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DUI crash suspect faces seven charges

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — A Strasburg man is facing more than a handful of charges associated with allegations of drunk driving that resulted in a residential crash and break-ins on neighboring properties on the north edge of town.

Taylor Siemer, 21, was scheduled for a return filing of charges

in Courtroom 3 of Adams County District Court Nov. 5 after he was taken into custody around midnight Oct. 25-26.

The seven counts filed by the DA's office are driving under the influence; reckless driving; possession of a firearm under the influence; first-degree criminal trespass to an automobile; second-degree burglary of a dwelling; criminal mischief with damag-

es between \$300 to \$1,000; and obstruction of a peace officer. The burglary charge is a third-degree felony; reckless driving a second-level traffic offense; and the other five misdemeanors.

According to the Adams County Sheriff's Office, at

approximately 12:30 a.m., Oct. 26, a deputy responded to the 3900 block of Burton Street on report of a rollover accident.

Upon arrival, the deputy found Siemer's father looking through the wreckage of a red Lexus that belonged to his son. The father reported that a friend of his son, who was also in the car, reported

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National Weather Service: Oct. '24 2nd-hottest ever

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The warmest September and the second-hottest October on record have combined with woefully below-average precipitation the past two months to slide about 60% of Colorado into some semblance of drought designation, including all of Adams, Arapahoe and Elbert county portions of the I-70 Corridor.

According to the National Weather Service's official weather station at Denver International Airport, October's average temperature of 59.1 degrees is only behind 59.9 degrees recorded in 1950 and jumped ahead of the previous runner-up of 57.9 degrees in 1963. In addition, the amount of moisture collected last month was 0.11 inches, which is the 12th lowest accumulation for October. The 10 driest Octobers on record since 1872 have been 0.06 inches or less; most recently, 2021 was at 0.06 inches of precipitation. The driest October on record was 1934 when only "a trace"

was measured.

The NWS' weather station at Cabin Creek along Highway 36 east of Byers showed an average October daily temperature of 55.7 degrees, compared to the historical average of 49.8 degrees, and a precipitation amount of 0.36 inches, well below the monthly average of 1.4 inches.

October was the second straight month of significantly hotter and drier conditions throughout the Front Range and areas immediately to the east.

For September, the DIA weather station measured a record average daily temperature of 70 degrees, up from the previous high of 69.4 degrees in 2015, and precipitation of 0.25 inches, well below the 1.4-inch average for the month.

The Cabin Creek station reported a daily average temperature of 63.5 degrees for September and less than an inch of moisture, compared to a historical average of 1.63 inches.

The lack of temperature or moisture relief has led to drought conditions rapidly

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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Benjamin Ginther, 3, seems perplexed as to how to feed a banana to a vacuum hose at the Feed the Elephant game during Calvary Chapel Bennett's Halloween carnival at the Bennett VFW Hall Oct. 31. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., and Chris Richardson, candidate for the state representative, pose with Charlie Kerr, 13, of Strasburg, during a campaign stop at Trupp Park in Bennett Oct. 28. Richardson ran for Colorado House District 56, which includes the I-70 Corridor, against Democrat Alessandra Navetta. Boebert ran against Democrat Trisha Calvarese for the U.S. House of Representatives in Colorado's 4th Congressional District, which encompasses the rural Eastern Plains. Election results were unavailable at press time.

U.S. Drought Monitor
Colorado



October 29, 2024 (Released Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024) Valid 8 a.m. EDT	
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)	
	None D0-D4 D5-D6 D7-D8 D9
Current	38.87 61.13 34.33 6.66 2.01 0.00
Last Week	44.43 55.57 31.13 6.61 1.58 0.00
3 Months Ago	58.28 41.71 9.42 1.53 0.00 0.00
Start of Calendar Year	34.89 65.10 29.89 9.88 3.06 0.00
Start of Water Year	48.27 51.73 24.43 4.62 0.00 0.00
One Year Ago	52.00 47.99 21.88 2.73 0.00 0.00
Intensity:	
None	D0 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D1 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D2 Exceptional Drought
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/about.aspx	
Author: Brian Fuchs National Drought Mitigation Center	
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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Veteran's Day celebration set for 'Burg Legion Hall

STRASBURG — All veterans and their families are invited to honor the men and women who have served this nation as members of the U.S. military from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Jess-Yaich American Legion Post 183 of Strasburg will conduct the flag presentation, retirement ceremonies, and a moment of reflection.

Visitors who RSVP will be served a free spaghetti dinner and entered to win door prizes.

To reserve a spot, call (303)622-4260.

ArapCo High Plains: Sheriff short on Victim Advocates

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office needs Victim Advocates who lives on the Eastern Plains of the county.

The sheriff is seeking volunteer Victim Advocates from Bennett to Deer Trail to offer support and counseling to crime and trauma victims.

For more information, contact Renee Grengs, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (720)874-3940 or rgrengs@arapahoegov.com.

History seminar planned on govt's judicial branch

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society will host a discussion on the judicial branch of government from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, at the TBK Bank Community Room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum will detail the provisions of Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

Discussion will center on the constitutional provisions for U.S. Supreme Court, current topics for its reform and how the court has historically behaved through history.

A reception will open the event

Annual Byers toy drive runs thru Dec. 5

BYERS — The annual Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church Christmas Toy Drive is underway through Thursday, Dec. 5.

The event benefits families in financial need with gifts for their children up to age 14. Contributions of new or gently used toys can be delivered to Byers General Store, Western Hardware in Strasburg, or the Bennett Recreation Center.

The drive will culminate with

the annual Christmas Toy Shop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church, 186 N. McDonnell St., Byers.

Families in the Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Agate areas should register their kids at tinyurl.com/OLPtoyshop.

For more information, call Jane Benz at (303)621-2981. Para español llamar a Karla, (720)226-8720.

at 6 p.m., and the program will run from 6:30-8 p.m.

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

Grants to help producers combat drought available

FORT MORGAN — The Colorado Ag Water Alliance is seeking grant proposals for its Drought Resiliency Grant Program.

The program helps interested farmers and ranchers in implementing practices to manage drought and water resources. Producers are supported throughout the application and project process by CAWA.

Ideas must be discussed prior to project approval.

Examples of previous projects include alternative crops and forages, irrigation timing and scheduling, livestock management, and agronomic practices to improve water retention.

Applications are due Dec. 13. For more information, contact CAWA at (720)244-4629 or coagwater@gmail.com.

Veterans Day breakfast scheduled at Deer Trail

DEER TRAIL — The town of Deer Trail and Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307 will host a Veterans Day breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Elks Lodge, 664 Second Ave.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

Veterans eat free. Cost is otherwise \$10 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6-12, and free for kids under 5 years old.

Three area churches unite on Thanksgiving worship

A community-wide service of Thanksgiving will be co-hosted by three local churches: Strasburg Presbyterian Church, Byers Community Church and Saron Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

The service will begin at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Strasburg Presbyterian Church.

The theme will be "Remembering to be Thankful." Pie and fellowship will follow the service.

Counties announce forums for Strasburg Subarea Plan

STRASBURG — Adams County staff, Arapahoe County staff, and the Strasburg Plan Steering Committee are planning two Strasburg Subarea Plan community open houses at TBK Bank in Strasburg.

The events will run from:

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20; and
- 9-11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 2.

Findings from a recent survey and existing conditions research will be presented as the organizations seek feedback for the planning process.

For additional information, call

Ella Gleason at (720)523-6923 or visit atengageadams.adcogov.org.

The first Strasburg Subarea Plan was created in 2002.

Contributions requested to boost Byers cemetery

BYERS — The Byers Community Cemetery Association is seeking donations to defray seasonal maintenance costs.

Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. They can be sent to BCCA, P.O. Box 733, Byers, Colo. 80103.

Tree-cutting app deadline set at Golden Gate Canyon

GOLDEN — The application window for the annual Christmas tree cut at Golden Gate Canyon State Park is open through Nov. 15.

The \$35 permits can only be purchased at www.cpwshop.com, and only 250 people will be awarded tree cut permits through a lottery system.

Winners will be notified after Nov. 15.

The cut will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, in the designated area from the Nott Creek trailhead.

Hand tools only are allowed. Trees must be carried back to the vehicle.

Any tree species may be felled.

Vets Day flowers offered to place at AdCo memorial

BRIGHTON — The Veteran Service Office and Veterans Advisory Commission are hosting a Veterans Day event to honor those who served in the armed forces.

The organizations are sponsoring individual flowers to be placed at the Adams County Veterans Memorial at Riverdale Regional Park, 10010 Henderson Road, Brighton, over Veterans Day weekend.

The first round of flowers will be placed at 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 8.

To participate, visit the Adams County Veterans Memorial during Veterans Day weekend.

