



The I-70 Scout

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Plague discovered north of Bennett

Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

BENNETT — Lab testing on fleas collected from a prairie dog colony in the Bennett area confirmed the presence of plague last month.

Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) announced Aug. 31 that fleas collected from a sampling of burrows on two privately owned

properties in the area of 98th Avenue and Schumaker Road were submitted to the state laboratory for testing Aug. 22. The results were positive.

TCHD is working with the property owners on protection of themselves and their animals from infection and notifying nearby residents

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1st human in AdCo dies of West Nile Virus

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

County and the third in the state overall this year.

A resident in their 60s who had contracted West Nile died recently, likely as a complication of an

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ADAMS COUNTY — Tri-County Health Department confirmed Sept. 1 the first human West Nile virus-related death in Adams

AdCo commissioners name Board of Health members

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

BRIGHTON — Adams County's newly-minted Board of Health has hired the first executive director of the Adams County Health Department.



Weidenbach

Dr. Kelly Weidenbach was appointed Sept. 1. She had been serving as the transition director since February.

The five-member Adams County Board of Health was created Aug. 16 by resolution by the Board of Commissioners. The executive director appointment is the latest step

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Driver severely injured in wreck east of Byers

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

A pair of rollover accidents between Byers and Deer Trail Aug. 20 and Aug. 23 resulted in non-fatal injuries on scene, but one man was left fighting for his life.

The most serious of the two incidents occurred about 7 a.m. Aug. 23 near mile marker 342 of Highway 40 a couple miles east of Byers.

According to the Colorado State Patrol, a 19-year-old male from Denver was behind the wheel of a 1999 Honda Accord when the vehicle went off the north side of the roadway, overcorrected, and rolled two-and-a-half times, coming to rest on its roof. The occupant

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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

At 7:30 a.m. Aug. 20, the Deer Trail Fire Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and State Patrol aided a rolled vehicle on eastbound I-70 a mile east of the Peoria interchange.



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Diane Elliot and Eve Pugh were framed at the Aug. 24 CASB Region 2 meeting.

State school boards honor Agate director

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

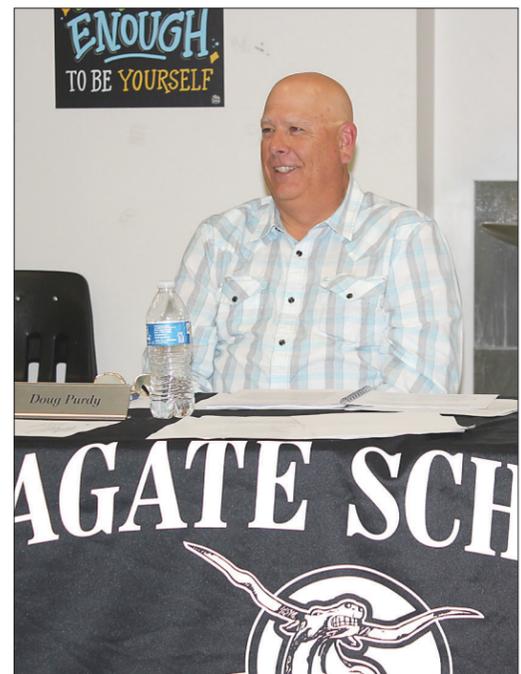
AGATE — The Agate School Board president has been recognized by the Colorado Association of School Boards for his service to the district.

Doug Purdy, who has served on the board since his election in November 2017, is a 2022 recipient of CASB's McGuffey Award. The award "honors unique board members who bring committed and passionate service to their board work," according to the CASB website.

The award is named for McGuffey readers, which were first published in 1836 and were a series of seven books with stories and poems that taught reading and grammar to students as well as help them develop good character qualities. It was one of the most widely used and influential textbooks of its time in transferring knowledge and the virtues required to fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

Every district has the opportunity to nominate one board member each year.

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KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Agate School Board President Doug Purdy leads off the Aug. 29 board meeting with a smile. Purdy was recently honored by the Colorado Association of School Boards for his service.

AGATE

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Honorees are recognized at CASB's fall regional meetings. Agate is in CASB Region 2, which also includes Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Limon, and totals 25 school districts in the central eastern portion of the state. The Region 2 meeting was held Aug. 24 at Hi Plains High School in Seibert.

The nomination letter for Purdy read: "Back in 2015 Agate had 15 students and the superintendent closed the high school. Our students were bused to neighboring districts. Because we had such a low student count, the state was planning to shut our beautiful school down, leaving Agate with nothing but a post office.

The community of Agate would have certainly disappeared. Mr. Purdy's heart was broken for the place he has lived all his life. Instead of letting that happen, he jumped

into a hard-fought battle to keep us open. Mr. Purdy visited every single house in the district, campaigning to get students back into our school! He also brought in the help of [the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services] and the Agate Alumni Association. When Agate opened its doors for that school year, we had 40 students! We continue to grow, and Mr. Purdy continues to be a legend in this area for his hard work, perseverance, passion, and commitment to the Agate community."

Purdy told *The I-70 Scout* that he was excited to receive the award.

"There's a lot of people before me and after me that surely deserve it more than I do, but I appreciate the honor of getting it," he said. "I couldn't do it without our staff, our super, and our board members. It's a team effort."



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was not wearing his seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle while it rolled.

The driver suffered serious and life-threatening injuries but, according to a State Patrol spokesman Sept. 1, there was no update on his condition.

"He was originally being transported to the helipad in Byers but ended up being transported by ambulance to University Hospital," the State Patrol spokesman said.

Drugs, alcohol and excessive speed were not considered contributing factors. Whether sun glare was an issue was uncertain.

the State Patrol responded near mile marker 322 of eastbound I-70, about a mile east of the Peoria interchange on report of a rolled vehicle.

On arrival, a 2001 GMC Yukon was found on its roof on the shoulder of the thoroughfare. The 39-year-old male driver from Denver was uninjured during the ordeal.

"The vehicle swerved left for some reason then overcorrected to the right, [went off] the right side of the road, and rolled 1 1/2 times," the State Patrol said. "It's believed the driver was distracted."

The driver was wearing his seatbelt and no apparent injuries were reported.

Drugs, alcohol and excessive speed are not suspected factors in the accident.

THREE DAYS PRIOR

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Winners of the cornhole tournament hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District Aug. 6 at Lyons Park are Curtis Brewer, left, Jeff Braaten, Chad Lybarger and Christopher Bottini. Lybarger and Bottini took first place and Brewer and Braaten were second.

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New youth social group forms at Bennett church

BENNETT — A new weekly youth group for middle and high school students will hold its inaugural meeting from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Cornerstone Fellowship.

A pizza party is planned for the special occasion.

The church is located at 460 Third St., Bennett. For more information, call Alex Rivera at (720)768-4399.

'Dust of the Rabbi' focus of new ladies Bible study

BYERS — Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center will open a new ladies Bible study from 4:30-6 p.m., starting Monday, Sept. 12.

The group will study "In The Dust of The Rabbi" by Ray Vander Laan. The lessons in faith from the book are presented in a video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving the Bible's historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

No Marisol Family Diaper Giveaway will occur in September. The next diaper giveaway is planned for Saturday, Oct. 1. Watch *The I-70 Scout* for details.

The center, located at 228 W. Front St., Byers, will close for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5. For more information, call director Deb Jackson at (303)822-9368.

'Back to Future' showing scheduled for Strasburg

STRASBURG — An outdoor showing of "Back to the Future" is planned by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District at dusk, Friday, Sept. 16, 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 chairs and blankets. Seating opens one hour before dusk.

Admission is free; donations help



CHALRES ERICKSON/For The Scout
A large land spout, or dust devil, was spotted near 88th Avenue and Schumaker Road Aug. 27. Dust devils form when a pocket of hot air near the surface rises quickly through cooler air above it, forming an updraft. If conditions are just right, the updraft may begin to rotate, which pulls dirt upward and creates the land spout

fund youth programs and scholarships.

Concessions will be available for an additional charge.

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

17 Mile House Farm Park site of native plants class

LITTLETON — Colorado State University Extension Master Gardeners will host an open house, "Heritage and Native Plants at the Farm," from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at the 17 Mile House Farm Park.

Participants will take a guided walk around the farm at 10 a.m. to identify plants such as sage and heritage roses used for potpourri and tea. They can also make their

own lavender sachets.

