



# The I-70 Scout

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## Man arrested in Bennett gunfire incident

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**BENNETT** — Additional specifics from an active shooter incident at Trupp Park in west Bennett Aug. 29 remained limited at the conclusion of last week, but one suspect is facing charges and no one was physically harmed during the late-afternoon ordeal.

About 5:15 p.m. of the day in question, Adams County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the park on the northwest corner of First Street

and Palmer Avenue on reports of multiple shots fired.



Prieto

"No shooting victims or injured parties were found. We have two persons in custody ...," said an immediate statement from the sheriff's office. "Shell casings have been collected as evidence and investigators continued to interview witnesses."

According to a sheriff's office official, the suspect number dropped to one

when the second person in custody was determined to be a victim.

A report of a suspected separate raid at a house along First Street with a helicopter overhead was refuted by sheriff's officials who said it turned out to be a welfare check on a suspected victim from the incident at the park.

"It was a news helicopter flying above," a sheriff's office source said. "Looks like we got the bad guy and thank goodness no one was hurt."

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## Nov. 2 arraignment scheduled for suspect in Comfort Inn fire

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**BRIGHTON** — A former Bennett volunteer firefighter accused of setting a late-May fire in the town's lone hotel will have another day in court in early November.

Arraignment for Casey Cumley, 30, of Bennett has been set for 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, in Division Q of Adams County District court as he is facing a charge of arson in the May 23 fire at the Comfort Inn in the Bennett Crossing subdivision. After about two weeks of investigation, Cumley was taken into custody by the Adams County Sheriff's Office June 5.



Cumley

The youngest son of the longtime Bennett-Watkins fire chief, Cumley worked at the hotel as night manager when the fire occurred and was the reporting party.

At 12:55 a.m. on the day in question, members of the Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue and Adams County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to 1097 Cedar St. on reports of a fire inside the hotel building. Responders found a smoke-filled stairwell but no active flames. Preliminary

reports of the fire occurring in an elevator shaft were later found to be untrue.

Review of video surveillance footage reportedly revealed that the suspect likely caused the fire, which occurred in the building's south stairway.

"Based on this video evidence, Cumley was the only building occupant near or in the area of fire origin nearest to the suspected time of ignition," a sheriff deputy's statement said. "Based on the observations of (Strasburg Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Pat) Conroy, as the initial primary fire investigator, the other two male occupants who traveled down the stairwell earlier did not fit the fire ignition sequence time frame. This led [to the conclusion] that Cumley was the only hotel occupant to enter the fire area of origin at the time of the fire."

Once the younger Cumley was identified as the suspect, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue personnel stepped away from the investigation.

Hotel damage from the fire was not considered extensive and approximately 40 visitors staying in the hotel were allowed back into their rooms about a half-hour after evacuation.

The hotel opened in Bennett in summer 2022.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Extensive closures are planned north of Watkins on Hudson Road and East 56th Avenue, above, as well as on Imboden Road between East 56th and 72nd avenues. **SEE PAGE 5-6.**

## Corridor representation in state Senate changes hands

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

**DENVER** — Adams County state Rep. Dafna Michaelson Jenet will move to the Senate chamber when the 75th General Assembly convenes in January.

Michaelson Jenet was selected Aug. 31 by a Democratic vacancy committee to assume the Senate District 21 seat of state Sen. Dominick Moreno.

"I am so honored to follow in Sen. Moreno's

footsteps," Michaelson Jenet said in a release.



Dafna

"I look forward to continuing to serve the community I have served the last seven years and am excited to expand the community to Westminster and Federal Heights."

Apparently Michaelson Jenet is unaware that her new district also includes all of eastern Adams County and Arapahoe County east of Kiowa-Bennett Road, including

parts of Bennett and all of Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail.

Moreno, the Senate's majority leader, left his post Sept. 1 to join Denver Mayor Mike Johnston's administration. He nominated Michaelson Jenet at the vacancy committee to replace him.

"She has been a champion on child welfare and youth mental health issues, and I think she's going to carry on her important work in the state

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Candidates wanted to run for elected Chamber posts

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting and election of officers and directors in November, and candidates for the various offices are wanted. The following positions must be filled: president, treasurer, Deer Trail/Agate representative, Strasburg representative, and at-large representative. Interested parties are asked to contact the chamber at (720)731-1954 or office@i70ccoc.com. Information detailing the position’s duties will then be provided.

Outdoor movie showing scheduled for Strasburg

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a free outdoor family movie night featuring a 24-foot movie screen. Seating for “Encanto” opens one hour before dusk, Friday, Sept. 15, at the district’s North Baseball Field, 56401 Sunset Ave. Attendees should bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be

available for a charge. Admission is free, but donations to help fund youth programs and scholarships will be accepted.

Monthly Lunch & Learn to take place at May Farms

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will hold its September Lunch and Learn Wednesday, September 27, 11:30 a.m. at May Farms in Byers. The Town of Bennett will be both the presenters and lunch sponsors. To reserve your seat, contact (720)731-1954, or email i70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Sept. 22.

2 beloved flicks scheduled for September movie nites

AURORA — Arapahoe County’s Pictures on the Plains movie series will feature showings of “Back to the Future” (PG) and “Top Gun Maverick” (PG-13) in September. For both shows, doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the movies starting at approximately 7:30 p.m. with “Back to the Future” playing on Thursday, Sept. 7, and “Top Gun Maverick” on Thursday, Sept. 14,

both at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds & Regional Park, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora. Tickets are \$5 per person in advance or \$7 at the door (credit or debit card only) and children 2 and under get in free. Viewers should bring a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs. The evening’s activities will include axe throwing and lawn games such as Giant Jenga, Cornhole, Connect 4 and hula hoops. For more information, contact Lindsey at lfriend@arapahoegov.com.

Bennet agent plans visit to Arapahoe County library

DENVER — Arapahoe County residents who need help with federal agencies, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Internal Revenue Service, and Social Security Administration, can speak with a member of Sen. Michael Bennet’s staff during upcoming office hours. Max Haynes, Bennet’s Denver metro regional director, AND a representative from U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, will hold office hours from 12-1:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8 at the Smoky Hill Library.

Residents can schedule an appointment with Haynes by e-mailing Hannah\_mullen@bennet.senate.gov or calling (303)455-7600. They should provide their name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the issue. Residents who are already working with Bennet’s office should also include that information as well.

Arapahoe Co. Health Dept. to attend seniors potluck

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host its End of Summer Potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. A representative from the Arapahoe County Health Public Health Department will speak on its senior chore and homemaker services. The Adams County Health Department will also provide information on its programs for seniors. The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association provides a social outlet for area seniors. It regularly meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.



PHOTOS BY SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg Future Business Leaders of America members serve up breakfast during Hometown Days Aug. 13. Pictured from left across both photos are Peighton Marrero, Natalie Damron, Kenade Hickson, Tyler Allyn, Jorge Parra, Kailey Rushman and Dakota Strasser.

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# Property valuation protest process finished by ArapCo Assessor’s Office

LITTLETON — More than 30,000 property owners in Arapahoe County are discovering if their appeal to the county assessor will result in a change to their property’s valuation.

County officials had until Aug. 15 to send notification to owners who had filed a protest after receiving a Notice of Valuation in April. County Assessor PK Kaiser said 23 percent of applicants will have their property valuation adjusted in a year marked by historic valuations.

“An appeal is approved on a case-by-case basis and can be for a number of reasons,” Kaiser said. “Some examples: an outlier sale that inflates other values, incorrect information about the property, or one of the comparable sales leading to an incorrect value.”