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Limited revenue forces cuts to Arapahoe Co. budget

LITTLETON — Coming in at more than \$571 million, the proposed 2025 Arapahoe County budget prioritizes essential services for the county's 655,000 residents while navigating ongoing financial constraints, according to a release.

The budget includes immediate cuts to existing funding or denial of budget package requests:

- \$2.1 million reduction for non-mandated general fund programs through a reduction to the Aid to Agencies program and economic development contributions.
- \$15.9 million in reductions to capital improvement projects which were deferred to future years.
- Requests for 13 new full-time positions at a cost of \$1.4 million were denied.
- \$2.1 million in General Fund budget package requests outside of personnel requests were not recommended.
- \$7.8 million were not recommended for pavement maintenance.

Despite an overall increase in property taxes in 2024, the portion that Arapahoe County collects has steadily fallen even as demand for services has increased. The county receives only about 13% —

or \$32 per month — in property tax revenue for a home valued at \$500,000, which is used to provide all services for the county. This factor, combined with historic population growth and inflation, has stymied revenue growth.

"Despite our revenue limitations, the 2025 Recommended Budget is balanced and will allow us to continue offering state and federally mandated programs that promote quality of life for our residents," said Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully, board chair. "But, in very real terms, this means that next year's budget will only fund the things we have to do; it will not include the things that we should do nor the things we could do."

The budget proposal comes as funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is drying up. Those one-time federal funds were used to help residents and businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to supplement the operational needs of the county.

"ARPA helped us better serve our residents and businesses during

the pandemic. It also allowed us to meet needs that we hadn't been able to previously address and complete some projects that we otherwise couldn't do with our existing budget," said Commissioner Bill Holen. "As ARPA funds wind down, we must be even more judicious with our budget."

County offices and departments submitted more than \$52 million in requested operational budget packages (not including capital improvement projects), vying for a slice of the \$7.9 million available in new funding. The county's Executive Budget Committee eval-

uated the proposals while trying to maintain funding to support the county's biggest expenditures: employees and capital improvement projects.

The county's ability to complete needed capital projects has always been constrained by the amount of available revenue, and finance staff warned that 2025 is no exception. Departments and offices made \$26.1 million in capital improvement requests, creating a large funding gap that was scaled back to \$13.9 million. A cross-county

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Byers Catholic church plans faith formation gatherings

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Dear Family, Friends, and Community,

15 years. I cannot believe this toy drive has gone on for 15 years! It could not have been done without the incredible support system I have from all of you reading this! A lot has changed since the start of this toy drive, so let me update you all on me. I am heading into my last year of college at West Texas A&M and looking to graduate by next May! I am also a current supervisor at our local Boys and Girls Club, which has been fantastic in helping even more kids. I am super excited for this year's toy drive to start, and alongside me, I am pleased to announce our newest ambassadors for the year! All three are hard-working seniors in high school, and I am so blessed to welcome them to the team. Thank you, Tyce Bollers, Natalie Damron, and Peighton Marrero, for believing in my cause. Let me help our new readers by describing what this letter is for. My name is Daniel Alvarado, and I started this toy drive in 2010 when my brother, Diego, was diagnosed with leukemia. Being six years old at the time, it was tough going through the hospital to visit my brother. I would see all the kids going through cancer treatments, constantly being in pain. I realized that some of these kids had to spend Christmas (which was my family's favorite holiday at the time) in the hospital. This is when I decided to start Cancer Fighters to the Rescue, a toy drive that brings Christmas to these Cancer Fighters who are stuck in the hospital. My brother was there every step of the way, as he was the reason this toy drive was able to start. Unfortunately, he hasn't seen how big this toy drive has gotten, as he passed away on December 17th, 2016, 2 days before we had to deliver the toys that year. Since then, I have lived by my brother's phrase, "Never Give Up and Keep Trying". The toy drive lives on in honor of my brother, and I know he's up there smiling from ear to ear, seeing how big this toy drive has gotten. Over the past 14 years, we have donated over 35,000 toys to the Children's Hospital of Aurora, CO; this wouldn't be possible without all of you! All donations will go toward these Cancer Fighters who deserve a wonderful Christmas. We are asking for NEW toys for kids aged 0-21 years old. The deadline to donate is December 17th. If you don't have the time to go shopping, you can donate through our GoFundMe page, which allows us to do the shopping for you! Thank you once again for all of your support! Remember, Kindness starts with you! God Bless,

Daniel Alvarado

Please Help US Locate Dozier!

Our Silver (grey/black) Pug, Dozier, was involved in a car accident about 3:30 a.m., Oct. 21, near mile marker 311 just east of Strasburg. Deputies said she slipped her harness and ran east about a mile before crossing both lanes of I-70 and running southeast towards Byers. She has white paws and weighs about 26 lbs. If seen, please don't approach or yell as it might scare her into danger.

Please call (970) 227-3932 with any information.



DAVID MAGDANZ/For The Scout

Clifford Smith poses next to his collection of U.S. Capitol-specific memorabilia during a presentation on the legislative branch of government Oct. 17 at the TBK Bank Community Room in Strasburg. Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum, which hosted the event, detailed the provisions of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution, and discussion centered on the constitutional provisions for Congress and its apportionment into 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 100 seats in the Senate.

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committee will prioritize projects based on the county's Strategic Plan.

"Our staff works miracles with the limited budget they receive for capital projects," said Commissioner Jessica Campbell. "This underfunded capital budget will have an effect on residents, whether it's un-repaired crumbling roads, deferred road projects, or lower levels of service. These Band-Aids do not even cover the wounds at this point."

The total amount of capital projects recommended for 2025 is \$10.2 million and focuses mainly on life-safety issues and projects with committed outside funding. Recommended programs include \$7.4 million in facility improvements and maintenance projects; \$1.35 million in transportation infrastructure projects; and \$1.5 in technology enhancements.

"We had some very tough conversations this year," said Commissioner Jeff Baker. "We've worked all year to prioritize services and identify additional areas for cutbacks. We have been preparing for this for several years

now, but it doesn't lessen the impact."

The recommended budget notably reduces funding to the county's Aid to Agencies program, which supports local nonprofits to the tune of \$2.1 million. Those nonprofits offer services the county cannot provide on its own. Commissioners also nixed contributions to the area's economic development partners who work to heighten corporate investment in the area.

"We have some wonderful partners who all have one goal: make Arapahoe County the best place to live and work," said Commissioner Leslie Summey. "It's heart-breaking to scale back support of the groups that help the county thrive. Commissioners will continue looking for ways to provide exceptional service even as we tighten our belts."

The 2025 Recommended Budget is available for public review and comment. Commissioners will vote to approve or deny the budget at their Dec. 10 meeting.

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Landscape research project planned at ArapCo Admin Bldg

LITTLETON — Big changes are in store for the Arapahoe County Administration building east lawn in Littleton.

The three-acre parcel will soon be transformed from a thirsty and sparse Kentucky bluegrass field to a vibrant lawn of flowers, grasses and herbaceous flowering plants.

The transformation is part of a study to measure the efficacy of a propriety seed mix and application protocol for improving soil quality, reducing irrigation costs, and eliminating the need for herbicide and pesticides.

Arapahoe County's Water Action Plan, created in 2022, aims to reduce landscape water use by 13% over the next five to 10 years from a baseline established in 2019. A previous project to convert the Administration Building's west lawn to native grasses has netted a savings of nearly 1.8 million gallons of water so far, well in excess of that 13% goal.

The Facilities & Fleet Management Department desired to convert the parcel on the east side of the administration building with a different mix of native grasses, but available funds were inadequate to cover the project and other turf conversations in the works throughout the county.

Denver Water, a leader in water efficiency and sustainability measures, connected the county with the Los Angeles-based FLOWER to the PEOPLE. The utility also committed a grant of \$65,000 to cover site preparation expenses like de-thatching and irrigation system modifications.

"Our team is thrilled to be involved in this

project as it aligns perfectly with the type of initiative we are eager to support," says Bea Stratton, Denver Water senior planner for Conservation & Efficiency. "By replacing turfgrass with a water-efficient landscape, we are making a significant and positive environmental impact."

Rather than removing existing grass, the existing lawn will be over-seeded with a multi-species and flower-filled seed mix. The new plants will eventually overtake the existing bluegrass lawn and the resulting flora will be highly biodiverse and pollinator-friendly.

During a six- to eight-week establishment period, the seeds will be irrigated according to a pre-planned schedule and the lawn will be blocked to public access. After establishment, it will be irrigated only once weekly during the irrigation season. No fertilizer or herbicides will be allowed.

This protocol is used for first time in Colorado, and FLOWER to the PEOPLE will conduct periodic soil sampling to study the lawn's transformation. The study hypothesizes that the roots of new plants will penetrate the clay soils up to 6 inches, allowing the ground to retain more water and slowing runoff.

