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A long trek of flames run behind a home during the Quail Hollow Fire southeast of Byers midday July 13. Eight structures were lost and 1,150 acres charred in the burn area that spanned Arapahoe County roads 18 and 38 north to south and county roads 193 and 185 east to west. The evacuation area was approximately three miles.

Flames devour 1,150 acres, 4 homes

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BYERS — What started as a small, slow-moving brush fire quickly raged into several miles of destruction, including the loss of eight structures and charring of almost two sections of property southeast of Byers July 13.

About five hours into what became the Quail Hollow Fire, full containment was announced, but flames had consumed 1,150 acres of property and at least four homes and forced the evacuation of numerous residents and livestock within the area of Arapahoe county roads 18 and 38 north to south and county roads 193 and 185 east to

west. No human injuries or deaths occurred. No confirmed reports of animal losses were received.

"It was first called in as a small brush fire but grew very quickly," said Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown. "But it was a very cooperative effort by all our [emergency] partners that allowed us to get containment in a pretty miraculous span of time."

In a July 15 update, a sheriff's office spokesperson said the investigation, led by Strasburg Fire, has not yet uncovered the specific cause.

"They should have a preliminary answer in a few days," said Ginger Delga-

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Flames reached heights of approximately 30 feet during the Quail Hollow Fire southeast of Byers July 13. The fire jumped Arapahoe County Road 34 but firefighters were able to stop the blaze before it reached County Road 38.

Suspect in high-speed chase on I-70 remains at large

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Efforts by multiple I-70 Corridor law enforcement jurisdictions to slow down and apprehend the suspect in an alleged metro carjacking that evolved into apparent attempted mail theft in eastern Elbert County were unsuccessful earlier this month.

About 2 p.m. July 2, the Elbert County Sheriff's Office received notification that a stolen vehicle from an Aurora carjacking was in the county and that an investigator in an unmarked patrol unit located the vehicle near Highway 86 and County Road 77. GPS information from the vehicle manufacturer indicated the car had also been tracked to the 42000 block of Ridge Road. Sheriff's office investigators and depu-

ties also found mail strewn along County Road 122 east of Ridge Road and the vehicle was located shortly thereafter.

"The suspect was right in front of one of our investigators, who attempted to get closer, but the suspect was traveling approximately 125 mph eastbound on Highway 86. The investigator did not turn on his lights or siren as he did not have a cover deputy," said Elbert County Undersheriff Dave Fisher. "We requested assistance from Lincoln County and Limon [Police Department] after we were advised that the suspect vehicle went northbound on County Road 153. The suspect reached speeds of 90 mph on the investigator's radar unit. These speeds were too fast for the investigator

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DT OKs interim sewer rate

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Moderate- and high-level water users in Deer Trail will have a temporary reprieve from higher sewer bills as town officials figure out how to proceed with an anticipated new wastewater billing structure.

During their July 9 regular monthly meeting, Deer Trail trustees voted 6-0 to approve a flat sewer rate of \$35 per month for all residences over the next four months, starting with this month's bills.

Water bills are not included under the temporary cap.

The original motion by Trustee Ashley Buss

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

'Burg museum, its bldgs key to history discussion

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

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg, will present "The Comanche Crossing Museum 1969-2024" from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave., Strasburg.

A reception with a light snack is planned from 5:30-6 p.m.

The program will address the establishment and operation of the Comanche Crossing Museum. It will include the stories of each building and the special artifacts contained within each.

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

Ag dept plans presentation of rural mental health film

BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Department of Agriculture will present its short documentary, "Legacy," from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa.

The film attests to a deep love for agriculture that can be rewarding, joyful, and at times, painful.

The producers and filmmakers aim to de-stigmatize mental health in rural Colorado by connecting with communities and highlighting the resources available in the state.

The occasion will include dinner and beverages.

Tickets are free and doors open at 5 p.m.

The Elbert County Fairgrounds are located at 95 Ute Ave., Kiowa.