No appeals resulted in increased values. Successful appeals for single family residential properties saw an average 4.03% drop in value. This year’s appeal rate kept in line with

historical figures with one-fourth of appeals receiving adjustments.

“This year many appeals simply read ‘value is too high’ or ‘I couldn’t sell my house for that price’ with no market support for their claims,” Kaiser said. “A lot of denials are also due to taxpayers not understanding the date of value for the appraisal and providing sales from after the base period. That was especially prevalent this year.”

The 2023 valuations were based on a June 30, 2022, level of value and were established using market sales data from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022.

Across the Denver area, residential properties saw an average increase in value between 35-45 percent. Arapahoe County was in the middle, with an average increase of 42 percent on residential valuations, 22 percent increase on commercial, and a 20 percent increase on multi-family residential properties. Property owners were able to file protests from May 1 to June 8.

The Assessor’s Office received above average property assessment appeals this year due to the increase in residential, commercial and multi-family properties.

- 2023: Total appeals 30,818 (re-appraisal year)
- 2022: Total appeals 995 (intervening year)
- 2021: Total appeals 4,589 (re-appraisal year)
- 2020: Total appeals 2,545 (intervening year)
- 2019: Total appeals 9,040 (re-appraisal year)

If owners are unsatisfied by the results of their valuation, they can appeal to the County Board of Equalization by Sept. 15.

Property owners have a second chance to appeal their homes valuation if they missed this year’s June 8 deadline. Appeals may be filed after Jan. 1, 2024, via abatement.



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
The 17 Mile House and Farm Park will be the site of an event called Fitting a Farm for the Future Sept. 9.

## ArapCo site offers ag history lessons

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

CENTENNIAL — The historic 17 Mile House and Farm Park will welcome visitors at Fitting a Farm for the Future, a free family event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9.

The site at 8181 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, is operated by Arapahoe County Open Space, which acquired it in 2001. The 17 Mile House was originally a square log structure covered with clapboard that served as a stopping place for pioneers traveling on the Cherokee and Smoky Hill wagon trails during the 1800s. It is one of two surviving Way Stations which were named according to how many miles each was from downtown Denver’s Colfax and Broadway intersection.

The 33-acre site was purchased by Mary Hightower in 1866 and became a working farm. Negative publicity stopped the house from demolition in 1977. Arapa-

hoe County designed a heritage area that now includes the restored house, red barn, silo, milk house, loafing shed, two windmills and 32 acres of open space. The Farm Park is open daily from dawn until dusk and features picnic tables, a parking lot, and a trailhead connecting to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. The house and barn are open for group tours and school visits by appointment only.

At Fit the Farm, visitors will discover the site’s agricultural and soil conservation story, see photos of a similar event in 1948, and learn about farming practices and technologies from the past, present and future.

The day will feature hands-on activities and a 1941 dump truck and vintage farm equipment will be on display.

Small group tours of the house and barn will be offered; registration is required to tour inside the farmhouse. Sign up at [www.arapahoe.gov.com/17milehouse](http://www.arapahoe.gov.com/17milehouse).

## CORRIDOR CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**  
**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. 9**  
**Bennett-Watkins Lions Club.** 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10**  
**Comanche Crossing Horsemen’s Association Show & gymkhana.** Show office opens at 8 a.m., halter class starts at 9 a.m., western riding follows. Gymkhanas do not begin before 12 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 11**  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at [newclient.link-2feed.com](http://newclient.link-2feed.com).  
**Byers Water & Sanitation District Board.** 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.  
**Comanche Crossing Historical Society.** 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.  
**Byers Park & Recreation District Board.** 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 12**  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.  
**Strasburg School Board.** 6 p.m., Stras-

burg High School board room at central services. Zoom participation available. Visit [strasburg31j.com](http://strasburg31j.com) for link.  
**Deer Trail Town Board.** Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.  
**Bennett Board of Trustees.** Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit [townofbennet.colorado.gov](http://townofbennet.colorado.gov).

**EVERY MONDAY**  
**AA open meeting.** 7 p.m., Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**Healthy Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Anythink Huron Street, 9417 Huron St., Thornton.  
**Preschool Storytime:** Children up to age 6 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that promote early literacy. 10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.  
**Family story time.** 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.  
**Music & Movement:** Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and learn to play musical instruments. 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Anythink Bennett library.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**Baby Bounce:** Children up to 23 months old will engage in songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers. 11-11:30 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.  
**Comanche Crossing Horsemen’s Association** free open ride, weather permitting. 5-7 p.m., Quint Valley arena, 601 N. Highway 36, Byers.

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# Aurora prepares to rebuild Hudson, Imboden roads, 56th Ave

AURORA — Several sections of roadway in northeast Aurora are closed for planned and long-awaited improvement work in one area and catastrophic road damage from recent flooding in another area.

**IMBODEN ROAD**

Both directions of Imboden Road between 56th Avenue and 72nd Avenue are now closed around the clock to through traffic through early to mid-December to replace and improve the infrastructure for better mobility.

Adjacent residents can still access Imboden Road south of 72nd Avenue up to the actual closure near where Imboden aligns with 64th Avenue.

A detour is established along Hudson Road between 72nd Avenue and 56th Avenue.

**56TH AVE, HUDSON ROAD**

Long-term, around-the-clock closures remain in place for both directions of 56th Avenue between Monaghan and Hudson roads and both directions of Hudson Road between 56th and 26th avenues.

The road sections were closed earlier in the summer due to massive flooding from Box Elder Creek that eroded the roads beyond immediate repair. The city has applied for a federal grant to help fund a more resilient reconstruction of the roads, which will be redesigned and rebuilt to mitigate future flood risks and make the critical infrastructure more adaptive.

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## Adams County deputy manager credentialed by local gov't org

BRIGHTON — The deputy county manager of Adams County recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA,).

Chris Kline is one of more than 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, and the third credentialed leader currently serving within Adams County government.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation and ethics by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students and other



Kline

local government employees.

To receive the prestigious credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and lifelong learning and professional development.

Kline has seven years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 2019 as deputy county manager of Adams County, Kline served as human services director for the county.

“Chris joins a special group of professionals who have this respected credential, recognizing his hard work in managing local government, and staying true to strong values of leadership and learning,” said Noel Bernal, Adams County manager.

Kline joins Bernal and Adams County Senior Deputy County Manager Alisha Reis as credentialed managers with ICMA.

## LUNCH MENUS

**AGATE**

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Pizza bites, marinara sauce.

Monday, Sept. 11: Hamburger, fries.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Chicken enchilada nachos, tortilla chips.

**BENNETT**

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Beef and potato wrap, green beans, applesauce.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Sesame popcorn chicken, oriental rice and vegetables, fruit cocktail, fortune cookie.

Friday, Sept. 8: Chicken sandwich, side salad, fresh apple, French fries.

Monday, Sept. 11: Beef hot dog, potato wedges, coleslaw, fresh orange.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Mexicali taco boat, shredded cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, Mexi-corn, pears.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Macaroni and cheese, carrots with dressing, roll, mandarin oranges.

**BYERS**

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Cheese pizza, spinach salad with ranch, grapes.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, steamed carrots,

peaches.

Friday, Sept. 8: Boneless buffalo wings, biscuit, celery sticks with ranch, pears.

Monday, Sept. 11: Walking tacos, cornbread, refried beans with cheese, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, egg roll, garden salad with ranch, grapes.

**DEER TRAIL**

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Chicken tender wrapped in whole grain tortilla with lettuce, cheese and tomatoes, assorted fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Whole grain spaghetti topped with pasta sauce and mozzarella cheese, fresh cooked broccoli, assorted fruit.

**STRASBURG**

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Chicken and waffles.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Italian bake, garlic bread.