"By participating as a study test site, Arapahoe County is demonstrating leadership in resource conservation, improving a struggling landscape, and contributing to scientific knowledge," says Lisa VanderHeyden, senior project manager. "If the study shows positive results, this model might be replicated on other county sites or other public locations around

the state." Once the plants are established, the site will reopen to the public and their dogs and children. Foot traffic and community interaction will be encouraged as human and domesticated animal integration lends minor "disturbance" to the site, which selectively benefits plant species.

Mowing is expected to take place at county discretion only when the plantings are 8 inches tall and will take place in "crazy paths" through the field and around developing clumps of flowers. Signage will encourage the public to walk through the space on these paths, which will change course monthly.

The county expects that the project will save a minimum of 1.57 million gallons of water annually after establishment, at least an \$8,000 annual irrigation water savings. Additional permanent savings are anticipated through the significant decrease in the need for site mowing and the elimination of fertilizers and herbicides. The county will closely monitor water usage and financial savings and will evaluate the project at the end of two years.

Facilities & Fleet Management project leaders will share the knowledge gained through the project with Denver Water, other governments and organizations through conference presentations and journal articles.

"This project should be a win-win for our community," says VanderHeyden. "By investigating this potentially transformational solution, we are saving money for the county and putting our sustainability values into practice."

Polis works to remedy leak of voting system passwords

by Jesse Bedayn
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's Democrat governor said Halloween night that he is providing state aircraft and vehicles to help with changing voting system passwords that were accidentally leaked on a state website.

The mistake comes amid skepticism of voting systems, even though U.S. election nationwide remain fair and reliable.

The passwords were left on a spreadsheet online for months, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced on Tuesday. Local, state and federal agencies worked together to change the passwords by the evening of Oct. 31, and analyzed logs to ensure there hasn't been any tampering.

The Colorado County Clerks Association said in a statement that because Colorado's voting systems have layers of safeguards, and with the remediation plan already in motion, "county clerks can say with confidence that Colorado elections are secure."

Former President Donald Trump's campaign sent a letter to Griswold to express concern, which followed a similar letter from the chairman of the Colorado GOP.

Griswold responded in a letter Thursday evening, saying that because of the many security levels, "no single error can compromise the integrity of the system," and reiterated that the leak presents "no immediate threat."

Griswold has called Colorado the gold standard for election security, though the leaked spreadsheet follows a hiccup in 2022.

Colorado's other voting security measures include around-the-



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Stickers for voters sit in a roll on a ballot box at a voting drop-off location Oct. 25 in Washington Park in Denver.

clock surveillance, badge-guarded access, and multiple passwords that must be used in-person and in secured areas — the access to which is tracked. Colorado voters fill out paper ballots, which are audited after the election.

The voting system was "built with many layers of security to protect against just this type of occurrence," said Matt Crane, the association's executive director and a former Republican county clerk. "Every clerk is taking this issue seriously and is staying laser-focused on delivering the safe and accurate elections that Coloradans have come to expect from us."

Those tasked with changing the compromised passwords are working in pairs, under direct observation from local election officials, according to a statement from Colorado Gov. Jared Polis' office.

"We want to be able to provide assurances that all votes are counted fairly and accurately for this election and all elections," Polis said.

"Colorado has countless layers of security to ensure voter's voices are heard. I'm thankful to the governor for his support to quickly resolve this unfortunate mistake," Griswold said.



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All County offices will be closed **Monday, Nov. 11** in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Visit arapahoeco.gov/calendar

Weigh in on Open Spaces Rules and Regulations

Public comment period open through **Nov. 18**.

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JOIN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from **Nov. 4–11**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported. Learn more at naco.org.



We are looking for volunteers to support our fun, family-friendly Visit the Village during the day on **Saturday, Dec. 7** at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Volunteer roles include operating the free hot chocolate station, filling treat bags at the make-your-own "reindeer food" station and helping with craft activities. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, snacks and enjoy a popular winter holiday event. Get details at arapahoeco.gov/volunteer.



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WEEK OF NOV. 4

ArapCo begins fall street sweeping

LITTLETON — After a delay caused by warm weather, street sweeping by Arapahoe County Road & Bridge started fall street sweeping Nov. 4 in the Commanche Crossing subdivision at Strasburg.

In the fall, street sweeping starts in eastern unincorporated Arapahoe County and moves west.

Operations will continue on Main Street in Strasburg and the Sky Ranch subdivision at Watkins.

Citizens are asked to help clear debris from curbs and gutters by not parking on the street during

this time. For more information on the schedule for a particular neighborhood, visit road and bridge at www.arapahoeco.gov or the county's NextDoor page.

Arapahoe County Road & Bridge sweeps paved surfaces within unincorporated Arapahoe County to minimize pollutants and debris from entering the stormwater system. When weather conditions permit, it conducts street sweeping operations in the spring and the fall. As circumstances warrant, a third sweeping may occur during the summer months.

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SPORTS



4 local squads reach FB, VB postseason



The Byers Bulldogs football team celebrate together with Black Forest League Champions T-shirts after its 68-20 regular-season finale victory at St. Mary's in Colorado Springs Nov. 1. The green-and-white troops of head coach Casey Pelton, far left, enter this weekend's 8-man playoffs undefeated in nine games, including five conference wins. The undefeated season is the first in Bulldog football program history. For coverage of the game at St. Mary's, see the Nov. 8 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



Strasburg's Damian Garcia makes a catch in the end zone as the Indians jumped out to a 28-6 lead en route to a 35-6 victory in the regular-season finale at Bennett Nov. 1. While Bennett concluded the season 1-8, Strasburg advanced to 8-1 overall and the No. 1 seed in the 2A playoffs, which start this weekend. The Indians will host the 7-2 and No. 16 Denver West Cowboys in the first round at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9. For full coverage of the Strasburg-Bennett game, see the Nov. 8 *Eastern Colorado News*.

8-Man State Football Playoffs



Strasburg and Byers high school football fans hope the final four weekends of November see both their squads playing up until their respective state championship games at CSU-Pueblo over Thanksgiving weekend. This past Sunday's postseason pairings show Strasburg the No. 1 seed in 2A while Byers is seeded fifth in the 8-man bracket. Both teams host a first-round matchup this weekend — the Indians host No. 16 Denver West at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, while Byers will host 12th-seeded Merino at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9.



2A State Football Playoffs



Lady Tigers bedevil Kent, clinch regional host site

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

ENGLEWOOD — The Bennett Lady Tigers concluded the volleyball regular season 18-5 and as the No. 11 seed in the Colorado High School Activities Association's playoff rankings after a three-set sweep at Kent Denver Oct. 29. The orange-and-black will host one of 12 regional round-robin sites this weekend. The Lady Tigers face No. 14 The Academy and No. 26 Centauri starting at 10 a.m., Saturday. Bennett and Centauri play the first match, followed by The Academy against Centauri, and the hosts playing The Academy to end the day. The winner advances to the state tournament Nov. 14-16 at the Denver Coliseum.

@ KENT DENVER

In the regular-season finale, Bennett head



In addition to being their 12th win this season, the Lady Indians victory over Wiggins Oct. 31 was No. 600 in the 35-year high school volleyball coaching career of head coach Larry Deffenbaugh. Last Thursday's win clinched the red-and-black as the No. 12 seed and a host for the 3A regional playoffs. Strasburg will host the Region 12 round robin starting at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, against 13th-seeded The Classical Academy and No. 25 Prospect Ridge Academy. The winner will advance to the State Volleyball Championships Nov. 14-16 at the Denver Coliseum. For coverage of the end of the regular season, see the Nov. 8 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

VB BENNETT

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coach Corissa Thornton's team held a 4- to 5-point edge throughout much of the first set en route to a 25-21 victory. In a close second set, the teams alternated points from 18-18 to 24-24 until Bennett scored the final two for a 26-24 victory. The host Sun Devils appeared to run out of steam as Bennett took nine of the first 10 points and won 10 of the next 12 rallies to run away 25-7 with the third set.

"I watched them adjust on the fly to one of the better setters we have seen all season and probably the biggest and strongest middle and outside hitter we have seen," Thornton said. "They were able to shut them down with amazing defensive strategy and blocking. The continued improvement makes me so excited. Winning that last game really put us in a good position to hopefully host our regional games."

While the hosts won the kill battle 34-29, Bennett had the more efficient offensive attack, recording only eight errors on 87 attempts compared to 26 on 109 swings for

the Sun Devils. At the service line, Thornton's troops were 96% with 10 aces and three service errors compared to Kent's 90%, five aces and five errors. Bennett also forced Kent into nine serve-receive errors while the Tigers committed only four themselves.

