

# The I-70 Scout

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Thursday, July 11, 2024

## Fire season ramps up over the Fourth

Local firefighters called out 15 times July 3-5; AdCo, ArapCo say no add'l burn bans

by Steven Vetter Managing Editor

I-70 Corridor firefighters had a busy few days Fire responded to five around the Fourth of July as at least three handfuls of "vegetation fires" occurred between E-470 and the eastern boundaries of Adams and Arapahoe counties July 3-5.

right between all of us," said Byers Fire Chief Mike Chief Pat Conroy. Disher of the recent jump than normal for this time of year, which can be pretty heavy. But most were easy to get under control and no structural damage or inju-

About two-thirds of the three-day call volume occurred on Independence Day or overnight into July

On July 4, Strasburg calls between 1:30-10 p.m. with three calls within a five-minute period, 9:43-9:47 p.m. None were considered serious.

"Other than grass and vegetation there was no "Fifteen sounds about damage from any of the fires," said Strasburg Fire

An approximately twoin fire calls. "Even busier hour response at a midafternoon fire scene in the 4000 block of Sharilane Court was also minor in se-

> "The fire on Sharilane was extremely small and

**SEE FIRE SEASON** 



About 40 acres of pastureland were charred after a July 3 lightning strike in the area of 152nd Avenue and Prospect Way Road about 15 miles northeast of Leader.





Corridor Fourth of July activities were highlighted by the annual parade and rodeo hosted by the Byers Parks & Recreation District. From left photo, Living Springs Cowboy Church took home top honors during Thursday morning's parade, and Byers' own Mace MacLennan holds on tight during the kids mutton bustin' at Quint Valley. SEE PAGES 12-13



A combine rapidly scoops up wheat in a field behind Byers General Store July 6. Area harvest picked up rapidly over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. **SEE PAGE 3.** 

## Woman's body found during Sky Ranch fire

WATKINS — The body of an adult female was found during a house fire in the Sky Ranch subdivision July 1 but, as of last weekend, the circumstances behind her death and the residential inferno remained a mystery.

About 10 a.m., Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies and first responders from the Bennett-Watkins, Sable Altura, Strasburg, Byers, Aurora and South Metro fire departments were dispatched to the 600 block of North Bersshine Street in the Sky Ranch subdivision on reports of a house on fire.

During the response, firefighters found the body of an adult female inside, which led to certified fire investigators from the Bureau of

**SEE BODY FOUND** 

## **COMMUNITY CORRAL**

#### **Constitution amendments** key to historical discussion

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society in Strasburg is inviting the public to the second of three evenings of history.

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg, will discuss the Bill of Rights and constitutional amendments from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, July 18, at TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg. The presentation will include details, facts and stories of the 27 amendments to the Constitution.

The evening will begin with a "The Psalms: light snack from 6-6:30 p.m. with the presentation to follow.

Donations will be accepted to benefit the Comanche Crossing Historical Society and its museum. Organizers prefer adults only.

An Aug. 8 presentation will focus on the Comanche Crossing Museum. Watch The I-70 Scout & Eastern Colorado News for more information.

## Free barn dances slated at church south of Byers

BYERS — Two free barn dances on Fridays, July 19 and Aug. 16, at W. Highway 40, Byers. Living Springs Cowboy Church, Byers.

a D.J., concessions for purchase, be dropped off at 260 Cleveland and free family fun. Donations will Court, Bennett. be accepted.

e-mail to livingspringscowboychurchbyers@gmail.com or call (303)946-0599.

The church is located at 2722 S. County Road 173, Byers.

### Potluck dinner, The Psalms planned at Lutheran church

Church will host a midweek summer potluck starting with the meal at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, at the church.

At 7 p.m., visitors will discuss third Tuesday of each month.

## Lady 'Dogs form kids volleyball team

BYERS — The Byers High coming youth league.

Aug. 19 at Byers School with at the high school office thereafgames played on Sundays from ter. The sign-up deadline is Fri-Sept. 8 through Oct. 13. Game locations include Byers, Strasburg, Bennett, Limon, Kiowa have a form sent electronically, and Miami.

nounced later.

Participation costs \$75, which School volleyball team will wel- includes a game shirt. Registracome elementary students in tion forms can be picked up and grades 3-6 to register for its up- dropped off at the Byers School District 32-J office from Monday Practices begin the week of through Thursday until July 30 day, Aug. 9.

For more information or to send an e-mail to Jessica Fourni-Specific game dates will be an- er at fournier.jessica@byers.k12. co.us.

Happiness and Tears."

Members of Byers Community and Strasburg Presbyterian churches will attend.

www.saronstrasburg.org.

Saron Lutheran is located at 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

### School, hygiene supplies subject of local initiative

School supplies and hygiene products are the focus of two school-related drives this summer, and those items will be given are planned over the remainder away from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, of the summer, all from 7-10 p.m. July 19, at Escape the Clock, 251

School supplies can be delivered to the Escape the Clock art The dances will feature music by store, while hygiene products can

For more information, call Pat-For more information, send an tie Lindsay at (303)886-0771 or Katy Taylor at (303)828-7416.

### Home safety: 'Burg seniors to host Adams Co. deputy

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host its monthly potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, STRASBURG — Saron Lutheran July 16, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Tracy Smalley will speak on home safety.

The group regularly meets the drawstring bag.

For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

### Caring community orgs set For more information, visit visit to 1-70 Chamber mtg

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its April Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, at May Farms, Byers.

Speakers will be representatives from I-70 Corridor Communities that Care and Teens for Change. The organizations will also sponsor lunch.

RSVPs to (720)731-1954 or officei7occoc@gmail.com are request- month at the Bennett VFW Hall.

### Basketball camp scheduled at Hemphill Middle School

STRASBURG — Upcoming cagers might benefit from the Strasburg High School Youth Basketball Camp later this month.

Participants will work one-onone with Strasburg High School coaches to improve their hoops skills.

The camp will take place from Tuesday through Thursday, July 16-18, at the Hemphill Middle School gym.

Kindergartners through second-graders will play from 4-4:45 p.m.; grades 3-5 from 5-6 p.m.; and grades 6-8 from 6-7:30 p.m.

The cost if \$50, which includes a

The preregistration deadline

is July 14. To register, visit www. strasburgparks.org.

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

### Artists, artisans, music all part of Bennett park party

BENNETT — The Bennett Arts Council will host a free concert as part of Party in the Park from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at Trupp

The event will feature the Eric Golden Band from 6-8 p.m.