Friday, Sept. 8: Sweet and sour chicken, rice.

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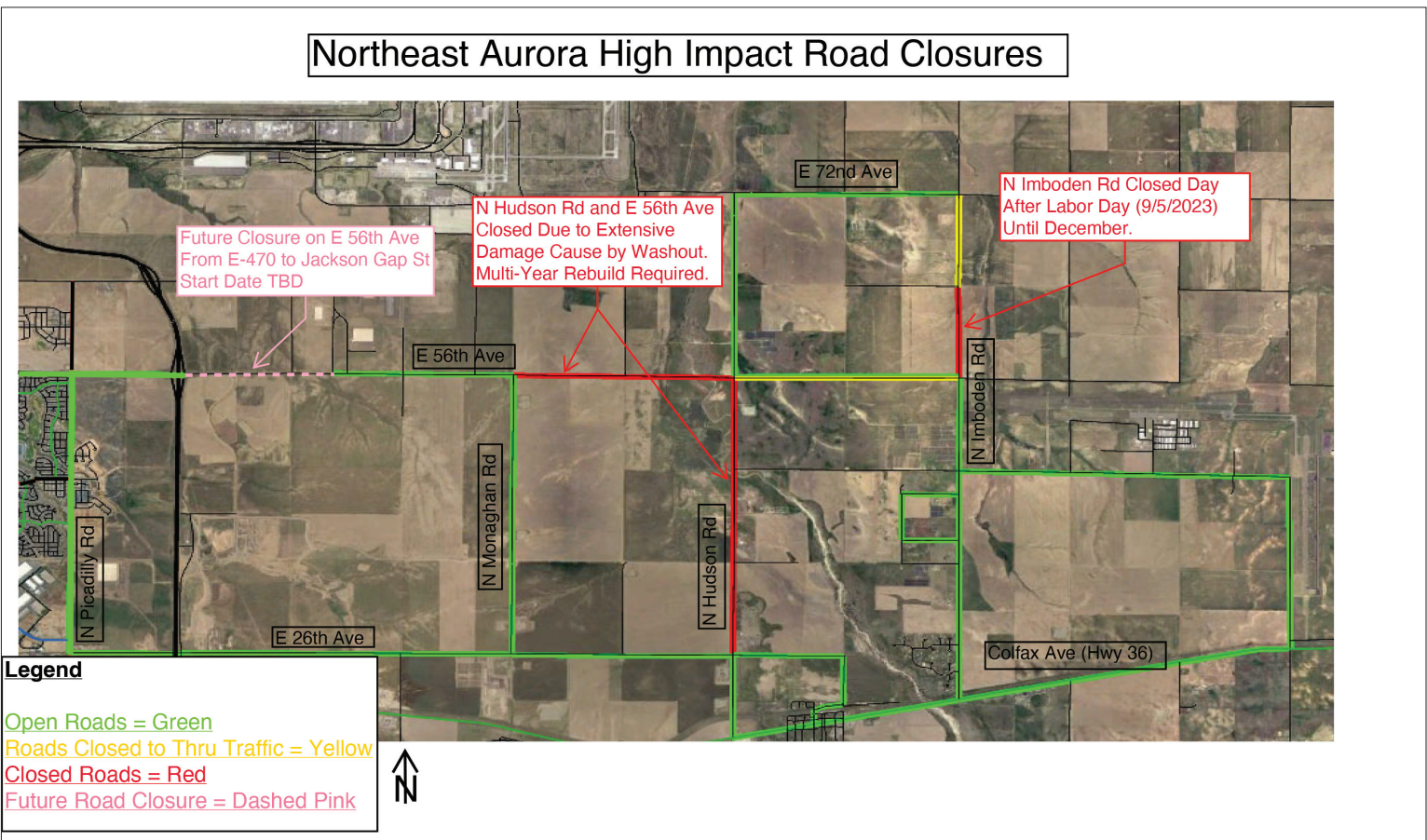
In the near future, both directions of 56th Avenue between northbound E-470 ramps and Jackson Gap Street will have a full, around-the-clock closure to widen the road and construct drainage improvements.

Exact dates have not been solidified, but the time frame and detour will be posted at [auroragov.org](http://auroragov.org).

For more information, contact Ryan Germeroth at (303)739-7324 or [rgermero@auroragov.org](mailto:rgermero@auroragov.org).

UPDATES

For road construction updates, visit the What's New Section at [auroragov.org](http://auroragov.org). Updates, including detours maps, are posted weekly.



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# CHUCK WAGON



## Cajun Shrimp

by **Bobbie Keefer**  
For The Scout

Cajun is a Louisiana style of cooking. Cajun seasoning is a bold mixture of robust spices that add heat and zest to recipes. Many commercial brands can be found in grocery stores.

I like McCormick brand, possibly because I have a granddaughter whose last name is McCormick.

You can also make your own with spices you probably have in your pantry. The two main ingredients are cayenne and garlic. The good thing about homemade Cajun seasoning is that you can make it as spicy as you want.

Bring the taste of New Orleans to your kitchen!

Use it on jambalaya, crayfish pie and filé gumbo!

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound jumbo shrimp
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons Cajun spice
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- cooked linguine pasta
- parsley flakes for garnish

### DIRECTIONS

Peel and devein shrimp. Melt 1 tablespoon of butter in skillet. Add garlic and shelled shrimp. Cook 3-4 minutes until shrimp turns pink.

Sprinkle Cajun spice over shrimp. Stir to coat evenly. Add cream and remaining butter. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens.

Serve over linguine on pretty plates. Sprinkle with parsley.

*Watch for more of Bobbie's recipes in the Eastern Colorado News.*



# ARAPAHOE COUNTY



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**6:30–8:30 p.m.** All ages are welcome.

Childcare will be provided on site.

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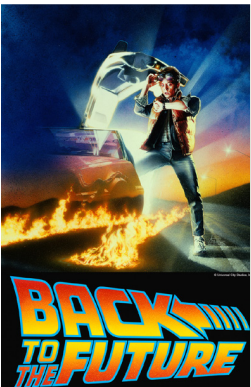
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Evidently, Posse Deputy John Egan responded to the Town of Deer Trail following information that tow men there were involved with the burglary. Several weapons valued at about \$3,500 were taken in the crime.

Two weapons, a loaded 12-gauge shotgun, and a .22 caliber rifle were allegedly found in the vehicle in plain view. Serial numbers on both firearms were unreadable so whether or not they are two of the missing weapons from the burglary is not known. However, they are very similar, said Vern Werner, of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department.

On Aug. 24, another man was arrested and also is considered a suspect in the burglary.

20 YEARS AGO  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

Groundbreaking for a preschool at Bennett Schools could start as early as Sept. 15, now that the school board accepted a bid for the building.

Bassett and Associates, a construction company that has some Englewood, Denver and Pueblo public schools facilities to their credit, will begin the wood-frame brick school in September. Anticipated completion date is Feb. 4, 2004.

Bassett and Associates will complete the preschool for \$295,000. A separate cabinetry bid will bring the price to \$312,170.

The 3,000 square-foot building will be sited southeast of the elementary along Washington Avenue. The building will have a separate circle drive for building access.

The design will match the elementary school.

15 YEARS AGO  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

BENNETT — Bennett trustees discussed annexation and zoning issues at their Aug. 26 meeting. Town attorney, Sam Light asked the board for its direction regarding Bennett Commerce Center/Bennett Farms annexation south of I-70.

Light said the SW Big Circle Ranch investors want to finalize the annexation of their 140-plus acres. The Brick Center property owners want to withdraw from the annexation process and stay with Arapahoe County. After discussion, the board agreed with the repeal of the previous annexation ordinances, paving the way for the annexation of the Bennett Commerce Center land and associated rights-of-way.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 20

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2023. There are 117 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 5, 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

**ON THIS DATE**

In 1698, Russia's Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards.

