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ArapCo engulfed in child services lawsuit

Robin Niceta, former partner of ex-Aurora police chief, allegedly libeled city council member

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — An alleged act of revenge by a former caseworker has put the entire Arapahoe County Human Services Department under scrutiny and the defendant in a \$1 million class-action lawsuit.

Aurora City Council member Danielle Jurinsky is individually suing former Arapahoe County case worker Robin Niceta for libel and slander. She is also spearheading a class-action suit

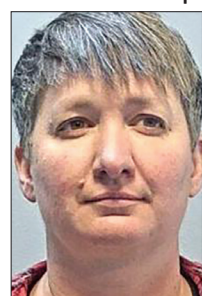
with at least 40 others against Niceta, Arapahoe County Human Services, its director, and the county board of commissioners for what she says is a systemic issue that unlawfully separates children from their families.

Niceta, who until May 4 was a social worker in the department's Child and Adult Protection Services division, allegedly called the county anonymously to report that

Jurinsky had sexually abused her own son. An investigation determined the allegations against Jurinsky were unfounded and a separate investigation found evidence that Niceta was the caller.'

At the time of the phone call, Niceta was the partner of then-Aurora Police Chief Vanessa Wilson who had been hired in August 2020 and charged with addressing the numerous issues in the police department. Wilson was fired on April 6 this year after what her attorney's called

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Niceta

In Bennett, pigs are pets, too!

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — Licensed household pets in Bennett can now be canine, feline or porcine.

The Bennett Board of Trustees gave the nod to the addition of pot-bellied pigs to the list of pets requiring licenses in the town Aug. 23. Like dogs and cats, pigs will wear metal tags with the current license number.

Two pot-bellied pigs are allowed, and the total number of harbored animals cannot exceed four. Animal licenses will now expire yearly on Dec. 31 of the year issued and must be renewed by Jan. 15 of the following year.

The board approved an ordinance adopting the amendments and creating a new Chapter 9 of the Bennett Municipal Code concerning animal control, which was previously a section of Chapter 7.

"Relocating these will promote clarity and ease of use by residents," Community Service Officer Keith Buono explained.

The approved ordinance also updated definitions and added a requirement for residents to remove their dog's excrement from private property not their own.

Another ordinance was approved amending Chapter 7 of the municipal code, retitling it to "Health & Sanitation," specifying entry rights, search warrants, emergencies and liability; specifying the steps to enforce an abatement notice; and adding a section regarding maintenance of fences previously in Chapter 16.

A third ordinance approved by the board amended Chapter 11 of the Bennett Municipal Code regarding permit fees for sewer or water taps and extensions for utility conduit or pipe. Changes include updating language and giving the town administrator — or his or her designee — the authority to determine reasonable expenses for restoration.

In other business, the board approved a development agreement for Mueg-

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Move over cats and dogs, pigs are pets too in Bennett.



GISELLE ROWE/For The Scout

On August 6, The Corridor Creative Arts League hosted the 170 Corridor Art Show, Artisan Market and Party in the Park. A young artist known as "Reah The Skull Dog" is a 'furry'; she designed and sewed the costume herself. **SEE PAGE 15.**

Ex-Scout writer honored in speech, debate

by **Kathy Smiley**
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MIAMI — A former local journalist has achieved success as a college speech and debate coach in Florida.

William Murphy was selected as the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Coach of the Year last February. Murphy, who teaches introduction to communication and introduction to public speaking at Miami Dade College, has coached the speech and debate (forensics) team there for 11 years. Before his time there he worked for four years at *The I-70 Scout* and *Eastern Colorado News* in Strasburg.

"That was my first job out of college," Murphy told the *Scout* July 19, adding that working at a newspaper and living in Bennett was an un-



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

William Murphy poses with the many speech and debate awards his students received at a recent competition.

planned opportunity.


"I was planning to move to Denver with my wife, Maranda, to go to graduate school. I came to Bennett to

stay with my best friend and his wife to do some house hunting."

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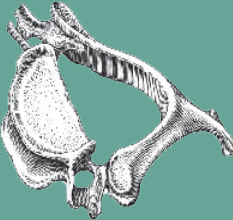
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Spotted lanternfly: Help sought in stopping pest before it enters Colorado

BROOMFIELD — With news that the spotted lanternfly has been found in Iowa, the Colorado Department of Agriculture is launching a new website to provide information about the identification and eradication of the invasive insect.

“The spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest that could decimate Colorado’s signature crops like peaches, grapes, hops and more than 70 other species of plants,” said Rich Guggenheim, Ph.D, Plant Health Certification Program manager. “The spotted lanternfly is a notorious hitchhiker and Coloradans as well as travelers visiting our state should know what to look for to stop this invasive and destructive pest before it enters our state.”

The spotted lanternfly, a native to Asia, was first discovered in the United States in Pennsylvania in 2014. The insect is now found in 12 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Once introduced, the spotted lanternfly is a serious pest with a high reproductive capacity and large host range.

The pest is extremely mobile and spreads easily both through physically hopping and laying egg masses on cars, trucks, trailers, moving pods and railcars. While no sightings have been confirmed in Colorado, the Agriculture Department is asking the public to inspect their vehicles and keep an eye out for the spotted lanternfly.

The primary host for SLF is Tree

of Heaven, an invasive tree in Colorado. However SLF can cause irreparable damage to grapevines and other crops, including peach trees, hops and vineyards, by feeding on plant sap. The insect secretes a sticky residue called “honeydew” which attracts wasps and causes “sooty mold” to grow on any surfaces.

In states where the spotted lanternfly has spread, the most damage has been observed in vineyards, ornamental nurseries, and backyards.

Travelers, visitors, truck drivers and anyone else moving a vehicle, recreational equipment, shipping and moving containers, or any conveyance into or out of Colorado should watch for any life stages of the lanternfly.


Farmers, especially those growing peaches, grapes and hops, landscapers and municipal arborists should be on the lookout for egg masses as well as trees of heaven, an invasive plant that the spotted lanternfly favors.

CDA’s new informational website (ag.colorado.gov/slf) contains more details about the insect and a reporting form where Coloradans are encouraged to report sightings to the Colorado Agricultural Pest Survey.