The Corridor Creative Arts League will present an art show and artist's market starting at 4 p.m.; the Denver Museum of Nature & Science will bring its mobile museum, the Curiosity Cruiser; and the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will hold an after-hours

Visitors should bring a lawn chair, drinks and snacks. Food trucks will also be on hand.

#### Free monthly lunch on tap for local veterans, seniors

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor military veterans and senior citizens age 65 and older can receive a free lunch on the second Friday of each

The next meal, served by a group of local volunteers, is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, July 12.

Veterans and seniors from all along the I-70 Corridor are invit-

For more information, call Flora Goodnight at (303)549-2589.

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A combine makes a final pass on a wheat field at the intersection of County Road 2 and Bradb ury-Krebs Road June 30.

## Corridor harvest ramps up

by Steven Vetter Managing Editor

The Fourth of July weekend turned out to be a working holiday for many I-70 Corridor farm fam- condition. ilies as wheat harvest ramped up significantly.

ers between Watkins and Deer a quarter and one-third completed as 85-plus-degree days with strong winds and little to no mois- to be in the low to mid 80s for ture continued.

occurred around Byers and areas of yields varied by about 35 bushels, many locals were calling the 2024 crop average to above-average.

combines is pretty good," a Byers farmer said. "Where the sawflies haven't wreaked havoc are in good shape, but every day that goes by, the chances for losing some grain increases pretty dramatically.'

According to Colorado Wheat's July 3 progress report, harvest in Adams, Arapahoe, Morgan and southeastern Weld counties has ranged between 30-65 bushels per acre, 60-62 pound test weights, and 9-14% in protein.

The U.S. Department of Agricul- up to 70 bushels per acre.

ture's July 1 crop progress report showed about 25% of the state's harvest completed and that approximately 75% of the state's crop remains in good or better

While isolated storms over the last week to 10 days of June slowed By the end of last week, produc- crop maturity and hindered combines from getting into fields, Trail were expected to be between that is not expected to be the case through mid-July.

"Temperatures are expected the next five days, with very lit-Much of the activity last week tle chance of moisture, meaning things will most likely progress further east. And, while the range rapidly," said Colorado Wheat's most recent harvest outlook.

Local elevators started receiving semi-loads of wheat late last week. The eastern outdoor pit at Cargill "What we're able to get into the in Byers went from being empty the morning of July 4 to about a third-full two days later.

Other regions of the state where harvest has picked up dramatically is Kit Carson County, especially around Burlington, and across Yuma, Phillips and Sedgwick counties. While Yuma County's production will be much depressed because of hail earlier this spring, producers in the far northeast corner of the state are reporting a bumper crop, in some cases



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The outdoor grain pit on the east side of the Cargill elevator in Byers went from empty the morning of the Fourth of July to about one-third full midday July 6. The Corridor wheat harvest was expected to be approximately 25% complete by the start of this week.





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— May Farms

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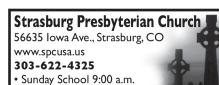
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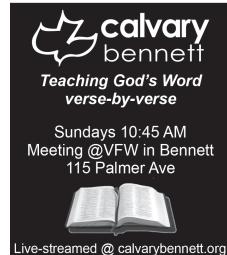
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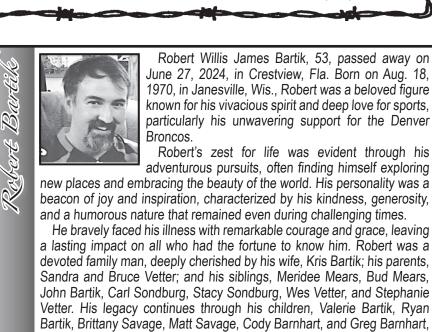
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Bartik; and sister, Brenda Vetter. A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor at 1 p.m., Sunday, July 28, at Rookies Bar, 1323 Monroe St., Strasburg. Attendees will enjoy spaghetti and salad, Robert's favorite meal, as they reminisce and celebrate his memorable life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Brain Injury Association of America at http://www.biausa.org/ memorials, a cause close to Robert's heart. His legacy of love, laughter,

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and his adored grandchildren, Derrick, Ryder, Mikey, Silas, Scarlett, Ezra, and Roman. He leaves behind a loving family including numerous nieces

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Jim Bartik; son, Michael

and nephews who will miss him dearly.



## **Bird's Eye View**

## Airborne infrared imaging tech put to use by CSP

tions require responders to move ing information provided by law quickly and as safely as possible to enforcement on the ground. Arresolve the situation, whether work-riving in the dark, the flight crew ing in a populated area or a vast re- used the on-board infrared imaggion with challenging terrain.

one tool the Colorado State Pato gather information for law enlocate an escaped homicide suspect from Fremont County Jail.

On June 7, the Colorado State El Paso County to support ground troopers, local law enforcement, and U.S. Marshals who were staged in the area of I-25 and Woodmen Road. They were looking for a 45-year-old male, Kegan VanVliet, who had escaped from come an increasingly popular tool Fremont County Jail after at- for emergency responders, includtempting to shoot his spouse.

The aircraft and two troopers. flight officer, responded from Cen- and other low-light conditions.

GOLDEN — Emergency operatennial Airport to the area following system to search the area. The Infrared imaging technology is escapee's vehicle was discovered abandoned in a parking lot, and trol uses through its Aircraft Unit the escapee was likely on foot. After a thorough search, the CSP forcement on the ground. The Aircraft Unit troopers located the technology was recently used to escapee as he walked away from a location that had been tipped off by a discerning citizen.

After successfully locating Van-Patrol Aircraft Unit responded to Vliet, the flight team tracked him while directing law enforcement on the ground to the location where he was hiding. VanVliet was taken into custody without further incident.

Infrared imaging systems have being law enforcement agencies. These cameras can see heat, which allows serving as the pilot and tactical officers to see in complete darkness

## **DUI expenses steep in Colorado**

trol troopers want drivers to know \$14,500. that alcohol and drugs impact their ability to safely operate a ve- org, a driver could be required to hicle and endanger lives.

Colorado's DUI laws do not ex- DUI: ercise leniency on out-of-state visitors. Anyone who drives impaired will be arrested. The Interstate Driver's License Compact includes 45 states and the District of Columbia, ensuring that a driver's home state will receive information about their traffic violations and driver's license suspension. At least where your driver's license is concerned, what happens on vacation does not stay on vacation.

ties are determined by the court someone else.

GOLDEN - Colorado State Pa- and may vary, they could exceed

According to NoDUIColorado. pay the following fees if they get a

- increased auto insurance, \$3,600;
- Ignition Interlock Service, \$2,172;
- alcohol/drug treatment and education, \$1,000;
- defense attorney, \$3,655;
- arrest, court & legal fees, approximately \$2,300; and
- Division of Motor Vehicle fees, approximately \$773.