The 17 Mile House Farm Park is located at 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.

The event is free but registration is required because of capacity limits.

For more information, visit www.arapahogov.com/17milehouse.

5K run, walk set to assist people with rare disease

Huntington's Disease Society of America's Rock Mountain Chapter will host the 18th annual Heroes and Villains Team Hope Walk and 5K Run starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at Stapleton Central Park.

Team Hope is HDSA's largest national grassroots fundraising event, which takes place in over 100 cities across the United States and has

raised more than \$20 million for Huntington's disease since its inception in 2007.

Thousands of families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and communities walk together each year to support the society's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease.

Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain that is described as having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease all at once.

Corridor biz group slates August member gathering

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its September Lunch & Learn at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, at May Farms, Byers.

Speakers and hosts are money experts Nathan Sumner, SUM Financial Services Group, and Lance Grothe of Grothe Financial, both in Bennett.

To RSVP or for more information, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail office-I70CCOC@gmail.com.

Governor seeks comments on appeals court finalists

DENVER — The Supreme Court Nominating Commission has selected six candidates for two vacancies on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Vacancies created by the retirements of Michael H. Berger and David J. Richman will occur Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, respectively. The nominees chosen at an Aug. 31 meeting in Denver are Priscilla Jeffrey Loew, Katharine "Katy" Lum, Melissa C. Meirink, Karl Lee Schock, Grant Thomas Sullivan and Don Jesse Toussaint.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Aug. 31 within which to appoint two of the nominees as judges on the Court of Appeals.

Comments regarding any nominee can be sent via e-mail to gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

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Puppet workshop: Argentinian puppeteer Georgina Santich (Taller de Marionetas con la Titiritera Georgina Santich) will help kids ages 7-14 learn how to make puppets at home!

Únase con nuestra titiritera favorita argentina Georgina Santich y aprenda a hacer sus propias marionetas en casa. Apropiado para niños de 7 a 14 años. No es necesario inscribirse de forma anticipada. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Coffee & Cards: Adults will drink coffee, eat snacks and play hearts, poker, cribbage, Farkel and other games. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9.

Sewing Fun with Peg and Mary Lou: Adults will join local fiber artists Peg Mancuso and Mary Lou White to practice basic sewing skills and create a fun project. Supplies limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1:30-4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9.

Storytime: Young children up to age 6 will enjoy stories, songs and other fun activities that promote early literacy. 11-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Hybrid teen writer's workshop: Teens can share their work and ideas with other writers in a fun and supportive workshop that will occur in person and online. They can hone their skills through creative exercises and learn to write better, receive feedback and be more creative. Appropriate for ages 12 and older. Space limited; registration at Anythinklibraries.org required. A link virtual Zoom event will be provided in advance. 4:15-5:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Adult book club: "This Time Next Year We'll be Laughing" by Jacqueline Winspear. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Magic workshop: Mark the Magic Man will present an exciting after-school workshop where kids ages 7-14 only will immediately perform simple magic tricks. Supplies limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14.

D&D and other games: Kids ages 12 and older can play Dungeons & Dragons 5E, the latest edition of the world's best-known tabletop role-playing game, or a variety of card and board games at this beginner friendly, monthly event. Participants can also bring games from home. 1-4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16.

Alcohol ink art workshop: Local artists Laurie Leftwich and Pam Erickson with the Corridor Creative Arts League will teach adults to work with alcohol inks to create beautiful, abstract patterns. Supplies limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17.

Storytime with Opera Colorado: Patrons of all ages can join Opera Colorado and step inside Bravo Books, where stories come to life. There they will meet the Finley brothers, owners of the bookstore. Each character will pull the reader into the pages of the most beloved tales and tunes from opera and musical theater and more. 11-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Pokémon Trainer League: Pokémon trainers ages 7-14 will play, trade and discuss Pokémon using their own cards or the library's. Snacks provided. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Pop-Up Studio: The Studio at Anythink is guided by the philosophy that customers of all ages thrive when they follow their passions, collaborate with others, and become creative. Anythink's Studio team will explore and create using different technology and tools each month. 1-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22.

Electronic music workshop: Teens can learn the basics of creating and arranging electronic music while exploring different equipment and instruments in a fun, hands-on workshop. 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

Playwriting workshop: Local writer Robbin Schincke will discuss the foundations of playwriting in this hands-on writer's workshop for adults. Supplies limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24.

Rainbow Graphic Novel Book Club: Teens ages 14-18 can meet with their friends in a safe space to discuss a new queer-friendly, graphic novel each month. Snacks, crafts and other activities provided. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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Stories & More: Caretakers will listen to stories, sing and play with their little ones. 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, Sept. 7.

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Little Explorers: Children ages 2-5 can discover new concepts in science, engineering, math and art as they investigate a monthly theme that combines learning and literacy. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8.

Friday matinee: "The War with Grandpa" (2020, rated PG, 98 minutes), will be shown. 1-3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9.

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15 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

BENNETT — Approximately 500 vehicles overflowed the new parking lot during the grand opening of the new king Soopers store in Bennett the morning of Aug. 29.

The store opened its doors at 7 a.m. but area residents were waiting in line as early as 4 a.m.

“We had a line of over 200 people standing outside our front door at 6 this morning,” said Lynn White, King Soopers Director of Recruitment and Employee Development. “We were told some very interesting stories by some of those people including one person that said from now on I don’t have to take my cooler into [Denver] when grocery shopping’.

White added that 96 percent of the employees at the Bennett store are either from the town or the I-70 Corridor.

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 28, 2012

PUEBLO — A cooking school student working at an I-70 Corridor restaurant took home statewide bragging rights after winning a recent chef’s competition.

Becca Anderson, who works at Primo Bistro in Bennett, teamed up with Lakewood home cook ginger Brinkhaus to win the 2012 Dueling Cooks Challenge held Aug. 26 at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo.

Anderson and Brinkhaus offered a five-recipe repertoire Cold Cantolope Soup, Seared Steak with Wine

& Pear Reduction, Glazed Onions, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, and Peach Crumble with Corn Creme Anglaise that outdid offerings from three other chef/home cook duos, quite a feat considering neither lady knew each other before the competition.

“I was so surprised at how well Ginger and I worked together,” said Anderson, a student at the International Culinary Schools at the Art Institute. “I still have no idea who was supposed to be the home cook and who was the Colorado famous chef. We collaborated really well and I think I helped her get more accustomed to the high-stress situation. She definitely knew what she was doing.”

5 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Smoke laden skies made the Labor Day weekend less comfortable than normal by a one-day cool down helped improve conditions immensely.

Climatologists said that a combination of approximately 75 wildfires in eight western states combined to produce enough smoke to pollute the skies of the 15 most western states between Sept. 2-4; however, gusty winds overnight Sept. 4-5 and a 20- to 25-degree drop in temperatures “scoured” the skies.

“We got a good scrubbing effect thanks to higher winds, additional humidity and cool temperatures,” said Meteorologist Ashton Altieri during the Sept. 5 edition of the Colorado Morning News on KOA Radio in Denver.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2022. There are 116 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the

Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)

ON THIS DATE

In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent a telegram from Indian Harbor, Labrador, announcing that he had reached

the North Pole five months earlier.

In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1949, Howard Unruh, a resident of Camden, New Jersey, shot and killed 13 of his neighbors.

(Found to have paranoid schizophrenia, Unruh was confined for the rest of his life.

In 1972, the Summer Olympics resumed in Munich, West Germany, a day after the deadly hostage crisis that left eleven Israelis and five Arab abductors dead.

In 2007, opera star Luciano Pa-

varotti died in Modena, Italy, at the age of 71

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Comedian JoAnne Worley is 86. Country singer David Allan Coe is 83. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 79. Actor Swoosie Kurtz is 78. Comedian-actor Jane Curtin is 75.

—Associated Press

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24. Mosquito, slangily
25. Schick's product
26. Beyond's partner
27. *Amelia Earhart, e.g.
29. *Like Charles Lindbergh's 1927 transatlantic flight
31. W on a bulb
32. TV classic "Green ____"
33. Floorboard sound
34. "The Trial" and "The Castle" author Franz
36. Samoan money
38. Not on time
42. Much, in Italy
45. Tin Man's prop
49. Follows soh
51. Confession, archaic
54. Not Doric nor Corinthian
56. Downy duck
57. Kind of cornbread
58. Rainbows and such
59. Like a drink in a snifter
60. Mimicking bird
61. ____caca, South American lake
62. Type of modern meeting
63. *American Girl character born in 1923
65. American cuckoo
67. Robinson to "The Graduate".