Senior Jessica Venneberg paced the offensive attack with 11 kills and a .429 hitting percentage, followed by classmates Elizabeth Westendorf with seven kills, Raquel Thorpe six and Olivia Schroeder four. Sophomore Emilee Venneberg took the facilitator's lead with 15 assists, followed by Thorpe with seven. Westendorf had a game-high four aces, while Jessica Venneberg and senior libero Brailyn Neade added two apiece.

Defensively, Bennett's two blocks were solo stuffs from Jessica Venneberg and senior Ava Black. Of Bennett's 43 digs, Jessica Venneberg and Schroeder reached double digits with 13 and 10, respectively, while Thorpe tacked on eight and Westendorf and Neade added four apiece.

Ribbon cut at Winter Field



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Strasburg School District officials formally christened recently completed renovations at Winter Field during a pre-kickoff celebration before the Indians' Oct. 26 game against Kent Denver. Above, Superintendent Kelle Bongard, left, looks on as school board members Diana Elliott and Mary O'Malley cut the ribbon at the south side entry underneath the scoreboard. Also looking on is RTA Architects representative Sean Martin. Improvements include a new ticket booth/concession stand with restrooms, middle photo, and new home grandstands and press box, bottom photo.



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CASE NO AA24-011, XCEL ENERGY KESTREL 230 KV
INTERCONNECTION PROJECT / FINDINGS OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

PROPOSAL: Public Service Company of Colorado, a Colorado Corporation conducting Business as Xcel Energy, proposes to construct a transmission line extending approximately 1.3 miles: 0.5 miles in unincorporated Arapahoe County and 0.8 miles in the City of Aurora. Approximately 150 feet of the transmission line spans the Interstate 70 right-of-way, east of the intersection of Interstate 70 and E-470, in unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Per Arapahoe County's Regulations Governing Areas and Activities of State Interest in Arapahoe County (1041 Regulations), a Level of Determination of the impact of the proposed project is required. The County has conducted a review and evaluation of the proposed project based on the Level of Determination criteria, and a determination has been made that there is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

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

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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Free Meal VETERANS DAY

November 10, 2024

High Plains Diner
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Town of Bennett is honoring all those who have served with a free meal at High Plains Diner.

(The meal will be offered on Sunday due to High Plains Diner being closed Mondays)

Veterans of the corridor are welcome to a free meal all day. Take-out or dine-in. Limit to \$25 per meal.
Use the code "VETERANS2024".

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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 10
Free meal for veterans and service members. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., High Plains Diner, 100 Bennett Ave., Bennett. Military ID and code "VETERANS2024" might be requested. Meal limit is \$25.

MONDAY, NOV. 11
Veteran's Day concert hosted by Byers Elementary School. 2:15 p.m., big gym. Red, white and blue attire encouraged.
Veteran's Day program. 2:35 p.m., Agate School.
Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.
Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.
Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12
Veterans Day assembly, 8:30 a.m., Strasburg Elementary School cafe.
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.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
Daughters of the American Revolution Silver Spike Chapter. 6:30 p.m., TBK Bank Committee Room, Strasburg.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit townofbennett.colorado.gov.
Deer Trail Town Board. Work session

6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13
Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.
Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14
Bennett Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Administrative Office, 355 Fourth St., Bennett.

EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For information, contact Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicedirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
AA open meeting. 7 p.m., Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

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

EVERY THURSDAY
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO LDC24-008, COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC WAYS /
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Amendment to the Land Development Code to restrict the use of public roads and ways for commercial purposes such the storage and off-loading of vehicles, products, or materials.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 26, 2024, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 9:30 A.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 5334 S Prince St, East Hearing Room, Littleton CO 80120; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described amendments to the Land Development Code, Case No. LDC24-008. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

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

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO LDC24-006, NATURAL MEDICINE LAND USES /
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Amendment to the Land Development Code to allow natural medicine land uses pursuant to Colorado Proposition 122 in certain zone districts, set operational and location standards, and describe rules for non-commercial cultivation.

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From left photo, Dawn Heitman and 18-month-old son Jakob make their way through Bennett Town Hall, including a visit with Star Wars' Obi-Wan Kenobi, aka Steven Hoese, at Bennett's annual Trunk or Treat event at town hall Oct. 24, despite blustery conditions; much of the town staff dressed up as The Addams Family, including Destine Batantou as Gomez; Cousin It (Noelia Vargas) and Lurch (Daniel Pennington) were part of the fun; and Brenda Kroh as Thing hands out candy from a platter.

CRIME SPREE

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the accident to him. and that he couldn't find his son.

"[The friend] stated him and Taylor had gone to a friend's house and drank. On the way back, [the friend] fell asleep and woke up with the car upside down," the incident report said. "[The friend] and Taylor left the scene of the accident and walked towards Taylor's residence."

Siemer allegedly ran from the

scene and wreaked havoc on neighbors.

In addition to breaking into a nearby car and stealing multiple items, Siemer eluded law enforcement and barged through the back door of a neighboring home, confronting and yelling at the occupants inside.

"Responding firefighters advised [the deputy] they had been flagged down and advised of a party with a gun in the basement of one off the neighboring homes to the accident," the incident report continued. "A burglary in progress was then shortly aired over the radio. [The deputy] responded to [an East 39th Avenue address]. Upon arrival, [the deputy] heard glass breaking on the west side of the house. [He] went to the West side of the house and came in contact with Taylor at the basement window as he attempted to climb out."

Four different sets of neighbors were contacted by investigating deputies and reported sightings or run-ins with the younger Siemer, including witnessing him breaking

into a home.

"Taylor opened the glass sliding door to the backyard and entered the house. Taylor went straight into the basement and laid down on the couch. [Witness] followed Taylor to the basement and asked him what was going on and who he was. He advised Taylor he was in the wrong house. He observed blood on Taylor's hand," a deputy's report said. "[The witness] asked Taylor to stay in the basement and he closed the basement door and went upstairs to call the police. He said he heard loud thuds and glass breaking right as the deputies pulled up to the house."

After being taken into custody, the younger Siemer reportedly remained belligerent.

"He was uncooperative the whole time, even trying to slip his cuffs all the way to the hospital," the sheriff's investigator said. "He continued to fight."

According to a Colorado State Patrol account of the original accident, Siemer was speeding southbound on Burton Street when he failed to navigate a right-hand curve and crossed over into the opposite lane.

The vehicle started rotating clockwise, crossed both lanes and exited the west side of the roadway. After rolling 1½ times, the vehicle came to rest on its roof facing northwest.

The sheriff's investigator added, "I was able to determine the vehicle Taylor was operating crashed into the bushes located [on a property] just south of the intersection of 40th Avenue and Burton Street."

The vehicle and home trespasses occurred in the 56400 block of East 40th Avenue and 56300 block of East 39th Avenue, respectively.

A Nov. 1 inmate search of the Adams County Detention Center's website indicated that Siemer was no longer in custody.

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LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble.

Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9.

Tarot club: Adults can learn about the tarot and do readings for other participants to practice their skills in this beginner-friendly workshop.

Special guest and professional tarot reader Mauricio Ramirez will join the club to share his experience reading tarot cards. All registered participants will have a chance to get a professional reading from Ramirez.

Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9.

Little Learners: Caregivers can bring their little ones up to 6 years old to this school readiness skills workshop with Lidia Kobza of Autism West Behavior Partners.

The program aims to increase the ability of children to tolerate, enjoy and function more independently in a small group environment, allowing for improved "learning on their own" within a larger group classroom setting. 11-1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12.

After School Crafting: Kids ages 7-14 can get crafty and creative after school with a different project each month on the third Wednesday. No advanced registration necessary. 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Cell Phone Photography Tips and Tricks: Adults can learn to get the most from cell phone photos and videos. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 11-12:30, Saturday, Nov. 16.

Pressed Flower Gift Tags: The Corridor Creative Arts League will host a holiday workshop where participants will learn to create a pressed flower gift tag. CCAL meets monthly on the third Saturday.

Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16.

Story Time with Opera Colorado: Participants of all ages can step

Arapahoe Libraries
'Geek Out' entries
open thru Nov. 30

ENGLEWOOD — Teens ages 11-18 can unleash their creativity in the annual "Geek Out" creative contest at Arapahoe Libraries.

Each entrants must submit an original piece of art inspired by their favorite fandom. The contest is open to any form of art — cosplay, drawing, music or writing, for example.

Participants must enter online or in person from Nov. 1-30 for a chance to win exciting prizes.

Winners will be notified by Thursday, Dec. 12, and all participants can attend the party and awards ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial.

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

inside Bravo Books and watch stories come to life as each character pulls them into the pages of opera's most beloved tales and tunes.

Running approximately 30-45 minutes, the Opera Colorado program is perfectly suited for young children as their first venture into the world of opera. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19.