The far more horrific conse-A DUI will impact Colorado res- quence could be living with the idents significantly. While penal- death or serious injury brought to

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## Claims of 'skyrocketing' numbers of non-citizen voters questioned

by Eric Galatas

Public News Service

After a recent flurry of claims that Democrats are allowing immigrants into the country illegally are crying "disinformation."

David Becker, executive director of the Center for Election Innovaare not only untrue, they could the legitimacy of November's election results.

legally allowed to vote in federal 1996," he explained.

House Republicans have introduced new legislation requiring proof of citizenship to vote after in which 160 million ballots are claims that a skyrocketing number going to be cast, it happens exof new voters are registering with- ceedingly rarely, largely because out a photo identification in key the states and federal government swing states.

But election officials in states in place," he said.

including Arizona, Pennsylvania and Texas have debunked those

Becker said, while each state manages its own elections locally, the Help America Vote Act passed in order to register them to vote in 2002 already requires valid in the upcoming U.S. presidential forms of identification before peoelection, good-governance groups ple can be registered to vote anywhere in the United States.

"Either a driver's license number or a Social Security number. tion & Research, said these claims which gets matched back to your voter record. So you don't get to be plant potentially dangerous seeds registered and cast a ballot unless of doubt among some voters about you provided this ID," Becker said.

Becker added that data show non-citizen voting is virtually a "Non-citizens are already not nonexistent phenomenon, in part because people who risked life and elections. This has been the case limb to find a better life in America throughout American history and know they would be immediately was codified into American law in deported if caught. Trying to vote illegally would put a giant target on their backs.

> "To cast one ballot in an election already have really good policies



- ♦ The Bill of Rights & Amendments to the Constitution July 18, 6pm at TBK Bank
- Adult Watercolor Art Class: Tulips (July 25) Deadline July 19th
- ♦ Outdoor Movie: Beetlejuice July 19th, North Baseball Field; starts at dusk
- Foam Day July 20th, 1-3pm at Strasburg Community Park, 1867 Wagner St.
- ◆ CARA Cross Country (5-14 years old) Deadline July 28th
- Youth Volleyball League (3rd-6th Grade)- Deadline July 31st

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Area first responders and law enforcement investigate a house fire and dead body found inside on July 1 in the Sky Ranch subdivision.

FROM PAGE 1 **BODY FOUND** 

Alcohol, Tobacco and Fireon scene.

Arapahoe County Coro- testing." ner's Office formally identified the deceased as Simone Renee Austin, 52, but released no more information.

further details," "This is an ongoing investi-

Through last week, no home. updates were available.

information] from the cor- hour to fully extinguish,

statement from the Arapaarms Denver office arriving the July 2 statement said. hoe County Sheriff's Office.

online property The following day, the gation and requires further search showed Austin as neighbors came over to the one of two owners of the house during the fire and

> The cause of the fire, "Still waiting on [more which took less than an oner's office," said a July 5 was also not released last age was limited to the in-

A sheriff's office spokeswoman indicated that knocked on the front door released, sheriff's office but no one answered.

Despite smoke billowing from the roof, house dam-

terior and no neighboring homes were reportedly impacted by the blaze.

While the cause of Austin's death has not been officials have said they aren't searching for anyone and there appears to be no threat to the community.



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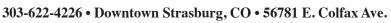
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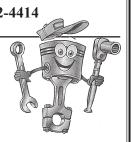


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**FROM PAGE 1** 

From left photo, Lillia Herrera douses hot spots from the seat of a Deer Trail Fire brush truck during a July 3 pasture fire in the area of 152nd Avenue and Prospect Way Road northeast of Leader, and Battalion Chief Lance Shore, front, and Lt. Dez Hill, both of Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue, make adjustments on a spray nozzle.

resulted in zero damage," Conroy added. "Don't read anything into

**FIRE SEASON** 

the extended scene time."

Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue was dispatched to a pair of fire calls Thursday night into Friday morning - 10:45 p.m. on the west side off the Prairie View subdivision in Watkins and 2:15 a.m. to the intersection of Colfax and Kiowa-Bennett Road on the east edge of Bennett.

Byers Fire was dispatched to two calls from 8:30-9 p.m. Thursday, but only minor damage was reported.

Deer Trail firefighters were dispatched to the 200 block of Seventh Avenue Thursday but were only on scene for 15 minutes.

Sable Altura was dispatched twice between 9:40-11 p.m. July 4, including a 10-minute stop at Fox and not something you see every-Ridge Farms Mobile Home Park.

#### **LEADING UP TO THE HOLIDAY**

about 50-60 acres.

Trail and neighboring fire departof a solar farm northeast of town. Quick and efficient firefighting efforts limited the burn damage to about 12 acres and a stack of hay. there were already a couple of re-The scene was cleared in about ally good disked up fire lines to three hours.

Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless said lightning struck the spots, especially the dried manure chainlink fence on the east side piles," Disher said. of the solar farm and ignited the



Byers Fire Capt. Dillon Sketers mans the command station at a July 3 pasture fire at 152nd Avenue and Prospect Way Road in far eastern unincorporated Adams County.

day."

Two days later, about 3 p.m. July 3, the entire I-70 Corridor was dis-The two most serious fires oc- patched to the area of 152nd Avecurred earlier in the week, totaling nue and Prospect Way Road about 14 miles northeast of Leader on The night of July 1 saw Deer a report of a pasture fire. Upon arrival, firefighters arrived to a ments respond to a fire at the site mostly contained blaze thanks to the quick work of a pair of neighbors with tractors.

"By the time we got out there, prevent it from spreading and we were mostly putting out the hot

The scene was mostly cleared

According to Disher, a lightning strike caused the blaze.

#### **NO CHANGE IN BURN STATUS**

Despite the uptick in fire calls ten the summer fire season. last week, including another three responses between Bennett and Monitor map leading up to July Strasburg on July 5, and worsening weather conditions, both Adams and Arapahoe county sheriff's normally dry or in the first stage offices indicated that no immediate changes to burn restrictions are planned.

in a Stage I ban.

"I just got done meeting with our Office of Emergency Management and they don't see [more indoor or self-contained flames. restrictions] going into effect in No outdoor burning is allowed. Arapahoe County based on the fire weather outlook for the weekend," said Arapahoe County Sheriff's ing planned controlled burns with Deputy and public information permits.

officer John Bartmann in a July 5 statement.