In 1864, voters in Louisiana approved a new state constitution abolishing slavery.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed legislation making aircraft hijackings a federal crime.

In 1997, Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87.

In 2016, Hugh O'Brian, the actor who shot to fame as Sheriff Wyatt Earp in what was hailed as television's first adult Western, died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 91.

In 2012, Barack Obama was nominated to run for a second term at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Comedian-actor Bob Ne- whart is 94. Actor-singer Carol

Lawrence is 91. Actor Lucille Soong is 88. Actor William Devane is 84. Cathy" cartoon- ist Cathy Guisewite (GYZ'-wyt) is 73. Actor Michael Keaton is 72. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 54. Actor Rose Mc- Gowan is 50. Actor Skandar Keynes is 32.

—The Associated Press

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THEME: NURSERY RHYMES

ACROSS

1. Ground grain

6. \*Black sheep answer: "Yes \_\_\_\_, three bags full."

9. Estimator's phrase (2 words)

13. Washer cycle

14. Australian bird

15. Plants and animals

16. Chipped in

17. Dashboard acronym

18. Not over

19. \*Rhymes with Porgie

21. \*Container in nursery rhyme and Ella Fitzgerald's song

23. Ray shooter

24. Gloomy

25. Dichlorodiphenyltrichlo- roethane

28. The Wise Men

30. Type of mold

35. Civil Rights icon

37. Front of ship

39. Marilyn's real name

40. Distinctive elegance

41. Meal in a shell, pl.

43. Plant anchor

44. Strong and sharp

46. \*"Three Little Kittens" cry

47. Shower with affection

48. Bungle (2 words)

50. Snow ride

52. P in mpg

53. Debilitating spray

55. \*"How I wonder what you \_\_\_\_"

57. \*Bed on the tree top

60. \*\_\_\_\_ John, or FrÈre Jacques

64. Formerly known as Pleasant Island

65. Commotion or fuss

67. One of journalism's Ws

68. Vinyl collectible

69. \*"Tom, Tom, the Piper's \_\_\_\_"

70. Israel's neighbor

71. Big Bang's original matter

72. Deviled one

73. One deserving of respect?

DOWN

1. Hand grenade

2. Pick-up expression

3. On top of

4. Website visitors

5. Wrigley's Big \_\_\_\_

6. Bone-dry

7. Elf on the Shelf, e.g.

8. Cuban dance

9. \*Old MacDonald's farm sound

10. Traveled on

11. Proofreader's mark

12. Sail alternative

15. Boot that reaches halfway or more to knee

20. Unsuitable

22. Pitcher's pride

24. Bishop's jurisdiction

25. \*Life is but this

26. Marcello Mastroianni's "La \_\_\_\_ Vita"

27. Some Romanovs

29. SI unit of mass

31. \*"Here goes my \_\_\_\_ a trot, a trot..."

32. Sag

33. Portray emotion

34. \*Jack and Jill's quest

36. Black tropical cuckoos

38. \*Sheep's bagfull

42. Curse

45. Lollipop brand

49. Bud or chum

51. Snooze

54. \_\_\_\_ and desist

56. C2H5

57. Pay a visit

58. Bumpkin

59. Famous boxing promoter Bob

60. Smoker's water pipe

61. Group of cows

62. Great Lake

63. Back seat, e.g.

64. Negative vote

66. \*Mother Hubbard's pet

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The fruit grows in opposition of the seed. It is sweet when the seed is bitter, it is soft when the seed is hard, and yet its very existence is from the seed. Nothing lives without the seed of its opposite inside it. The Jupiter retrograde reminds us of a holistic view.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Though you cannot always be precisely who you intend to be in a moment, at least this gives you a chance to practice skills integral to your happiness, such as directing kindness and compassion toward yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Loneliness is a pain that can be experienced no matter how many friends you are around. Aloneness is different -- a joy best experienced in a truly solo situation, like the one you get today. You're gloriously free to do as you wish.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** To perform at the level you aspire to, you will need to put in more practice time. Seeing the pros at work will inspire you to keep going. A small amount of daily effort will bring results in the long run.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Knowledge is power. Power can be creative or destructive. To use power well, continue to seek wisdom. The knowledge you gain along the way will be just what you need to know to do the right thing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Today is like the elevator on a high rise in that it offers you many buttons. Though you're curious, you also know that the more buttons you push, the longer it will take to get to the top.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** To experience your face, you look in a mirror. To experience your thoughts, a diary. Experiencing how others experience you is the trickiest to capture of all, but a friend will help with this today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You believed you knew the scene, but then you saw it in the context of the big

HOROSCOPE

world and new dimensions unfolded. It will happen again. What was formerly a comprehensive understanding will suddenly seem to be a facet of reality.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Part of having self-compassion is spending as much time as you can on what you're good at. You'll find that you enjoy tasks you never would have imagined because your skill is natural and easy to build on.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The beginning of an interaction will set the tone. Help people get into a rhythm and they'll keep coming back. Whatever you can do to make things easier and more accessible for others will make your life better, too.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Change wakes you up, makes your brain more active and your senses more alive. Surprise will come tapping today -- your shoulder, the window, your third eye -- each time from a different location.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Mysteries create cravings. The more parts you see of a puzzle, the greater your desire will be to see the complete picture put together. You will use this principle to hold someone's attention today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your feelings are messages sent from you to you. Though they have physical symptoms, you sometimes prefer to read these messages in private. It is not always easy or necessary to hide how you feel, but it can be a good strategy.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 5).** You're curious and intuitive. You'll strike upon a new passion and it takes off like a rocket. Nothing is in the way of your mastery and attainment of this stellar aim. More highlights: the purchase of property, the resolution of a battle, and spiritual buoyancy that makes life vibrant in your day-to-day. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 41, 29, 50 and 37.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

ANSWERS ON PAGE 20



SPORTS



'Burg harrier takes 2nd at CO Springs Invite

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

COLORADO SPRINGS — Cross country distance running teams from Strasburg and Byers competed at the Cheyenne Stampede at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs Aug. 25.

Strasburg head coach Mike James said he and assistant coach Marissa Hauser were pleased with their athletes' performance at the meet.

"[The athletes] had five

personal records and three additional personal course bests for the day," James said. "Looking at their mile splits, we can see some adjustments to our practice conditioning to improve as we look towards the end of the season and regionals.

At the Cheyenne Stampede, the top five harriers from each school are scored.

In the small school division of the boys meet, Strasburg finished seventh with 189 points while Byers was 18th with 464.

Strasburg sophomore

Dawit James was the top performer for both schools, placing second with a time of 17:20. His twin brother, Israel James, was ninth with a time of 17:58. They were followed by freshman Noah Dobransky (42nd, 19:48); sophomore Will Hauser (80th, 21:30); and senior Patrick Martinez (88th, 21:35).

The top Byers boys were sophomore Ben Gerhardt (76th, 21:17); junior Jake Anderson (89th, 21:36); freshman Skyler Walters (138th, 24:07); junior

Cayden Wardall (144th, 25:03); and sophomore Torin Wardall (150th, 25:20).

For the girls, Byers took ninth with 259 points while Strasburg was 16th with 394.

Top runners from Byers were sophomore Quincy Bowling (ninth, 21:23); junior Ema Kucerova (44th, 24:09); sophomore Danica Lancaster (87th, 26:51); sophomore Michaela Casey (92nd, 27:17); and senior Izzy Hollembeak (99th, 28:13).