KELVER LIBRARY

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Adult book club: "Where Coyotes Howl" by Sandra Dallas. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Cozy Crafts: Adults will make fall-themed crafts. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20.

DAVIES LIBRARY

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

Art party: Teens are invited to create fandom-inspired art.

Participants can submit their creations to the annual "Geek Out" creative contest. Supplies provided. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Fall Button Picture Frames: Tweens and teens ages 9-17 can decorate a wooden picture frame using paint and a variety of fall-themed buttons. All supplies provided. 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20.



Assemblage art made by various artists is on display Oct. 19 at a Corridor Creative Arts League artist meet-up at Anythink Bennett library. Facilitator Jamie Zerr-Lockwood used the piece to show CCAL members how to turn everyday junk into art. Assemblage is a popular sculptural form of art typically using found objects to complete one solid piece. Antiques, memorabilia, photos or recycled objects are commonly used. CCAL will be creating assemblage during the year to create collaborative pieces to be auctioned off in June at the Bennett Party in the Park. CCAL members learn about new art forms, techniques and art history on the third Saturday of each month at the library. For more information, visit www.corridorcreativeartsleague.org.

Performance of local's play announced

BENNETT — The Bennett Arts Council will host a community dinner theater featuring the world premier of another original play written and directed by local people.

"Just the Boo of Us," described as a supernatural experience straight out of the 1980s, is written by Eric Zacharias and directed by Robbin

Schinke.

The performances will start at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, and 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

Tickets are \$40 each and includes dinner. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.bennettco.gov.

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Haunting the I-70 Corridor



The Byers Park & Recreation District hosted its annual Trunk or Treat Street down Front Street Hall Chadwick, 13, left, and Rebekah Lee display traditional face paint associated with the traditional Mexican dance through a volcanic obstacle course and watches herself in a mirror as Lisa Eldringhoff and grandson

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The annual Mountain View Fellowship Trunk or Treat took place at the Strasburg Elementary School. In this photo, Jaxon Penland's slice of cheesecake costume is chased around by hungry friend Derek Johnson, 6; Hayden, 2; Caleb, 11; mother, Julie; and dad, Jacob; and 70 Corridor Athletics member Rachael Th

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Calvary Chapel held its Halloween carnival at the Bennett VFW Hall Oct. 31. From left photo, Preston S... sister, Hailey, 9, at the Ping Pong Fishing booth; and Leroy Hogarth, 11, receives a popular superhe

Corridor on Halloween



Halloween night. From left photo, famous painter Bob Ross, aka Pattie Lindsay, hands out treats; Arloa Mexican celebration Dia De Los Muertes, or Day of the Dead; and Nova Chapparo, 4, tiptoes her way on, Quinten, watch on.



parking lot on Halloween night, Oct. 31. This year's event featured movie-themed trunks. From left on; the Jeffries family is ready for a night on "The Polar Express" — clockwise from top left, Tristan, ornton shows off her tumbling prowess.



Snyder, 14, participates in the Toilet Paper Toss; 1-year-old Everlee Jeffery gets some help from older hero logo for the season at the face painting station.

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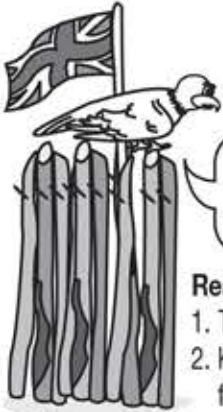
Where was Jamestown on the map?

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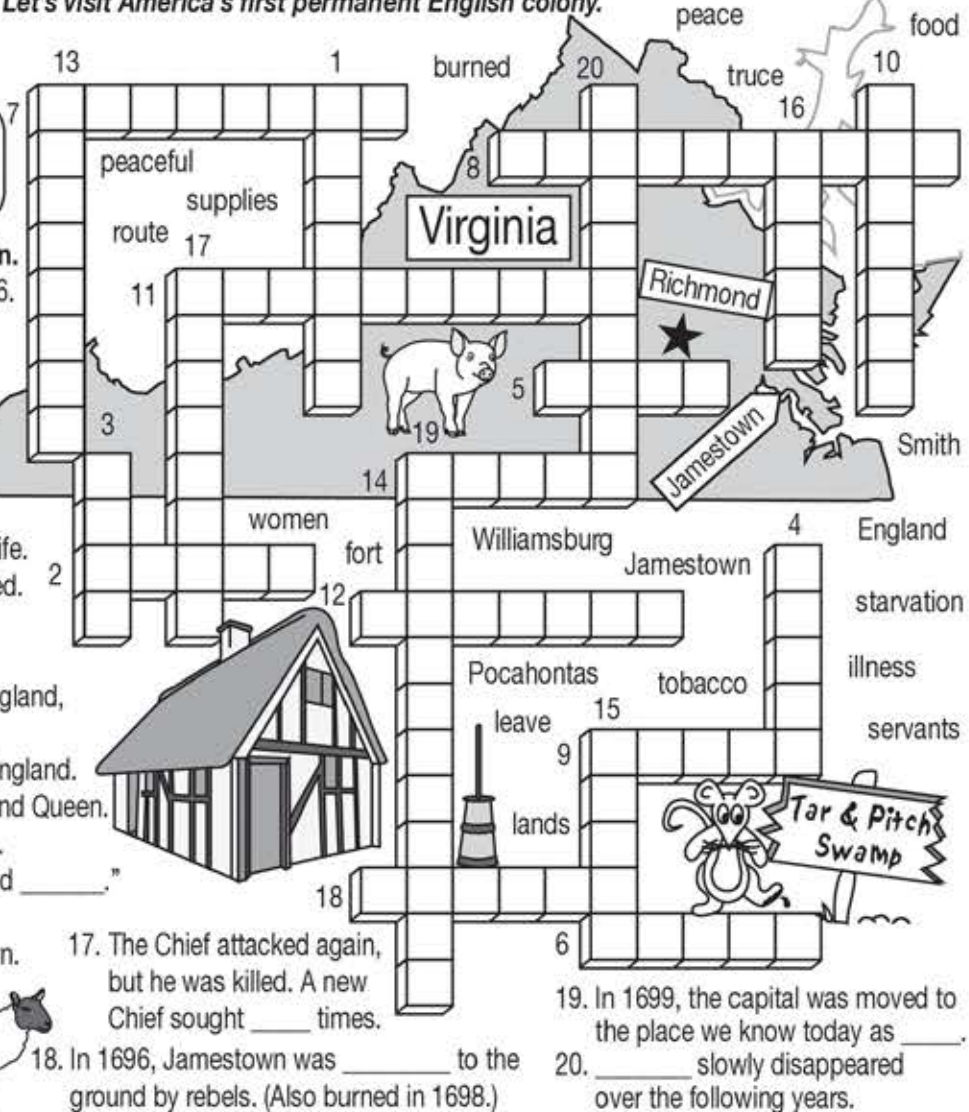
Jamestown!

Jamestown, Virginia was settled over 400 years ago. It was the first permanent English colony in North America. Here is some of its history.

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about Jamestown.

- Three ships of adventurers sailed from _____ in 1606.
- King James I of England hoped they would find a shorter _____ to the Orient.
- Men on the ships settled on Jamestown and built a _____.
- The native people and colonists had periods of fighting and _____.
- Captain John Smith, a leader of Jamestown, was captured by Chief Powhatan while seeking _____. According to Smith's diary, the chief's 11 year old daughter, Pocahontas, helped to save his life.
- _____ tried to return to England for help after his powder bag exploded.
- Ships from England, expected to bring _____, did not come.
- During the winter of 1609-1610, almost all settlers died of _____.
- In the spring, the settlers decided to _____ the colony and return to England, but a ship with a new governor arrived and forced them to turn back.
- John Rolfe helped settlers grow a type of _____ which was a hit in England.
- _____ married Rolfe and went to England, where she met the King and Queen.
- Pocahontas died of an _____ before she was able to go home again.
- The first black Africans were brought to America in 1619 as "indentured _____." This was the beginning of an era of slavery.
- The same year, the first _____ from Europe also arrived in Jamestown.
- A new Indian Chief did not like settlers taking Indian _____. He attacked and killed many colonists.
- The English made a _____ with the Indians, but then poisoned many to death.

Let's visit America's first permanent English colony.



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Richmond

Jamestown

Williamsburg

Pocahontas

leaves 15

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17. The Chief attacked again, but he was killed. A new Chief sought _____ times.

18. In 1696, Jamestown was _____ to the ground by rebels. (Also burned in 1698.)

19. In 1699, the capital was moved to the place we know today as _____.

20. _____ slowly disappeared over the following years.

How We Teach and Learn History

There is no town left, but today you can go to visit the area where Jamestown started and see copies of the ships on which the first settlers sailed to get to a new land. There are also models of the English fort and a Native American village that you can study to learn how the people lived then.