"From our OEM: 'none currently. We follow the National Weather Service recommendations and they haven't put anything out," added Sgt. Adam Sherman with the Adams County Sheriff's Office the same day. "I don't know if the upcoming heat wave will initiate any warnings as they are based more on wind and humidity than heat. So we don't foresee any changes."

At least one Corridor fire chief stated disappointment that officials from neither county has contacted him or neighboring fire chiefs for fire risk assessments.

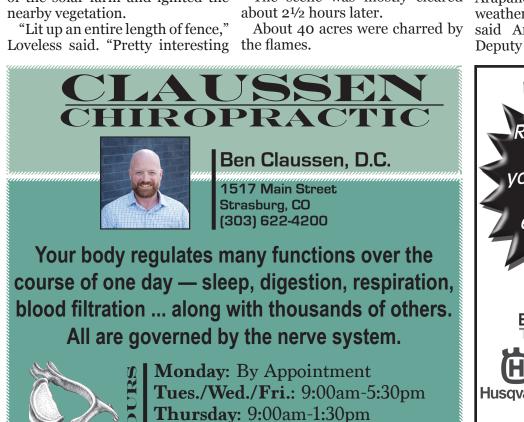
Another area fire official added that, while low-lying grasses started last week pretty wet, resulting in slow fire advancement, taller grasses are drying out quickly and continued 90-degree days with wind and no moisture could has-

According to the U.S. Drought 4, about two-thirds of Adams and Arapahoe counties are either abof drought (moderate drought or D1).

The two neighboring counties to Both local jurisdictions remain the south and east both recently stepped up their burn restrictions.

Elbert County is at Stage II, which allows exceptions for only

Lincoln County is in Stage III, which allows no burning, includ-



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## LIBRARY NEWS

#### **KELVER LIBRARY**

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**Escape room:** Tweens will collaborate in a star-voyage-themed using clues to unlock the toolbox and repair their spacecraft. 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 17.

Western art: Arapahoe Libraries and the American Museum of Western Art will dive into the beauty of awe-inspiring landscapes and explore how art has shaped perceptions of the West. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 17.

#### **DAVIES LIBRARY**

128 Second Ave., Deer Trail (303)769-4310 www.arapahoelibraries.org

Friday matinee: All ages are invited to an afternoon showing of "The Sponge Bob Movie." 1-3 p.m., Friday, July 12.

Rubber Duckies: Teens 12-18 create, decorate and refuel with a rubber duckie-themed snack. All supplies provided; drop-ins welcome. 1-3 p.m., Monday, July 15.

**Adult book club:** "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams. The novel West London. 6-7 p.m., Monday, July 15.

Swordfighting class: Teens and swordfighting demonstration with the Knights of the Tempest. They will watch a medieval-style swordfight, then practice the basics with the local medieval equestrian troupe. 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, July 30.

#### **ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY**

495 Seventh St. (303)405-3231 anythinklibraries.org

Blindfolded Soda Taste Test Chal**lenge**: Library users age 10 and up will compete to see who can correctly identify soda flavors while blindfolded. They will rely on their senses of taste and smell to determine different flavors from a lineup of unique sodas. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, July 12.

to calm their senses and recharge the Bennett Community Center, energy using digital resources to 1100 E. Colfax Ave., Bennett. Apstart or improve their meditation propriate for adults and teens over practice. The workshop will end 16. Space limited; registration at the optional group-guided medi- anythinklibraries.org tation. Space limited; registration 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20. at anythinklibraries.org required. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, July

miniThinkers: These special programs are intended for the youngest Anythinkers - miniThinkers! The library provides a space to spend time with a little one in meaningful ways. Practice early literacy skills by playing, singing, talking and writing. The program is appropriate for children up to age 5. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, July 16.

'Aerospace Adventure:' Kids ages 5-12 can enjoy aerospace adventures and learn of the science behind the wonders of flight and apply the new knowledge with paper airplanes. The event will be held both inside and outside the library. Younger siblings welcome. 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, July 16.

Hamster ball obstacle course: Kids ages 7-12 will race each other in a giant bouncy ball from one end of a brary. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 17.

**'Treasure** Island' Playmaking: escape room solving puzzles and Youngsters 7-12 can step into the spotlight and unleash their inner actor on a "Journey to Treasure Island." Using costumes, props and a sprinkle of lines, they can become the star of the show. In this swashbuckling adventure, they will encounter Red the Pirate Queen, a formidable villain in a humorous twist on a timeless tale, and join the crew as it navigates treacherous waters, plots to seize the ship, and finds the buried treaat anythinklibraries.org required. All participating children must be registered. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, July 18.

'Choose Your Own Adventure:' Library fans 10 and older will learn to use Twine - a digital tool for telling interactive, nonlinear stories — to create a "choose your own adventure" game. Appropriate for ages 10 and older. No advanced registration necessary. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, July 19.

Mad Science Party: The adventurtraces an unlikely friendship in ous mySummer reading program wraps up with a science-themed party. Library fans of all ages will dissect owl pellets, test out the tweens ages 9-17 can attend a buoyancy of boats made from building blocks, and go home with a crystal growing kit. 1-4 p.m., Saturday, July 20.

Mini botanic dying workshop: The Corridor Creative Arts League will host a mini botanic dying workshop led by Estelle Fleckenstein. Attendees ages 16 and up will learn to preserve the beauty of their flower garden with botanic printing. They will use fresh flowers from the Grafted Yoke Farm in Bennett to create a unique artsy dish towel using a technique called "eco-printing." No experience necessary.

Each participant should bring their own small, lightweight hammer. The challenge for the month will be to create something with The Quest Within: Adults can learn fur. This program will be held at required.

**Community drumming:** Emmanutrack to the other before time runs el of Soul Rhythm African Drumout at the big field north of the li- ming will present an entertaining, rhythm-filled journey that uses drumming and body percussion to teach about African culture and music to children ages 2 to 6. Space limited; registration at anythinklibraries.org required. All participating children must be ticipants at this beginner-friendly registered. 11-11:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 23.

7-12 will learn what it takes to be to explore the tarot and improve the world's greatest supervillain. They will pot a carnivorous plant, Friday, July 26. build a mini doomsday device, and create their own secret supervillain identity to become a science formance from the hilarious and sure. Space limited; registration megamind. Space limited; regis- entertaining Mark the Magician. tration at anythinklibraries.org re- Space limited; registration required. All participating children quired. Visit anythinklibraries. must be registered. 11 a.m. to 12 org. 2-3 p.m., Saturday, July 27.

p.m., Wednesday, July 24.

Pop-Up Studio: Participants of all ages will use the xTool laser engraver to turn an Altoids tin into a pocket-sized tic-tac-toe game. 3-5 p.m., Thursday, July 25.