For Strasburg, the fastest

five runners were Megan Lay (78th, 26:22); Naomi Redd (82nd, 26:38); Kyla Bauer (106th, 28:53); Lorelai LeFors (124th, 31:38); and Kasianna Christiansan (133rd, 33:42).

STRASBURG SCHEDULE

Sept. 9: Liberty Bell Invitational @ Heritage High School, Littleton.

Sept. 16: St. Vrain Invitational, Lyons.

BYERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 8: Frontier Academy Wolverine Invitational @ Monfort Park, Greeley.

Strasburg softball team defeated 3-2 by Lyons

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

LYONS — A costly error in the bottom of the seventh inning was the deciding factor in the Strasburg High School softball team's 3-2 loss at Lyons Aug. 29.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Lyons third baseman Anna Santesteban doubled and was sacrificed to third base. With two outs, the Lady Indians bobbled a ground ball and failed to get the runner out at first base, allowing Santesteban to score the winning run.

"It was a good game," said Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill, noting that both teams entered the game with 7-1 records. "They held us, we held them."

Strasburg led early when freshman third baseman Addi Kent doubled and came home on an error in the first inning.

Lyons struck back in the second with its first 2 runs, and Strasburg

tied the game in the third inning when senior shortstop Graecyn Graf got aboard on a fielder's choice and eventually scored on a double by freshman Madi Olsen.

The teams were scoreless from the fourth through sixth innings with the Lady Lions loading the bases but failing to score in the sixth inning.

In the top of the seventh, Strasburg got a runner to third base but Lyons held.

Madrill said batting was key in the loss. The Indians stranded nine runners.

"We had runners on and we couldn't get a timely hit out of some key people," he said.

He noted that, of Strasburg's seven hits, none came from the Indians best batters: Graf and junior pitcher Kailey Rushman.

At the same time, Rushman threw one of the best games of her career, especially considering an injury.

"Her back was bothering her,"

Madrill said. "She struggled a little bit but she hung in there like a trooper. ... Also, because of that pain, she had some control problems."

Madrill noted that Rushman reached 3-0 or 3-1 counts with the Lions on a few occasions but was able to battle back.

Rushman tossed 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, yielding one earned run on six hits with one walk and six strikeouts.

Top hitters were Kent with two doubles, Olsen with two hits including a double and 1 RBI; and

sophomore Savannah Bradley with two singles.

"The game was probably the best game of the year, as far as audiences were concerned," said Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill. "I think we learned a couple things from it, and that's what you want to take away from a loss."

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# Turnovers doom Strasburg in 33-7 defeat at Holyoke

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

HOLYOKE — Turnovers, turnovers, turnovers were directly responsible for a 33-7 whipping that Holyoke laid on Strasburg Aug. 24. Five turnovers in all. Two interceptions at or near the goal line. Down 7-0 in the first quarter, a long, certain touchdown pass was dropped.

“It’s pretty hard to win a football game when you have that many turnovers,” said Indian head coach Brian Brown. “They didn’t really do a lot to us, we just couldn’t execute and couldn’t finish drives. I think if we finish a couple of those drives, this game may turn a little bit differently, but, at the end of the day,

we can’t play the way we did and expect to win too many football games.”

By halftime, the Dragons led 20-0 but, in the second half, Strasburg drove down the field and threw an interception at the 2-yard line. The Indians defense held, and they drove into the red zone again, only to throw another pick at the back of the end zone.

Brown said poor execution was key. He noted that three minutes remained in the third quarter when the second interception occurred.

“We had plenty of opportunities to get ourselves back into the football game, but, again, we did not execute when we needed to,” he said.

On defense, he added the Indians missed tackles and assignments,

resulting in two long TD runs in the second half. The score was 26-0 after three quarters.

Strasburg’s touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a 34-yard pass from Landen Martin to Paul Smith, both seniors.

With the score getting out of hand, the Indians were forced to throw 31 times.

“That’s not typically what we do,” Brown said. “We were having a lot of difficulty running the edges” because the Indians were missing blocks, blocking incorrectly, or blocking the wrong Dragons.

Martin ended with 11 completions on 31 attempts for 153 yards and rushed seven times for 55 yards. Sophomore Cameron Manahan had five receptions for 58 yards while Smith caught three passes for 45 yards and lost one fumble.

Senior defensive tackle Al Dick-

en was Strasburg’s top tackler with nine followed by senior D.J. Cannon with seven.

That’s something we’ve got to get our players to understand, is they’ve got to play until the end of the game.”

Brown noted that the Dragons has nine returning starters and some of the better skill players that the Indians will see this year.

“Give Holyoke tons of credit. They played until the end of the game,” he said. “They saw blood in the water and they went after us and we’ve got to figure out how not to let that happen.

“They executed better. We shot ourselves in the foot numerous times. We didn’t play with a lot of enthusiasm, which was a little disconcerting to us.”

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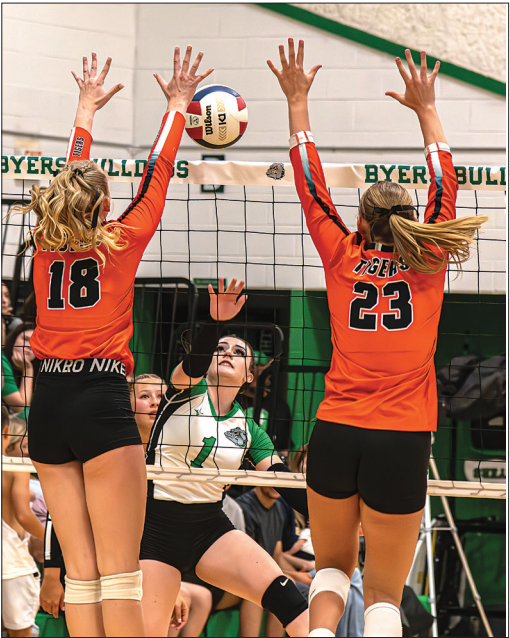
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Left photo, Lady Bulldogs Maci Olsen, left, Annette Earl and Haley Morris (1) scramble to keep the ball alive against Wiggins, the No. 1 team in Class 2A, Aug. 22, as Allie Pelton, background, looks to assist. Center, Hope Linnebur goes up for a block. Right, Morris puts the ball over a double block by the Lady Tigers.

# Lady Bulldogs volleyball team works on early season quirks

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

The youthful Byers Lady Bulldogs ran into a bit of a buzz saw to open the 2023 volleyball season. First they faced Wiggins, the No. 1 team in Class 2A, then Simla, the No. 6 team in 1A, on the road. Against Wiggins Aug. 22 at home, the Bulldogs were defeated 25-16, 25-17, 25-10. “I didn’t let the loss take the wind out of our sail,” said Byers head coach Phoenix Bright. “They’re a great team. We did a lot of really great things against them, and so it was just a really good learning experience against a team that is highly ranked.”

Bright noted her team’s solid serving at 91.1% accuracy. “Our hitting percentage (.081) was in the positive as well, actually,” she said. “Big strides for us from last year.” Shifts on defense also helped. “It made some really great differences, I feel like, in the play that came from the other side,” Bright said. “We started getting a ton of touches on the ball just (by) making some adjustments to our block.” On the down side, the coach would like to see better serve-receives and kill percentages. Byers was led by juniors Annette Earl with five kills, seven digs, and eight assists; Hope Linnebur with five kills, one ace, one block, and six

digs; and Maci Olsen, six digs, and 10 assists. **SIMLA** After struggling during the first two sets, falling 25-16, 25-17, juniors Annette Earl and Addison Bell gathered the team for a play-ers-only talk. “They really came out on fire and they had the lead for most of that game,” Bright said, “It was just too late by the time we got things pulled together. It definitely helped. That was some great leadership for sure.” Byers got stuck at 20 points in the third game, falling 25-20. Statistical leaders were Linnebur with nine kills, one ace, one block, and 11 digs; Olsen one ace, one

block, eight digs, and eight assists; Earl, eight digs and seven assists; and junior Allie Pelton, 12 digs Bright noted that a new rotation was introduced near the end of summer and that the team is still working out the quirks. “Time, experience and reps are going to help with all of those things,” she said. “Unfortunately we got that time, experience and reps against some really great teams.” **COMING UP** Sept. 7: Strasburg (Staff Appreciation). Sept 8: Burlington. Sept. 14: @ Bennett. Sept. 19: @ Flagler. Sept. 23: @ Akron Tournament.