Can you find and circle these things people are using or doing to teach people about the history of Jamestown?

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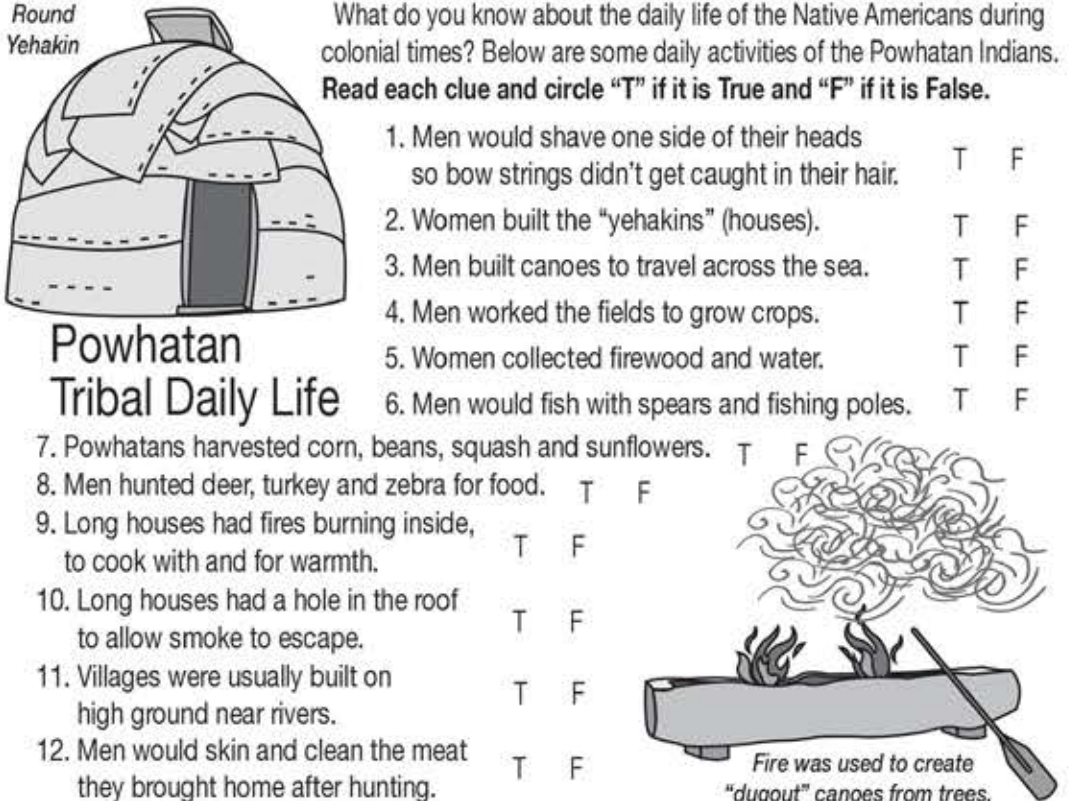
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Powhatan Tribal Daily Life


What do you know about the daily life of the Native Americans during colonial times? Below are some daily activities of the Powhatan Indians. Read each clue and circle "T" if it is True and "F" if it is False.

- Men would shave one side of their heads so bow strings didn't get caught in their hair. T F
- Women built the "yehakins" (houses). T F
- Men built canoes to travel across the sea. T F
- Men worked the fields to grow crops. T F
- Women collected firewood and water. T F
- Men would fish with spears and fishing poles. T F
- Powhatans harvested corn, beans, squash and sunflowers. T F
- Men hunted deer, turkey and zebra for food. T F
- Long houses had fires burning inside, to cook with and for warmth. T F
- Long houses had a hole in the roof to allow smoke to escape. T F
- Villages were usually built on high ground near rivers. T F
- Men would skin and clean the meat they brought home after hunting. T F



Round Yehakin

Fire was used to create "dugout" canoes from trees.



Words From the Powhatan Language

Captain John Smith, one of the founders of Jamestown, Virginia, recorded about 50 Powhatan Indian words. William Strachey, a writer, recorded about 500 words. They spelled the words based on their sounds. The language of the Powhatan is no longer spoken, but people are studying the language. And, some words we use today, such as "raccoon," have come from this language!

1. opossum

2. tomahawk

3. moccasin

4. raccoon

5. muskrat

1. pone

2. pecan

3. hominy

4. hickory

5. persimmon

A. a hand ax used as a tool or weapon

B. nocturnal creature with a striped tail

C. animal with a ratlike tail; related to the kangaroo!

D. rodent that lives partially in water; has strong odor

E. leather shoes, usually made from deerskin

A. hard wood from this tree is used for tool handles

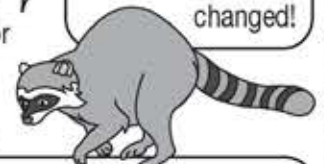
B. flat cornbread, made without milk or eggs

C. fruit, orange and sweet

D. ground corn, used to make grits

E. these "seeds" are baked into a favorite pie

Take a look at these 3 words to see how their spelling has changed!



- opossum from "aposoum"
- tomahawk from "tomhikon"
- raccoon from "rokohamin"

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 9, 2004

BENNETT — “The community really stepped up to the plate,” said Bennett Superintendent George Sauter concerning bond issue 3A that passed last week. The bond will finance \$9.87 million in additions and renovations to the Bennett Middle and High Schools.

The bond issue will add \$8.29 million to 2005 tax bill or an increase of \$5.50 per month per \$100,000 of market value on homes in the Bennett School District. The Bennett mill levy will increase to 38 mills now that 3A passed.

Of the 2,441 people who voted, 56.7% were for the bond and 43.3% were opposed.

15 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 10, 2009

AGATE — Despite a sizable decrease in enrollment, Agate School’s general fund balance increased by \$157,000 from the 2005-06 to the 2008-09 school years.

Funded pupil count has declined steadily, from 84.8 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to 67.7 in 2008-09 school year, reported auditor Scott Szabo at the Agate School Board meeting Nov. 5.

“Typically, if your pupil count goes down,

your general fund balance goes down,” Szabo said. “But you guys have done a nice job staying on top of the count number, anticipating revenue and fitting the budget within that.”

10 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 11, 2014

One of three I-70 Corridor ballot initiatives passed during the Nov. 4 election with the Bennett School District the lone winner.

Bennett School voters favored Issue 3H 1,473 to 1,243, allowing the district to reallocate \$1.2 million in 2015 bond redemption fund tax receipts to the general fund to purchase 10 new Bluebird buses but resulting in a drop in the district mill levy from 10.971 to 9.971 mills beginning in 2016.

Strasburg Parks & Recreation District officials’ hopes of immediately building up finances through property tax increases to maintain and expand facilities were dashed after all three ballot measures failed.

Voters in the Deer Trail School District voted down question 3H, asking for the removal of term limits for board of education members. Residents failed the measure 286-105. School board limitations of two consecutive four-year terms will remain in place.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 12

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2024. There are 54 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 7, 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana won election to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first woman elected to ei-

ther chamber of Congress.

ON THIS DATE

In 1940, Washington state’s original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed “Galloping Gertie,” collapsed into Puget Sound during a wind-storm just four months after opening to traffic.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was reelected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor’s race in

Virginia, becoming the first elected Black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City’s first Black mayor.

In 2011, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Michael Jackson’s doctor, Conrad Murray, of involuntary manslaughter for supplying a powerful an-

esthetic implicated in the entertainer’s 2009 death.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Kaat is 86. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 81. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: “The Brady Bunch”) is 67.