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

HOROSCOPE

The Real Question Is...

Discussion groups, meetings and social life in general will be rife with this common but annoying tendency: People ask questions they have no interest in finding answers to. The Capricorn moon advises you listen through the ruse to get to the real purpose for the question. Then, give them what they want instead, which is attention and status.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're reasonably comfortable, but the nagging voice inside you is calling out for more -- more delight, more closeness, more adventure. The slightest move outside the familiar will tip you onto this bright, new track.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Anyone can notice fresh beauty, though few see the breathtaking splendor of the commonplace as you do today -- the sky, the dog's fur, the shapes and shadows that will never again be quite the same as they are today.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whatever you do, it's only human. Social awkwardness has no expression from this expansive place in the mind and heart. You're learning; everyone else is learning, too. You're teaching; everyone else is teaching, too.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You work purposefully to make progress, to get to completion or maybe just to feel the motion of it. Some you meet seem content to amble and enjoy. While you appreciate their perspective, you can't imagine sharing it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll get something done in an established group -- a grand social machine with rules, systems and methods for getting results. Your sensitivity and diplomacy will be grease for these turning wheels.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Financial success is a direct result of forethought, planning and follow-through. It doesn't have to be complicated. For instance, assess what you have before shopping. A simple win occurs as a direct result of

this practice.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). What you admire in others is either 1) in you, too, or 2) absolutely missing in you, therefore you need the ones who have it. Whatever the case, it is most auspicious to make your appreciation known. Alliances get formed.

Aries (March 21-April 19). For some, suffering is the method of bonding they know and do best. For others, complaining is among the easiest ways to find common ground. When people vent, can you see it as their way of seeking connection with you?

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Every melodrama needs a villain. The superhero needs a nemesis, the fairytale an evil queen. Someone has to be the bad guy. In today's conflict, it's definitely the other person. Unless you're the other person -- then it's you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You don't typically broadcast your talents. You fear sounding immodest or being misunderstood and vulnerable to criticism. But others need to know about you, otherwise you won't be included in a way that fits your strengths.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You don't typically broadcast your talents. You fear sounding immodest or being misunderstood and vulnerable to criticism. But others need to know about you, otherwise you won't be included in a way that fits your strengths.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be more creative after you've tidied up. The clean surfaces of your surroundings will brighten your thinking and send a message to your subconscious (and anyone else who happens to come over) that all is well.

Today's Birthday (September 6). In the past, you strove for a symbol of success. Now you'll come to embody the vision so fully that symbols become meaningless. Your power surges as you help people get healthier and happier. More highlights: You'll win a tidy sum, and an unusual interest connects you with passion and adventure. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 31, 10, 4 and 18.

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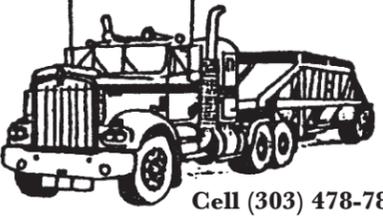
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Charles Dillard Reeves
 August 23, 2022 - November 15, 1941

Charles Dillard Reeves passed away August 23, 2022 in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. Dillard was born November 15, 1941 to Alva and Renia Reeves. When Dillard was a few months old, the family moved from their farm north of Byers, to a farm south of Strasburg.

Dillard attended Strasburg school until he graduated in 1960. He went on to attend school to become a welder.

Dillard wore many hats in his lifetime. He continued to farm and ranch, he also worked for Arapahoe County road maintenance, and he became part of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's department as a Posse-man. He was a husband, father, son, and friend. In 1984 Dillard moved to Toronto, Canada and became a foreman for McDonald Douglas Air.

Dillard met his wife Sheila Cowtan there. They were married 32 years. They enjoyed living many places in their marriage until settling in Tillsonburg. Dillard enjoyed attending church functions, and enjoyed the company of many wonderful friends.

Dillard is survived by his wife Sheila, her sons, Paul (Kim) Cowtan, Greg (Maria) Cowtan, his daughters Theresa (David) Tuttle, Anita (Guillermo) Espinosa, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Argus Reeves, his parents Alva and Renia Reeves, grandparents and granddaughter Therra Irey.

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Working at the Grocery Store

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Fill in the puzzle with the person who does each job.

In the Store:

1. packs groceries and puts them into the carts
2. _____ clerk checks vegetables for freshness
3. _____ clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
4. scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
5. keeps the whole store running smoothly
6. watches customers and works to keep theft low
7. _____ clerk works hard slicing cold meats and cheeses, and scooping salads
8. gathers the shopping carriages, lines them up neatly
9. keeps the store sparkling clean and in good order
10. _____ service person works behind a desk to help with any customer needs or questions
11. cuts the meat into special cuts, answers any questions
12. shelf _____ refills the shelves and keeps them orderly

Behind the Scenes:

13. _____ driver moves piles of large, heavy bundles
14. brings trucks full of items to the store's loading dock
15. _____ programmers keep track of the stock, prices and amounts people buy



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A good way to keep on track (to only buy items that you need and not overspend your budget) is to write a shopping _____!
(Hint: look at the letters in the eggs.)

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Where Can We Find It?



Welcome to my area of the store called the "Floral Department." It's my job to keep flowers fresh and to help you choose flowers for a celebration or to decorate your home.

1. Match the departments on the left to the items that a shopper would find there.
2. Next, find and circle all of these words:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. frozen | A. paper towels, dish soap |
| 2. produce | B. milk, butter, eggs |
| 3. laundry, paper, cleaning | C. ham, chicken |
| 4. dairy | D. ice cream, pizzas |
| 5. meat and poultry | E. corn, apples, tomatoes |
| 6. bakery | F. bottled water, soda, juice |
| 7. gourmet | G. fish, shrimp, clams |
| 8. pet needs | H. fancy cookies, jams |
| 9. seafood | I. dog food, cat snacks |
| 10. beverage | J. bread, cake, pie |
| 11. breakfast | K. fruit, vegetables, tuna fish |
| 12. canned goods | L. cereal, pancake mix |



The Best Price Yoshi needs a new collar and treats to clean his teeth. Go to both stores. Which has the lowest total price?

ADCO HEALTH

FROM PAGE 1

state's largest local public health agency, Tri-County Health Department, which delivered health services to Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties for more than 50 years. Next steps for the BOH will be appointing officers and creating bylaws as progress continues toward standing up the county's first public health department by Jan. 1, 2023.

"Continuity of services continues to be a priority between now and the end of the year," Weidenbach said in a release. "Tri-County was a top functioning health department in the nation, and we want to continue that legacy."

As the deadline nears, the department's new board expressed optimism that it is on track to provide high-priority services to the county's population of 520,000. Most of the department's budget will come from federal and state funds and the rest will be covered by the county and private entities. The county's allocation from the federal American Rescue Plan Act will provide additional resources.

The Adams County Board of Health sees its establishment as a new opportunity to address long-neglected inequities in public health. About 51% of the county's population is made up of minorities.

"I think this gives us an opportunity to look more specifically at the needs of our diverse population here in Adams," said Board of Health President Dr. Sheela Mahnke.

"One of our top priorities is to achieve health equity," Weidenbach said. "We often talk about raising the voices of communities and populations that may have been historically undervalued, underrepresent-

ed, and who experience adverse or disproportionate outcomes."

Weidenbach added that another focus will be COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

"We're looking at places where the community may have lost traction on important health issues such as mental health, substance abuse, and physical and mental well-being," she said.

According to the Adams County release, nearly one in four residents in Adams County say they are in poor mental health and suicide rates in the county are 10% higher than the national average.

"We'll look at how we foster and build capacity within the new health department to address any barriers for improving mental health in the community," Weidenbach said.

Adams County Public Health plans to provide a range of clinical services at a discount or no cost to the community, including immunizations that provide protection from disease, chronic disease prevention, nurse home visits for families, free food to women and their children who may not be able to afford groceries, sexual health, family planning, STI testing and treatment, and increased testing availability for monkeypox.