Pie fundraiser announced for famed tower at Genoa

GENOA — Friends of the Genoa Tower will host a pie social fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Women's center offers free baby items

BYERS — The boutique at the Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center will open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, July 27, to anyone needing items for their children.

The boutique offers items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, spring and summer clothing (baby-size 6), bottles, toys, books and baby blankets at no charge. Participants should enter through the front door to register and plan to shop without little ones.

The center will also host the Christian Motorcycle Association during its annual Diaper Run benefit from 12-2 p.m., Saturday, July 27. The bikers will ride from Denver to Byers with diapers, baby wipes, and miscellaneous baby items strapped to the back of their motorcycles. A Celebration of Life service is slated at noon followed by lunch at the American Legion Hall.

The Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center is located at 228 W. Front St., Byers.

Saturday, July 27, at the World's Wonder View Tower, 30121 Frontage Road, Genoa.

The Friends organization purchased the tower in 2016. Its members want to restore the World's Wonder View Tower to its role as a community gathering place for Lincoln County; reopen the original restaurant and Colorado Room, in addition to offering small workplaces, rental space, and a community center; create a museum that honors the tower's previous role as a travel stop and roadside attraction; and offer music, other entertainment, and regular events for locals and tourists alike.

For additional information, visit friendsofthegenoa-tower.org.

Byers Lady Bulldogs plan fall youth volleyball team

BYERS — The Byers High School volleyball team invites elementary students in grades 3-6 to register for a youth league team.

Practices begin the week of Aug. 19 at Byers School with games played on Sundays from Sept. 8 through Oct. 13.

Locations include Byers, Strasburg, Bennett, Limon, Kiowa and Miami. Specific game dates will be announced later.

Participation costs \$75, which includes a game jersey. Registra-

tion forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Byers School District 32-J office Monday through Thursday until July 30 and at the high school office thereafter. The sign-up deadline is Friday, Aug. 9.

For more information or to have a form sent electronically, contact Jessica Fournier at fournier.jessica@byers.k12.co.us.

Ag agency wants nominees for county board elections

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county committees.

The committees, which consist of three to 11 members serving three-year terms, make decisions about the local administration of federal farm programs.

Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) — elective areas for FSA committees in a single jurisdiction. Customers can locate their LAA with a GIS locator tool at fsa.usda.gov/ elections to determine if their LAA has an election.

Nominees must participate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA where they run.

Parties can nominate themselves or others.

All nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the lo-

cal FSA office by Thursday, Aug. 1.

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, July 16, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Tracy Smalley will speak on home safety.

The group regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month.

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

Byers Catholic Church plans event for free school stuff

BYERS — Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church will host its annual Back-To-School Shop from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, July 27, by the shed on the west side of the church at 186 N. McDonnell St., Byers.

The shop provides pencils, pens, paper, Crayons, spiral notebooks, and glue, as well as socks and underwear. A limited number of winter coats are also available. All items are free.

For additional information, call Alyson at (720)810-2791.

18th Judicial District Court: New judge takes bench 8/3

DENVER — On July 11, Gov. Jared Polis appointed Daniel W. Warhola to the 18th Judicial District Court effective Aug. 3.

Warhola has been an assistant U.S. attorney for Colorado since 2022.

He previously served as a deputy then senior deputy district attorney (2014-22) in the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office and as a deputy district attorney in the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office (2013-14).

Warhola earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Richmond (Va.) in 2009 and his law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2013.

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Byers water system improvement project proceeds

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS —The Byers Water & Sanitation District's water system improvement project is back on track after the Union Pacific Railroad approved a re-drawn plan to bore under the railroad tracks.

The \$4.271 million project includes extending a water line north of the railroad tracks to assist with emergency fire flows and provide redundancy in case of water shutdowns. The UP in May denied a permit to extend under the railroad tracks because the proposed route was too close to a switch. Consulting Engineers GMS redrew the plan, locating the intersection 55 feet from the switch. UP approval came through this month, along with a \$10,000 bill for the permit.

District Manager Craig

White told the district board July 8 that GMS is handling the bid process for the project, and the call for proposals will be advertised for 45 days. The board will likely award the bid at its August meeting.