Anyone who sees an egg mass or live spotted lanternflies should immediately report the sighting to the CDA at ag.colorado.gov/slf. A photo and exact location is helpful.

For additional information, visit cda_slf@state.co.us or call (303)869-9081.

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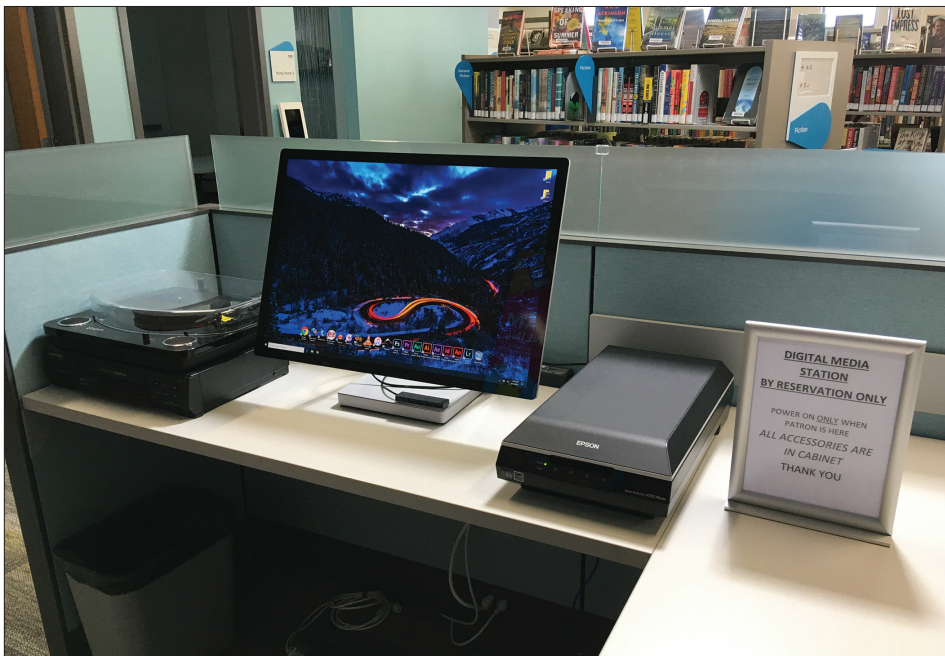
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Officials participate in a ribbon-cutting for the new Comfort Inn at Bennett July 22. Pictured are, front row from left, Corporate Sales Director Suzanne Duquette with Colorado Hospitality Services (CHS); Town of Bennett Deputy Town Administrator Rachel Summers, Trustee Steve Dambrowski, and Mayor Royce Pindell; CHS President Bruce Rahmani; Bennett Trustee Donna Sus; I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce President Becky Zierer; and Bennett Town Clerk Christina Hart; and, back row, Bennett Planning Manager Steve Hebert; Adams County Sheriff's Cmdrs. Karl Smalley and Sam Thede; Kristy Funk, Chamber of Commerce; Bennett Capital Projects Director Daymon Johnson and Community & Economic Development Director Chad Bunger; Nathan Sumner, Chamber of Commerce; and District Manager Robert Kiess, CORE Electric Cooperative.



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'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 fund youth programs and scholarships.

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, 8181 S. Parker Road,

Centennial.

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 event is free but registration is required because of capacity limits. For more information, visit www.arapahoegov.com/17milehouse.

ArapCo Sheriff announces yearly shred-a-thon event

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will host its annual Shred-a-thon to help prevent identity theft from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at the sheriff's headquarters, 13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial.

Shredding is free but donations will be accepted. All money raised will go to Metro Denver Crime Stoppers for rewards for information regarding unsolved crimes.

Each vehicle is limited to three garbage bags or paper boxes of material. For more information, visit MetroDenverCrimeStoppers.com.

New magazine highlights positives of Adams County

WESTMINSTER — The Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) recently unveiled the first magazine, *Livability Adams County Region, Colorado*, to showcase the region's lifestyle, business and employment opportunities.

The issue includes articles highlighting top industries, traditional family-owned businesses, and innovative new educational options.

Adams County is the second-fastest growing county in the Denver area. It offers many transportation advantages, abundant available land, and major economic growth sectors, including food and beverage production, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, aviation, construction and life sciences.

To read the digital magazine, visit livability.com/adams-county. For a copy of the print product, contact AC-REP at info@adamscountyrep.com or (720)758-8380.

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- HONEYLOCUST- Sunburst...6-8' #5 cont.
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- MAPLE- Autumn Blaze...7-8' #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Burgundy Belle...6-8' #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Firefall...6-8' #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Hot Wings...6-8' #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Norwegian Sunset...6-8' #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Sugar 'Fall Fiesta'...6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Bur...6' #5 cont.
- OAK- Kindred Spirit...6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Pin/Northern...6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Red...6' #5 cont.
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- CRABAPPLE- Indian Summer...8-10' x 1" #7 cont.
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- HONEYLOCUST- Sunburst...8-10' x 1" #7 cont.
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- LINDEN- Greenspire or Shamrock...8-10' x 1 1/4" #7 cont.
- MAPLE- Autumn Blaze or Armstrong...7-8' x 1" #7 cont.
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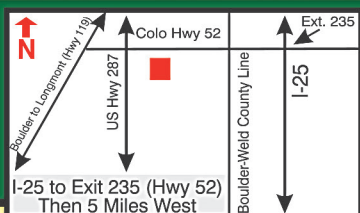
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New book explores brain development in children under 8

Parents and caregivers of children up to age 8 can learn to best support a young child's brain development in a virtual presentation featuring Dr. Dana Suskind hosted by the Arapahoe Library District.

The presentation will run from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, via Zoom.



Suskind

Suskind is the founder and co-director of the TMW Center for Early Learning & Public Health, director of the Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program, and professor of surgery, pediatrics and public policy at the University of Chicago.

She is the author of "Thirty Million Words," which explores the importance of talking to young children as a key to their success later in life, as well as the newly released "Parent Nation," which discusses how neuroscience of early childhood development can guide us toward a future where every child can fulfill their full potential.

The first 125 registrants will receive a free copy of "Parent Nation" and all registrants will have a chance to win one of five gift baskets.

For more information, call (303)542-7279 or visit arapahoelibraries.org.