Prior to her appointment as interim director, Weidenbach served as Planning & Information Director at Tri-County Health. Before coming to Colorado, she served as the executive director at a local health department in Wyoming.

She holds a doctorate in public health/health policy and management in addition to a master's degree in epidemiology and two bachelor's degrees in molecular biology and anthropology.

New AdCo Health officials introduced

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners Aug. 16 appointed five inaugural members to the new Adams County Board of Health.

The Board of Health is structured with five members. Initial commitments are two- and three-year appointments to establish staggered terms going forward. After the initial term, members will serve five-year terms.

The Health Board will hold its first meeting in late August to begin planning for the new Adams County Health Department and it will hit the ground running. Next steps include employment of an executive director, appointment of officers, and creation of bylaws as progress continues toward the county's first public health department on Jan. 1, 2023.

"With this morning's action approving these resolutions, we have completed a critical step in setting up the new health department," said Lynn Baca, chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners. "While we had many qualified applicants, we believe this five-member board brings the varied expertise and perspective that is representative of our diverse county."

For more information, visit adco.gov.org.

INAUGURAL ADCO BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Dee Dee Gilliam is a public health nurse with more than 30 years of experience in public health administration, emergency preparedness and disaster response, program planning, and management. She served for 15 years as a nurse in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been trained in Federal Emergency Management Agency inci-

dent command and management systems. Gilliam will serve a three-year term.

Brett Keiling is a Colorado native and registered nurse who has cared for Adams County community members for the last 10 years. He specializes in emergency management, clinical data analytics, and quality outcomes at HealthONE North Suburban Medical Center. Keiling aims to help shape the foundation of the Board of Health and Adams County Health Department to ensure they equitably serve all county community members. Keiling will serve a two-year term.

Jeremiah Lindemann has been a resident of Adams County for nearly 20 years. He has been a strong advocate for awareness and change related to the opioid epidemic after losing his little brother. Lindemann is a product engineer and manages several public safety and health related solutions. Lindemann will serve a two-year term.

Dr. Sheela Mahnke is a general pediatrician at a nonprofit clinic, Every Child Pediatrics, in Thornton. She also has a passion for environmental health issues, particularly climate change, clean air, and environmental justice. She has lived and worked in Adams County for nearly 20 years and currently resides in Westminster with her husband and two teenage boys. Mahnke will serve a three-year term.

Dr. Lisa Winkler is a family physician and has provided primary care through Clinica Family Health in Westminster, Thornton and Federal Heights for the last 10 years. Her areas of focus include health equity, preventative medical care, and chronic disease management. Winkler will serve for two years.

Two new judges appointed to Adams County Court

DENVER — Today, Gov. Jared Polis Aug. 5 appointed two new judges to the Adams County Court in the 17th Judicial District.

Joshua T. Nowak's appointment is effective immediately. Lara M. Jimenez's will join the court Jan. 9.

Nowak has been an associate attorney at McDermott, Stuart, & Ward LLP since 2021. His practice consists primarily of criminal defense. Previously he was a deputy state public defender in Brighton (2016-21).

Nowak earned his juris doctorate from the University of Denver

Sturm College of Law in 2016.

Jimenez has been a magistrate for the 17th Judicial District since 2022. Her docket consists of criminal matters. She has served as a magistrate for the City and County of Denver (2021-22); associate attorney at Front Line Law LLC (2021-22); deputy district attorney and senior district attorney for the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office (2013-21); and deputy district attorney for the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office (2011-13). Jimenez earned her juris doctorate from the University of Colorado Law School in 2009.

24-hour ballot drop box set at ArapCo Fairgrounds

LITTLETON — To better serve voters in its growing eastern areas, Arapahoe County will install a 24-hour ballot drop box at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora.

The Clerk & Recorder's Office is moving a drop box from the parking lot of the Aurora Motor Vehicle branch office at Chambers Road and Sixth Avenue.

Drop boxes in that area are located less than a mile away at CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, and the Aurora Municipal Center (Library Circle), 15151 E. Ala-

meda Parkway.

Clerk & Recorder Joan Lopez said the move conserves resources while making voting more accessible in growing areas of the county.

"We're expanding access to an area that's growing rapidly, while keeping the same convenience for voters in central Aurora," Lopez said.

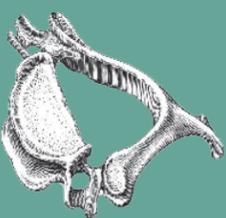
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SPORTS



Unbeaten Strasburg 9 wins 3 more games

by Douglas Claussen
Editor

Did a pair of wins via the 10-rule “look easy” for the Strasburg High School softball team?

“They look like that, but we struggled a little early,” said Wes Madrill, head coach of the Lady Indians. “We struggled early in both the games and then came on strong.”

Madrill is referring to a triangular with Gunnison at Rocky Ford Aug. 27, where the Indians defeated both Gunnison and the hosts.

A third contest, at home against Lyons Sept. 1, followed a similar pattern, with Strasburg scoring 7 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to win 9-0.

ROCKY FORD TRIANGULAR GUNNISON

Although an 11-1 victory, the game was no cakewalk for the Indians. They led just 1-0 entering the top of the fourth inning and 4-1 entering the top of the fifth.

Then they erupted for 7 runs in the top of the fifth.

“We finally figured out the pitcher,” Madrill said. “She kept going outside, outside, outside and I kept telling my young ladies to look outside and adjust inside.”

“Finally, something clicked, I guess. They

awoke and just started hitting the ball and, when they started hitting the ball, she started trying to pinch the corner a little bit and we walked a few.”

Meanwhile senior Heidi Price shut down the Lady Cowboys, hurling all five innings while yielding just one unearned run on two hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Madrill said sophomore Averie Eymann was one of the better hitters in both games for Strasburg. Against Gunnison, she had two base hits in three at-bats with 1 RBI. Price, senior Autumn Stone, and sophomore Chloe Reid all doubled with Price and Stone collecting 1 RBI apiece.

Eymann, Price and Aubrie Archuleta all had one stolen base.

Stone and sophomore Kailey Rushmann each committed a fielding error, but neither hurt the Indians, who scored their 11 runs on nine hits.

ROCKY FORD

Strasburg again started slowly, tallying no runs in the first two innings before erupting for 6 in the third in its 15-5 defeat of Rocky Ford.

“They threw this lefty at us that we pounded the last time we saw her,” Madrill said.

He added that the Rocky Ford pitchers must have heard about his team, because they also pounded outside corner. Again, the Strasburg hitters did not immediately adjust, but when they did, they pounded mercilessly, tallying 6

runs in the third inning, 1 in the fourth, and 4 in both the fifth and sixth to win by the mercy rule.

Eymann continued her hot hitting against the Lady Meloneers with three base hits in four at-bats resulting in 3 runs scored, but Price was even hotter, recording two doubles, both off the fence, among four hits in four at-bats with 1 RBI.

But junior shortstop Graecyn Graf had the hit of the day, a 3-run shot to left-center field.

“When it left the bat, everybody knew it was gone,”

Graf added a single, Rushman chipped in with two doubles and 3 RBIs, and Stone doubled and drove in 2 runs.

Rushman pitched five innings, allowing 5 runs on seven hits, but just one run was earned because Reid committed three errors and Price had one.

