with ancestral roots in both Pioneer & Native American cultures. Lisa Ann White sparkles on native flutes and vocals. Their heritage and multi-instrumental style combine to create what they call Native Colorado Music





#### ANDY CLAUSEN

New York-based composer/performer Andy Clausen presents "Heart of Tones - Solo Trombone at The TANK." Playing works commissioned especially for the TANK, with others spanning five centuries of musical history, from medieval chant, to shape note hymns, to Ellington ballads, and sonic meditations from Pauline Oliveros. A founding member of genre-bending brass quartet The Westerlies, Andy has performed and recorded with Fleet Foxes, Nico Muhly, Gabriel Kahane, Caroline Shaw, John Zorn, Bill Frisell and others. Free and open to all

#### Saturday September 17 8pm

#### SUSIE IBARRA

Coming to the TANK for a residency in September is sound-sculptor and percussionist Susie Ibarra, who will present her work in an extraordinary concert. The New York Times notes that her compositions are capable of "calling up the movements of the human body; elsewhere it's a landscape vanishing in the last light, or the path a waterway might trace." Modern Drummer Magazine says her sound is "like no other's, incorporating the unique percussion and musical approach of her Filipino heritage with her flowing jazz drumset style." 2020 National Geographic Explorer Storyteller, 2019 Doris Duke United States Artist Fellow in Music, a Senior TED Fellow and a 2019 Asian Cultural Council Research Fellow -- Susie Ibarra performing in the TANK will be an exquisite experience.

Tickets Inside \$25 Outside \$10 Purchase at tanksounds.org

The TANK Center for Sonic Arts 233 County Road 46, Rangely, CO 81648 For more information, go to tanksounds.org



### **Rangely's Summer Calendar Of Events**



### Rangely's Summer of Events

Elks Membership Mingle April 9th @ 3:00pm @ The Elks Club CNCC Oral Cancer Walk April 23rd @ 7:00 am @ Elks Park Rangely OHV Adventure Rally April 28 - May 1 - All Day @ The EEC Building Best of The West Showdown May 8th All Day @ Columbine Park 4th of July Celebrations July 1 - 4 All Day All around Rangely Hill Climb July 16-17 All Day Around Rangely Rally Colorado July 23-24 All Day @ Elks Park September 2 - 5 All Day All around Rangely



### **Arbor Day**

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

### Help Plant A Tree on Main Street!

- \* Help Name the New Tree
- \* Arbor Day Art Contest
- \* Arbor Day Poetry Contest

### Community Invited!!!

Sponsored by Rangely TREAD Rangely True Value and Rio Blanco Water Conservancy

> Location: Sidewalk Near Prater's Plumbing

10:00 am

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## Rangely.... You Named That Park

BY: JODI DILLION

The Rangely District Hospital is excited to announce that the park located next to Eagle Crest, formerly known as "The North Park," now has a final name. The name of the park is "Sunrise Park."

Thank you to Daniel Tredeaux for submitting the name to the hospital for consideration. The Rangely Hospital Board as well as the Rangely Hospital Foundation voted to approve the name.

We love that the community was involved in naming the new park. Community involvement for the win!



Sunrise Park Before

## 4-H is in Full Swing!

**BY: ANONYMOUS 4-H LEADERS** 

We are excited to announce that 4-H is back in swing. The youth have their animals and are excited to begin their projects. The animals which are part of 4-H this year are sheep, goat, turkey, rabbit, horse, swine, chicken and beef. The youth are also involved in shooting sports.

We can't wait till County Fair when the animals are presented! We hope to see lots of individuals from the community there! We will keep you updated along the way.





## Gary Moyer: Profile of a County Commissioner

BY: SUSIE BERARDI

In 1682 the Thirteen Colonies established the oldest local government in America-- the county board of commissioners. Fast forward to March 23, 1889--The Meeker Herald, reported, "All Hail! Rio Blanco!" as then governor, Cooper signed House Bill No. 107, establishing Rio Blanco County (RBC) from the northern half of Garfield County, covering 3,223 square miles, with approximately 6700 residents. Fast forward 133 years-- the County Board of Commissioners still governs, and one commissioner, Gary Moyer, governs as a fourth-generation local resident.

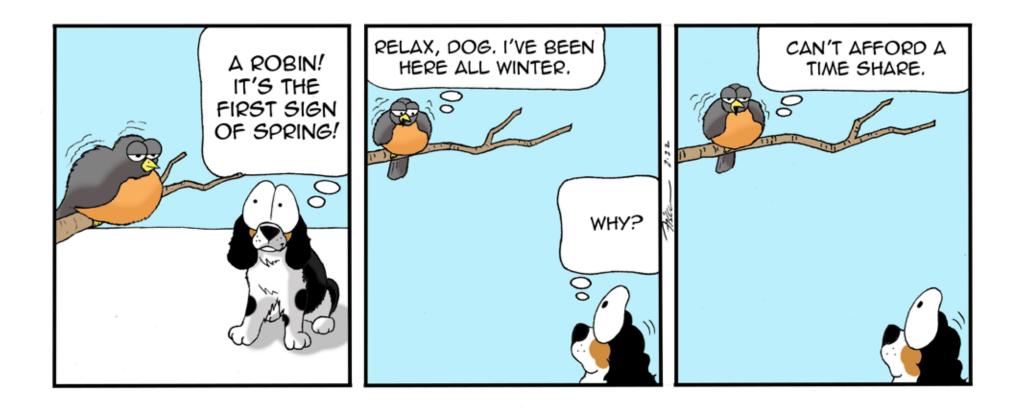
Moyer's father, Richard Lester 'Dick' Moyer, was born in Meeker on August 23, 1926, on the family dry farm homestead on Lime Kiln Hill southeast of Meeker. At 17 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until mustering out in 1946 when he joined his family who owned and operated their sawmill and logging business. He married his wife, Merle Dene Hilkey, in 1951, and raised four children. Their youngest son, Gary, grew up learning the sawmill business on the Grand Hogback, near Marvine Creek, on West Miller Creek, and finally west of Meeker when the sawmill and lumber sales were moved to their current location.



For 30+ years Gary learned logging, saw-milling, and operating retail sales in rough lumber, timbers, and house logs so Moyer said he well understands what residents need in their commissioners, "Leaders need a solid understanding of the challenges business owners face in RBC with such a limited population and small percentage of private lands." Earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, and from 2002-2018 holding all offices on the White River Conservation District Board, Moyer says he knows the area and its resources, "Rio Blanco County, being 75% public lands needs leadership that can strongly represent its concerns to the Federal and State Land management agency's as well as other elected officials at all levels."

Moyer's family settled in Meeker with a mindset common to settlers moving West—government should remain in local control by those who know the residents. When Moyer took office, he committed to this mindset, saying, "Local government should provide services in a fair, respectful and professional manner consistent with the customs and culture of the citizens of Rio Blanco County (RBC)."

On May 10, 2022, voters will decide if sitting Rio Blanco County (RBC) Commissioner Gary Moyer will complete his term in office to January 2023. Winning the 2018 election with 79.3 % of the vote attests to Moyer's knowing RBC's mindset. Serving as a commissioner with due diligence, Moyer wants to continue his commissioner term to ensure the health, safety, and general well-being of RBC residents in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner.



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