Comments wanted on emissions 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 Greenhouse Gas Transportation Planning Standard.

The draft of the updated plan is available through an on-demand virtual open house.

Comments from the public 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.

DRCOG is also hosting a series of virtual public meetings during the comment period. Upcoming meetings are planned for Thursday, Sept. 1, and Friday, Sept. 2.

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

Do you know how a farm is run?

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Hi everyone. It's me, Peak, again! This week I'm visiting my cousin at the farm. There are lots of different animals here. Get a piece of paper and list all the ones you can think of. Then, do my farm puzzle!

Farm Times Riddles & Rhymes!

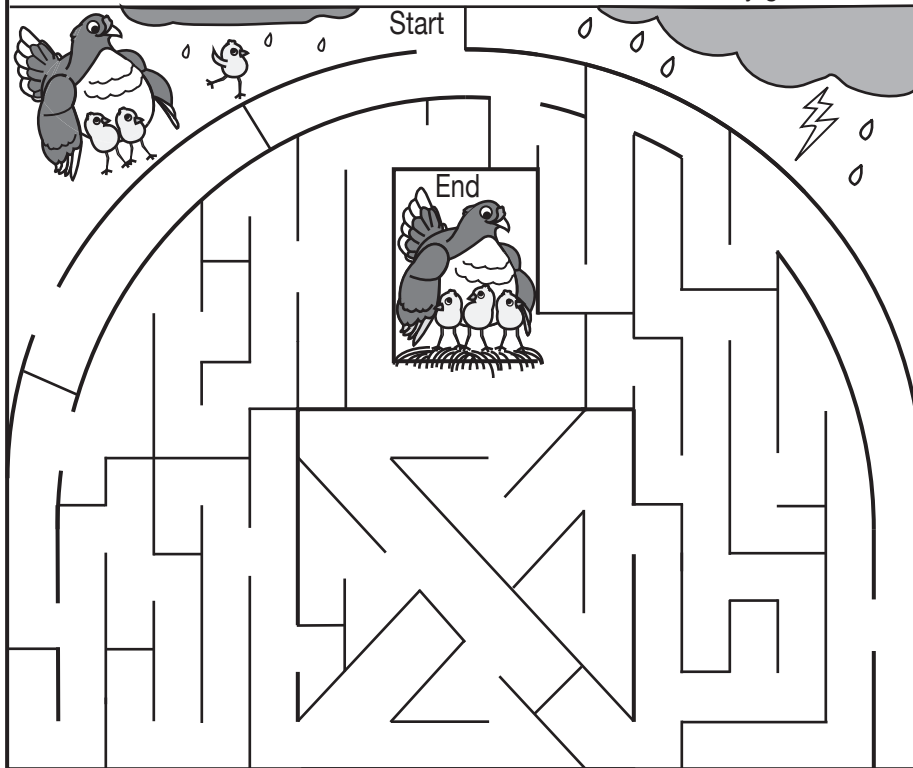


Who Am I? Read the riddles to fill in this farm animal puzzle:

- Most farmers use tractors, but I still may help to break ground in some fields or pull heavy loads.
- I can eat many kinds of plants. My milk may be drunk or made into cheese. I don't have a "baaaaaad" attitude.
- I am the "purrfect" pet. I chase mice away. I may not get along with the dog!
- I have a long neck like a camel. My soft fur is used to make clothing and blankets. I can help carry things up mountains. I am calm, but watch out – sometimes I spit!
- If I am a rooster, I crow at sunrise. If I am a hen, I lay eggs.
- I might eat hay, grass, barley or corn. My milk can be made into butter, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. I even have a type of bell named after me!
- I have long ears and great hearing. I may freeze when frightened, then thump the ground to warn others.
- I lay eggs. My feathers are used for pillows. I have good eyesight and honk loudly when something seems wrong.
- My fluffy wool ranges in color from creamy white to black. It is sheared and used for making clothing and carpeting.
- Some say I like damp and rainy weather. My babies follow me in a line. I have webbed feet for swimming.
- I help to herd and gather sheep. I guard and protect.
- I have a pink curly tail. I lie in mud to keep cool. When someone makes a mess, others may joke that they act like me.

Head for Shelter

There's a storm a-comin'. Help the hen get her chicks inside the barn before they get soaked!



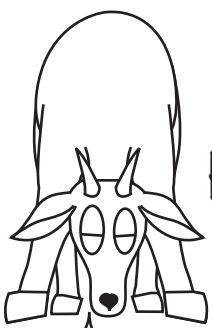
What Kind of Farm?

There are lots of different kinds of farms. Fill in my rhyming clues one by one – you'll know seven types when you are done!

- You'll find birds at poultry farms, in coops, in fields, in pens; feathered creatures: roosters, chicks and _____.
- Large, refrigerated tank trucks let us deliver milk with ease – to the dairy plant to be readied for butter, cream and _____.
- Black and yellow insects can 'bee' farmed to make us money; dripping sweetly in their hives is gold, delicious _____.
- A livestock farm may have ranchers or shearers – like little Bo Peep; they breed different animals like goats, cattle and _____.
- An orchard grows apples to bite and bake and squeeze; it's a farm that plants endless rows of leafy apple _____.
- A cranberry bog grows bitter berries we crush into sauce and chomp; they're farmed in a wet, marshy field that looks a bit like a _____.
- A vineyard is a farm for grapes, the fruit that grows on vines; the grapes are used in juice and jam, in jellies and in _____.

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What Did He Say?



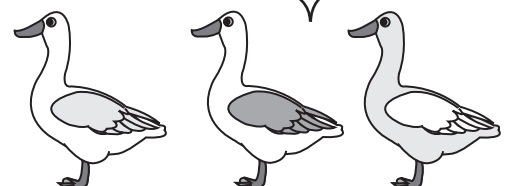
I know I shouldn't, but I like to "get my brother's goat!"

There are some phrases that do not mean exactly what they say. They have special meanings. These phrases are called "idioms." Match these farm animal idioms to their meanings:

- until the cows come home
- when pigs fly
- work for chicken feed
- one horse town
- stubborn as a mule
- pull a rabbit out of your hat
- when the cat's away the mice will play
- get your ducks in a row
- get someone's goat
- golden goose

- not willing to change one's mind
- people will do what they want while the boss is gone
- until it's very, very late
- work for almost nothing
- something of great value
- do something surprising
- annoy or bother someone
- town without many people
- organize things well
- never

Hi, ho, hi, ho...get your ducks all in a row!