“Four errors,” Madrill said. “I try to tell the girls, ‘Having four errors is like letting them play eight and a third innings. You’re giving them four outs,’”

COMING UP

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- Sept. 10: Eaton.
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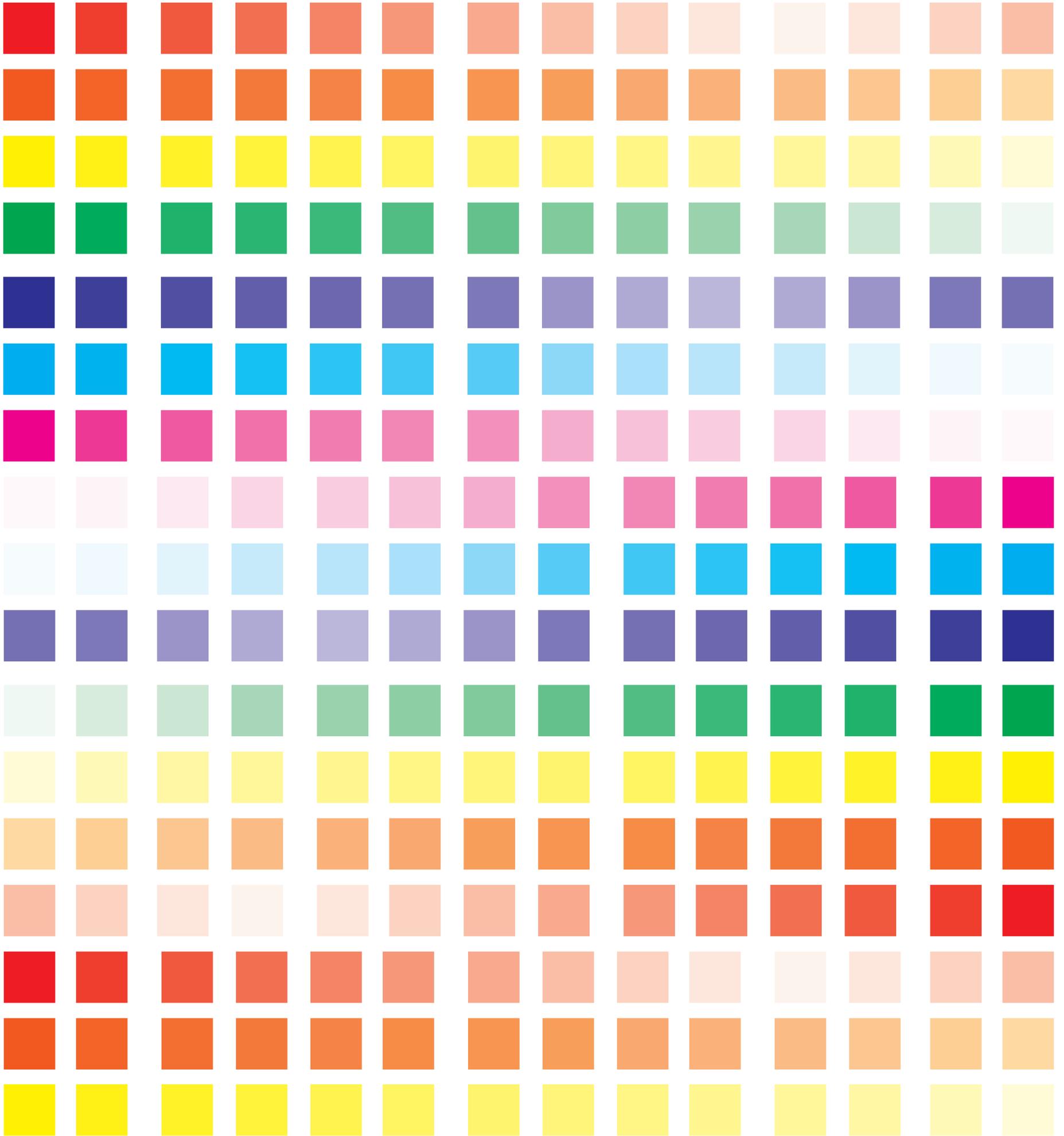
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Cross country teams off and running

by Douglas Claussen
Editor

The cross country season got off to an optimistic start with three teams finishing in the top four at their respective events.

Strasburg took second place as a team at the Jack N Jill Relays at Barr Lake State Park near Brighton Aug. 19, and the Byers girls were third and the boys fourth at the University 2 Mile Invitational at Greeley Aug. 20.

Bennett competed at the Windsor Wizard Invitational Aug. 20. The results follow.

INDIANS @ JACK N JILL RELAYS

At the Jack N Jill Relays, a team of four runners ran two miles each for a combined score to determine placement.

In the boys competition, **Israel James** (11:53), **Connor Harris** (12:58), **Daniel Handy** (13:35) and **Dewit James** (11:34) had a total time of 50:01, good enough for second place with a cumulative time of 50:11.

Two Lady Indians competed but could not acquire points because four harriers were required for team scoring.

'DOGS @ UNIVERSITY 2-MILE INVITE

Byers freshman Quincy Bowling and senior Brett Haney had the top times for the Bulldogs.

Bowling ended in fourth place out of 29 harriers with a time of 13:41.00 while Haney was 14th out of 43 competitors with a time of 12:19.50.

The Byers girls finished third as a team with 61 points while the boys were fourth with 96 points.

BOYS

Fourth: 96 team points:

14th: **Brett Haney**, senior, 12:19.50, 11 points.

26th: **Ben Gerhardt**, freshman, 13:40.20, 19 points.

32nd: **Michael Papaianopol**, junior, 15:11.20, 21 points

33rd: **Cayden Wardall**, sophomore, 15:17.40, 22 points.

35th: **Colt Owens**, sophomore, 15:41.80, 23 points.

GIRLS

Third: 61 team points:

Fourth: **Quincy Bowling**, freshman, 13:41.00, 3 points.

16th: **Isis Rojas**, junior, 16:12.80, 20 points.

19th: **Sydney Oberdorf**, junior, 17:02.90, 13 points.

23th: **Izzy Hollembeak**, junior, 18:07.80, 16 points.

24th: **Ayslynn Wardall**, senior, 18:21.60, 17 points.

TIGERS @ WINDSOR WIZARDS INVITE

17th: 494 team points.

71st: **Alex Kane**, junior, 20:58.20, 69 points.

105th: **Tyler Sefcovic**, junior, 24:11.70, 100 points.

111th: **Dallas Fackrell**, sophomore, 25:12.70, 106 points.

115th: **Noah Scooby**, sophomore, 29:09.30, 109 points.

116th: **Noah Sanchez**, junior, 35:35.01, 110 points.

Two Lady Tigers competed but could not acquire points because four harriers were required for team scoring.

COMING UP: BENNETT

Sept. 9: Wolverine Invitational @ Monfort Park, Greeley.

Sept. 17: Kadet Invitational @ Air Acad-

emy, Colorado Springs.

Sept. 24: Northfield Nighthawk Invitational @ Stapleton Central Park, Denver.

COMING UP: BYERS

Sept. 9: @ Frontier Academy Invitational, Monfort Park, Greeley.

Sept. 20: @ Lions Classic, Littleton.

Sept. 23: @ Longs Peak Invitational, Estes Park.

Sept. 27: @ Runners Roost Invitational, Brighton.

COMING UP: STRASBURG

Sept. 10: @ Heritage High Liberty Bell Invitational.

Sept. 17: @ St. Vrain Invitational, Lyons.

Sept. 23: @ Platte Valley Invitational.

Oct. 1: @ Wiggins Invitational.

Solar regs topic of ArapCo hearing

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing changes or amendments to its regulations for small solar systems — also known as solar gardens — within its Land Development Code.

As part of the process, revised draft solar regulations involve public hearings before the Planning Commission and county commissioners, with the Planning Commission to meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Arapahoe Room, 6954 S. Lima St., Centennial.

The new solar rules will bring the county into alignment with

state regulations and apply to small solar systems up to five megawatts in capacity. In 2019, the state increased the capacity of small solar gardens to 5 megawatts. Arapahoe County also proposes increased protections for wildlife, additional setback rules, and more safety requirements.

To participate by telephone, call 1-877-229-8523.

The hearing for the Board of Commissioners has not been scheduled.

To comment, send an e-mail to County Case Manager Diane Kocis at DKocis@arapahoegov.com.

Byers Bulldogs defeated by Akron Rams in season opener



CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

Byers receiver A.J. Engle picks up some of the 216 yards receiving he amassed against Akron Aug. 26.

by Douglas Claussen
Editor

BYERS — Byers scored first but Akron came roaring back to beat the Bulldogs 50-26 to open the 2022 8-man football season Aug. 26.

“I thought we played hard. I thought we went toe-to-toe with them,” said Byers coach Casey Pelton. “We just made a couple of mistakes that were hard to get over.”

After Byers took a 6-0 advantage on a 10-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Chase Long to classmate Cameron Eastwood, Akron scored twice to end the first period up 12-6. Byers continued to play hard into the second quarter, but an interception in the end zone killed one Bulldog drive. Long was intercepted twice in the game.

Akron went up 26-6 late in the first, but the Bulldogs responded with a 25-yard touchdown completion from Long to sophomore A.J. Engle to make the score 26-14 at halftime.

