



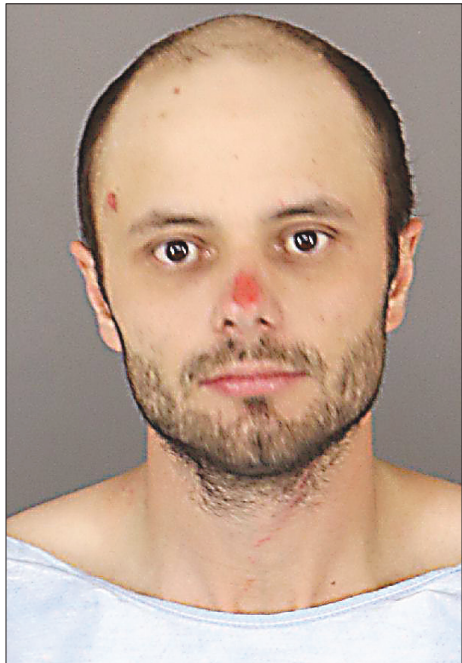
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Agate man corralled in Lincoln County



• Cody Flynn •

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

A busy morning for the Adams County Sheriff's Office last Thursday concluded in a high-speed vehicle pursuit that ended with the arrest of a suspect along I-70 in Lincoln County.

After a hit-and-run between a pickup and a house in the center of Bennett about 2 a.m. July 28 and the arrest of two suspects in a stolen vehicle at the gas station at the Manila Road interchange about six hours later, an Adams County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person walking around the Bennett King Soopers about 11:30 a.m.

Upon arrival, the suspect elbowed the deputy in the face, got into a red Mitsubishi sedan and struck the

patrol vehicle as he sped out of the Bennett Marketplace parking area, eventually turning onto westbound I-70. District 5 Cmdr. Karl Smalley was in his command vehicle on westbound I-70 as the suspect, later identified as 28-year-old Cody Flynn from Agate, tried to flee towards the metro area. Smalley said he was able to block both lanes and forced the speeding vehicle to cross the median and start back eastbound on the interstate.

"It was just short of [mile marker] 303 when I was right in his way and he turned around," Smalley said. "But that was the best direction he could go, especially as he reached a top speed of 120 mph. If he would have got closer to the metro area, we probably would have had to shut the pursuit down and risk losing

him. Getting him to go eastbound worked out well."

The eastbound pursuit lasted about 50 miles before Flynn was stopped near mile marker 351, about a mile west of the interchange with Highway 86. After a brief skirmish, a team of law enforcement officers subdued Flynn and took him into custody.

"We had help from our friends at the Colorado State Patrol, Limon Police Department, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office," Smalley said. "Arapahoe County was also dispatched but they were called off when the pursuit ended."

What charges Flynn faces was uncertain at press time but a July 29 search of the docket for the 17th Ju-

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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Muegge family member Dent Hand, left, and Bennett Mayor Royce Pindell man the scissors during the ribbon cutting on the revamped Historic Muegge House at Bennett Civic Center Park July 22.

Bennett landmark reopened to public

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A century-plus old Bennett landmark once on the verge of almost-certain demolition has received a miraculous transformation and is now reopened to the public.

As part of its annual State of the Town luncheon July 22, Bennett cut the ribbon on the recently renovated Historic Charles Muegge House at Civic Center Park on the west side of Highway 79. The early 1900s homestead appeared to be on its last legs a few years ago but, with the assistance of Adams County Open Space grant funds, town staff and contractors combined forces to

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PEYTON WALLACE/For The Scout

Olivia Schroeder, left, Chloe Schroeder, Anna Vetter and Vada Du Pont keep their focus on the judge while keeping control of their animals during the Arapahoe County Fair senior goat showmanship competition July 27. While the public portion of the fair was July 28-31, the entire last week of last month was dedicated to 4-H exhibitors concluding their 2022 projects. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**

Bennett fishing pond receives state parks grant

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A new outdoor recreation facility under construction in the Arapahoe County side of Bennett will receive extra amenities after a second significant grant award was announced last week.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife announced seven recipients of Fishing is Fun grant awards

July 25, including \$275,973 to the Bennett Regional Park & Open Space Fishing Pond on the east edge of the Antelope Hills subdivision. The money is earmarked for extra amenities at the approximately 2-acre pond, including shade structures, a fishing pier and a parking lot.

"I'm so grateful that the state had so much great funding that we could be part of receiving for this project, which continues to

grow and get better than what he had anticipated," said Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles in a July 29 interview with *The I-70 Scout*. "From our original budget, we had to do some trimming of amenities around the pond, but this second grant allows us to put some of those things back in and add a couple more spots that should make it an enjoyable place to go."

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JetBlue Airways wins Spirit sweepstakes with \$3.8 billion bid

by David Koenig
Michelle Chapman
AP Business Writers

JetBlue Airways is buying Spirit Airlines for \$3.8 billion in a deal that could increase competition at the top end of the U.S. airline industry while eliminating the largest discount airline for travelers on a tight budget.

The agreement announced Thursday capped bidding war that began in April, and it came one day after Spirit's attempt to merge with rival discount carrier Frontier Airlines fell apart.

JetBlue and Spirit would become the fifth-largest U.S. carrier, with about 9% of the market. The combined airline would move much closer to the leaders — American, United, Delta and Southwest — while leaving the rest of the pack far behind.

The only major obstacle remaining is the U.S. Justice Department. Antitrust regulators in the Biden administration have been critical of mergers, which they believe hurt consumers by limiting competition. The Justice Department sued to block a partnership between JetBlue and American Airlines.

JetBlue's case for regulatory approval rests on two main arguments: JetBlue says its reputation for lowering fares, together with the size of a JetBlue-Spirit combination, mean it could force bigger airlines to cut prices. And JetBlue has already volunteered to give up Spirit gates and takeoff and landing

slots at airports in New York and Boston that could be given to smaller low-cost airlines, which would boost competition.

"The real issue here though is clearly what can we do in the U.S. to make a more competitive airline industry against the large, big four airlines," JetBlue CEO Robin Hayes said in an interview. "We believe the most disruptive, the most effective thing that we can do is build a bigger JetBlue more quickly than we otherwise could."

New York-based JetBlue won Spirit, but its stock barely moved Thursday and has dropped 43% since it jumped into the bidding in April. Other large airlines lost 17% to 28% in the same period.

Shares of Spirit, based in Miramar, Fla., rose 5.6% to close at \$25.66, nearly \$8 below the price that JetBlue is paying. Frontier, now positioned to become the largest U.S. discount carrier, soared 20.5% higher.

"I think shareholders are seeing this as a windfall. To be the low-cost carrier in the United States is huge," said Frontier CEO Barry Biffle, who just spent nearly six months trying to merge his Denver-based airline with Spirit.

Spirit CEO Ted Christie was thrust into the awkward position of defending a sale that he fought against until the end. After arguing since April that regulators would never let JetBlue buy Spirit, he struggled Thursday to explain why he changed his mind.

"A lot has been said over the last few months obviously, always with



our stakeholders in mind," Christie said on CNBC. "We have been listening to the folks at JetBlue, and they have a lot of good thoughts on their plans" for convincing the regulators.

Hayes said Spirit planes will be converted to JetBlue's configuration, which allows for more legroom and means there will be fewer seats for sale on each flight. He said JetBlue will increase the pay of Spirit employees.

JetBlue and Spirit have been talking for the past several weeks, mostly about factors such as how Spirit can retain key employees while its fate is up in the air. The financial terms of the deal did not change after early July.

A series of mergers over the last

20 years led to four carriers dominating the U.S. market. Many consumer advocates worry that fares will rise after JetBlue takes over Spirit.

"Spirit is going to disappear and, with it, its low-cost structure," said William McGee of the anti-merger American Economic Liberties Project. "There is no question that fares are going to go up."

Diana Moss, head of the American Antitrust Institute, said competition would be eliminated on dozens of routes along the East Coast where JetBlue and Spirit now compete. She said the elimination of yet another small player "is going to be very harmful for consumers."