Tanks 1 and 2 are being rebuilt before they are re-coated as part of the upcoming water project.

"When it's all said and done (tank 1) will have a hatch on top with a hinge to it and [a way] to lock it down so we don't have to put 100 bolts in it," said district manager trainee Kagen Kitzman, adding that a port will be put at the bottom of tank 2 to make it easier to drain.

The sewer pipes were cleaned and inspected by a remote camera last month. The camera report showed two spots of concern.

A line behind the Mason hall and the former Lippitt Hardware had not been

inspected by a camera because it wasn't accessible until recently, when two new manholes were installed. A crack in the line was discovered.

"It's probably been that way forever," White noted, adding that he doesn't see it as an emergency.

Board president Shannon Roth suggested checking it by camera again in six months to see if any change occurs.

The second area of concern is a sewer pipe under the Sinclair parking lot.

"The side of that pipe is gone," White said, adding that the line serves several businesses in the area. "I know what [happened] is the gas company came through there last summer to run new lines through the trailer park because it's broken exactly in between two markers and where their gas line is."

White said he will inform

the gas company.

"It could be an easy enough fix," he said. "There isn't a whole lot of flow and they've got a tractor. If they dug it up, we could probably have the part to fix it and be done with it. It's absolutely worth attention before it gets worse."

The district received a petition for inclusion into the district by the developers planning a short-term RV resort consisting of full hookup RV sites, tent sites, sports courts, water parks, miniature golf, and an enclave of active 55+ casita resort homes. The board acknowledged the petition but took no further action. The developers will need to provide, at their expense, flow rate studies and engineering reports. Other required information includes a legal description of the area to be annexed and the amount of water that will be transferred to the

district upon annexation. The district's attorney will be consulted to set out the terms of the inclusion.

The 61 fire hydrants in the district will be flushed this month — regular maintenance that occurs every summer. Some hydrants will be painted and the weeds trimmed around the units.

Kitzman reported the purchase of a 2024 Chevy Colorado pickup from Len Lyall Chevrolet. He noted that the truck, along with all vehicles on Len Lyall's lot, was damaged by hail.

"We got six grand knocked off it to begin with," he said, adding that the \$43,000 sticker price was reduced to \$37,394.

Water usage for June was 6,968,100 gallons.

"That's right on par for this time of year," White said. "Around 7 million is fairly normal for June, July, August."



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CO dairy worker positive for bird flu, 4th person in U.S. linked to outbreak

by Jonel Aleccia
AP Health Writer

A fourth farm worker has been infected with avian influenza H5 in the growing outbreak linked to dairy cows, health officials reported July 3.

The worker had direct contact with infected dairy cows on a northeast Colorado farm, state and federal health officials said. The man developed pink eye, or conjunctivitis, received antiviral treatment and has recovered.

"While it's rare for people to become infected with avian flu viruses, direct exposure to infected animals increases that risk," said Scott Bookman, an official with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Three previous cases of human infection linked to cows have been reported in dairy workers in Texas and Michigan since March. Two of the workers developed pink eye, while one had mild respiratory symptoms. In 2022, the first U.S. case of bird flu was detected in a Colorado farm worker exposed to infected poultry.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention said the new infection "does not change" the agency's assessment that the risk to the general public remains low. Surveillance systems tracking flu



The federal government is testing beef sold where dairy cows were stricken by bird flu.

in the United States have shown no unusual activity, officials said. However, people with prolonged contact with infected birds or other animals, including livestock, or to their environments, are at higher risk of infection.

The Coloradan was monitored when he developed symptoms because of his work with dairy cows, according to the CDC. Tests at the state level were inconclusive, but samples sent to CDC tested positive. Full results of analysis of the sample are pending.

Through July 3, more than 135 dairy herds in a dozen states had reported infections with the H5N1 virus that originated in poultry, according to the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

"The risk to most people remains low," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, Colorado state epidemiologist.

CO health officials identify possible cases in poultry workers

DENVER— State health department officials announced July 14 there are four confirmed and another presumptive positive case of avian influenza in workers at a commercial egg layer operation.