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# Youthful Bennett Tigers soccer team beaten thrice in early season matches



Bennett freshman forward Nathan Ramirez (6) races a Pikes Peak Christian player to the ball Aug. 23.

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

The Bennett High School soccer team suffered three difficult defeats to Lamar and The Vanguard School in Colorado Spring on the road, and at home to Peak to Peak of Lafayette.

The Tigers fell to the Lamar Thunder 11-1 on Aug. 19; Peak to Peak Pumas 8-1 on Aug. 23; and The Vanguard School Coursers 6-0 on Aug. 28.

“I think they’re just a young team, lot of freshman, still learning how to play together,” said head coach Mike Rinner of his team.

Rinner added that his unit improved during the games by spreading the field and working as a team rather than individuals taking shots.

“This is probably one of the years we’ve had a lot of good players,” he said. “It’s just getting them to communicate on the field and play together. Being able to get their head

up and look around and see the field, make their passes accurately.”

“I think that they can be competitive. They’ve just got to play as a team and be a little bit more aggressive.”

Against Lamar, freshman Houston Broskie scored the only goal for the Tigers. Junior Jose Lopez had an assist and 15 saves as goalie, while junior Bryan Yanez recorded 14 steals.

Lopez scored Bennett’s only goal, and Yanez had 17 steals and freshman Nathan Ramirez added 14 against Peak to Peak.

At Vanguard, Rinner noted that the Tigers played a good first half against the Coursers, trailing just 2-0. But they yielded four goals in the second half to make it a blow-out.

Ramirez led the Tigers with 15 steals followed by Yanez with 13 and Edwin Terrazas Varela with 10.

“They just need to get that first win so they can get some confidence,” Rinner concluded.



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Juniors Jose Lopez, left photo, and Edwin Terrazas, right, maneuver around players from Pikes Peak Christian.

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From left photo, Lady Eagles Joselyn Moreno (10), Taylor Reis (1) and Julie Sumate (3) battle the Flagler Lady Panthers in their season opener at home Aug. 24. The powerful Panthers defeated Deer Trail 25-12, 25-6, 25-22.

# Off to a rough start, Lady Eagles continue to improve

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

The Deer Trail Lady Eagles struggled through a series of lopsided losses to open the 2023 season, but experience has a great deal to do with it.

Deer Trail lost three of its main cogs off last year's team to graduation.

"We've got just a really young team," said Eagles head coach Dee Vashus. "I just don't have anybody stepping up yet."

Deer Trail opened the season Aug. 24 against Flagler, falling 25-12, 25-6, 25-22, then attended the Buffalo Classic Tournament at Miami-Yoder Aug. 26, where they were defeated three times. The Eagles faced Flagler again, a 25-7, 25-18 loss; Miami-Yoder 25-19, 25-22; and Pikes Peak Christian 26-24, 25-17. Deer Trail closed out August with a 25-9, 25-11, 25-6 loss at Stratton.

Against Flagler in the home opener, the Eagles were led by sophomore Megan Donovan with four kills and seven digs followed by senior Ally Harwick and junior Jocelyn Moreno with three kills apiece; freshman Vialini Sumate, one ace and five assists; and senior Julie Sumate, five digs.

In its rematch with Flagler at Miami-Yoder, Donovan had three kills and five digs; Moreno, seven digs; Vialini Sumate, three kills, four digs; Hardwick, three kills; and Julie Sumate, four digs.

Versus Miami-Yoder, Donovan had six kills and five digs; Julie Sumate, five aces and 16 digs; Vialini Sumate four kills and two aces; Hardwick, three kills and six digs; and junior Taylor Reis, seven digs.

Statistics for the Pikes Peak Christian contest were unavailable at press time.

"They improved with each game they played," Vashus said of her team's improvement at the Buffalo Classic. "They really did. By the last game against Miami, those were closer games, so they were making adjustments."

At the tournament, Vashus switched from a two-setter to a one-setter offense on the fly, and she said her players responded well.

"I asked a lot of them over the weekend and they were able to

adjust," she added. "They're just a young team. We got to get more repetitions in practice so they're more comfortable with where they need to be. And we've got to get our serving back down again.

Through the games against Flagler and Miami-Yoder, Deer

Trail served 85.7%, 76% and 87.8%. At Stratton, the serving percentage was 83.3%.

"I have a couple of them that served really well but when only two of them are doing real well and the other four aren't, it doesn't help much," Vashus said.

Statistical leaders at Stratton were Hardwick, one ace, one block, and four digs; Julie Sumate, two kills and four digs; and Donovan, one block and four digs.

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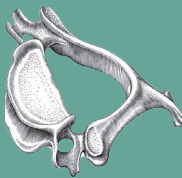
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The second, Character Creation, goes from 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26. In it, Laib will share basics about drawing a human body and clothing and highlight the importance of imagination.

“Dan Laib mixes art with comedy to make drawing easy and fun for all ages. He is a frequent presenter with Arapahoe Libraries, as he engages the kids and helps them to learn a new skill or sharpen ones they already have,” said Kara Seal, senior events specialist with Arapahoe Libraries.

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**SUDOKU SOLUTION**

**NEW SENATOR**

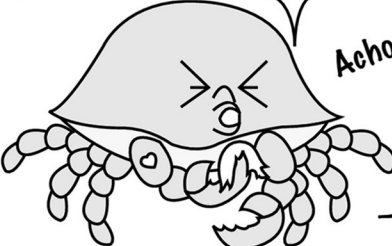
**FROM P1**

Senate," Moreno said in a statement.

Michaelson Jenet's work at the Capitol included youth diversion service, school meals and anti-suicide initiatives. She chaired the House Public & Behavioral Health Care & Human Services Committee and served on the House Education and Legislative Audit committees during her seven years as representative. Her move to the Senate creates a House seat opening in a district in northwest Aurora and southern Commerce City.

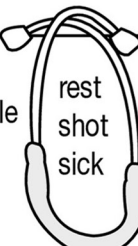
Morena was term-limited and had one year left. Michaelson Jenet has already filed to run next year for the Senate District 21 seat.

I feel achy, feverish and crabby.




Achooo!

Ugh! I've been sick this week. I caught a virus – or it caught *me*. I've used all the facial tissues in the house. I think I'll need a huge tractor-trailer truck to deliver more! I went to see my doctor, who said I have a common cold. She gave me medicine to help me feel better, and told me to rest and drink lots of fluids. Sometimes, the doctor lets me try that cool instrument she uses to listen to sounds in my body. **If you read the clues and fill in this puzzle with words about health care, you will find the name of the instrument under the arrow:**




rest  
shot  
sick

Hey, I don't have anything to do with *your* chicken pox!



Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with medical terms.



If you don't feel well in class, ask to visit the school nurse.