But others see potential benefit from the deal.

"The larger airlines have carved up the nation, and there's no real competition," said Charlie Leocha, founder of the nonprofit Travelers United group. "I really believe this (JetBlue-Spirit agreement) will provide JetBlue a chance to grow quickly, and having one more competitor will help consumers."

Many analysts believe that Frontier, Allegiant, Sun Country and others can fill the gap left by Spirit in the low-fare segment, but it might take a few years.

Spirit and similar rivals Frontier and Allegiant charge rock-bottom fares that appeal to the most budget-conscious leisure travelers, although they tack on more fees that can raise the cost. Spirit Airlines regularly ends up as the worst, or close to the worst, when airlines are ranked by the rate of consumer complaints.

JetBlue and Spirit will continue to operate independently until the agreement is approved by regulators and Spirit shareholders. The companies said they expect to close the deal no later than the first half of 2024. The combined airline would have 458 planes, be based in New York, and led by Hayes.

JetBlue will pay \$33.50 per share in cash for Spirit, including a prepayment of \$2.50 per share in cash when Spirit shareholders approve the transaction. A ticking fee of 10 cents per share each month starting in January 2023 through closing would pay shareholders for any delay in winning regulatory approval.

If the deal doesn't close due to antitrust reasons, JetBlue will pay Spirit a reverse break-up fee of \$70 million and pay Spirit shareholders \$400 million, minus any amount paid to the shareholders prior to termination.

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'Burg secondary music teacher bows out after 28 years

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — A music educator in Strasburg has retired after more than three decades of teaching, guiding and inspiring students.

Kurt Elliott taught music for 28 years in Strasburg following six years in the same position at Deer Trail. While his class schedule varied from year to year, during the 2021-22 school year it included sixth-grade, middle school and high school bands and a general middle school music class. He also started a strings program last year, teaching violin.

"I didn't have any violin exposure since college, so it was a refresher course for me, too," he told *The I-70 Scout* July 16.

Elliott grew up in Michigan. When he was 10 and in fifth grade, he began taking private piano lessons and took up the French horn in a school band program.

"My high school band director was very strict — some called him a tyrant," he said. "But I liked him. He had high expectations and he really did a good job of pulling music out of us."

Elliott added the director was influential in his own decision to become a music teacher.

"I realized that teaching kids about music was something that was really important to me," he said. "I wanted to be able to share my love of music."

After high school, Elliott went to

the University of Colorado at Boulder, graduating with a bachelor's degree in music education in December 1984.

His first teaching job was in Cheyenne Wells. The position in Deer Trail came open in January 1989, at which time he moved to Strasburg.

While teaching at Deer Trail, he was approached by the Strasburg School District — where the music program had been cut — asking if he'd be willing to teach a band class there in addition to his classes in Deer Trail.

Officials from both districts worked out the partnership.

"I did both for a couple years," he said. "In Strasburg I had a begin-

ning fifth grade band and a sixth-through 12th-grade band."

In 1995 he took a full-time job at Strasburg, teaching instrumental music before starting a junior high school choir and taking over the elementary and high school choirs when their teacher, June Behrens, retired.

Flash forward to 2022, and Elliott is the one who retired.

"I decided I've done this long enough," he said. "I figured I'd let somebody else have some fun."

Elliott added that, while he won't miss a few aspects of teaching — especially the meetings — he will defi-

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Elliott addresses the audience during his final concert in May.



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Retiring Strasburg music teacher Kurt Elliott leaves behind a music room in his name at Hemphill Middle School.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

6:00 – 11:00pm* **FAMILY DINNER – STREET DANCE – FIREWORKS:** Strasburg Community Park, 1863 Wagner St. Bring lawn chairs and umbrellas. Fireworks are weather permitting. Choose from steak, hamburger, or hot dog dinner — SPONSOR: Strasburg Fire District 8 and BlueSky Party Rentals

6:00pm **VINTAGE BASEBALL GAME:** South Softball Field, 1932 Burton St. Colorado Vintage Baseball Association versus our local coaches - SPONSOR: Western Hardware

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00am – 4:00pm **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES:** Various locations throughout town — look for signs.

9:00am – 3:00pm **ART & CRAFTS BAZAAR:** Strasburg High School Spine — SPONSOR: D&D Water Service and Pape Oil Co.

9:00am – 3:00pm **VENDOR FAIR:** Strasburg High School Lawn. Business and club booths — SPONSOR: U.S Mechanical Company

10:00am **PARADE:** "Summer on the Rails" route posted — SPONSOR: The Gift Shop; CORE Electric; Colorado Natural Gas

11:30am – 1:30pm **FREE COMMUNITY BBQ:** Strasburg High School Lawn; Entertainment by the High Plains Music Ensemble. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas — SPONSOR (Food): Independent Bank; SPONSOR (Drinks): TBK Bank; SPONSOR (Entertainment): I-70 Scout & Eastern Colorado News; BlueSky Party Rentals

11:30am – 3:30pm* **BOUNCE HOUSE CENTRAL:** Strasburg High School Lawn. Twisters Gymnastics will host inflatable activities and carnival snacks for kids during the BBQ — SPONSOR: Weller Insurance; Free Balloons from High Plains Bank

11:30am – 4:00pm **HAY RIDES:** Route posted online — SPONSOR: Strasburg Vet Clinic and 4Rivers Equipment

12:00 – 4:00pm **COMANCHE CROSSING MUSEUM:** 56060 E Colfax Ave. Activities include: root beer floats, cow milking for kids, model train displays, and games — SPONSOR: Comanche Crossing Historical Society

12:00-4:00pm **COMMUNITY CARNIVAL:** Journey Church, 56000 E Colfax Ave. — SPONSOR: Journey Church. Fun, games, and entertainment for the whole family!

1:00pm **TRAP SHOOT:** Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Rd. — SPONSOR: MVF Ironworks

2:00pm **TEXTING CONTEST:** Comanche Crossing Museum — SPONSOR: Hometown Kids Daycare and Enviro Gas

5:00pm **CHILI COOK-OFF – WATERMELON FEED:** Strasburg High School Lawn. Entertainment by Golden Eagles Concert Band. Bring lawn chairs and umbrellas — SPONSOR: Byers General Store; Premier Portables; 4 Rivers Equipment

5:00-8:00pm **DINNER – SQUARE DANCE:** Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Rd. Free Dinner from 5-6pm and Dancing from 6-8pm — SPONSOR: Mountain View Fellowship

Dusk **OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE PARK:** Strasburg Parks & Rec Baseball Field, 56401 Sunset Ave., Showing: Encanto — SPONSOR: High Plains Bank

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30am* **RUN TO THE RAILS 5K FUN RUN:** Community Park, 1861 Wagner St. Check-in beginning at 7:30am, race begins at 8am. Register online at www.strasburgparks.org — SPONSOR: SHS Cross Country Team and BTC Telephone

7:30-10:00am* **BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:** Hemphill Middle School, 2100 Wagner St. — SPONSOR: SHS Future Business Leaders of America; \$5 for adults, \$3 kids 12 & under. Biscuits and gravy or pancakes with sausage, juice, milk, or coffee.

9:00am-12:00pm **HOMETOWN DAYS CAR SHOW:** Strasburg Community Church, 56155 Sunset Ave. Register the day of, beginning at 8am (prizes awarded). Enjoy dunk tank, bounce house, popcorn, donuts, and live music! Accepting donations of non-perishable food — SPONSOR: Community Church; CARES Food Bank

9:30am* **MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** North Baseball Field, 56401 Sunset Ave. Two divisions: Youth (6th-12th Grades) and Adults (18 & up). Check-in at 9:30am, games begin at 10am. Register by 8/8/22 online at www.strasburgparks.org — SPONSOR: SHS Athletic Booster Club; Matt Brinkhoff Coldwell Banker Realty

10:00am **COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE:** Hemphill Middle School, 2100 Wagner St. — SPONSOR: Crandall Drilling & Pump Service

11:00am-3:00pm* **FOOD TRUCK LUNCH:** North Baseball Field Lot, 56401 Sunset Ave. Various food trucks to choose from.