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's State Public Health Laboratory said the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention confirmed three of the five cases from specimens collected by the state. The fourth

case was an additional presumptive detected by the state lab July 12 and was confirmed by CDC. Samples for a fifth worker were presumptive positive July 13 but CDC results unavailable July 15. No other samples are pending.

The workers were culling poultry at a farm in northeast Colorado and exhibited mild conjunctivitis (pink eye) and common respiratory infection symptoms. None of the individuals were hospitalized.



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Plague rarely affects humans; U.S. sees about 7 cases a year

by **Devi Shastri**
AP Health Writer

Colorado health officials have confirmed a human case of the plague, the rare bacterial infection famously known for killing tens of millions in 14th century Europe. Today, the plague is easily treated with antibiotics.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention estimates that seven human cases of plague occur per year in the United States and, in February, Oregon officials reported it in a person who likely got it from their sick cat.

Surprised to hear the plague is still around? Here's what to know.

WHAT IS THE PLAGUE?

The bubonic plague is the most common form of the bacterial infection, which spreads naturally among rodents like prairie dogs and rats.

Two other forms of the plague — septicemic plague (which spreads through the whole body) and pneumonic plague (which infects the lungs) — exist.

Bubonic plague causes painfully swollen lymph nodes that are most commonly found in the groin, armpit and neck, called buboes. It will often advance and turn into



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP Photo

A sign warning of bubonic plague is displayed in 2019 at a parking lot near the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge in Commerce City.

the other two forms of plague if untreated.

Other symptoms include sudden high fever and chills, headaches, and pain in the abdomen, legs and arms, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

HOW CAN YOU GET THE PLAGUE?

The bacteria is transmitted through the bites of infected fleas, which spread it between rodents, pets and humans.

People can also get plague through touching infected bodily

fluids, so health experts recommend taking extra care when handling dead or sick animals. The plague can also spread through the respiratory droplets of a patient who has pneumonic plague.

Pneumonic plague is the most deadly and easiest to spread, with a nearly 100% fatality rate untreated, said Lisa Morici, a microbiologist and immunologist at the Tulane University School of Medicine.

WHERE DOES THE PLAGUE EXIST?

In the U.S., most cases happen in rural areas of northern New Mexico, northern Arizona, southern Colorado, California, southern Oregon, and far western Nevada, according to the CDC.

Worldwide, plague is found the most in Congo, Madagascar and Peru, according to the World Health Organization.

HOW IS THE PLAGUE TREATED?

The plague was never eradicated, but prevention of its spread and treatment in humans has improved.

When treated early with antibiotics, the plague can be cured. The key is to get to a doctor fast — otherwise the plague can be deadly.

And, as the old adage goes, pre-

vention is better than a cure.

Keeping areas around the home clear of debris and other things that can attract rodents can lower the risk of infection, as can up-to-date flea treatments for pets. When hunting, camping or otherwise spending time outdoors, the CDC recommends using a bug spray with DEET to keep fleas and other disease-spreading pests away.

IS THERE A VACCINE?


Yes, but the WHO only recommends it for people who are at high risk of infection, like laboratory and health care workers. No plague vaccine is available in the U.S.

Morici emphasized the need for more research because, while the vaccines used in other parts of the world work against bubonic plague, there isn't strong evidence to show they protect against the pneumonic form of plague.

Testing a plague vaccine would be ethically and logistically difficult, she said.

"Because the bubonic form is quite treatable with antibiotics and also quite rare — you don't see thousands and thousands of cases of plague a year — there's just not a huge market for a plague vaccine at this point in time," Morici said.