NICETA

FROM PAGE 1

“a concerted campaign by Councilwoman Danielle Jurinsky and other conservative city council members to smear Chief Wilson’s reputation and credibility.”

According to the affidavit for probable cause for Niceta’s arrest, on Jan. 27, 2022, when Jurinsky was a guest on a conservative talk radio show discussing problems with the Aurora Police Department, she described Wilson as “trash.”

The call to Arapahoe County Human Services was made the next day. It described in detail two specific incidents in which the reporting party, who identified herself as an employee at one of the restaurants owned by Jurinsky, claimed she witnessed. The incidents involved Jurinsky molesting her 2-year-old son in front of other employees.

A two-week investigation ensued during which Jurinsky was scrutinized by the child protective division and said she was terrified she would lose custody of her child. Investigators eventually cleared Jurinsky of any wrongdoing. A police investigation followed, in which investigators found that the call to the hotline came from Niceta’s cell phone and the search browser on her county-issued laptop was used minutes before the call to find the hotline number and Jurinsky’s address. According to the arrest affidavit, when presented with the evidence, Niceta claimed she did not make the call and suggested that Wilson could have used her phone.

Wilson and Niceta are no longer together. Niceta resigned from her position with Arapahoe County on May 4 and moved out of state, according to a July 26 court order filed in Arapahoe County District Court.

Niceta has been charged with retaliation

against an elected official — a sixth-degree felony, and making a false report of child abuse as a mandatory reporter — a second-degree misdemeanor. Her next court date is Aug. 29.

Jurinsky put forward a \$1 million notice of claim against Arapahoe County in early June and filed the class action lawsuit Aug. 24. In an Aug. 25 news conference outside Arapahoe County’s child services building, she said she wants justice for herself and the families who were standing beside her.

“What happened to me was not an isolated incident at all and I will go as far as to say that I believe at this point there’s an equitable evil that is plaguing Arapahoe County DHS,” she said.

The suit includes a long list of allegations against the county. The introduction reads: “Through the activities and conduct of Defendants, dozens, if not hundreds (or more), of Arapahoe County families have been torn apart, sometimes permanently, on the basis of constitutionally improper investigations, false sworn testimony by Arapahoe County employees, fabricated evidence introduced by Arapahoe County employees in both investigatory and judicial proceedings, and a downright inexplicable, unfounded, and unjust desire to separate or attempt to separate children from their parents or other caretakers.”

In an Aug. 25 e-mail, Arapahoe County Public Information Officer Luc Hatlestad noted that “Arapahoe County is equally appalled and concerned as our community is about the alleged criminal actions of Robin Niceta, a former employee of our Human Service department.”

Hatlestad added that checks and balances within the child protection system are meant to

weed out false allegations.

“We have confidence in our ability to protect children from abuse and neglect in our county, and at the same time to preserve the rights of parents and guarantee due process,” he wrote. “All allegations of abuse and neglect of children are fully evaluated and investigated by multiple layers of human services, educational, medical, mental health, and legal professionals, in accordance with state laws and regulations.”

When disputes arise, all parties have the right to have their case heard by a judge or jury and also to appeal, according to Hatlestad. A state-prescribed process is initiated for reviewing complaints received about closed cases and the county acts upon the conclusions of those evaluations as needed.

“We have not had the chance to review all of the allegations in the recently filed complaints but point out that many of them draw conclusions without citing factual specifics,” he said. “We are not aware of any evidence of widespread misconduct by the caseworkers and other professionals within the Arapahoe County Human Services Department, despite what is alleged in the complaints.”

The e-mail notes that the Colorado Department of Human Services, as the supervising agency of all county human services departments, is investigating, at Arapahoe County’s request, whether other potential issues of concern exist in all assessments and cases conducted by Niceta during her tenure with the county.

“We are awaiting the results of this independent investigation and will swiftly take any appropriate action after it is completed,” Hatlestad concluded.

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15 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 28, 2007

WATKINS — The Mission of St. Isidore the Farmer Catholic Church in Watkins embarked upon its ninth annual pilgrimage to the Mother Cabrini Shrine Aug. 24, despite learning that participants in the 48-mile journey have been banned from two Denver Catholic Churches.

St. Isidore parish coordinator Grider Lee said the group traditionally stops to pray at both the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Holy Ghost Church. He expressed surprise at notification of the prohibition.

Lee speculated the ban stems from theological differences between the mainstream Catholic Church and the society of St. Pius the Tenth (SSPX) which St. Isidore belongs to. SSPX is an international Catholic religious order founded by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in 1970 that embraced traditionalist views, including masses in Latin.

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 28, 2012

BENNETT — Bennett Trustees unanimously approved a bid for repairs and improvement to an Antelope Hills well during a special meeting Aug. 20.

The board approved Colorado Pump Service & Supply on its bid for \$21,779 to repair well no. 9.

In addition, an extra \$3,604 for installation of lightning surge protection was also approved.

According to public works director Frank Catalano, recent lightning strike data showed 37 strikes from one through three miles away.

That lightning data could help lead to a finding that lightning fried the wiring on the well, which would allow the town to file an insurance claim for the repair costs.

5 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

AGATE — With only three children attending Agate school, preparations for disbandment are underway and community members, board directors and staff are not seeing eye to eye on the process.

At its Aug. 23 meeting, some directors and residents were surprised by Superintendent Kendra Ewing's recommendation to appoint board members John Diller, Laurie Dyson and Jolene Chambers to the School Organization planning committee.

I think this is jeopardizing the board when we have outside [community] members who have shown interest in being on the committee," said board member Kristina Nowak.

That motion to appoint Dyson Chambers and Diller was withdrawn.

The committee, which is comprised of up to three people appointed by the board is generally a combination of board members, community members or the District Accountability Committee members.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2022. There are 123 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Aug. 30, 2020, the United States completed exiting Afghanistan, ending America's

longest war with the Taliban back in power, as Air Force transport planes carried a remaining contingent of troops from Kabul airport; officials estimated 200 Americans remaining. After the last U.S. planes leave Afghanistan, Taliban fighters fired their guns

into the air, celebrating victory after a 20-year insurgency.