—Associated Press

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: FAMOUS ACTORS

ACROSS

- QA’s focus, pl.
- “Swan Lake” steps
- Evite request, acr.
- Long stories
- Final, abbr.
- Opposite of neo-
- Synagogue scroll
- Poseidon’s domain
- One-eighty
- “Mary Poppins and Maria von Trapp
- “Vivian Ward and Erin Brockovich
- Kum Ba follower
- Cry out loud
- Stolen, slangily
- Greek salad cheese
- Popular clubs of the 1970s
- Chimpanzees, e.g.
- Porcine fat
- Great divide
- Cat o’how many tails?
- Podium, pl.
- Dead against
- Work the dough
- Urban haze
- Manner of walk
- Parlor piece
- Riyadh native, e.g.
- Sixth note
- Common fairway club
- Brewed beverage
- “Red” Redding and Nelson Mandela
- “Ricky Bobby and Buddy
- Beat the Joneses
- Outrage
- Adjust, as laces
- Tears violently
- Anointment liquid
- Talks and talks and talks
- a.k.a. Operation Neptune
- “Just kidding!”
- Billy Joel’s “___ Always a Woman”

DOWN

- Between Phi and Kappa
- Second word in a fairytale
- Encircle
- Like Freddy Krueger, e.g.
- Boot-wearing feline
- Draft pick
- Impolite look
- Miles per hour, e.g.
- Insult
- Between bleu and jaune
- Connection between brain and spinal cord
- Bundle of wheat

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15. Like certain libraries

20. Pup

22. Hemingway’s “The ___ Man and the Sea”

24. Railway worker

25. “Forrest Gump and Jimmy Dugan

26. Offer two cents

27. Doctrine

29. New Mexico town

31. Deep pile carpet

32. Atlantic Ocean/Pacific Ocean waterway, e.g.

33. Ostium, pl.

34. “Violet Crawley and Minerva McGonagall

36. Center of authority

38. “The New Look” main character

42. September stone

45. Phobos’ brother, Greek mythology

49. Time period

51. “Catwoman and “Jinx” Johnson

54. Vidalia one

56. Regions

57. “Han Solo and Indiana Jones

58. Wished undone

59. Europe’s highest volcano

60. “Nelson, star of 8 films with Jeanette MacDonald

61. Matted wool

62. Write on tombstone, e.g.

63. Facebook button

64. More is ___?

67. Duran Duran’s 1982 album

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

HOROSCOPE

Keep Trying — Endless Chances to Get it Right

It’s only natural to feel afraid to go for what you really want. The thought of putting yourself out there and then not getting it is off-putting to say the least. Does it help to know there are plenty of chances? The lunar action is steady and varied, portending a day of multiple opportunities. So lean into fear; it’s the signpost of an adventure worth having.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your personal growth is a DIY project. You get inspiration from the world, but ultimately you act on your own accord, putting it all together in a way no one else would have thought to. The result will be tremendously satisfying.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The pond is murky, but stirring the water only makes it worse. Let it be. Clarity comes from stillness. When things settle, you’ll see what’s been there all along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). After repeatedly losing and finding yourself, you’ll realize that neither state is inherently better than the other. “Lost” or “found” is just a fleeting opinion about your relationship to your surroundings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though no one wants to hear unwanted advice, there’s something good in hearing it out today. It’s not about the wisdom of words but in the opportunity to understand how another person thinks. That’s information you can use.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Confidence doesn’t come from pretending to be flawless; it’s the opposite. The truly confident fall in love with their quirks, missteps and flat-out fails; in short, that’s the process of learning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ambition takes a back seat to something even sweeter: contentment. The big wins are the small wins. Check off tasks and savor the feeling of accomplishment, one tiny triumph at a time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life is in a constant state of flux. Instead of clinging to an idea of permanence, you’ll see the scene for what it is — momentary, fluid and ripe with opportunity. With this mindset, you’ll be adaptable and powerful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A whimsical energy surrounds you now, encouraging you to enjoy the people around you without any agenda. The fun isn’t about what others can do for you; it’s about enjoying what you can get up to together in the playground of the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Luck is a fickle fairy who resists capture and hates to be chased. So as much as you’d like a little luck, you learned long ago that it’s better to do your work diligently and ignore her. She’ll come fluttering by when you least expect it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Isn’t it funny how the smarter someone is, the more fascinated they are by the so-called “mundane”? Today, it’s the simple things that will captivate you; this is your brilliance at play.

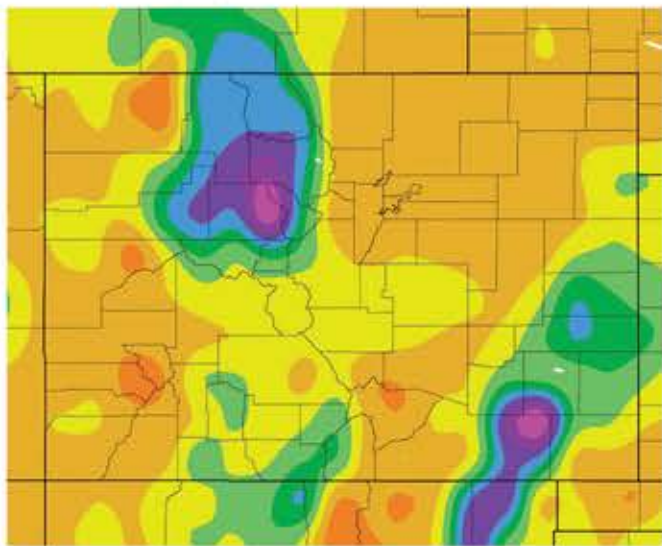
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your surroundings reflect who you are, and who you are is shaped by your surroundings. Today, it seems like everyone around you is on your side, supporting your mission to make everything beautiful and functional.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fun is in the air, and there’s more of it to go around than you had in years past. You’re like the poker pro who keeps playing your cards right and winning ever more pots.

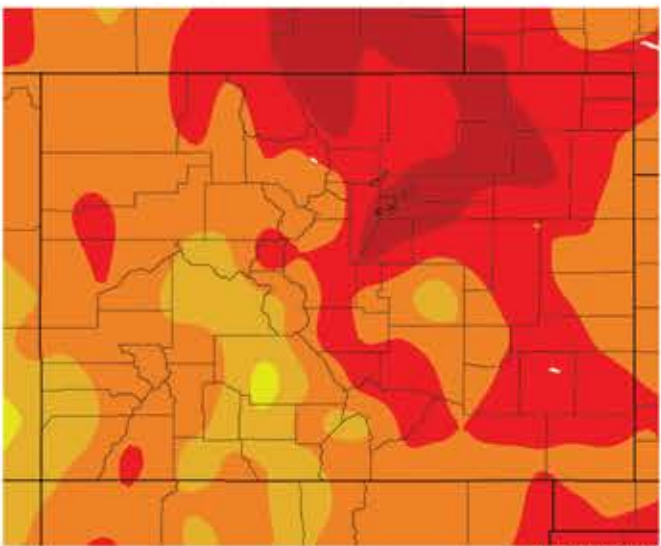
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 7). Your year ahead, in a word, will be wonder-filled. You’ll learn and discover exciting things that could only happen in this time. More highlights: Your tastes will expand because you see new places and experience different styles. Your needs for comfort, novelty and friendship will be abundantly met. Discipline, an excellent plan and a stellar team will bring cash rewards. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 14, 35 and 7.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
10/21/2024 – 10/27/2024



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
10/21/2024 – 10/27/2024



HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTER

The last week of October continued a two-month-plus trend of significantly drier, left map, and hotter days compared to historical normals.

DROUGHT

FROM PAGE 1

encompassing about two-thirds of Colorado with the southwest quadrant of the state mostly spared so far.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map at the end of October reported 60% of Colorado abnormally dry or in one of three stages of drought, up 5% from the previous week, about 10% more than the start of the month, and a 20% increase from the end of July.

The state was 65% abnormally dry or worse when 2024 started.

When it comes to Adams and Arapahoe counties, the approximately western third is in severe drought (D2), the middle third in moderate drought (D1), and the remainder abnormally dry. Elbert County is approximately 70% D1 and the remainder abnormally dry.

“Coupled with the dryness, temperatures have been unseasonably warm for the [High Plains states] with most all areas 4-8 degrees

above normal. Drought expanded and intensified across the entire region,” said the Drought Monitor’ Halloween narrative. “In northeast Colorado, moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions expanded, with both moderate and severe drought expanding in southeast Colorado.”

Last week’s drought map followed up the previous week’s even-bleaker picture.

“Warm temperatures continued to dominate the High Plains, ranging up to 12 degrees above normal,” the Oct. 24 report’s narrative said.

In the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s final Crop Progress Report for October, only 37% of Colorado’s topsoil was considered adequate or better in moisture, while subsoil moisture levels across the state were only marginally better at 43% adequate.

“Still really dry and it’s going to take probably several significant storms to even dent

the dry rangeland, pasture and cropland conditions that have become so widespread,” said a USDA Mountain Region reporter. “Multiple inches of precipitation is needed to provide much help and that’s only if temperatures remain more seasonable and winds are minimal to nonexistent.”

Early November forecasts for snow aren’t expected to put much of a dent in growing drought concerns, unless the amount of precipitation significantly eclipses the November average, which is around 1.3 inches.

“While it would certainly help, I don’t know whether two feet of snow — normally enough to produce two inches of moisture — would help the immediate drought forecast,” the USDA source said. “It would certainly help topsoil stay in place, but getting down further into the ground is the question, especially if above-average temperatures persist.”



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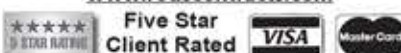
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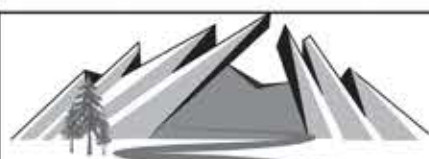
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO IMPOUND AND SELL MATERIALS

Notice is hereby given that the personal property described below will be vehicles impounded and aluminum sold on Marketplace, respectively, on or after November 30, 2024.