“Because of those turnovers, we got to that point where we were trying to play catch-up the whole time,” Pelton said.

Akron continued to build its lead through the second half even though Byers scored twice more on a 5-yard run by Long and a 30-yard pass from Long to Engle.

“We threw the ball well, I thought we protected our quarterback well, and I thought our young receivers, especially A.J. Engle, had a really great game,” Pelton added.

Engle finished with 13 catches for

216 receiving yards. Long threw 40 times with 23 completions for 292 yards. Eastwood added two receptions for 33 yards.

“Defensively, we just could not get a handle on stopping their run game,” Pelton continued. “They’re a very talented group that I thought was very deserving of their No. 3 preseason ranking.”

Pelton praised Akron’s dual threat of junior quarterback Ryan McCaffrey and sophomore running back Anderson Filla.

“Their quarterback and their running back are as good as we’ll see all year,” he added. “Their running back is as good as anyone in the state.”

Byers held McCaffrey to just three completions — all for touchdowns — but for 162 yards combined with a long completion of 72 yards.

“They snuck the tight end right down the middle of the field and we blew an assignment on that,” Pelton said.

The Bulldogs were missing two key defensive players, one out with a broken leg for most if not all of the season and another with an abdominal issue. The circumstances made the young team even younger.

“There was a lot of the game where we had seven sophomores and one senior on the field, defensively,” Pelton said.

The Bulldogs lost 36-0 at Crowley County Saturday night.

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Herman Holt catches the ball on a kickoff return as offensive lineman Garrett Crecelius, a freshman, gets out front to block.



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Wednesday, Sept. 7: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, applesauce.

Thursday Sept. 8: Sesame popcorn chicken, oriental rice and vegetables, fruit cocktail, fortune cookies.

Monday, Sept. 12: Beef hot dog, potato wedges, coleslaw, fresh orange.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Chicken enchilada nachos, shredded cheddar cheese, let-

tuce, tomatoes, refried beans, pears.

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Macaroni and cheese, carrots and dressing, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

BYERS

Wednesday, Sept 7: Chicken wrap, cucumber slices with ranch, grapes.

Thursday, Sept. 8: Hamburgers, french fries, mixed fruit.

Friday, Sept. 9: French toast sticks, cheese stick, country potatoes, orange wedges.

Monday, Sept. 12: Salisbury steak, roll, potatoes, gravy, peaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Chicken nachos, cowboy beans, pears.

Wednesday, Sept 14: Bosco sticks with marinara, garden salad with ranch, corn, grapes.

DEER TRAIL

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Chicken fried

rice, goldfish crackers, carrots with dressing, grapes.

Thursday, Sept. 8: Club sandwich, croissant, chips, tomato, lettuce, orange.

Monday, Sept. 12: Chicken nuggets, french fries, green beans, applesauce.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Cheese quesadillas, black beans, salsa, chips, guacamole.

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Pizza, salad, banana.

STRASBURG

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Macaroni and cheese with little smokies.

Thursday, Sept. 8: Meat nachos.

Friday, Sept. 9: Pancakes, sausage with egg patty.

Monday, Sept. 12: Corn dogs.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Lasagna roll-up.

Wednesday, Sept 14: Pulled barbecue pork sandwiches.

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Input sought on greenhouse gases plan

DENVER — The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is asking the public to share its thoughts on transportation planning as far out as 2050 as the organization strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

DRCOG's recently updated 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan provides a comprehensive vision for improving the Denver region's multimodal transportation system for residents and visitors.

In coordination with local and regional partners, DRCOG staff has been updating the 2050 RTP to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction levels set for the region by the state's newly adopted Green-

house Gas Transportation Planning Standard.

The draft of the updated plan is available through an on-demand virtual open house. Public comment will be taken through 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6, and a virtual public hearing will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7. All comments received at and prior to the public hearing will be provided to DRCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee and Board of Directors prior to the plan's adoption.

The virtual open house also features an idea wall and mark-up documents for public input.

To register for any of the meetings, visit drcog.org.

2 dead, 9 hurt in N. CO shootings Aug. 26-28

DENVER (AP) — A series of shootings in northern Colorado killed two people and wounded nine others.

On Aug. 26, a 35-year-old man was killed and another was wounded in a shooting in Denver. Also on Aug. 26, a 17-year-old boy was wounded in a shooting that may have happened at a car wash in nearby Aurora.

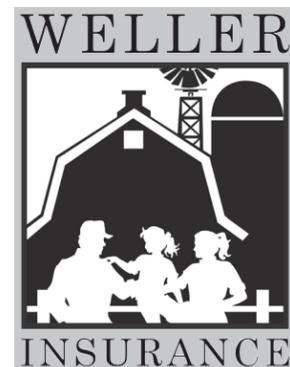
On Aug. 27, a woman was wounded in a shooting in Denver and took herself to the hospital with what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries, police said.

Early Aug. 28, one man was killed and three others wounded in Denver, police. Neighbors told KUSA-TV they called police to report a party at a home just after midnight and

heard gunshots and yelling just before 1 a.m.

Meanwhile, a man and a woman suffered what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries in a shooting in Denver and, in Aurora, a man in his 20s was wounded in a shooting near a supermarket, police said Aug. 28. The man went to the emergency room on his own with non-life threatening injuries, Aurora police said.

In Greeley, police said a 22-year-old woman was found dead in her vehicle Aug. 26 after going missing from the smoothie shop where she was scheduled to close up for the night. Police have not said how she died but a man was arrested on suspicion of murder and sexual assault.



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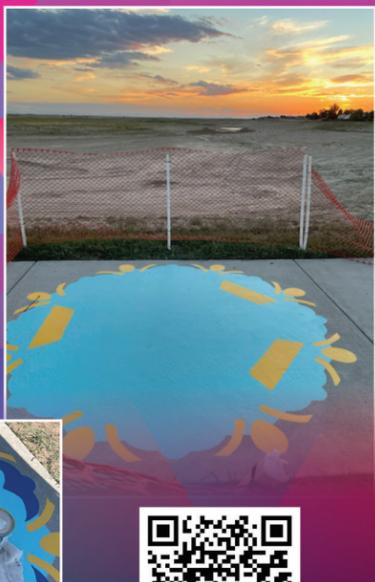


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Families get ready for the new school year at the Adams County Back-To-School Bash.

AdCo school bash serves 1,073 kids

BRIGHTON — Adams County Human Services July 30 provided school supplies for 426 low-income resident families at its Back-to-School Bash event.

Backpacks, notebooks, binders, folders, sanitizing wipes, pencil boxes, pens, dry-erase markers, hoodies, socks and more were given to 1,073 children.

“With school supplies costing about \$864 per student this year, it’s critical to have these types of events to help our families; it was a really joyful occasion for them,” said Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca, board chair. “This year’s event was so busy, and it was great to see so many volunteers from the community.”

More than 25 local organizations

assisted with the event, giving away bags of shelf-stable food and additional school supplies. The Work Options Café provided free meals for attendees.

“Every child deserves to start off their school year with excitement and joy and fully prepared to learn,” said Katie McDougal, Adams County Human Services director. “This event made that possible. You could see how much it meant to them by the smiles on their faces.”

In addition, 101 families with 241 children joined a waiting list for school supplies from Human Services.

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A variety of other outreach events are planned later this year.

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INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup vegetable oil or olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

honey. Add Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion salt, pepper. Whisk to combine.