ON THIS DATE

In 1941, during WW II, German forces approaching Leningrad cut off the remaining rail line out of the city.

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas

MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" phone between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Di-

ana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Cameron Diaz is 50. TV personality Lisa Ling is 49. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 48. Actor Raul Castillo is 45.

—Associated Press

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16. Greek god of love
17. Event host
18. *1960 Golden-Globe winner with Kirk Douglas
20. The Bee ____
21. Rowed
22. Costa del ____
23. *1922 Pulitzer-winning "Long Day's Journey into Night" author
26. *James Cameron's 1997 Oscar-winner
30. Steal
31. "Killers of the Flower Moon" Tribal members
34. All's opposite
35. *2021 "royal" Emmy winner
37. "One Fish Two Fish ____ Fish..."
38. More eccentric
39. Assistant
40. Expels
42. Before, old-fashioned
43. Consummate professional, in music
45. Mid-body narrowing, pl.
47. Feather glue
48. Library offerings
50. Cry like a baby
52. *The "____", 1972 mafia Oscar winner
56. Jeopardy, not the game
57. Type of molding
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64. Middle of March

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 9. Fairy tale opener
 10. Half of binary code, pl.
 11. Yellow #5, e.g.
 13. Bits of wisdom
 14. Fathered
 19. Bird of prey's weapon
 22. Female sib
 23. ____'s razor
 24. Waterwheel
 25. Horace's poem
 26. Danson and Kennedy
 27. Lymph "containers"
 28. Lacking vigor
 29. Roman counterpart of Greek Demeter
 32. *Ben Affleck's 2012 Golden Globe best drama winner
 33. Wow
 36. *2000-2003 White House Emmy winner, with The
 38. Port city in Japan
 40. Get it wrong
 41. BOGO offer
 44. Total amount
 46. Isthmus, pl.
 48. Railroad car undercarriage
 49. Theater, to Socrates
 50. Samuel Adams, e.g.
 51. Operatic solo
 52. Hermes and Apollo
 53. Cabbage amount
 54. Great Lake
 55. *Best Director Oscar-winner Warren Beatty's 1981 film
 56. Rubber substitute, acr.

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HOROSCOPE

Attraction Aspects

The same force keeps the galaxy spiraling, the planet orbiting and the people connected - attraction. It's the force keeping the whole picture spinning, and yet, being invisible, it's so easy to overlook. As the Libra moon teases Venus in her last days as the charismatic cat, don't underestimate what attraction can do.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sure you know who you are, what you've accomplished and what's yours - and then a new situation has you doubting it. This is how you know you're growing. Room for change and expansion keeps everything fresh.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll see a different future for yourself than you could have seen before. Your pet project will help many, so give it your best and watch the world get a little better. One relationship makes the way for more.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Once upon a time, you felt pressure to keep someone entertained. Now you know it is well within your capacity. You can do it if you want to. Do you want to? Does it set up an expectation you might grow tired of fulfilling?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dealing in the invisible realm of feelings and intentions can seem so intangible you begin to doubt it makes a difference. But today's work on your emotional and spiritual self will have physical and material results.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People won't say what they mean, and that's life as usual. You're an expert at extracting meaning from the larger context and the subtle subtext, so you're more than up to today's challenge.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be interesting to note where your mind goes in the time between activities. This is something new. What or whom you think of en route to work, waiting in line or just before you fall asleep - that's where your heart is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Can you

count on your team to bring the support? The bottom line is, you have a better chance of success when you band together. Keep believing it will all work out and stop worrying about how -- that part isn't up to you.

Aries (March 21-April 19). You have a profound impact on many, though there is one person in particular who will mold thought and deed around your influence. This person will weave profound meaning into your presence as well as your absence.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). The life of a winner is fraught with mistakes. This is true of every successful person who has ever walked the earth, so it would make no sense to expect yourself to be blameless. Wrong turns are learning curves.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Friends may not credit you with the bonding they do with one another as a result of the way you bring people together, but your welcoming ways and genuine interest in people is an essential element of the group dynamic.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You create your own definition of success and revise it along your journey. You still have the same goal as you did last week, but you're honing the parameters and approach as the process evolves.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). There are so many ways that overthinking can lead to error today, relationships being the main hotspot to avoid analyzing. Keep it simple. Get your head out of it and let your heart do the work.

Today's Birthday (August 30). Quite simply, your prayers will be answered, your needs met. A serendipitous partnering leads to money and opportunity. May brings obvious signs, which you'll heed to take your personal life in a positive direction. Social opportunities are plenty through summer. The financial scene is stellar in August. Singles could marry in September. More recognition and financial support come your way. Aries and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 16, 3, 33 and 13.

—Horoscopes By Holiday

PIGS

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ge Farms major roadway improvements. The Muegge Farms Metro District is responsible for constructing road improvements in the Brunner subdivision, and the agreement formalized that commitment.

Also approved was a resolution for the service plan for Prospect Ridge Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for approximately 372 acres near East Colfax and Harback Road. The metro district is necessary for financing the construction or installation of public improvements to serve the property.

Town Administrator Trish Stiles said that Bennett's shift to metro districts occurred in 2014. Such districts have their own board of directors that must meet at least once a year.

"Eventually the residents of that metro district become their own self-governing body," she added.

Mayor Royce Pindell said metro districts have limits and requirements including coming back to the Bennett Board of Trustees if any amendments are proposed.

"The residents who live there will have a certain property tax load and they'll also have the load of their metro district," Pindell noted.

The board authorized the mayor to execute a contract for fencing for the North Municipal Complex (NOMCOM) site.

Following a request for proposal process, one qualified bid was received — from SSL Choice, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$181,645.30. The project includes the material and installation of the fence and electronic gates for the facility

that will serve as the home for the town's Public Works Department. The building is currently under construction and will likely open in September.

Capital Projects Director Daymon Johnson said the primary purpose for the proposal is for site security and access.

"As seen on our water well sites, we believe fencing provides a deterrent to anybody who might be considering breaking into our public sites," he said. "Additionally, by installing access control gates, we will have greater control over who enters during off-business hours, therefore protecting not only the facility but also the equipment staged at the site."