The property is c/o Michael Malzewski with last known address of 5370 S. Genoa St., Centennial, CO 80015. Property is:

- an abandoned trailer, Vin# 542BB1421KB024370;
- an abandoned motorcycle, Vin# 1HD1DJL17WY630206;
- and window framing aluminum.

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Application period opens for LEAP heating program

DENVER — With energy costs expected to rise more than 10 percent nationally this winter, Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) can help eligible residents with their winter home heating bills.

LEAP will pay a portion of their heating bills with a one-time payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household.

LEAP began accepting applications Nov. 1 and will continue through April 30.

LEAP recipients may also be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies and weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit.

"Eligible families can expect to receive between \$200 to \$1,000 in energy assistance depending on the type of heating fuel, household income, and other factors," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager for the Food & Energy Assistance Division at the Colorado Department of Human Services. "This means they will have more money to spend on other essentials like groceries, medicine or rent. Anyone who thinks they may be eligible should apply."

To qualify, Coloradans can have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income, which is a household income of less than \$78,060 a year for a family of four.

Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States living in the household.

To get the LEAP application, visit cdhs.colorado.com; call 1-866-432-8435 to receive an application via mail or e-mail; or visit the local county Department of Human Services office to pick up or drop off an application.

Last winter, more than 85,000 Coloradans statewide received an average benefit of \$455 from LEAP.

ArapCo T-Day food drive ends soon

AURORA — More than 400 vulnerable children, their families, and individuals served by Arapahoe County Human Services need community support this Thanksgiving, and agency staff wants to bring complete Thanksgiving meals to them.

FOOD DONATIONS

The following nonperishable food items will be collected through Nov. 8.

Participants can contribute a complete meal (one large grocery bag required), particular items on the list, or gift cards for families to purchase a turkey or other food.

COMPLETE MEAL

- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 large box of stuffing
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans fruit
- 1 large box Jell-O or pudding
- 1 large can yams
- 1 packet turkey gravy mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 box cornbread mix
- \$25 gift card for turkey or ham to King Soopers, Safeway or Walmart

Snack-size items such as granola bars, squeeze apple sauce, and crackers are also needed to support those without a kitchen.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Monetary donations can be made to the Arapahoe County Foundation at www.mightycause.com.

Meals will be provided to qualifying families and individuals who are referred to the program by Human Services staff.

For additional information, including details on bulk donations, e-mail to kslater@arapahoegov.com.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Contributions can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Nov. 8 at Arapahoe County Human Services, information desk on main floor at CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver meals and related tasks. To participate, sign up at www.arapahoeco.gov.

Human Services has partnered with Brave Church in Englewood to coordinate deliveries.

Bennett FFA Halloween Carnival



Left photo, Taylor Padilla, left, mans the witch hat ring toss as Ella and Channing Heelan prepare to toss as their mother, Christina, looks on at the Bennett FFA chapter's annual Halloween Carnival at the elementary gym Oct. 25. Center, Kayden Bevan, left, and Natalie Diaz strike a pose. Right, FFA advisor Kendal Linnebur holds her little one, Joseph, at the ticket desk. For additional coverage of this event, see the Oct. 31 edition of *The I-70 Scout* and the Nov. 1 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

CHUCK WAGON

Chicken Pot Pie Casserole

by Bobbie Keefer
For The Scout

Refrigerated crescent rolls are 8 triangles of dough. Pinch the seams together to make one large rectangle.

The dough is now available in a no-seamed sheet without perforations. Look for Pillsbury refrigerated dough hidden among the crescent rolls. If your store doesn't have them, you'll need to pinch the seams like in the old days. They taste the same.

Leftover chicken, rotisserie chicken, canned chicken are all easy choices to use. Many varieties of frozen vegetables are available.

I like the ones with peas. Chicken pies need peas to please!

- CHICKEN POT PIE CASSEROLE
- INGREDIENTS
- 2 cans crescent rolls
 - 1 pound cooked chicken, cubed
 - 1 (12-ounce) package frozen garden vegetables
 - 2 cups hash browns
 - ½ cup diced onion
 - 1 cream of chicken soup
 - 1 cream of celery soup
 - 1 cup chicken broth
 - 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
 - 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
 - ½ teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9- by 13-inch baking dish.



Unroll 1 can crescent rolls. Pinch perforations to seal into a sheet. Press into bottom and sides of prepared dish. Bake about 15 minutes until golden. Cool.

In large skillet, combine cooked chicken, frozen vegetables, hash browns, onion, both soups, chicken broth, poultry seasoning, parsley, pepper. Broth is salty so I don't add salt.

Taste and adjust seasonings as desired. Cook and stir until heated and thickened. Spread mixture over baked crust.

Unroll second can of crescent rolls. Pinch perforations to seal into a sheet. Place over top of chicken mixture.

Tuck into sides of dish. Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown.

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Weather, sawfly challenges limit harvest at METROGRO Farm in 2024

This harvest year was another challenging one at the METROGRO Farm due to a mix of variables and some extreme weather.

Two hail events damaged 3,000 acres across the north and south portions of the farm. Drought and hot temperatures throughout the summer also limited the harvest.

In addition, there was an infestation of wheat stem sawflies for the fourth year in a row. The sawfly's larvae feed on the crops, often causing the upper stem of the wheat to break.

This year's harvest started July 12 and finished July 29. Metro harvested hard red winter wheat and six-row winter barley, with the farm averaging just more than 18 bushels per acre. This compared to last year, an unusually wet year at the farm, when the yield reached more than 36.5 bushels per acre.

The milo crop also endured hot temperatures and drought, which affected its yields. Metro harvested approximately 1,500 acres compared to the 3,000 acres planted.

The 52,000-acre dryland farm is operated by Metro Water Recovery. Class B Biosolids, known as METROGRO® Cake, are beneficially reused there because it is a nutrient rich fertilizer. 🌱



Riding waves of grain at the METROGRO Farm.

Celebrating 50 years of Resource Recovery and Reuse

This year marked the 50th anniversary of Metro Water Recovery's Resource Recovery and Reuse (RR&R) Department, which has played a pivotal role in our mission to protect the region's health and environment by cleaning water and recovering resources.

RR&R was established in 1974 by William "Bill" Martin, who served as the department's director from 1974 until his retirement in 1999. One of the department's major roles is to transport and spread biosolids at the METROGRO Farm, which was purchased by Metro in 1993 and expanded in 1997.

Today, the department has a fleet of 20 tractor trailers, with 22 operators who load 31,000 dry tons of product per year to area farms



Historic photo of land-applied biosolids.

six days a week. Each load usually weighs at least 40,000 pounds. RR&R also services Metro's vehicle fleet.

Drivers hauling METROGRO® Cake make three to four trips a day, averaging 450 miles. Last year, the team hauled 7,726 loads of biosolids and drove a combined 956,520 accident-free miles.

Whether it is transporting biosolids to farms with Metro's fleet or fixing a sluggish cart, the RR&R team has been a vital department for the past 50 years at Metro. 🌱

Metro receives additional flows

Metro Water Recovery's Northern Treatment Plant began receiving flows from the Second Creek Pipeline this year.

After years of preparation that included a complex permitting process, design and construction, the new pipeline connects to the existing South Platte Pipeline and conveys wastewater flows to the Northern Treatment Plant in Brighton.

This collaborative effort has been planned since 1982, when the Denver Regional Council of Governments identified the need for clean water facilities in the northern metropolitan region. The Second Creek Pipeline is the largest transmission project in Metro's 60-year history.

This new pipeline will enable portions of Adams County, Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Denver and Denver International Airport to be served by Metro's Northern Treatment Plant. 🌱



Biosolids staging at METROGRO Farm.



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Questions or comments? The METROGRO Update is a publication of Metro Water Recovery.

If you have questions or comments, please contact: Patrick Stanley, Metro Water Recovery, 6450 York Street, Denver, CO 80229, 1-800-237-6603, MetroWaterRecovery.com

Biosolids Distribution for 2024

The chart below summarizes the breakdown of biosolids distributed to the METROGRO Farm, private farms and a private composter for the first eight months of 2024. All biosolids produced during that period at the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility and the Northern Treatment Plant were beneficially reused.

Distribution from RWHTF . . . Dry Tons	Distribution from NTP . . . Dry Tons
METROGRO Farm 2,673	METROGRO Farm 1,024
Private farms 19,370	Private composter 0

A total of 23,067 dry tons (113,308 wet tons) of biosolids were beneficially reused from January through August.

Dry weight is the solids from biological treatment of wastewater after all water is removed. The average METROGRO® Cake solids content for the first eight months of 2024 is 20.38% for RWHTF and 18.63% for NTP. 🌱