Tarot Club: Adults will learn about the tarot and practice their skills by doing readings for other parworkshop. They can bring their own deck or borrow one from the Supervillain Science: Kids ages library. The program is designed card-reading skills. 3-4:30 p.m.,

> Summertime Magic: Adults might enjoy this magical comedy per-





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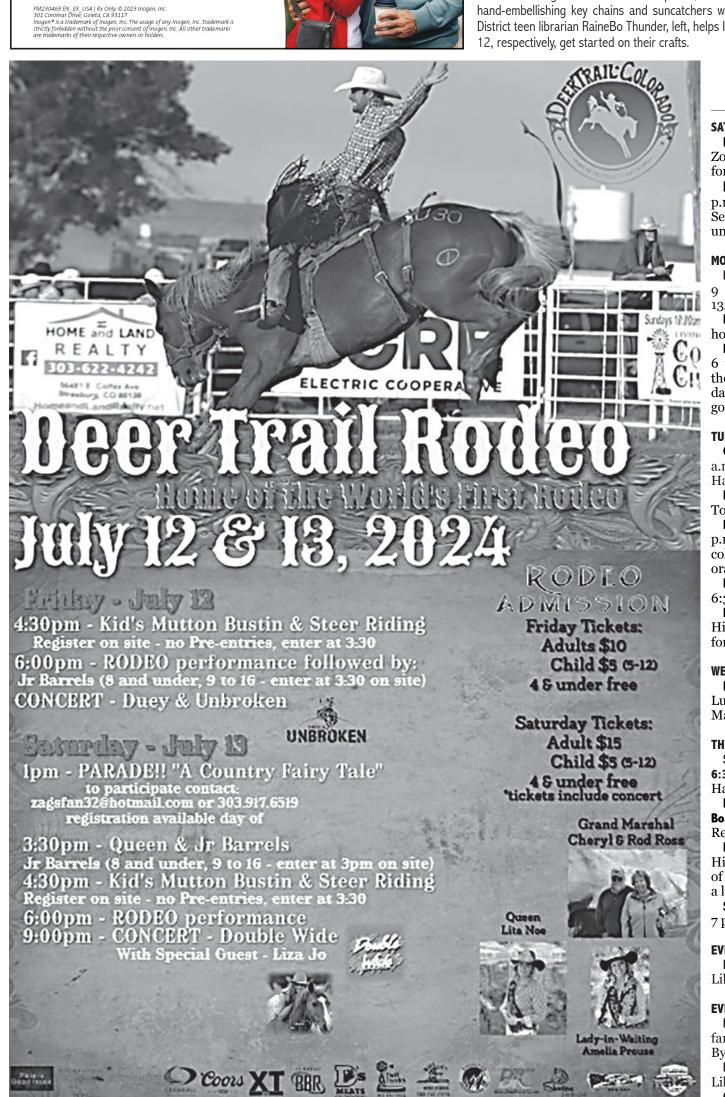
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Davies Library in Deer Trail hosted a "maker" workshop June 17. Participants could pick from several high-tech and low-tech options, such as designing an object to print in 3-D and hand-embellishing key chains and suncatchers with rhinestones. Above, Arapahoe Library District teen librarian RaineBo Thunder, left, helps Isabella and Esperanza Zarate, ages 7 and



#### **C**ALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, JULY 13

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

Deer Trail Rodeo Dinner & 'Nut Fry.' 4 p.m., Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307, 664 Second Ave. \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 10.

#### **MONDAY, JULY 15**

East Adams Conservation District Board. 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Byers Fire Rescue. 6 p.m., Byers Fire-

Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission. p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas page at townofbennett.colorado. gov for information.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 16**

Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.

Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees.com for link and location.

Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers Firehouse.

Bennett School Board. 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit bsd29j.com for a Zoom link.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17**

I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May Farms, Byers.

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 18**

Strasburg American Legion Post 183. 6:30 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board work-study. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

Byers School Board. 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit Board of Education at byers32j.k12.co.us for a link to a live meeting via Zoom.

Strasburg Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., firehouse.

#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

#### **EVERY THURSDAY**

Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelver Library,

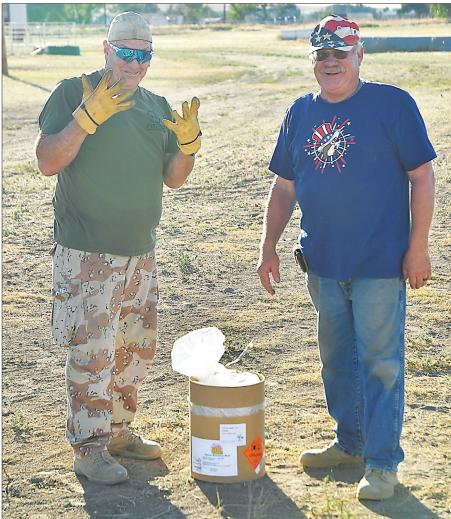
Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

Coffee, Cookies & Chat for seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.

## Deer Trail hosts pre-4th community get-together









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The Deer Trail Board of Trustees hosted a community potluck dinner and fireworks show at the Deer Trail Jockey Club Rodeo Grounds July 3. From top row, trustees Robert Rhodes, left, and Ashley Buss prepare hamburgers and hot dogs for serving; pyrotechnicians Scott Smith, left, and Royce Pindell prep a fireball for the evening's fireworks show; and a variety of colors fill the sky during the approximately half-hour light show.

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## Corridor celebrates Fourth of July in Byers







The annual Fourth of July parade through Byers featured the theme "Let Freedom Ring." From left photo, Grand Marshals Dale and Cindy Ness sit in the bed of their old grain truck as son, Ryan, drives; Tumbleweed Tax received second-place went to Shooters Bar & Grill; and Arapahoe County District 3 Commissioner Jeff Baker waves to constituents alongside wife, Yangson.



Above, a trio of young ladies ride side-saddle along the Byers Fourth of July parade route while dressed in traditional Mexican dresses and sombreros. Below, Dalton Rose, 3, and sister, Evelyn, 5, prepare to wave to onlookers from their parade float entry.







A large crowd converged on the Quint Valley Fairgrounds arena for the annual Fourth of July Rodeo put on by the Byers Parks & Recreation District. Clockwise from top left, former Deer Trail graduate and Bennett resident Tyler Ferguson celebrates his first-place ride in the bareback bronc riding competition; Arapahoe Rodeo Royalty Association Queen Caitlyn Rabe presents the Stars and Stripes during the traditional grand entry; Natasha Lynn sings the National Anthem; and rodeo clown and funny man Benny Bob Patrick of Elizabeth has a mishap with one of the porta-potties during a break in the action. For additional coverage, see the July 12 edition of the Eastern Colorado News.