The fence will be black chain link on the west, north and east sides and residential-grade ornamental fencing on the south side.

"Staff felt this offered a cleaner, more professional and secure appearance to one of our most critical and prominent buildings," Johnson added.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIALS

Finance Director and Town Treasurer Danette Ruvalcaba gave a second quarter 2022 finance report in a study session prior to the regular meeting.

"The second quarter has a benchmark of 50% so we're always looking to have the revenues and expenditures at that mid-year mark to budget," she said.

Sales tax is at 60% of budgeted revenues and represents an increase of 33% from the same period in 2021.

"Projections for this year were based on a conservative 3% over 2021 so staff anticipates the full revenue projection will be met despite possible economic downturns in the second half of the year," Ruvalcaba said, adding that the town's major sales tax contributors — grocery, fast food and agricultural supplies — are essential and tend to maintain sales even during such downturns.

The town took in just under \$3.4 million in sales tax revenue in 2021 and, during the first half of this year, had accrued more than \$2 million.

General fund revenues are at 55% and trending consistently with the budget. Ruvalcaba noted that the continued surge in sales tax has been offset by reduced permit revenue due to delays experienced by builders.

General fund expenditures are at 39%.

"A lot of that has to do with capital projects that take place during the summer and fall months," Ruvalcaba noted. "You should see this catch up in the third quarter."

Road and bridge fund revenues are at 56% — slightly ahead of the benchmark due to the increase in the amount of road assets and registered cars within Bennett, according to Ruvalcaba.

"Expenditures are at 19%, with the first and second quarters of the year not being an optimal time for road maintenance and construction," she added. "Expenditures will see a significant increase in the third and fourth quarters of the year as these projects are completed."

Revenues in the water fund, at 15%, are well behind the mid-year benchmark.

"This is due to the large transfer from the water capital fund that will take place at the end of the year," Ruvalcaba said, adding that water sales are at 59%. "We're doing well in our water sales and in line with budget and we likely will exceed budget because our bulk water sales have been much higher than we budgeted for."

Wastewater revenues are at 27%; a transfer from the wastewater capital fund will be made in the fourth

quarter. Expenditures are at 18% because of capital projects that will carry forward into 2023.

Ruvalcaba said that, while the wastewater operations expenditures are on track, sufficient reserve funds are not accruing for capital needs, so staff will likely recommend a rate increase in 2023.

While all of the above funds are expected to have a net increases in fund balances at the end of the year, the town's capital funds are projected to see large decreases.

Revenues in the capital improvement fund — the use tax generated from building permits — are at 44% due to decreased building permit activity. Expenditures are at 46%.

"Overall, the fund is projected to have a \$59,240 deficit due to escalating construction costs related to the North Municipal Complex," Ruvalcaba said. "The board approved the use of the fund balance for this project earlier in the year."

The sales tax capital improvement fund is expected to have a \$1.4 million fund balance deficit because costs on capital projects are exceeding budgeted amounts.

"This is a fund where we build the fund balance in order to complete these large projects so you will regularly see it build to a higher dollar amount and then incur a big deficit as we complete those projects," Ruvalcaba said. "All of the capital funds are designed to operate in that way."

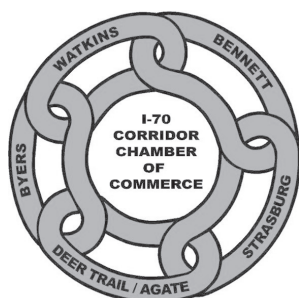
The water capital fund will have a deficit of \$3.5 million and the wastewater capital fund a deficit of \$1.2 million. Revenues are down on both funds because they are created with building permits, and residential construction has decreased.

"Developers are experiencing delays in infrastructure completion due to weather and material shortages and delays," Ruvalcaba said. "We do anticipate some of the developments to go vertical in December, resulting in an uptick in revenue, but the significant number of permits will be pulled in 2023 and 2024."

The Sept. 13 board meeting was cancelled because of Bennett Days Sept. 9-10. The Bennett Board of Trustees will next meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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SPORTS



No. 1 'Burg 9 off to sizzling hot start

by Douglas Claussen
Editor

Strasburg remains at the top of Maxpreps' Class 3A girls softball rankings after winning seven games from Aug. 19-27.

The Lady Indians now stand at 8-0 after beating Lamar, Fort Lupton, Rocky Ford and Peak to Peak at the Eaton Tournament Aug. 19-20; Elizabeth Aug. 23; and Gunnison and Rocky Ford at a triangular in Rocky Ford Aug. 27.

Although the Indians are No. 1 in the Maxpreps 3A rankings and No. 2 over all classifications, trailing only Lutheran, Strasburg is ranked No. 3 in the RPI for 3A softball.

"I don't understand why," Madrill said.

ELIZABETH

Strasburg's best game came at home against Elizabeth, when it rallied for 3 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning en route to a 3-1 victory.

The Indians scratched out their first tally when courtesy runner Amber Macy, a sophomore, crossed home on a throwing error. Then senior pitcher Heidi Price homered to center field with sophomore Averie Eymann on base to account for the final margin.

"Their pitcher wasn't bad, but we were putting the bat on her a lot better than they were putting the bat on us," said Strasburg coach Wes Madrill.

Elizabeth scratched out its only run in the first inning when the Lady Cardinals sent a "left-handed slapper," Madrill added, to the plate. "Unfortunately, when you have a slapper on and they put the ball in play, everybody thinks they're so fast that you can't throw them out. We threw it



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg senior Heidi Price, right, is greeted by her teammates following a 2-run homer that won the game for the Lady Indians against Elizabeth Aug. 23.

away and she scored."

The Indians threatened but failed to score early in the game, but scoring late gave the team "the attitude," Madrill added.

Late in the game, senior Autumn Stone tagged a runner out and threw to first for a double play

to get the Indians out of a jam and, on the last play of the game, junior first baseman Madison Brewer stopped a short throw, then picked up the ball with her bare hand in time to record the fi-

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From left photo, sophomore Averie Eymann lays down a bunt; freshman Kailey Rushman beats out a throw to first base; and senior Autumn Stone tags out a runner before throwing to first base for an out.

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nal out.

Madrill noted that Price was highly focused on the mound. She gave up just four hits, one walk, and the unearned run in seven innings while striking out four Cardinals.