Very slowly stir in the oil. Taste and adjust seasonings as desired. Pour in a capped bottle or jar. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

DIRECTIONS

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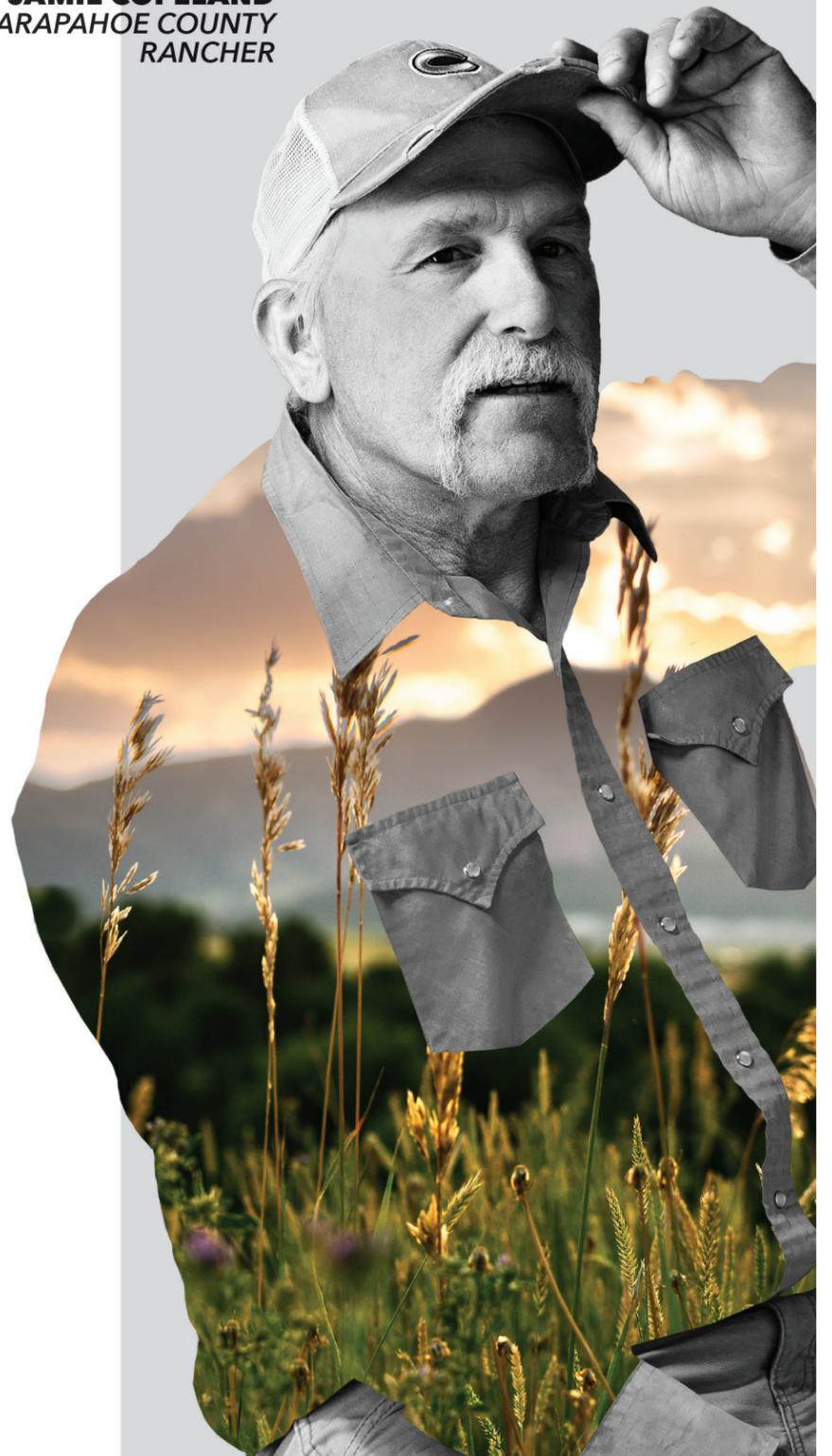


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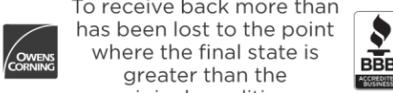
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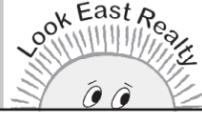
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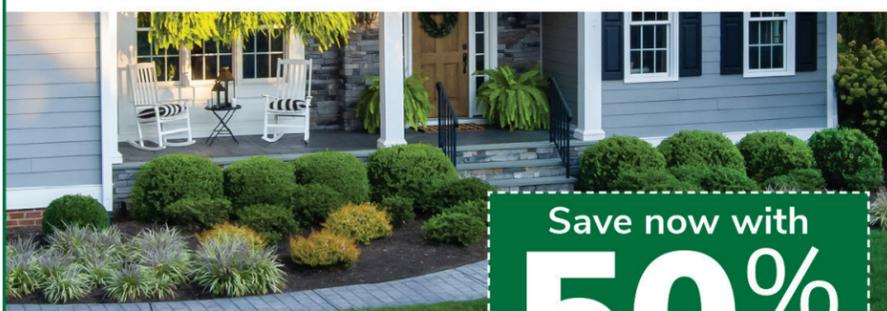


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PLAGUE

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and encouraging them to take steps to control the presence of fleas around their homes.

TCHD Environmental Health Manager Dylan Garrison told *The I-70 Scout* Sept. 2 that the property owner contacted the health department after noticing a significant decrease in prairie dog activity on both her property and an adjacent property. A decrease in sightings is a more reliable indicator of a large die-off in a colony than spotting dead prairie dogs.

“Prairie dogs will typically retreat deep within their burrows to pass,” Garrison said. “The health department staff will not remove deceased prairie dogs and it is strongly advised that citizens do not contact deceased prairie dogs as plague is known to be present in the deceased animals and plague-positive fleas may still be present.”

Plague, also known as bubonic plague, is caused by *Yersinia pestis*, a bacterium that can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Prairie dogs are highly susceptible to plague.

“Bubonic plague is infamous for killing millions of people in Europe during the Middle Ages,” Garrison said. “Today, modern antibiotics are effective in treating plague, especially if diagnosed and treated early.”

No human cases have been reported in the area at this time, but people should be aware of the common symptoms of plague — fever, swollen and tender lymph nodes, chills, and extreme exhaustion — and contact their health care provider if they think they were exposed. Plague can cause serious illness in humans.

Along with prairie dogs, squirrels, ground squirrels and domestic

pets can be carriers of plague-infected fleas in Colorado. TCHD recommends the following steps to protect humans and pets from the plague:

- Stay out of areas that prairie dogs inhabit;
- avoid all contact with prairie dogs and other wild rodents;
- do not feed or play with prairie dogs;
- do not touch sick or dead animals;
- avoid animal fleas by protecting pets with flea control and keeping pets on a leash;
- do not allow pets to be free roaming in areas with wildlife confirmed with plague — cats are highly susceptible to plague and are a common source of infection in humans; and
- use repellent containing DEET during activities such as walking, camping, hiking, or working outdoors.

Tri-County Health Department will continue to monitor this location and other prairie dog colonies in the area. If you see evidence of a prairie dog colony die-off or to report dead/diseased prairie dogs and other small rodents, contact Tri-County Health Department's Commerce City office at (303)288-6816. Visit www.tchd.org for more information about plague.

Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), which has delivered health department services to the residents and businesses in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties for more than 70 years, will officially dissolve on Dec. 31, 2022. Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties are in the process of standing up their own independent public health departments, and each county will have its own contact information and response team.

WNV

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underlying infection, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE).

“Our thoughts go out to the family of this Adams County resident,” said Tri-County Health Executive Director Dr. John Douglas. “The increased rain and warmer weather have given mosquitos an ideal breeding habitat this season. I urge people to take precautions.”

West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. In Colorado, a typical West Nile season runs from May through October, with most human cases reported in August and September. In 2021, the state had 175 reported human cases and 11 deaths. Colorado has reported 39 human cases, 25 hospitalizations, and three deaths so far this year.

Most people infected with West Nile don't have symptoms. About 20% of infected people have flu-like symptoms that may include fever,

headache, muscle aches and fatigue. Fewer than 1% develop a serious, potentially deadly illness, with people aged 60 and older and those with underlying medical conditions at greater risk. The CDPHE recommends people who develop severe headaches or begin experiencing confusion to contact a health care provider immediately.