Fourth of July photos are available from The I-70 Scout, (303)622-9796.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout Left photo, young Claire Dillingham is more interested in throwing candy to onlookers along the Fourth of July parade route in Bvers from a passenger window of a Byers Fire truck rather than smiling for the camera. Below, the tooth mascot from Open & Affordable Dental in Bennett provides a friendly reminder to parade-goers to brush their teeth after partaking of the treats handed out during







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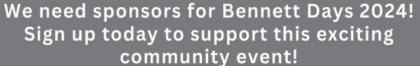
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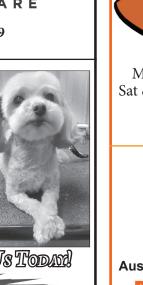


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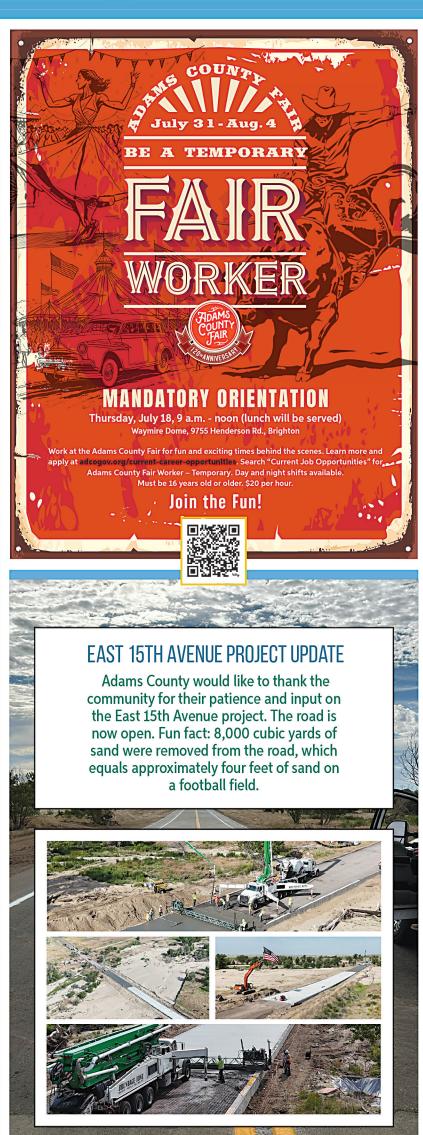
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## Holiday Saturday at Quint Valley



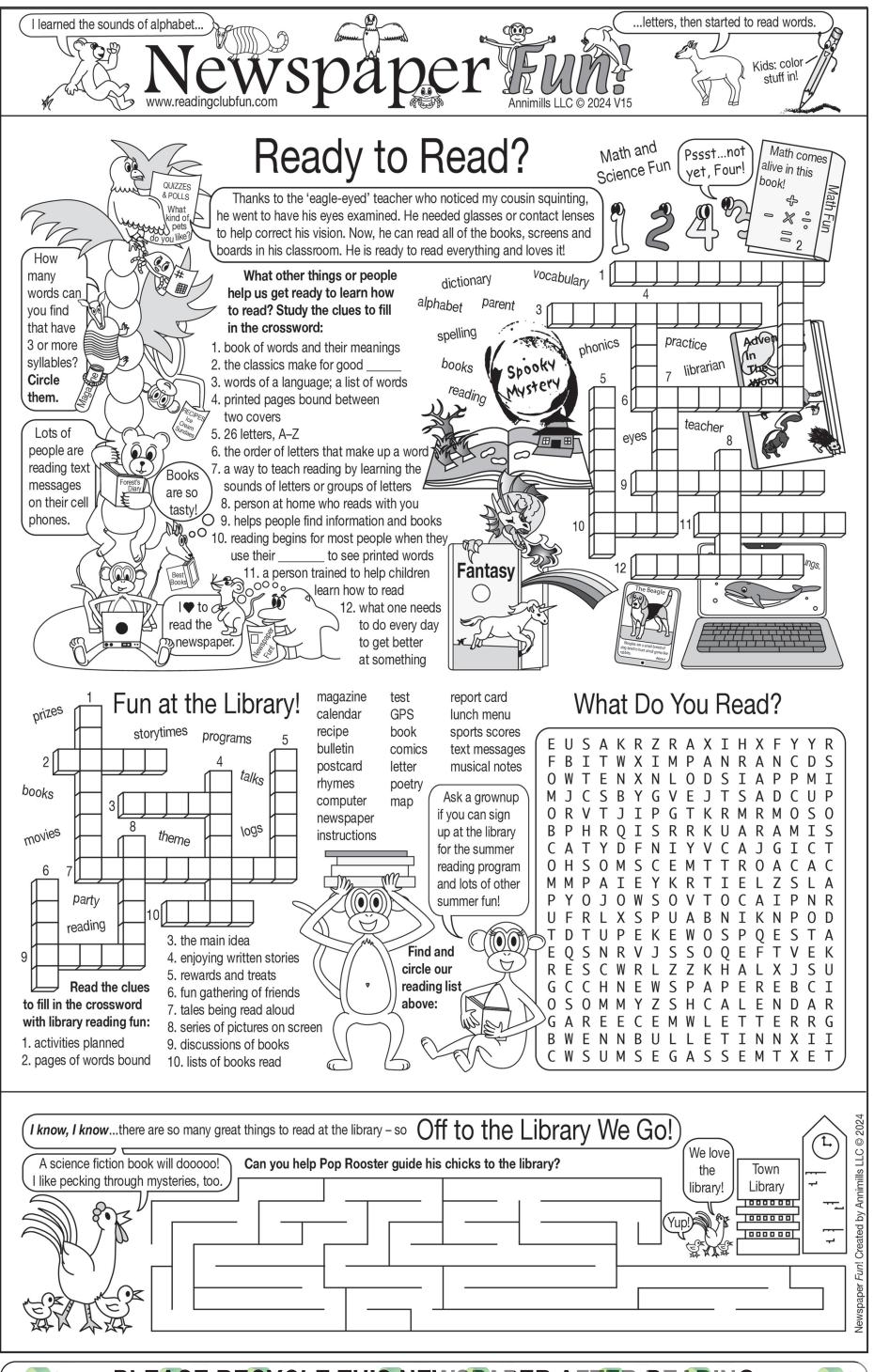


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The Byers Parks & Recreation District concluded its Fourth of July weekend with a number of activities at the Quint Valley Fairgrounds July 6. The day started with a pancake breakfast, was followed by a day-long quilt show and antique tractor pull, and concluded with an evening fireworks show. Top photos, Emery Meier, 9, left, and Chris Rino help serve up pancakes to the hungry throng. Center photo, Mary Craig, left, and Janice LaRue from Quilt It Ya Ya of Aztez, N.M., view the 40-plus quilts that adorn the Quint Valley Quonset. The duo made the 7-hour trek to show off their business' wares. Bottom photo, Mike Greenrod of Brighton puts his 1956 Oliver S88 tractor into gear during the tractor pull. The tractor pull was put on by the Northern Colorado Antique Tractor Pullers Association.