“She had full concentration. She was in full control of the game,” Madrill said.

In addition to Price’s four-bagger, sophomore Anna Vetter had a single and a double and senior Autumn Stone and junior Gracyn Graf both singled. Junior Aubrie Archuleta added a stolen base.

“Not only [am I] satisfied with their performance, but I am satisfied with the total attitude of every girl on the team,” Madrill said. “We believe in each other, we back each other up, we trust each other, we laugh and giggle with each other. It’s a total team effort.”

EATON TOURNAMENT

LAMAR

The Indians’ most entertaining game of the Eaton Tournament came against Lamar, a 5-4 victory for Strasburg.

After Lamar took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Strasburg responded with 3 runs in the fourth and 1 each in the fifth and sixth. The Indians “got a little careless” in the sixth inning to allow Lamar to close the gap, Madrill said.

The Indians were timely at the plate, scoring all 5 runs without an extra base hit. Freshman Savannah Bradley singled twice, and Graf, Archuleta, Eymann, Stone and Price all had base hits.

Lamar is presently ranked fifth by Maxpreps.

FORT LUPTON

Strasburg whipped Fort Lupton 8-0 despite leaving 31 runners on base.

“We had bases loaded, one out, no outs, we just couldn’t get a timely hit,” Madrill said.

After stranding 17 against Rocky Ford and 11 against Peak to Peak, Madrill said the team worked on correcting the situation in the days



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Junior Graecyn Graf catches the ball for a force out at second base against Elizabeth Aug. 23.

following the Eaton Tournament, and then left only six on base against Elizabeth.

Sophomore Kailey Rushman won the game on the mound, allowing just one hit in six innings with three strikeouts and one walk.

“Kailey threw a real good ball game,” Madrill said. “She was around the plate, she moved the ball, kept them off-balance.”

ROCKY FORD

Madrill said the 17 runners left on base was the only error in Strasburg’s 16-0 victory over Rocky Ford.

“You can’t do that. We’re giving runs away,” he said. “I don’t care how you put a bat on it. I don’t care if you bunt it, I don’t care if you get hit, I don’t care how, but we need to move the ball.”

The pitchers for Rocky Ford had difficulty finding the plate. Aided by 10 walks and three field-

ing errors, Strasburg scored its 16 runs — with 12 in the second inning alone — on just seven hits.

Top hitters were Graf and Bradley with two singles each. Bradley and Brewer had 2 RBIs each, and Macy scored three runs. Graf, Archuleta, Vetter and Macy each had a stolen base.

PEAK TO PEAK

The contest against Peak to Peak, a 16-4 victory for the Indians, was similar to the Rocky Ford game with many stranded runners and weak pitching from the opposition.

Strasburg scored 8 runs in the first inning and the rout was on. The Indians were aided by nine walks and 16 hits as a team.

Rushman, who threw for Strasburg, had a home run and 4 RBIs. Bradley and Vetter both had two hits with a double. Bradley added 3 RBIs and Eymann drove in 2. Graf also doubled.

Eymann, Brewer and sophomore Sophia Fields all had stolen bases.

On the mound, Rushman pitched three innings, allowing 4 earned runs on two hits and five walks while striking out two Lady Pumas. Price mopped up in the fourth inning with two strikeouts.

COMING UP

The Indians beat Gunnison 11-1 and Rocky Ford 15-5 with both games played at Rocky Ford. Further information was not available at press time. Watch the *Eastern Colorado News* for additional coverage.

The Indians face Lyons on Tuesday, Aug. 30, then take a week off before playing Wheat Ridge Tuesday, Sept. 6.

In closing, Madrill expressed his pleasure in working as Strasburg’s new softball coach.

“This is one of the first coaching jobs I can remember for a lot of years that I get to coach and not have to fool with all of the other stuff as far as booster club, and fundraising, and all the other stuff that goes with it,” he said.

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The Inglorious Batters, above, are the winners of the Adult Coed Softball League hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District this summer. They took the title by defeating Drunk and Ready to Score, below, which lost only to the champions in the finals.



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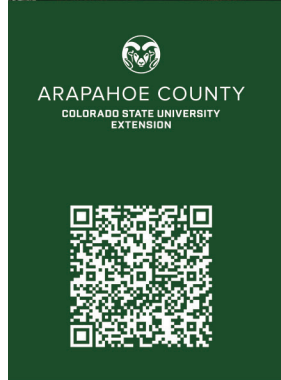
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Join CSU Extension-Arapahoe County for this free, virtual class on **Sept. 6** to learn all about beans, from farm to table! They'll dive into quick and delicious tips for cooking with beans, human and environmental health benefits, and more. This class is part of a PhD project, and you will be asked to complete brief surveys which will help improve the class and Extension resources.

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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 BOCC has not been scheduled.

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

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Macaroni and beef, dinner roll, shredded mozzarella, salad bar.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Corn dog, ketchup, salad bar.

Monday, Sept. 5: No school.

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Curry gravy meatballs, mashed potatoes, salad bar.

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, assorted chips.

BENNETT

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Barbecue chicken sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Cheesy beefsteak, biscuit, side salad, fresh apple

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Walking beef taco, shredded cheese, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, mixed fruit.

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

BYERS

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Chicken patty sandwich, baked beans, orange wedges.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Sloppy joes, french fries, pears.

Friday, Sept. 2: Chicken fajitas, rice, beans, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Cheesy spaghetti, bread stick, spinach salad with ranch, pears.

DEER TRAIL

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Turkey meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, grapes.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Rosy chicken pasta, lemon leaf cake, red peppers and dressing, sliced apples.

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Turkey sausage & gravy, hash browns, green beans, strawberries.

STRASBURG

Wednesday, Aug. 31: Chicken sandwiches.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Hamburgers.

Friday, Sept. 2: Hot dogs.

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

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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 required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. A Zoom link will be provided in advance.

10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3.

Magic performance: Mark the Magic Man will present an unforgettable family show for readers of all ages. 2-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3.

Anime Club: Fandom friends ages 14 and up will watch, read and discuss anime and manga with new projects and activities each session. Snacks provided. 3:30-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3.

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. 6.

Tools for Success: Adults will learn about Social Security and maximizing its benefits from Gregory Beal, a certified financial planner. 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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!