11:00am* **COW PLOP FUNDRAISER:** Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. Buy tickets for your chance to guess where the cow will "plop". — SPONSOR: American Legion Post #183

12:00 – 4:00pm **COMANCHE CROSSING MUSEUM:** 56060 E Colfax Ave. Activities include: root beer floats, cow milking for kids, model train displays, and games — SPONSOR: Comanche Crossing Historical Society

6:00pm **CHRISTIAN RAP CONCERT:** Journey Church, 56000 E Colfax Ave. All ages welcome to this FREE concert — SPONSOR: Encounter Student Ministries

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ELLIOTT

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nately miss the students.

“Teaching them about music and having those musical experiences is really special,” he said. “I’ll miss those moments when things kind of clicked and came together. It’s almost magical.”

The director is definitely not giving up his baton, however.

“I’ll still have the community

band,” he said. “I’ll be able to put more energy into that group.”

Elliott conducts the High Plains Music Ensemble which he and a former community member, Foster Payne, started in 2014. The group holds three formal concerts each year and performs at Strasburg Hometown Days, Bennett Days, Veterans Day, and other outdoor

events.

Before the ensemble, Elliott played French horn for 16 years with the Colorado Wind Ensemble, which holds practices and events in the Denver area.

“I enjoyed that very much,” he said. “There were adults and students in the group.”

Elliott’s other plans for his retirement days include a list of “honey-do’s” provided by Diana, his wife of 29 years.

“I’ll get on that,” he said, without a hint of sarcasm. “I have a list of my own as well. I enjoy photography and I’ll spend more time with the camera. I’ll probably do some subbing at the schools, also. Music subs are kind of hard to find.”

Enjoying more time with family is also on Elliott’s to-do list. Diana has two children from a previous marriage and the couple now have five granddaughters — two are age 11, one is 9, one is 4, and one was born in May.

“Three of the girls live in Strasburg, one in Dacono, and we just

got back from Pennsylvania where we visited the baby,” Elliott said. “We’ll probably be going there a little more often now.”

Elliott’s presence will be missed at school, but his influence will continue. Teachers don’t always have the privilege of learning the impact they had on the lives of their students, but one of Elliott’s former Deer Trail Elementary School students during the 1990s was compelled to write him a letter.

“He let me shine when I felt like no one else even saw me,” she wrote. “I know I am not the only student who was impacted by him. Mr. Elliott took the extra time and effort for students like myself.”

As Mr. Elliott moves into retirement, he takes with him letters, cards and gifts from students and co-workers and the well wishes and gratitude of the school board and Strasburg community. He leaves behind a music room named after him in Hemphill Middle School, big shoes to fill, and a career with those “almost magical” moments.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A word of thanks for Mr. Elliott

Dear Editor:

Mr. Kurt Elliott’s music class was the highlight of my day in elementary school. I was an outcast at Deer Trail Elementary in the 1990s, but Mr. Elliott always gave me the space to be myself and feel safe. I wasn’t popular or liked, but he always made me feel as though I mattered. He stopped the bullying and for an hour a day I got to breathe.

Because of Mr. Elliott, I picked up the clarinet, which I played throughout my time at Deer Trail, even when there was no band program. He escorted me to numerous honor bands and let me do ridiculous solos during the Christmas concerts. Thanks to him, I played clarinet through college in the symphony orchestra, which allowed me to meet some of my closest college friends. Without his encouragement, I never would have done so.

I still remember all the words to the song Don Gato and my parents and I still laugh at the time I got to sing “And a partridge in a pear tree” at the top of my lungs 12 times during the Christmas concert. He let me shine when I felt like no one else even saw me.

I am not the only student who was impacted by him. Mr. Elliott took the extra time and effort for students like myself. I graduated from Deer Trail High School in 2003 and Mr. Elliott left Deer Trail long before that; however his kindness continues to have ripple effects in my life.

I still play clarinet, I still sing badly at the top of my lungs, and now I go out of my way to see the folks who may feel invisible. Thank you for everything, Mr. Elliott. Enjoy your retirement — you deserve it!

— Kelly Wulf, Denver

CO’s 1st human WNV case in '22 ID'd

DENVER — State health officials confirmed the first case of West Nile virus in a person this year.

In addition to the Delta infection, West Nile virus has been found in mosquitoes in Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties this season.

West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. In Colorado, most human cases of West Nile virus are reported in August and September. In 2021, Colorado had 175 reported human cases of West Nile virus with 11 deaths.

“We urge Coloradans to protect themselves against West Nile virus,” said Dr. Natalie Marzec, Colo-

rado Department of Public Health & Environment. “This disease is spread primarily by mosquito bites. Coloradans can protect themselves by using effective insect repellent, wearing protective clothing that minimizes exposed skin, or staying indoors when mosquitoes are active.”

Most people infected with West Nile virus don’t have symptoms. About 20% of infected people will have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1% develop a serious, potentially deadly illness.

People age 60 years and older and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness.



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Artists, artisans, music all part of Bennett park party

BENNETT — The Bennett Arts Council will host its third annual I-70 Corridor Art Show & Artisan Market from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Trupp Park in conjunction with the final 2022 Party in the Park concert.

More than 20 artist and artisans will participate in this year's event and the concert, which runs from 6-8 p.m., will feature the Thunder Hill Jazz Band.

The concert series is also sponsored by Unincorporated Arapahoe County Economic Development.

In a related matter, the Bennett Arts Council is now meeting at 3 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Special evening of history set for Strasburg museum

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Museum will host A Night at the Museum starting with tours and refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and a presentation at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Comanche Crossing Museum.

Curator Cliff Smith will discuss the history of the Kansas Pacific Railroad's construction in 1870 along with other aspects of Strasburg history.

The Comanche Crossing Museum, located at 56060 Colfax Ave., has expanded seating over last year.

'Encanto' showing planned for August 13 in Strasburg

STRASBURG — An outdoor showing of "Encanto" is planned by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District at dusk, Saturday, Aug. 13, at the North Baseball Field, 56401 Sunset Ave., Strasburg.

Viewers, who will enjoy the family movie under the stars on a 24-foot movie screen, should bring their chairs and blankets.

Seating opens one hour before dusk.

Admission is free; donations help fund youth programs and scholarships.

Concessions will be available for an additional charge.

For more information, call (303)622-4260. 8/9

Free CPR/AED class slated for Bennett in mid-August

NORTHGLENN — Registration is underway for an American Heart Association CPR/AED class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Adams County Motor Vehicle (The Red Barn), 355 S First Street, Bennett.

Rampart Search & Rescue of Northglenn will facilitate the free class, which is limited to 18 students. A \$6.50 fee is required for a CPR certification card.

For more information, visit rampartsar.com or call (303)227-1574.

Arapahoe sheriff, coroner set fentanyl conversation

CENTENNIAL — Arapahoe County Coroner Kelly Lear and Sheriff Tyler Brown will appear live on Talk with Tyler starting at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4.

Brown and Lear will discuss and answer questions about fentanyl, which is currently the No. 1 cause of overdose deaths in the United States.

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Agate School Board still shorthanded

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

AGATE — Plans for the Agate School Board to return to a full slate of directors by the end of the month have not come to fruition.

During the July 25 Agate School Board meeting, business was conducted by four members as no one has stepped forward to fill the vacancy created in late May by the resignation of board president Jenny MacLennan.

Under state statute, the district has 60 days to appoint a replacement or a special election could be

called.

The board and school administration was scheduled to meet with an architect, construction company and grant writer July 27 to begin preliminary discussion about a possible application for a Building Excellent Schools Today for new or upgraded facilities.

"Just a feeling out process and very preliminary," said board president Doug Purdy.

What the state will allow the district to build from a capacity standpoint is unknown. The Colorado

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Students honored by Deer Trail Elks

In early May, Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307 honored local students during an awards luncheon ceremony as part the Elks National Foundation Youth Week.