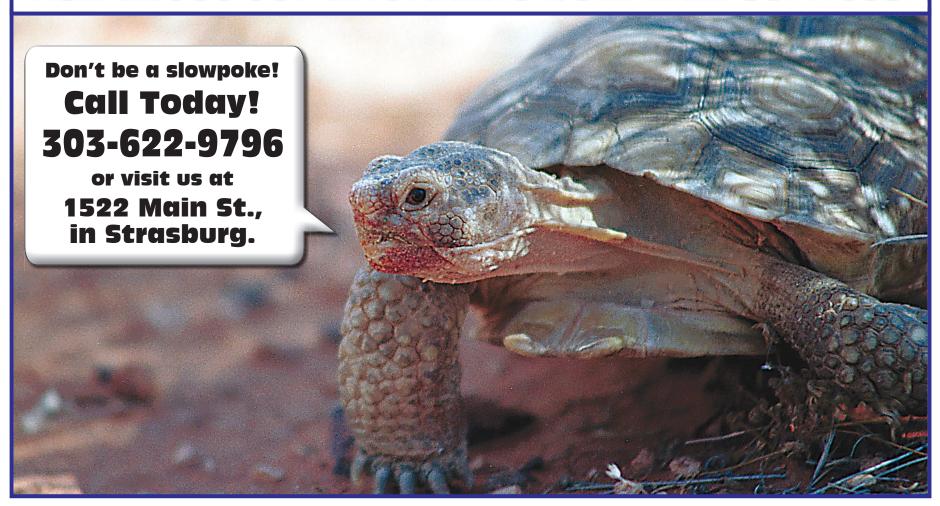




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1427 Main St.	Strasburg	3	1	2232	2232	10	\$355,000	99%
2728 Renshaw St.	Strasburg	3	2	1012	1012	23	\$396,000*	98%
55602 E 27th Pl.	Strasburg	3	2	1014	1014	30	\$385,000*	99%
2935 Rose Hill St.	Strasburg	3	1	1012	1012	75	\$385,000	94%
1258 4th Ave.	Deer Trail	4	3	1606	1606	1	\$398,000*	100%
485 3rd St.	Bennett	4	2	2194	1800	11	\$400,000	90%
2712 Renshaw St.	Strasburg	4	2	1350	1350	10	\$405,000*	100%
47541 Clover Ave.	Bennett	3	2	1268	1268	25	\$415,000*	98%
389 Maple St.	Bennett	3	2	1465	1465	122	\$430,000	100%
311 Maple St.	Bennett	3	2	1490	1490	16	\$435,000*	105%
339 Spruce St.	Bennett	3	3	1931	1931	7	\$465,000	100%
2344 Basil St.	Strasburg	4	4	2180	2100	13	\$485,000*	100%
45710 Silverdrop Ave.	Bennett	4	3	2635	2635	28	\$539,999*	102%
56439 E 23rd Pl.	Strasburg	4	3	3095	2178	22	\$550,000	100%
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604 E Bates Ave.	Byers	3	2	2032	2032	8	\$600,000	102%
56700 E Chenango Pl.	Strasburg	3	2	1620	1620	11	\$609,000*	100%
72810 E CR 6	Byers	4	2	2001	2001	220	\$635,000*	99%
1395 Viewridge Rd.	Bennett	3	4	2935	1935	5	\$670,000	105%
1282 N CR 125	Bennett	3	3	1778	1778	5	\$760,000	100%
56910 E 42nd Ct.	Strasburg	5	5	3564	3400	29	\$820,000*	100%
42919 E Arizona Pl.	Bennett	7	4	4464	4464	114	\$875,000*	97%
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## **Homemade Hamburger Helper**

by Bobbie Keefer

For The Scout

Hamburger Helper is a nostalgic quick and easy meal to prepare. Make it at home instead of buying the store boxed version.

This homemade recipe is healthier and tastes like a cheeseburger. Regular store-bought Hamburger Helper contains added sugars and preservatives. This homemade version is made with real food ingredients.

To be honest, I can't compare it with the boxed version because I didn't grow up eating Hamburger Helper, but I wanted to try it because it is so popular.

My sister Linda likes meals that are super easy. She says my homemade recipe is better than the real thing! She should know, I saw her pantry and it is filled with Hamburger Helpers.

Can you believe that there are DIRECTIONS 40 different varieties? I think she is addicted and has tried every one salted water. Drain. of them!

#### HOMEMADE HAMBURGER HELPER

**INGREDIENTS** 

- 8 ounces rigatoni pasta
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ½ onion, diced
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic



- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic pepper
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar

In large pot par-cook pasta in

In same pot, fry and crumble ground beef. Drain grease.

Add onion, broth, milk, tomato sauce, garlic, onion powder, chili powder, garlic pepper, parsley. Bring to soft boil.

Add cooked pasta. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat. Stir in cheese until melted.

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Dunning refers to the plane as a Stearman, after the designer.

#### **15 YEARS AGO** JULY 14, 2009

DENVER — Plans to expand and remodel Denver International Airport are expected to bring an economic boon to the I-70 Corridor.

DIA officials announced July 1 plans to add a Westin Hotel, RTD FasTracks terminal, and an open-air plaza. In addition, the Jeppesen Terminals Great Hall might be converted into a passenger-only area and levels 5 and 6 might be expanded.

Total construction cost is expected to approach \$1 billion, with an additional \$160 million paid to

Parson Transportation Group, selected to serve as project manager.

"This a multi-\$100 million project and it's going to mean extra jobs and other financial stimulus to the area," said DIA spokesman Chuck Cannon.

#### 10 YEARS AGO **JULY 16, 2014**

BENNETT — Reports of pneumonic plague along the Eastern Plains off Colorado have been pinpointed to a portion of the I-70 Corridor, including the death of a dog and hospitalization of a seriously sick man from north of Bennett.

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment announced July 9 that an Eastern Colorado resident and dog had been infected with the disease. The canine died from the infection while the resident is hospitalized with severe symptoms. Testing done at Colorado State University in Fort Collins confirmed the disease in the dog.