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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.

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.

Magic workshop: Mark the Magic Man will present an exciting after-school workshop where kids ages 7-14 only will immediately performed 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 Erick-

son 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.

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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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The unknown vehicle is believed to be a silver sedan, which is missing most or all of the passenger side mirror and may have damage on its passenger side.

Anyone with information related to the crash, is asked to contact the Colorado State Patrol dispatch center at (303)239-4501 and refer to case #3A221496.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

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, SEPT. 3

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

Strasburg High School Athletic Booster Club. 6 p.m., high school library.

Bingo. 7 p.m., Byers American Legion.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

Adams County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)405-3298 and volunteer attorneys will return calls directly in order of registration during clinic hours. Space limited.

Arapahoe County free legal clinic. 3:30-5 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)739-6630 and volunteer attorneys will return calls directly in order of registration during clinic hours. Space limited.

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Healthy Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton.

Gaming Club: KIDS ages 7 and up play competitive games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.

Alcoholics Anonymous. 6 p.m. For more information, call (303)903-6734.

EVERY FRIDAY

Storytime at Home. Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com. Click on "virtual events."

Alcoholics Anonymous. 6 p.m., Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg, east entrance. For more information, call (303)644-4899.

EVERY SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous. 9 a.m. For more information, call (303)903-6734.

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The Corridor Creative Arts League Aug. 6 hosted the I-70 Corridor Art Show, Artisan Market and Party in the Park. Attendees enjoyed live music from the Thunderhill Jazz Band, food and works by local artisans. The event was also sponsored by the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce and the town of Bennett. CCAL is now planning the Bennett Days Art Show. Eric Zacharias, left photo, exhibits a typical 'dad' pose while his daughters and artist Laurie Leftwich laugh at him. Right, the owner of Barb Hamilton's stands before her stained glass studio display.



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LOCATION AND EXTENT**

PROPOSAL: PCY Holdings, LLC, the applicant, on behalf of Rangeview Metropolitan District, is proposing a temporary fire station located to the south of the intersection of East 10th Drive and North Del Ray Street on a property that is approximately 0.58 acres. The proposal includes one building that will act as offices and living quarters for Bennett-Watkins Fire and Rescue staff until the permanent fire station is constructed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 20, 2022 the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described LE22-003, Sky Ranch #5 – Tract N – Temporary Fire Station / Location and Extent. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing planning@arapahoegov.com during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

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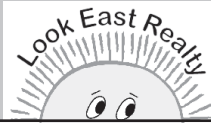
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MURPHY FROM PAGE 1

His friend's wife, Tara Newman Yeager, a 1995 graduate of Byers High School, worked at the newspaper and encouraged Murphy to apply for a position there. He interviewed with editor Douglas Claussen and got the job. He and his wife ended up renting a condominium in Bennett.

"I would commute to CU Denver for my master's degree classes while I worked full-time at the Scout," he added.

After he got his master's degree in communication, Murphy went on to the University of Denver for his doctorate in human communication studies, which he earned in 2011.

"That year, straight after finishing my Ph.D., I got hired at Miami Dade College and we packed up and moved there," he said. "We enjoy the weather. We enjoy the diversity here. The traffic? Not so much."

According to its website, Miami Dade College is the most diverse institution in the United States, with more than 167 countries and 63 languages represented in its student body.

It has eight campuses spread throughout the city and currently serves more than 100,000 students.

"It's a community college — mostly a two-year institution," Murphy said. "The vast majority of our students are looking for their associate of science or associate of arts degree."

Murphy works at the Kendall campus. The courses he teaches are required for graduation.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, Murphy said, "the students."

"I love being in front of a class, sharing ideas, picking on them, arguing with them," he said. "That interplay is pretty fun."

His coaching duties are also a labor of love. According to an article in the Miami Dade College student newspaper, *The Reporter*, Murphy meets with the forensics team twice a week to practice speeches, read literature, argue ideas, discuss current events, and do exercises to remove extraneous speech patterns like "uh" and "um."

In February the team earned 21 awards from FCSAA and eight individual awards from the Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association (FIFA) state tournament in categories including persuasive and extemporaneous speaking and improvisation.

One team member, Maria Mercedes Corredor, cried along with Murphy when she learned she took first place in persuasive speaking at the FIFA tournament.

"It was very emotional," Corredor told *The Reporter*. "To see him feel these things and live these things with me is just incredible. Not even my mom supports me this much."

Murphy, who grew up in Grand Junction, was on debate teams himself in high school and college. He attended what is now Colorado Mesa University.

"I did parliamentary style debate," he said. "I placed at the national championship tournament all four years of college."

He speaks highly of his years as a staff writer at the *Scout* and *ECN*.

"I had a great time," he said. "I did everything, from (covering) 4-H events, going to school board and fire board meetings, taking pictures, chasing tornados around, or wrangling a coach to answer questions about a volleyball game or football game."

"There are a lot of good people who have worked at the *Scout* over the years."

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Ranch Pork Roast

by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout

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Don't overcook! Overcooked pork is dry, tough, and rubbery. A meat thermometer is essential because every pork roast does not cook the same.

Baking time depends on the size and shape of the roast. The drippings make delicious gravy! My mom slathered the gravy on top of German potato dumplings. I like it over lumpy mashed potatoes.

Serve **Ranch Pork Roast** with colorful side dishes for a masterpiece of a meal!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 boneless pork loin roast
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon ranch salad dressing dry mix
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 can chicken broth

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine olive oil, ranch dressing mix, mustard, garlic powder, pepper. Rub over roast.

Place on rack in shallow roasting pan. Pour broth into pan. Bake 50-55 minutes, uncovered, until inside temperature reaches 145 degrees.

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11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Free Community Lunch hosted by Independent Financial	Independent Financial 101 Centennial Dr
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449 Street Dance featuring the Paul Hart Band	Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449

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 - <i>All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Play at your own risk. Participants MUST wear closed toed shoes.</i> 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	\$
4:00 PM	Chuck Wagon Dinner Experience <i>Tickets for dinner experience must be pre-purchased online at townofbennett.colorado.gov</i>	\$
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	
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Headline concert featuring LITTLE TEXAS sponsored by the Bennett Board of Trustees	

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