Students from five of the eight schools in the Deer Trail Elks region participated with nominations coming from school counselors.

High School Student of the Year awards were presented to Abbie Baker from Agate; Charley Maranville from Big Sandy (Simla); Torian Stiles from Deer Trail; Kacee Jo Saffer from Flagler; and Karleigh Jackson from Limon. Baker and Stiles received \$50 awards for being named their school's outstanding high school student.

Junior High Student of the Year award winners are Isabella Bartlett from Agate; Teague Jones from Big Sandy; Jeanette Rodrigues of Deer Trail; Ava Witt from Flagler; and Danny Sontage from Limon. Bartlett, Jones and Rodrigues received \$25 awards.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Byers 2022 graduate David Vetter was named recipient of the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship and received \$1,000 per year for four years. Vetter's application moved onto the national level of judging but did not finish in the top 20 of students nationwide.

The Deer Trail lodge also presented three one-time \$1,000 scholarships to Baker, Deer Trail senior

Alan Perez, and Flagler senior Lewis Witt.

ESSAY CONTEST

A pair of Hemphill Middle School students from Strasburg won monetary awards as a result of their efforts in the Elks' Americanism Essay Contest. Collin Jones finished second and received \$75 in the seventh- and eighth-grade division, while Corbin Bybee received \$50 for finishing third in the fifth- and sixth-grade category.

This year's essay contest theme was "What Does it Mean to Love Your Country?"

HOOP SHOOT WRAP-UP

The Deer Trail lodge winner in the Elks Hoop Shoot program for girls was Kinlee Cox, who has participated three years in the program and has also won at the district, state, and regional levels to advance to the national tournament.

For the first year at the district competition, a traveling trophy was presented for display by the lodge having the top scorer. The Deer Trail Lodge is currently displaying that trophy because Big Sandy's Karlee Cox made 22-of-25 free throws during this year's district competition.

The Deer Trail chapter is the first Elks Lodge in its district to display the trophy, which was named in memory of longtime Deer Trail Elks member and hoop shoot organizer Bill Pierce.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 5

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SATURDAY, AUG. 6

- 7 p.m.: **National Sled Pullers Association (NSPA) Truck Pull** presented by Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

- 3 p.m.: **Dia de la Familia** traditional Charreada.
- 8 p.m.: **Concert** presented by Amazon featuring Banda Machos.
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THURSDAY, AUG. 4

Senior Day at the fair begins at 10 a.m., on the lawn east of the Waymire Dome. Guests 55+ can indulge in a farm-to-table lunch, experience the fair, and en-

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

Kidchella Kids Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discounted carnival armbands (valid until 4 p.m.) available for purchase until 3 p.m. Free Nurf Terf field and Water World Kids Zone.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

Cornhole competition, 10 a.m. in the park. Registration required. Proceeds benefit A Precious Child, which assists families facing difficult challenges involving abuse, neglect and other crises.

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For more information, visit adamscountyfair.com.

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Department of Education does not allow anticipated growth of a community to be included when determining size of a new building funded by BEST.

According to Superintendent Melinda Walls, preparations are taking place for the 2022-23 school year.

“Teacher in-service starts (Thursday) Aug. 11, which is also our back-to-school night for the community,” she said, adding that Monday and Tuesday of the next week is also staff in-service. “We start school on Wednesday (Aug. 17). A pretty exciting time.”

Facilities Manager Rick Martin indicated the most pressing issue before the start of classes is the replacement of one of the front doors to the main building. The pane of glass inside was shattered during a mowing accident.

“The supply chain has been impacting getting the glass. [The

manufacturer] can’t guarantee the time frame but they said a couple of weeks,” Martin said. “They’ve been apprised of our situation and when the first day of school is.”

Martin added that an inquiry has been made about a new set of double-doors for the main entryway, but that no specific quote had been received and that vendors had said such a project would be “quite expensive.”

Other maintenance items include installation of an emergency shut-off for the propane system, which was expected to be done by the end of this week; repairing one of the school’s new water heaters, which were installed in December; and addition of brighter lighting at the front of the school.

The board approved the resignation of teacher Stephanie Turner.

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SPORTS



Fall season changes abound along Corridor

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The landscape of the upcoming high school fall sports season is dotted with a variety of changes for I-70 Corridor schools, including the addition of one program, a few shifts in classification, and an almost 60% turnover in head coaches from last year.

STRASBURG WELCOMES H-O-F COACHES

The two highest profile coaching shakeups at local schools this past spring happened in Strasburg where the Lady Indians volleyball program welcomes back its state championship winning coach from two decades ago and the softball program replaces its state championship coach with another coach with a winning track record at both the high school and collegiate levels.

Larry Deffenbaugh, who led the red-and-black to back-to-back state volleyball championships in 2002 and 2003, was named the successor to previous head coach Audra Robison during the June 8 school board meeting. Robison, who led the Lady Indians to their first winning season and postseason berth in over a decade, resigned during the May board meeting.

Deffenbaugh also has four runner-up state finishes with the Lady Indians in 1985, 1998, 1999 and 2001, and fifth-place finishes in 2000 and 2006. Of his 10 postseason appearances as a head coach, nine were with Strasburg and the other with Bennett in 2017. Bennett is also where Deffenbaugh won his 500th match as a head coach in 2017. Deffenbaugh was named to the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019; he was also CHSCA Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2017.

The new volleyball coaching staff also includes a family connection and another tie from the past as Deffenbaugh's daughter and former standout Lady Indian Marissa Hauser and former Deffenbaugh assistant and successor as head coach Brandi Marrero will be on the bench for 2022.

The Hauser family returned to the area this year after a nine-year stint in Shanghai, China, which included being part of a two-month lockdown because of COVID-19 earlier this year that concluded at the end of May. In addition to Hauser sitting beside her father on the bench, daughter and granddaughter Marysue Hauser returns to Strasburg for her senior year. Hauser and husband, Chad, were brought onto the teaching roster for 2022-23 during the April school board

meeting for high school science and middle school math, respectively.

Marrero was head coach for the three seasons following Deffenbaugh's departure from the program in 2007.

Deffenbaugh's return also coincides with Strasburg's drop back to 2A after competing in 3A and the perennially tough Patriot League the past decade-plus. The Colorado High School Activities Association's decision to drop the Lady Indians to 2A was made at the beginning of the last two-year cycle (the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year's) because of the program's lack of competitiveness for more than 10 years.

"The fact Strasburg had 14 wins and their best season last year happened after the decision to drop them to 2A had been made," a CHSAA volleyball committee source said.

Along with the move to 2A, Strasburg rejoins the Union Pacific League with Byers, Deer Trail, Limon, Flagler, Genoa-Hugo/Karval, Stratton and Burlington. The vote by UP athletic directors when asked to approve Strasburg's inclusion was 6-1 in favor with the lone dissenting vote coming from Deer Trail.

Strasburg won their state titles as a 2A program.

On the softball diamond, Michelle Woodard, who took the Lady Indians to five 3A state titles between 2012 and 2019, resigned this past spring with longtime high school and college coach Wes Madrill replacing her. Madrill's 40-plus year's of softball coaching experience includes taking Mullen, a program he started from scratch, to the 1996 and 1999 state titles and helping Metro State make the DII Women's World Series as pitching coach. In addition to having his own softball and baseball training academy, Madrill most recently was head coach at Pueblo South, his alma mater.

Madrill was named the 2021 inductee into the Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports Hall of Fame. He received his honor during a ceremony earlier this summer after last year's event was postponed because of COVID-19.

In addition to leaving the softball program after more than 10 years at the helm, Woodard resigned as athletic director, a position filled by longtime high school math teacher and coach Kevin Hemphill.

OTHER VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMS

Two of the remaining three Corridor volleyball programs will take to the court this fall with first-year head coaches.

In Deer Trail, Dee Vashus takes over the 1A Lady Eagles after serving the past few years as assistant coach.

Bennett will look to former Byers standout athlete Corissa (Rector) Thornton to take over the reins of the orange-and-black.