To protect oneself from mosquitos:

- use mosquito repellent when outdoors;
- limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active;
- wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks in areas where mosquitoes are active, spraying clothes with insect repellent for extra protection; and
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Saturday, September 10

Trupp Park Events

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast with the Bennett Community Food Bank and Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449	\$
10:00 AM - 11:59 PM	Beer Garden to Support the Local Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449	\$
10:00 AM	"Keepin' It Local!" Parade <i>Participants line up at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required but recommended online at townofbennett.colorado.gov</i>	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Vendor Street Fair	\$
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Town Booth <i>Enter for raffles and giveaways</i>	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Board of Trustees Booth <i>Spin the wheel for a chance to win prizes! Donate to the Holiday Help Program for an extra spin</i>	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Coolin' Off with Public Works <i>Get a free cooling towel or fill up your water bottles at the water station</i>	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Terramax Puppy Pound <i>Adopt a stuffed puppy from the Town's Community Services Officers</i>	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Family Fun Zone - All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Play at your own risk. Participants MUST wear closed toed shoes. Musketeers Veterinary Practice Jump House, Moore Lumber & Ace Hardware Axe Throwing, Oakwood Homes Roller Ball, Bijou Telephone Full Court Games, Charles Abbott Associates Bungee Trampoline, Living Springs Veterinary Care Mechanical Bull, Filanc Rockwall, Comfort Inn & Suites Giant Slide, McDonald's Face Painting, Aqua Engineering Caricatures, Kids Squirt House	
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch with the Local Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449 & Bennett Community Food Bank	\$
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Beer Garden hosted by the Bennett Arts and Cultural Fund & Launch Pad Brewery	\$
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Food Truck Rally sponsored by Davis Construction, SSL Choice, Vanbarco Supply, Weller Insurance & Christian Brothers Automotive	\$
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Bennett Days Art Show <i>Vote for your favorite entry! Select artwork also available for sale</i>	\$
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Rock Garden Painting <i>Contribute to Bennett's new Community Rock Garden</i>	
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Stick Horse Rodeo hosted by Not Just Ribbons	
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Foam Party with the Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue	
11:00 AM - 11:45 PM	Green for Life Grandstand <i>High Plains Music Ensemble</i>	
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	<i>Bennett High School Pep Band</i>	
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<i>Tamborazo</i>	
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>Community Dance Lesson</i>	
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	<i>Amazing Dave Magic Show</i>	
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony <i>Parade, Stick Horse Rodeo & Art Show Winners Announced, Grand Prize Raffle, Teens Living Clean Mural Wall Ribbon Cutting</i>	

Kiowa Creek Events

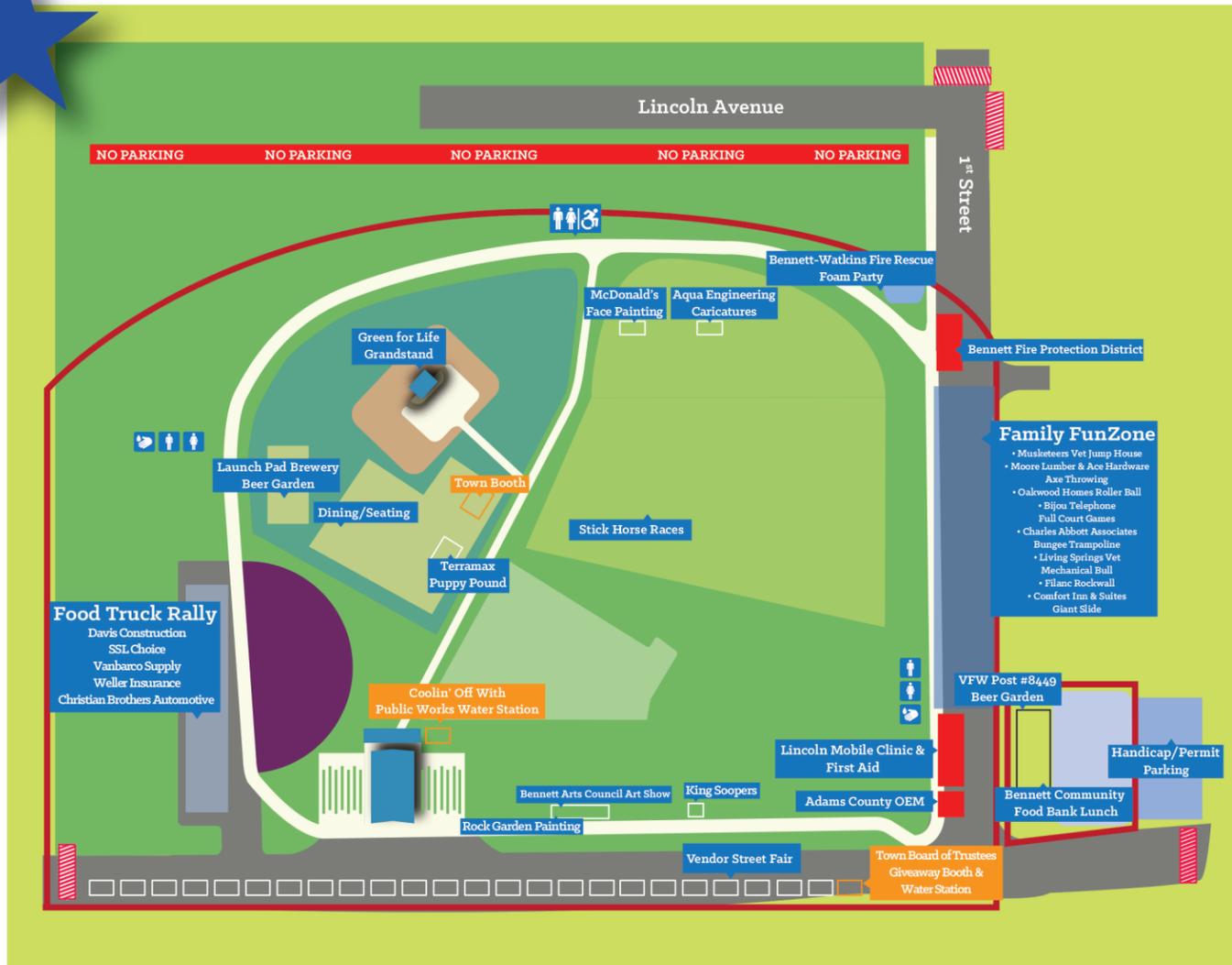
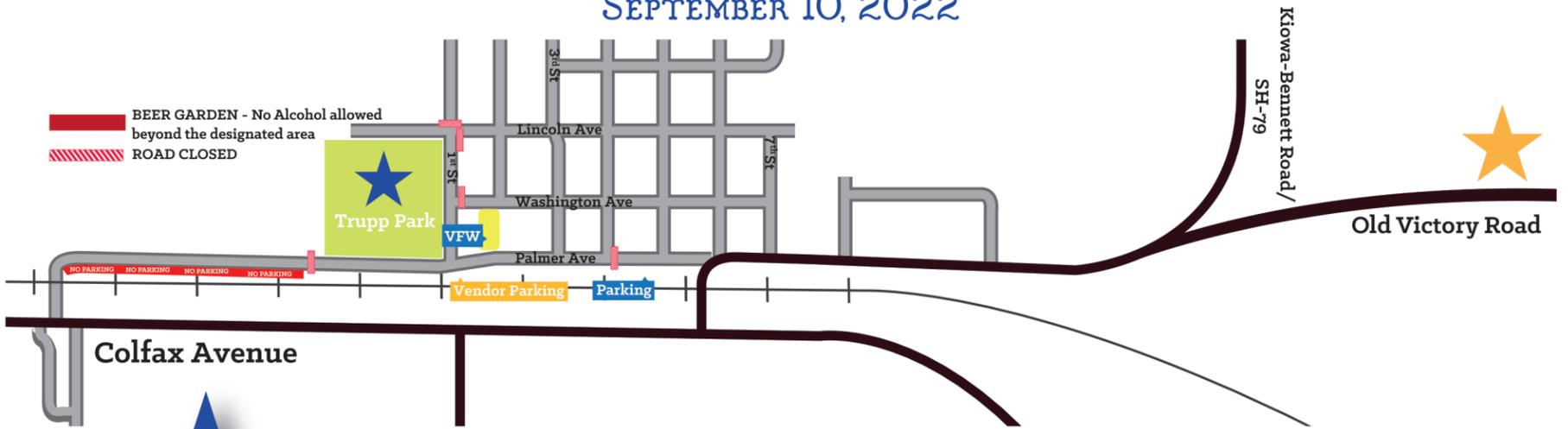
4:00 PM	Kiowa Creek Parking Opens - \$5 Donation to the Bennett Booster Club for parking	
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Beer Garden hosted by the Bennett Arts and Cultural Fund & Launch Pad Brewery	\$
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Bull Riding	
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	Youth Mini Bulls	
7:45 PM - 8:15 PM	Live Music	
8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Fireworks sponsored by Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue	
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