1. person trained to help doctors and take care of sick people

2. treatment of medical problem by using surgery

3. pill or liquid used to treat a disease or relieve pain

4. person licensed to treat diseases or injuries

5. medicine injected into the body with a needle

6. instrument used to take temperature

7. sleep, relax

8. ill, not healthy

9. common sickness: sneezing, runny nose, coughing

10. building where doctors, nurses take care of sick or hurt people

11. tiny living thing that can cause disease

thermometer nurse germ cold hospital

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

flu

fever

pain

earache

symptom

headache

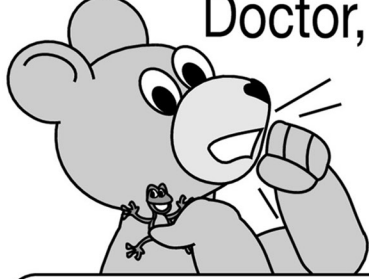
diagnose

heal

treat

cough

Doctor, What Have I Caught?




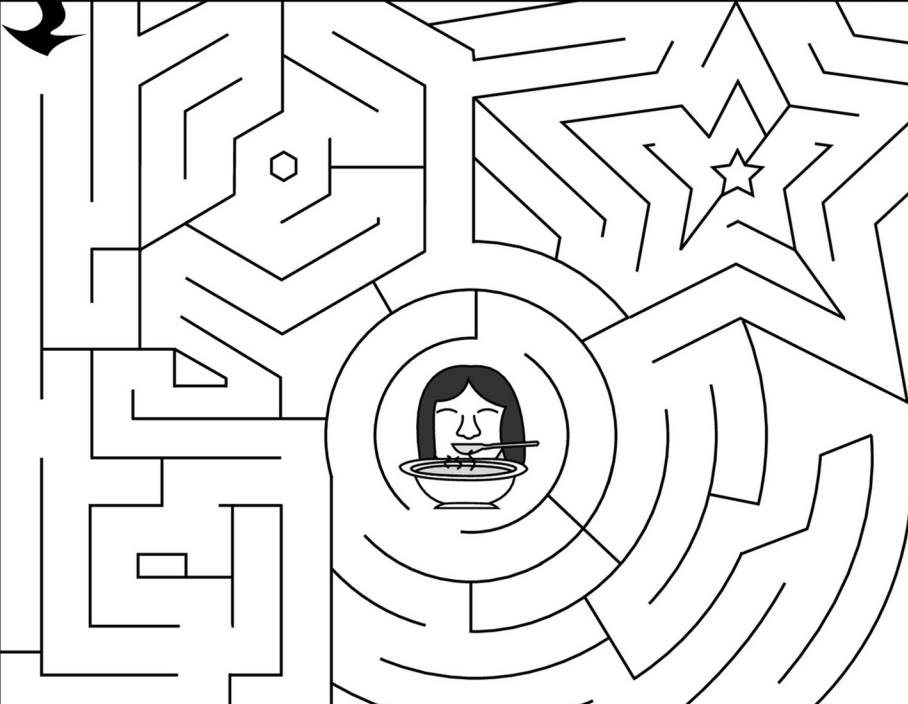
Everyone feels sick from time to time. Thanks to shots and vaccines, doctors are able to help us avoid many diseases. Medicines may help us feel better too.


**Can you find and circle these illnesses and medical problems?**

pneumonia  
sore throat  
food poisoning  
athlete's foot  
ear infection  
diarrhea  
stomach ache  
influenza  
cold  
mumps  
rabies  
polio  
measles  
chicken pox

Forest has a "little frog in his throat" that makes his voice sound froggy...er...funny. **Can you help him get to the chicken soup that may comfort him?**








Sniff!

**"Healthy" Expressions**

A. someone in good shape  
B. not feeling 100% well  
C. very sick  
D. feeling of dizziness or confusion  
E. get sick with the common cold


1. sick as a dog  
2. catch a cold  
3. fit as a fiddle  
4. under the weather  
5. head is spinning



1. on the mend  
2. in the pink of health  
3. just what the doctor ordered  
4. have a "frog" in one's throat  
5. there's a bug going around

Have you ever heard someone say "I feel blue?" You know they are not really *blue* like the sky, but may feel a bit sad. An expression that people use to mean something *different* from the actual words they say is called an **"idiom"** ( 'id' ē ə m ). It is almost like a secret code. The English language can be hard to learn because it has a lot of idioms. **Match these 2 groups of "health" idioms to their meanings:**

A. in perfect health  
B. getting better after an illness  
C. something keeps you from speaking clearly  
D. a cold or virus that everyone seems to have  
E. exactly what is needed



LIBRARY NEWS

**ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY**  
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**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. 8.

**Drones:** Kids ages 12 and up can learn to fly small drones in a fun,

hands-on program. 4:15-5:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12.

**Drawing workshops:** The Corridor Creative Arts League will host part two of a two-part beginning sketch class with artist and art educator Michelle Miller of Byers. Adults will learn basic graphite sketching skills including techniques on pencil use; hand-eye coordination: types of lines, shapes and forms; scale;

and adding value to a drawing. Appropriate for. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

**Belly dancing workshop:** Adults can learn to belly dance from instructor Tatiana McDuff in a fun and supportive workshop. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23.

**Mosaic workshop:** Artist Angie Perryman will facilitate this creative class for ages 16 and older. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23.

will investigate a monthly theme that combines learning and literacy at this special program. The hands-on activities will allow the children to discover new opportunities to incorporate reading, singing, talking, playing and writing. Parents are asked to RSVP for each adult and child to attend by visiting arapahoelibraries.org or calling (303)542-7279. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 14.

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**Friday matinee:** All ages are invited to an afternoon showing of "Spies in Disguise" (2019, rated PG, 1 hour, 42 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8.

**Little Explorers:** Children ages 2-5

**KELVER LIBRARY**  
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**Adult book club:** "The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America" by Elizabeth Letts. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12.

**DIY bath products:** Teens and tweens ages 9-17 can bust bath-time boredom by making their own a variety of fun bath products that sparkle and surprise. 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

Arapahoe Co. considers changes to allow storage containers on certain properties

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing a change to the County's Land Development Code to allow permanent storage containers on some properties zoned "agriculture" or "rural residential" that are at least nine acres or larger in unincorporated areas of the county.

The proposal would amend the current zoning code, which only allows storage containers on a temporary basis. Currently, storage containers are only allowed when an active building permit is in place on the property or can be used for up to seven consecutive days for the purpose of moving or an estate sale.

"The proposed regulations would allow property owners with more acreage the ability to store their equipment or other belongings in a safe and secure structure," said Zoning Manager Caitlyn Mars.

Under the proposed rules, a storage container cannot include plumbing, electrical or mechanical

systems and signage. Additionally, written messages on the exterior are prohibited. Permanent storage containers would be allowed on property zoned Agricultural Estate (A-E); 35 acres minimum lot size, Agricultural-1 (A-1); 19 acres minimum lot size or Rural Residential A (RR-A); nine acres minimum lot size.

One storage container could be placed on properties 19 acres or smaller. Two storage containers are allowed for properties 19 to 35 acres in size and a maximum of three for lots larger than 35 acres.

The proposed regulations were approved by the Planning Commission in June.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on whether to adopt the proposed regulations at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the East Hearing Room at the Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

TRUPP PARK FROM PAGE 1

One suspect — 20-year-old Joey Prieto of Bennett — was arrested and jailed the night of the incident. According to sheriff's office sources, as of Sept. 1, Prieto had been released from the Adams County Detention Center on bond. What charge or charges Prieto is facing was unknown at press time but he was scheduled to be in Division 8 of Adams County District Court at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5.

In addition to evacuating the park of youth soccer league players and closing the immediate area along First Street and Palmer Avenue, Bennett School District locked down its campus and conducted a controlled release of students to parents or guardians Tuesday evening. The school was hosting a high school volleyball match and other activities at the time of the shooting.