The most tenured volleyball head coach along the I-70 Corridor, entering her fifth season, is Byers' Phoenix Bright, who was a member of the back-to-back state title squads for Strasburg under Deffenbaugh.

"I have great respect for Larry. He is one of the most influential people in my life and definitely in my volleyball career," Bright said. "I think my assistants would say something similar as well. It definitely turns up the pressure on us and the league to have such a seasoned professional on the other side. We welcome coach Deffenbaugh and his assistants back to the UP League. We are looking towards what will certainly be an eventful season."

FOOTBALL CHANGES

In addition to reclassification up to the 2A ranks, Bennett football has a new head coach as Greg Koenig replaces Rick Jacoby.

Koenig comes to Bennett with more than three decades of teaching and coaching experience including 21 years as a head football coach. After a long stint in Kansas, including a 3A state runner-up finish in 2013 and semi-finals appearances in 2010 and 2012 with Beloit, Koenig has been in Colorado since 2019 with a year of coaching each at Banning Lewis Prep Academy in Colorado Springs and Ellicott High School. Koenig's overall record is 135-87, including eight league titles and 15 playoff appearances.

Over his 14 years as head coach at Bennett, Jacoby went 99-43 and took the Tigers to the postseason 10 times — six seasons straight between 2010 and 2015 in 2A and four times in six 1A seasons 2016 through this year. In 2016 and 2017, the Tigers reached the 1A semifinals. In addition to leaving the football program, Jacoby resigned as the Tigers' athletic director earlier this summer and was hired at Fort Lupton.

Over the next two-year athletic cycle spanning the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, Bennett will participate in the 2A league with Platte Valley, D'Evelyn, Valley, Prospect Ridge Academy and the new high school in Wellington.

The other football coaching change in the area is at Deer Trail where Michael Simmons replaces

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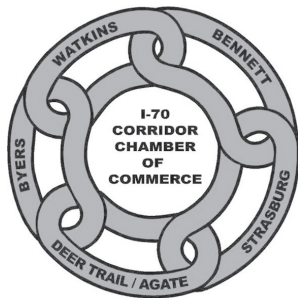
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Chris Wehner. Simmons has spent the past seven seasons as an assistant coach with Lutheran in Parker.

Deer Trail's newly configured six-man league will include seven other teams — Cripple Creek/Victor, Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind, Edison, Hanover, Kiowa, Manzanola and Miami-Yoder.

Unlike its neighboring rival to the west, Strasburg stays in the 1A ranks and will again be coached by Brian Brown, entering his fourth season in charge of the Indians. This year's conference opponents for the red-and-black will be Platte Canyon, Clear Creek, Middle Park, Jefferson and Denver Christian.

Byers stays in eight-man for the next cycle as Casey Pelton enters his fourth season as Bulldog mentor. The green-and-white's revamped conference includes first-year program Belleview Christian, Front Range Christian, Gilpin County, Justice (Boulder), and Lyons.

CROSS COUNTRY ADDITION

After sending runners to Strasburg the past several years, Bennett will have its own boys and girls cross country teams beginning with the 2022-23 school year. Unlike Strasburg and Byers, which both are in 2A as designated by the Colorado High School Activities Association, the Tigers have been placed in 3A. Bennett cross country will be led by track and field head coach Lance Mangham.

In the case of Byers and Strasburg, both programs will be led by new head coaches.

Hayley Ross will take over the Indians program from Ginia Gutierrez, who was named Strasburg High School principal earlier this summer. Ross has served as assistant coach the past several seasons.

For the green-and-white, Kelci Crispe takes over the reins. Crispe is a fourth-grade teacher at Byers

Elementary. Crispe takes over from Lee Mahoney, who coached the green-and-white for two years before taking another teaching job out of district.

BOYS SOCCER TO 2A

After several down years, including only two conference victories over the past five seasons, CHSAA dropped the Bennett boys soccer squad from 3A to 2A.

The Tigers, under fourth-year head coach Mike Rinner, remain in the Frontier League, which includes a mix of both 2A and 3A programs.

The top 2A finisher in the conference will garner an automatic bid to the 16-team 2A state bracket. Six league champions are guaranteed postseason spots with 10 at-large bids available.

While the orange-and-black boys have been moved to 2A, the Lady Tigers will remain in 3A when the girls soccer season comes around next spring.

TEE OFF THIS WEEK

As is usually the case, boys golf usually starts the fall sports season and this year is no different as Strasburg tees off its schedule Aug. 5 (this Friday) at Brush.

The Indians, under the tutelage of head coach Eric Gilbert, will be a younger, more inexperienced squad as they look to replace four-time state qualifier and 2022 graduate Jake Gilbert.

OTHER FALL STARTS

The local softball, volleyball, and cross country seasons commence throughout the week of Aug. 15 with the first set of games for I-70 Corridor football teams on Friday, Aug. 26.

For season previews of all the local fall high school sports teams, see Friday editions of the *Eastern Colorado News* later this month.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Peewee T-ball organizers now taking registrations

STRASBURG — Registration has opened for peewee T-ball at the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

The league for children ages 2-4 begins at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday from Sept. 7-28 at Five Acre Field or the north T-ball field in Strasburg. No practices will be held and game time is strictly fun time.

Preschool peewee sports programs are designed to introduce little ones to team play, sharing, and physical activity.

Parental involvement is encouraged so that their child can participate without pressure or apprehension.

The registration fee of \$35 in-district and \$40 out-of-district includes

a T-shirt and award.

For more information, call the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District at (303)622-4260.

Old-time baseball slated at Strasburg High School

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will again host a vintage baseball game as part of the annual Strasburg Hometown Days celebration.

The Colorado Vintage Base Ball Association will visit to play against a squad of local volunteer all-stars beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District softball field at Community Park.

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Strasburg FPD: Fireworks a go for Hometown Days

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Fire Protection District Board approved donations of several unneeded items to other organizations July 21.

Six old wooden lockers previously used in the station will go to the Deer Trail Fire Department, and around 15 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles will be donated to Global International.

“Global International is an organization that takes expired, outdated and slightly damaged equipment to South America,” said Director Barrett Barkey. “We’ve donated some things to them in the past.”

Barkey added that a Global International representative makes the rounds every quarter to pick up donations. A release of liability form is issued. It is one of several organizations that help under-resourced fire departments in poor and developing countries by providing fire-fighting gear and equipment that has reached the end of its service in the United States.

In other business, the board approved a non-exclusive vehicle service contract with Bennett Fire and its fleet maintenance director Gustavo Llanes to repair district equipment.

A resolution was passed to provide workers’ compensation insurance coverage for board members for ride-alongs or other activities.

Chief Frank Fields reported the department responded to 95 calls in June: five alarms, 61 medical, seven fires, 13 public assists, one special operation, and three others.

The district is looking into purchasing a building for crew quarters. Fields reported that price estimates have been received from one modular vendor and one metal building

vendor and Clayton Homes has several modular homes in stock at their main Denver facility.

“Some of the floor plans they have on available inventory may be suitable to the fire department needs,” he said. “Their base pricing for these units also appears to be potentially more attractive, as they were likely built prior to all the supply chain issues and the steep construction materials price increases.”

Clayton Homes is also offering a small discount. Department members have an appointment to look at the inventory. The district plans to provide the foundation and labor for whatever building is purchased.

Concerning development in Strasburg, Fields reported that the subdivisions at 56th and Headlight and Grasslands are seeing some new starts. All roads and infrastructure are completed at Wolf Creek Run West, but a start date for building has not been provided.

“School construction is going at a furious pace to get done by early August,” Fields added.

A new Mexican restaurant is going in at the former Driftwood Accounting building next to the car wash. An addition will be built onto the building. Construction drawings are complete, and the permitting process is underway.

Fields said the cause of a recent fire at a home on Renshaw Street was determined to be accidental.

“(It was a) good stop by crews to hold the damage to only a corner of the second floor,” he added.