While CDPHE was ambiguous concerning the specific location where the infections were found, officials with the Tri-County Health Department indicated that the man and dog were near Bennett.

"Suffice it to say along the Highway 79 Corridor," a Tri-County source said.

Residents north of Bennett also reported July 9-10 that Tri-County employees were going doorto-door with information about precautions to take against the disease and assessing the risk threat.



Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9. **SOLUTION ON PAGE 17** 

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 11, ried out the killings of more the 193rd day of 2024. There are 173 days left in the year.

#### **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**

On July 11, 1995, the U.N.-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica in Bosnia-Herzegovina fell to Bosnian Serb forces, who subsequently car-

#### **ON THIS DATE**

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol

bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for es led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning

In 1914, Babe Ruth made In 1859, Big Ben, the great his Major League baseball debut, pitching the Boston Red Sox to a 4-3 victory over

In 1960, Harper Lee's novel

"To Kill a Mockingbird" was published.

#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Fashion designer Giorgio Armani is 90. Actor Bruce McGill is 74. Actor Sela Ward is 68. Rock guitarist Richie

– Associated Press

#### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD **THEME: FAMOUS FIRSTS**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Croat or Moravian, e.g.
- 5. Paid player
- 8. Not Miss or Ms.
- 11. First-rate 12. Mattress with memory?
- 13. Be of use
- 15. "It's time!" signal
- \_-de-camp
- 17. Like an unhealthy dog
- 18. \*First one to circumnavigate
- globe, almost
- 20. March Madness org.
- 21. Bring upon 22. Orange Lavaburst drink
- \_, first Latina to win 23. \*Rita\_
- Academy Award 26. Winter rides, in Russia
- 30. Brewery order
- 31. Unties or unbuttons
- 34. Nearly
- 35. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 37. Good times
- 38. Rheumy 39. Tel \_\_\_\_, Israel
- 40. Bequeath
- 42. Once known as
- 43. West African country
- 45. \*Chuck \_, first to break speed © StatePoint Media
- of sound
- 47. Genetic info carrier, acr.
- 48. City near D<sub>s</sub>seldorf 50. Short for Dorothea
- 52. \*First artificial satellite (2 words) 55. Clay and silt deposit
- 56. Marine eagle
- 57. Mercantile establishment
- 59. Singer Piaf 60. Concert series
- 61. Indian nursemaid
- 62. Craggy peak 63. Little troublemaker
- 64. Solitary

#### DOWN

- 1. Give in to gravity
- 2. Weaver's apparatus 3. The "I" in "The King and I"
- 4. Carrots or peas, slangily
- 5. French soldier in WWI 6. Speed gun
- 7. \*First horror film about Damien
- 8. Supernatural life force
- Thorn, with The
- 9. Capital of Latvia
- 10. Canny
- 12. Han Śolo's "Millennium \_

than 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

duel in Weehawken, N.J.

the first time.

In 1864, Confederate forc-

back the next day.

Cleveland.

Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 65.

## HOROSCOPE

#### The Trine of Seriousness

The trine of Venus and Neptune is a serious situation. You can turn the "serious lens" to whatever you need to train it on. Whether it's serious fun or something you need to "seriously" figure out or another category of seriousness entirely, you'll make it right. The point is that you're committed to a focus and you'll keep with it until the conclusion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day to choose your song and let it carry you through experiences, as a good soundtrack is keen to do. If you need another reason to sing: the verbalizations will resonate through the entire body with healing sound waves.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When volunteers are needed, you'll consider it and you'll join in the case where you truly believe you can do something good in the situation. If you do decide to raise your hand, you'll look back and realize it was all because you raised your hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you make plans involving others, suddenly dozens of other small goals fall into the mix. There's so much that has to happen to make one meeting come together. This is what's on your mind and agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Build good will and it will remain. It will be there when you need it to be there. It will be there when you want to tap it and it will be there if you never do. Good will, like gold, has a way of remaining untarnished and ready.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people want to be generous with you, you're first instinct is skeptical, which is only smart. If there's no reason to be skeptical, that will be revealed. First you'll wonder if accepting generosity will put you in debt. Then you'll find out what expectations are in play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something to add and something to drop. You can balance much, but not all. Once you let go of a matter, it will fall into cir-

culation. Someone else will get it and be very happy for the acquisition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've done things you're proud of. You're still in the thrust of it, actually. Don't wait for others to notice your accomplishments. Privately acknowledge and praise yourself. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Contrary to

the saying, honesty is not always the best policy. It is only best when the truth is both necessary and kind. There's a time for silent honesty. That's when you hold a space, quietly observing, until someone needs and wants to know what you see. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be a key player in the events of the day, and

there's a lot you're doing to get ready for

the events of tomorrow, too. The muses

favor you with excellent ideas that you'll sell with great persuasion. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Becoming has its own intelligence. Even though you may feel clueless as to what your next move is, your intention to avoid trouble and steer yourself in a healthful and sup-

portive direction will prevail. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you over-do it, the recovery can be so intense you wish you never made the effort in the first place. Go forward incrementally, so as to make the challenge a pleasure, not a punishment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are many ways to be truthful. Your truth is tested by worthy opponents. Priorities shift. New influences and interests come. Growth is exhilarating. Rest when needed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11). You'll venture boldly, not knowing the way, and nor will your mentors or team. But your moral compass, curiosity and work ethic will lead you all to innovate, invent and strike gold. More highlights: relationship developments that thrill and move you, a clutch investment will pay for seasons to come, and droves of new clients, supporters and fans. Sagittarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 20, 14 and 8.

— Horoscopes by Holiday



- 13. Prenatal test, for short 14. \*The first one helped combat smallpox
- 19. Tedium 22. 120 mins.
- 23. #8 Down, pl.
- 24. Martini garnish 25. Pine product
- 26. Midterm, e.g.
- 27. a.k.a. Tibetan wild ass 28. Feel the same
- 29. Timider 32. Deadly challenge
- 33. Military moves
- 36. \*Mount first conquered by Hillary and Norgay 38. 10 to 12-year-old
- 40. Ewe's cry 41. Half-shell delicacy
- 44. Grind with teeth 46. Fauna member
- 48. Erasable programmable read only memory 49. Break of day 50. List of chores
- 51. Prince of Wales to King
- 52. Searching for E.T. org. 53. Boxer's last blow
- 54. Azerbaijan's southern neighbor
- the wild rumpus begin!" one and only"
- **ANSWERS ON PAGE 2**

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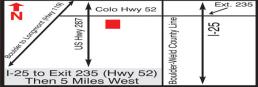
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