The school district also canceled classes the following day as part of a debriefing process but reopened on Thursday.

"The safety, security and well-being of our students, staff and families is our utmost priority. Tragic incidents such as this have a significant impact and can take an emotional toll on many," a school district statement said. "Bennett School District remains dedicated and will provide resources that will aid our students, staff and families as they return to school."

According to the school district's statement, the sheriff's office informed them that "an adult [was in] custody," which contradicted preliminary rumors that a local teenager may have been involved as the shooter. Sheriff's office sources reiterated that any teenager involved was determined to be among the victims.

Bennett School District has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the situation with parents and other members of the public at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, in the high school auditorium.

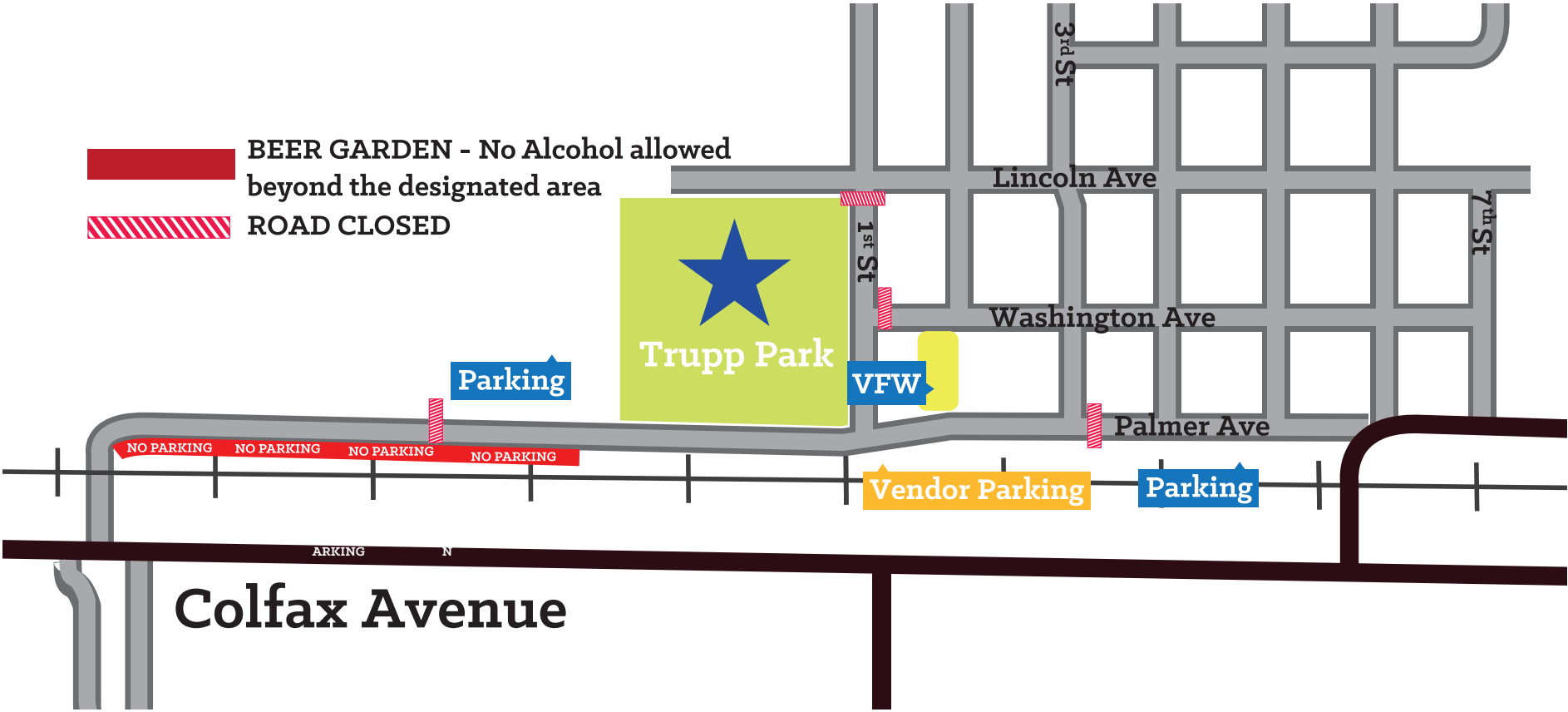
| Saturday, September 9   |  |    |    |
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| Trupp Park  |  |    |    |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  | Breakfast with the Bennett Community Food Bank and Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449   | \$ |    |
| 10:00 AM  | "Play on the Plains" Parade<br><i>Participants line up at 8:30 a.m. Must be in line by 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required but recommended online at <a href="http://townofbennett.colorado.gov">townofbennett.colorado.gov</a></i> |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Vendor Street Fair   | \$ |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Town Booth<br><i>Enter to win a bike! Must be 18 and under.</i>  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Board of Trustees Booth<br><i>Spin the wheel for a chance to win prizes! Donate \$10 to the Holiday Help Program for an extra spin</i>   |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Town Projects Booth<br><i>Come engage with Town Staff to learn about current projects and give your feedback on what is planned for the future in Bennett</i>  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Public Works Booth<br><i>Learn about reuse water in the Town of Bennett</i>  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Community Services Booth<br><i>Play a fun fishing game with our Community Services Officers</i>  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | <b>Terramax &amp; McDonald's</b> Family Fun Zone - All children <b>MUST</b> be accompanied by an adult. Play at your own risk. Participants <b>MUST</b> wear closed toed shoes.  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | <b>Adams County</b> Yard Games and Block Party   |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | <b>Moore Lumber &amp; ACE Hardware</b> Face Painting and <b>AQUA Engineering</b> Caricatures   |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  | Bennett Days Car Show <b>hosted by Kost Racing</b><br><i>1st Street and Washington Avenue</i>  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  | Bennett Arts Council Art Show<br><i>Vote for your favorite entry! Select artwork also available for sale</i>   | \$ |    |
| 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  | Lunch with the Local Tri-Valley VFW Post #8449 & Bennett Community Food Bank   | \$ |    |
| 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM   | Beer Garden hosted by <b>F&amp;M Bank &amp; Launch Pad Brewery</b>   | \$ |    |
| 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM   | <b>Dan's Custom Construction and Arapahoe County</b> Food Truck Rally  |    | \$ |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM   | Foam Party with the <b>Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue</b>   |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 11:45 PM<br>12:00 PM - 12:45 PM<br>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM<br>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM<br>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | <b>Charles Abbott &amp; Associates and Republic Services Grandstand</b><br><i>High Plains Music Ensemble<br/>Bennett High School Pep Band<br/>Community Dance Lesson<br/>Amazing Dave Magic Show<br/>Tae-Kwon-Do Demonstration</i>         |    |    |
| 3:00 PM   | Additional Trupp Park Parking Opens - <b>\$5 Donation to the Bennett Booster Club for parking</b>  |    | \$ |
| 4:30 PM   | Bull Riding hosted by <b>No Credit Productions</b>   |    |    |
| 6:45 PM   | Live Music featuring Shooter Jaxx  |    |    |
| 7:45 PM   | Fireworks sponsored by <b>Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue</b>  |    |    |
| 8:30 PM   | Headline concert featuring <b>Jason Boland &amp; The Stragglers</b> sponsored by the <b>Bennett Board of Trustees</b>  |    |    |
| Sunday, September 10  |  |    |    |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM   | Cornerstone Fellowship Sunday Service in the Park  |    |    |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM   | Cornerstone Fellowship Cookout   |    |    |

\$ Indicates event has an associated cost. Prices for each event varies.





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