The district’s participation in Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 11-14 was discussed. A potential open house will be held at the fire station and the district will present a fireworks display on Friday, Aug. 12. Preparation of the site is ongoing, including fire suppression efforts in surrounding areas.

Clean air backers seek ozone protection

by **Eric Galatas**
Public News Service

Kate Merlin’s two children could not play outside for nearly half of last summer at camp because ground-level ozone reached levels considered dangerous for their developing lungs.

Merlin is an attorney with Wild Earth Guardians and part of a broad-based effort to push Gov. Jared Polis to do more to rein in oil and gas industry emissions, the biggest contributor to ozone smog. She said Colorado’s children do not deserve to live in a state where they cannot breathe the air outside in the summer.

“The problem is that these regulations have been insufficient to actually reduce the amount of ozone pollution in our state to an acceptable level, where it’s not endangering the health of our children,” Merlin asserted.

The northern Front Range has been violating EPA thresholds for ozone ever since they were created in 2008, and the agency recently announced it would downgrade the state from serious to severe violators.

The Regional Air Quality Council admitted last week its plan for lowering smog levels, expected to be approved Aug. 5, will not reach at least one EPA compliance require-

ment. Oil and gas operations release three times more pollutants, which, when combined with sunlight, create more ozone than the entire transportation sector.

Rep. Tracey Bennett, D-Boulder, said companies will need to do more if the state is going to bend the curve to get back into compliance with the Clean Air Act.

“Making sure that the industry is doing their part to reduce things that cause ozone on ozone-alert days,” Bennett urged. “We’ve all been asked, drive less, ride-share and all that. We need to make sure that industry is doing this as well.”

Clean-air advocates submitted a letter urging the regional air council to take additional steps to reduce smog, including pausing oil and gas production during the hottest summer days and adopting stricter vehicle emission standards.

Merlin believes the long-term solution will be to transition away from energy subject to tremendous price shocks in the global marketplace.

“We need a transition to locally produced, renewable energy sources,” Merlin contended. “In part because these are the sources of energy that will not experience these significant price shocks. And that’s how we get to true energy independence.”

RESOLUTION NO. 22-09

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION AND ESTABLISHING August 16th, 2022 AS THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUESTED ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED IN THE THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 60 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. EXCEPT 30 FEET ALONG WEST BOUNDARY FOR ROADWAY EXCEPT MINERAL RIGHTS, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO AND EXCEPT ANY PART LYING WITHIN THE I-70 R.O.W CONTAINING 8.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of unincorporated territory described herein, comprising more than 50% of the area proposed for annexation pursuant to Title 31, Article 12, Section 107, C.R.S. has petitioned for annexation of a certain unincorporated property to the Town;

WHEREAS, Title 31 (Government – Municipal), Article 12 (Annexation – Consolidation – Disconnection), at Section 108, C.R.S. requires that the Board of Trustees accept the petitions for annexation and establish a date, time, and place that the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation and the various requirements of Title 31, Article 12, C.R.S.;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on July 12th, 2022, reviewed the petition for annexation and various documents submitted in support of the petition for annexation of unincorporated territory;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has examined the record in this case; has examined the various exhibits; has considered the request, the Comprehensive Plan, and the recommendation of the staff; and based upon the record which has been made concerning the request, has arrived at its decision; and

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined that the applicant has complied with all of the procedural requirements as provided in Title 31, Article 12, C.R.S. in connection with the request for annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF DEER TRAIL, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the petition for annexation for that property described therein, is hereby accepted and found to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of Title 31, Article 12, C.R.S.

Section 2. That a public hearing to consider the said petition for annexation of the unincorporated territory is scheduled for August 16th, 2022, at 7PM at Deer Trail Town Hall.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2022.

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FISHING POND

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Last week's funding announcement follows a \$487,500 Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Award from early 2021 to help with the first phase of renovating the old retention pond area of the former Antelope Hills Golf Course into a local recreation spot.

"We're being told that it will take a while this year to get it finally filled back up (with water), probably all fall and maybe into the winter," Stiles said. "We expect to have it open next summer and, while fish will be stocked starting next year, full establishment of the fish population will take a couple of years. We've had a lot of great support from our state wildlife guy and it's been a real education process."

While Bennett has received the proper easements and recent grant allocations will allow for a parking area to be developed adjacent to the pond, the amount of vehicles to be parked at one time will be limited.

"There won't be a lot of parking allowed in the area, but the pond does hook up with the Antelope Hills trail, so there is plenty of pedestrian access," Stiles said. "A lot more parking up by the mailboxes in the sub-



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Bennett Regional Park & Open Space fishing pond project, formerly the detention pond for the defunct Antelope Hills Golf Course, recently received more than \$275,000 in Fishing is Fun grant funding from Colorado Parks & Wildlife for additional amenities. Left photo is looking across the mostly empty pond facing west and the right photo is looking to the east.

division and up around the trail head."

Stiles said the Bennett pond should be similar to fishing holes at Hudson and Pueblo West.

FISHING IS FUN

The Bennett fishing pond project received the largest portion of this year's Fishing is Fun grant monies, about 42% of a total \$650,000 pool.

In addition to a usual \$425,000 annual contribution from the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program — a fund made up with excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel — this year's program funding included another \$225,000

from state wildlife sporting license plate revenue.

"This year's projects represent the variety of ways the Fishing is Fun program and CPW have supported angling across the state," said Fishing is Fun Coordinator Jim Guthrie. "Project funding will support a new fishing opportunity on the eastern plains, safer access — including improved in-channel habitat — to a river on the west slope, and new fishing opportunities along the Front Range. Multiply that by the 35 years the project has been in existence and that is a lot of angling improvements."

Other 2022 Fishing Is Fun

grants went to:

- **Monument Lake:** \$171,427 for a fishing pier.
- **River's Edge in Loveland:** \$64,000 for trail creation, fishing pier and additional angler access points.
- **Dolores River:** \$53,250 for in-stream habitat improvements and angler access.
- **Vallecito Reservoir:** \$23,250 for extension of the boat dock.
- **Paintbrush Pond in Castle Rock:** \$51,700 for an access trail and a fishing pier.
- **Eagle Kid's Pond:** \$10,000 for an information kiosk and creation of a

new trail creation.

"The Fishing is Fun program plays an important role in revitalizing aquatic ecosystems across Colorado while improving angling opportunities for residents and visitors," said Acting Director of Colorado Parks & Wildlife Heather Dugan. "Colorado waters and the angling opportunities they provide are part of what makes this state so special and this program is one of the reasons why."

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A pronghorn traverses the northeastern plains of Colorado.

Northeast Region Sportspersons Caucus topics include license allocation and preference points

DENVER — An important public meeting where Colorado Parks & Wildlife will discuss hunting license allocation and preference points with hunters, among a host of other topics, will take place from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Northeast Region Sportsperson Caucus.

The meeting will be held in person on the third floor of the Scheels, 4755 Ronald Reagan Blvd., in Johnstown. It will also be streamed live via CPW's Facebook page.

Northeast Region Manager Mark Leslie and staff will provide updates on hunting, angling and other regional topics.

Attendees will also elect one delegate to serve as a regional representative at the statewide Sportsperson's Roundtable. The application deadline to run has passed; voting will occur Aug. 4.

Regional delegates communicate directly with CPW and acting director Heather Dugan about hunting, fishing and other issues in the Northeast Region. They are

expected to attend the statewide Sportsperson Roundtable that meets twice a year. The next statewide meeting is later in August.

Parks & Wildlife relies on the roundtable to help give guidance in setting policies, regulations and resource management.

During the Northeast Region Sportsperson's Caucus, CPW staff will also be providing general updates on the following topics.

- waterfowl and the waterfowl hunting season;
- Chronic Wasting Disease with a focus on white-tailed and mule deer on the northeast plains and its effect on license allocations and buck harvest;
- pheasant, quail and turkey populations.
- small-game walk-in access;
- pronghorn population status; and
- CPW fishing access.

Questions can be submitted in advance to jason.clay@state.co.us.

For additional information, call (303)291-7227.