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A trio of modular classrooms were moved to their final resting place on the south side of the Deer Trail School last week. The three units, donated by the Cherry Creek School District, will house fourth- through sixth-grade classes and a variety of elective courses for the 2024-25 school year. Among the final touches needed before teachers and staff can set up their classrooms are the skirting around the bases of the buildings, installation of ADA-required ramps, and laying of the hard surface to ensure students and staff aren't navigating slick or muddy conditions when weather turns inclement. The school district is still awaiting delivery of a modular concession stand with restrooms, which will be utilized by students and staff in the new additions. The photos above were taken July 11, the morning after the moduls were moved to their final destination.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

In addition to roof repairs at its administrative services building, top left photo, the Strasburg School District has multiple summer construction projects going on campus-wide. A number of improvements are being made at the football field and track stadium and the high school commons area and library are going through a conversion to a STEM classroom area. Top right photo, the west sideline area of Winter Field looks vacant after the home team bleachers and press box were demolished last month. Stadium improvements include a new set of grandstands. Below, masonry workers are busy constructing another primary addition at the stadium — a new concession stand with restrooms and an equipment room on the southwest corner of the field. Other stadium improvements include a sidewalk around most of the facility and a new entry gate on the south side of the stadium.



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Among the summer repairs being done on the campus of Bennett School District is roof replacement after several buildings received significant damage from last year's series of hail storms. Above, roofers work feverishly on the intermediate school July 2. Work is expected to be completed before the start of the 2024-25 school year Aug. 8.

Cattle growers pick new officers

LAKEWOOD — A rancher from Carbondale stepped into his role as the 119th president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) at its annual convention June 24-26 in Colorado Springs.

Since 2015, new president Tom Harrington has served on CCA's Board of Directors and has been actively involved in local, state and national cattlemen's associations. He anticipates challenges for the beef industry but is excited for ongoing opportunities to advance its legacy for future generations.

Harrington follows Robert Farnam, outgoing CCA President, from Brush.

Farnam's term was eventful with the first state wolf introduction and many unexpected complications throughout the state legislative session.

"From my statewide travels, I have seen firsthand our association and its members' commitments to bettering our industry," Farnam said. "We are an industry and organization that 'pays it forward,' and this is one of the reasons why we have stayed strong for 157 years."

Harrington, and his wife, Ginny, manage the Crystal River Ranch, a cow/calf operation, and their own commercial operation.

Harrington has a bachelor's degree in animal science and a mas-

ter's in animal reproduction and management systems from Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

"It will take the collective voices and efforts of our industry to affect positive change, but I am confident that our membership and association is prepared to work on issues of importance on behalf of all of Colorado's beef producers and the broader industry," Harrington said.

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Past President: Philip Anderson, Walden.

CO clean-water advocates return to court over factory farm waste

by Eric Galatas
Public News Service

Clean-water advocates are heading to state district court after Colorado regulators turned their back on a judge's decision last year calling for better oversight of factory farm waste.

Tyler Lobdell, staff attorney for the group Food & Water Watch, explained human sewage goes through water treatment plants or septic systems. But he said operations where thousands of cattle are confined in concentrated spaces have been dumping millions of tons of untreated manure onto nearby fields.

"It inevitably overwhelms the landscape and overwhelms watersheds," Lobdell said. "Such that this pollution has nowhere to go but into our drinking water and into our lakes, rivers and streams."

Last year's ruling found Colorado was in violation of state and federal law because the state's general permit did not require monitoring of water quality near factory farms. But the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment dismissed the ruling, arguing because no evidence

of leaks was found, there was no need to monitor. Industry groups also claimed current regulations are tougher than in other states.

Lobdell countered that Colorado's rules are strict, as they should be, to protect one of the state's most valuable assets, its water supplies. Without monitoring and enforcement, public health will remain at risk.

"You can have the strongest restrictions imaginable on paper," Lobdell noted. "The problem is those restrictions have been rendered largely meaningless because the facilities aren't required to report their compliance with those restrictions."

Factory farms, also called concentrated animal feeding operations, have faced growing scrutiny as corporate farming practices have replaced family-scale ranches. Such operations produce 17 million tons of manure a year in Colorado, according to the lawsuit, and many are located along the South Platte River.

Waste runoff from concentrated animal feeding operations contains fecal pathogens such as E. coli, antibiotics and cleaning chemicals.