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- Emergency Management

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.
Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association. General meeting at 6:30 p.m., board meeting follows at 7 p.m., Quint Valley, Byers.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

Bennett Community Food Bank. 8-10 a.m., Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

MONDAY, AUG. 8

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.
Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., commons area.
Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers Firehouse.
Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.
Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Col-

fax Ave., Strasburg.

Byers Park & Recreation District Board. 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.
Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Zoom links provided on agendas or at townof-

bennet.colorado.gov.

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association free open ride, weather permitting; 5-7 p.m., Quint Valley arena, 601 N. Highway 36, Byers.
Square dancing lessons. with the Prairie Stars Square Dancing Club. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bennett Community Center.

LIBRARY NEWS

KELVER LIBRARY

585 Main St., Byers
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Stories & More: Caretakers will listen to stories, sing and play with their little ones up to age 5. Families will leave with books and activities to facilitate learning at home. The program, activities and materials are geared for ages 18 months to 5 years, but younger children are welcome. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3.
Adult book club: "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Summer movie night: The community is invited to the patio for an outdoor showing of "Jumanji" (1995, rated PG, 107 minutes). In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors. 7-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12.

DAVIES LIBRARY

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Friday matinee: The community is invited to an afternoon showing of "Soul" (2020, PG, 90 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12.

DIY embroidery art: Adults and

teens are invited to learn traditional embroidery stitches by making a unique piece of embroidered art to hang at home. All supplies provided. 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13.

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

495 Seventh St.
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anythinklibraries.org

Virtual writers workshop: Adults can share their work with other aspiring writers in a fun, supportive online workshop. Participants will learn to write better and hone their skills through creative exercises. Space limited; registration at Anythinklibraries.org required. A Zoom link will be provided in advance. Sign up by July 30 to share work. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6.

Anime & Manga Club: Fandom friends ages 14 and older will watch, read and discuss all things anime and manga and enjoy new projects, activities and discussion each week. Snacks provided. 3:30-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6.

All aboard! Patrons of all ages can learn about model trains from a member of the Youth in Model Railroading Club and a Lego model train traveling through a circus of

fun and surprises:

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10;
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11; and
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12.

Puppy Playtime: Lifeline Puppy Rescue will bring rescued puppies here to satisfy puppy playtime needs for all ages. A puppy expert will be on hand to answer questions. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12.

Rolling Video Game Truck: Kids ages 6-18 can enjoy their last day of sum-

mer with the Rolling Video Game truck. They will step inside the huge decked-out vehicle and play a variety of the best and most exciting video games. 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13.

Acrylic Paint Pouring: The Corridor Creative Arts League will host a fun workshop for adults as local artist Jamie Zerr teaches the art of acrylic paint pouring. Space limited; registration at Anythinklibraries.org required. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20.

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 Date: August 14; Check-in 9:30am at North Baseball Lot; Fee: \$120 per team
- ◆ **RUN TO THE RAILS 5K FUN RUN** - Deadline August 8
 Date: August 14; Check-in beginning at 7:30am, race begins at 8am. 
- ◆ **BUS TO BENNETT REC CENTER** - August 9, 11:45am; Ages 10 & up; Fee \$12 
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Left photo, the recently renovated Historic Charles Muegge House is reopened for public viewing. Right photo, Charles Muegge's nephew Dent Hand and Bennett Mayor Royce Pindell (cowboy hat in center) cut the ribbon on the revamped house July 22. Also pictured, from left, are: Muegge family and Muegge Farms members Madhav Apte, Dan Watts, Martha Ahern, Susie Apte and Ravi Apte; Trustee Donna Sus; Public Works Director Robin Price; Finance Manager Danette Ruvalcaba; Trustee Whitney Oakley; and Adams County Commissioner Steve O'Doriso. Not visible in the back row is former town trustee Larry Vittum.

MUEGGE HOUSE

FROM PAGE 1

make it inhabitable again. "Today we reopen the house to the public and, in doing so, we hope our community will enjoy taking a look back through history as they walk through the new living museum," said Mayor Royce Pindell during his ribbon-cutting remarks. "It wasn't in good shape at all — birds in the walls, other animals in the basement," added Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles

of the home that at one time served as office space for town staff. "Saving this home was no easy task," Pindell reiterated. "At one point we were not even sure if it was going to be possible. We have been very fortunate in Bennett to receive many open space grant awards but this grant, in particular, is very special as it has saved a rich piece of cultural history for our community. We are excited

that this piece of Bennett history will remain a focal point of our town for years to come." The house was originally built by Bennett settler Garrett Harris in 1913 and, three-and-half decades later in 1948, Charles Muegge purchased the structure to serve as a bunkhouse for hired hands that worked for him. "However, we have it on good authority that, over

the years, the home was also the site of a few hands of poker as well," Pindell said. The town purchased the house and property in 1998. The dedication ceremony included several members of the Muegge family and the Muegge Farms development organization, including Charles Muegge's nephew Dent Hand and niece Martha Ahern, who are brother and sister. Ahern's

daughter Susie Apte was in attendance with husband, Madhav, and son, Ravi. Muegge Farms principal Dan Watts also attended. The house dedication followed a staff presentation about the town's recently concluded projects and current and upcoming development. The public is invited to tour the Muegge property, including the restored interior of the house.

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A trailer in the 300 block of Kiowa Avenue in Bennett was struck by a vehicle about 2 a.m. July 28. The vehicle fled the scene and, as of July 29, has not been found.

CAR INCIDENTS

FROM PAGE 1

judicial District showed he was scheduled for filing of charges on Aug. 2 in Division R2. The Adams County Sheriff's deputy did not receive serious injuries. **EARLIER IN THE MORNING** Last Thursday started with reports of a red pickup striking the corner of a trailer in the 300 block of Kiowa Avenue in Bennett. The vehicle reportedly drove away after striking the southwest corner of the

home and, as of press time, had not been recovered nor suspects identified. The stolen vehicle that was recovered at the Manila Road gas station was occupied by two people, but identification of the suspects was unavailable July 29. Sheriff's officials indicated that the stolen vehicle was from one of the I-70 Corridor communities, but a specific location was not available at the end of last week.

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Banana Pudding Cream Pie

by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout

I am all about effortless recipes, and this easy no-bake dessert is amazing!

For this **Banana Pudding Cream Pie**, a store-bought graham cracker crust is the simplest way to make it. My daughter spreads creamy peanut butter over the crust and layers the sliced bananas on top.

The original recipe calls for vanilla pudding and banana extract. Banana pudding replaces the need for the banana extract.

I remove the crust from the foil pan and slide it into a pretty pie dish. It makes the pie look and feel like homemade!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 graham cracker crust

- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1¾ cups milk
- 1 small package banana instant pudding mix
- 2 cups whipped topping

DIRECTIONS

Remove clear plastic cover from graham cracker crust.

Toss banana slices in lemon juice. Arrange in bottom of graham cracker crust.

Mix milk and pudding mix in bowl until well blended. Pour pudding over bananas.

Cover and refrigerate 1 hour until set.

When ready to serve, garnish with whipped topping. Decorate with additional banana slices, if desired.

Cover and store leftover pie in refrigerator.

Back-to-School Night Deer Trail School



Thursday, Aug. 4

- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Community Pasta Dinner
- 6:30 - 6:50 p.m., Parent/Student Welcome (in Everitt Davis Gymnasium)
- 6:50 - 7:30 p.m., Parent/Student Classroom Conversations

1st Day of School — Monday, Aug. 8

The Deer Trail School Main Office is back to regular hours. We will be open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday! Stop in and get your kiddos registered if you are new to the district and if you haven't already completed the registration process. We are really excited for the school year to begin! We are all anxious to meet all of the new students and get them placed in their classroom rosters.



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15 YEARS AGO JULY 31, 2007

WATKINS — Amelia Earhart would likely have been pleased — and probably impressed — had she been present at the Interstate Diner in Watkins July 22.

Well-known Denverite and ultrarunner Essie Garrett prevailed over scorching temperatures and a serious leg injury to conclude a 600-mile journey honoring the female pilot. The pilgrimage began in Earhart's hometown of Atchison, Kan., and was aimed at raising scholarship money for women wanting to pursue careers in aeronautics. Diner owner Linda Dusak hosted a sendoff for Garrett June 29.

As is typical of Garrett, she gave much of the credit to others. "I couldn't have made the journey alone," she said. "It was not 'I,' it was 'we' and 'us.'"

Garrett and her companions faced off against lightning storms, and temperatures that consistently soared into the upper 90s.

A knee injury eventually caused her entire leg to swell, so Garrett traveled much of the way on crutches. The only time she wasn't advancing toward her goal of reaching Watkins, Garrett was sleeping — but only from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night.

10 YEARS AGO JULY 31, 2012

BENNETT — A Bennett trustee has said he will move to suspend operations of a mobile recycling

facility on town property next month if a court case against the company doesn't move forward and a final determination made soon.

Trustee Grider Lee said July 24 that he will make a motion at the board's first August meeting to force Mobile Recycling USA to suspend its operations on the Muegge House property until a lawsuit naming two of its Bennett employees comes to fruition.

Lee is unhappy that a June 25 hearing on the situation was pushed back until early August.

If the August hearing is also postponed or otherwise delayed, Lee said he will ask the board to suspend recycling operations.

5 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 2017

BRIGHTON — An I-70 Corridor bank is expected to be operating under a new name by the end of the year, pending federal approval of the sale of its parent company.

Valley Bancorp Inc. announced July 26 that the corporation is expected to close on the sale of its seven Valley Bank & Trust locations, including Strasburg, during the fourth quarter of 2017 to Dallas-based Triumph Bancorp. According to a Valley Bancorp statement the transaction is for \$39 million.

Pending federal approval of the proposed merger, Valley Bank locations are expected to operate under the TBK Bank brand name.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 20

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2022. There are 151 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Aug. 2, 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in

San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

ON THIS DATE

In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild

Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of con-

spiring to defraud the public in the notorious "Black Sox" scandal.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait,

seizing control of the oil-rich emirate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 85. Actor Joanna Cassidy is 77. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 69. Actor Apollonia is 63. Actor Mary-Louise Parker is 58.

— Associated Press

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1. Frill on a blouse
6. Consumed
9. Toothy freshwater fish
13. *Site of famous Texas Revolution battle
14. "Losing My Religion" band
15. Opposite of crazier
16. Marine polyp
17. "___ Te Ching", book
18. Gastric woe
19. *First Catholic President
21. *Underground Railroad conductor
23. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
24. Cold transmitter
25. Definite article
28. Popular fairy tale beginning
30. Woody tissue
35. X-ray units
37. Women in habits
39. It follows eta
40. Quantity of measurement
41. Crosswise, on deck
43. Old flames
44. Carryalls
46. Pavarotti's song
47. European money
48. Hairy, of plants and animals
50. Charitable contribution
52. Wrath, e.g.
53. American Girl, e.g.
55. Life story, for short
57. *Louisiana Territory's previous owner
60. *Infamous 1995 Oklahoma City event
64. Olympic torch, e.g.
65. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
67. The press
68. Fake duck, e.g.
69. "Home of the brave"
70. Choose by a vote
71. Stink to high heaven
72. Third degree
73. Hazards

DOWN

1. "Boxed" clown
2. Burn-soothing plant
3. Owl's hangout
4. Saudi neighbor
5. Canadian city on Lake Erie
6. Bohemian
7. *1773 cargo overboard
8. Bring character to life
9. Rodeo Drive tree
10. Machu Picchu builder
11. Hiking sandals manufacturer
12. Make a mistake
15. Hand over
20. Ritchie Valens' 1958 hit
22. Modern address
24. *Grant, Patton or Sheridan
25. *"Ain't I a Woman?" speaker
26. Capital of Vietnam
27. Marks on a manuscript
29. *Bay of Pigs location
31. Clarified butter
32. Connection in a series
33. Wombs
34. *Dixon's partner
36. Dance move
38. Go yachting
42. Lou Bega's "___ No. 5"
45. Actor Poitier
49. Brown of "Back to the Future"
51. Cook on low heat
54. Reduce pressure (2 words)
56. Obelus, pl.
57. What refugees do
58. Speed test
59. Crazy
60. Actor Pitt
61. "___ of March"
62. One of Jonas brothers
63. Gangster's pistols
64. *The New Deal Pres.
66. Campfire residue

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Strengthening your faith in someone requires softening your heart. Rigid rules and requirements set a relationship up for failure. Tests lay the groundwork for disappointment. More is made possible through warmth and acceptance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider that the person who is less than friendly toward you may be under an enormous amount of pressure. You can change the mood with your patience and/or humor. Laughter is stress relief.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll spend much of the day taking good care of what you have, which is a form of gratitude. You're constantly aware of the many blessings in your life, and this brings further good fortune.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's fun to be motivated, but you don't rely on such fickle forces to meet your goals. Your drive will wax and wane, whereas engrained habits are far more dependable. You'll put everything into the discipline needed to create them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You seek to understand the reasons why. Even so, don't expect things to make sense. Open your eyes, ears and heart to observe and absorb. It is awareness, not comprehension, that propels spiritual growth.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no benefit to requiring people to put themselves out on your behalf. If your order cannot be fulfilled joyfully, resentment will cause problems further down the line. Being content with less gives a person power.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll step up your social savvy, and this is especially apparent in how you help people. Maturity has taught you that it's not always best to rush in and give what you have. Let people show you what they need first.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not lost exactly, though you may experience a drifting sensation. It's as though the waves are gently tugging you farther from the shore. Get back on track now while it's very doable. Start paddling in.

Aries (March 21-April 19). You'll blend your skills together to strong effect. Those who know you well have come to expect you to perform at this high level, but fresh eyes will be astounded by all you're able to do in one day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're a hard worker and will apply a great deal of self-discipline to the day. Night brings a thirst for leisure. You'll crave spontaneity and amusement. Your ideal company will be as playful as you are.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Interpretation makes the past. Expectation makes the future. You do not move through time as an arrow shooting from the past to the future. Instead, time spirals within you and through you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). The concept of destiny does not imply a life predetermined. Destiny is a dancing partner, not a puppeteer. While the ignorant leave things to fate, you get busy in this, the only moment that has ever been or will ever be.

Today's Birthday (August 2). The questions you ask put life on a trajectory of improvement. You keep wondering, "How can I bring a little more (love, levity, clarity, etc.) to the situation?" Relationships turn in thrilling ways. Love is beyond words, yet it explains everything. It can only be lived. You'll have plenty of that experience this year. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 12, 16, 34 and 10.

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- Senior Day – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Professional Bull Riding – 5 p.m.
- Tyler Rich with special guest Kylie Morgan – 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

- Día de La Familia/Charreada – 3 p.m.
- Banda Machos – 7 p.m.
- Michael Salgado (free concert) – 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

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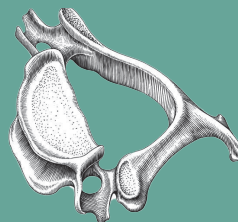
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Corridor Fair Season Commences with Arapahoe County



Above, fair performer Paul Borrillo shows Ginger Johnson, 13, of Parker the art of plate spinning during the opening public night of the Arapahoe County Fair July 28.



Left photos from top, Reegan Rodda, right, is surprised after being named Champion Clothing STEAM 2 in the junior division of the July 26 4-H Fashion Revue over older sister, Stephanie, and Shelby Fricke of Byers, inset, took Reserve Grand Champion honors in the junior division with her vintage style square dancing dress. Center from top, brothers C.J. and Max Lang experience a moment of being terrified during the fast drop of the Sling Shot Carnival ride July 28, and among the opening musical acts Thursday was By the Lee Duo. Right photo, Rebecca Young cuddles her rabbit July 27, a day before the first Arapahoe County Fair rabbit show in three years because of concerns about rabbit hemorrhagic disease.

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