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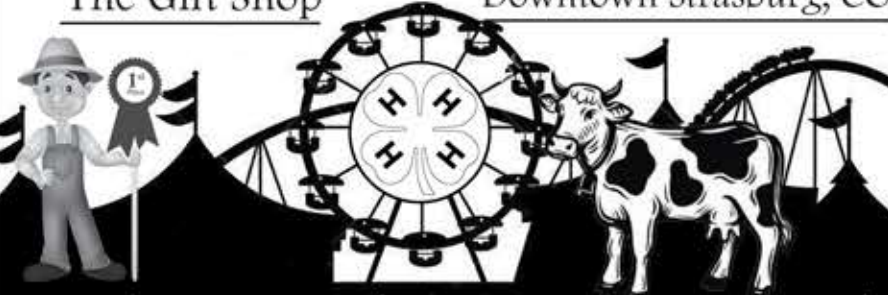
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Governor Polis shaking hands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the National Governors Association meeting in Salt Lake City.

Polis meets Zelenskyy at gov's' gathering

SALT LAKE CITY — Gov. Jared Polis joined Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy July 12 as he addressed the National Governors Association summer convening in Salt Lake City.

"Putin's brutal and globally destabilizing war poses a grave threat to Ukraine, the global order, and the U.S. and its allies," Polis said.

Since Putin's invasion of Ukraine began, the Polis administration has taken significant steps to support Ukraine and condemn Putin's actions.

Polis directed state agencies to terminate any contract with Russian state-owned contractors or subcontractors. His administration ensured that future procurement efforts analyze any possible

connection with Russian state-owned companies.

At Polis's direction, Higher Education Institutions divested from Russian state-owned companies.

Colorado PERA also quickly divested \$7.2 million from a Russian bank and Polis urged it to completely divest the PERA Trust Fund from all Russian state-owned companies.

Colorado cut diplomatic ties with Russia, and its Department of Military & Veterans Affairs collected and sent ballistic helmets and surplus body armor to Ukraine.

Using executive action, Polis directed the Office of New Americans to support Ukrainian-born Coloradans and embrace those fleeing Putin's violence.

Compost field day planned near Seibert

BURLINGTON — Four agriculture-oriented organizations will host a composting field day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, at a location approximately 4.5 miles south of Seibert on Colorado Highway 59.

The field day is free; however pre-registration is required to accommodate lunch numbers. Lunch will be provided.

Registration can occur at <https://farmsproject.org>.

The field day will feature Doug Steffen, a regenerative farmer and grazer from northeast Nebraska and graduate of the Elaine Ingham Soil Food Web course. Steffen has been making and applying compost on his operation for the past few years and has many lessons to share with participants.

Attendees will discuss making compost, utilizing compost, and compost's effects on soil microbiology. Activities include building a compost pile, observing soil microorganisms under a microscope, viewing local compost field trials, and compost equipment.

Field day hosts will have microscopes available, and participants are encouraged to bring a soil or compost sample for the experts to analyze. The tour will also include various soil health management systems in action.

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'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 adventurous mySummer reading program wraps up with a science-themed party. Library fans of all ages will dissect owl pellets, test out the 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 fur. This program will be held at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 E. Colfax Ave., Bennett. Appropriate for adults and teens over 16. Space limited; registration at anythinklibraries.org required. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20.

Community drumming: Emmanuel of Soul Rhythm African Drumming 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 registered. 11-11:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 23.

Supervillain Science: Kids ages 7-12 will learn what it takes to be the world's greatest supervillain. They will pot a carnivorous plant, build a mini doomsday device, and create their own secret supervillain identity to become a science megamind. Space limited; registration at anythinklibraries.org required. All participating children must be registered. 11 a.m. to 12 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 participants at this beginner-friendly workshop. They can bring their own deck or borrow one from the library. The program is designed to explore the tarot and improve card-reading skills. 3-4:30 p.m., Friday, July 26.

Summertime Magic: Adults might enjoy this magical comedy per-

formance from the hilarious and entertaining Mark the Magician. Space limited; registration at anythinklibraries.org required. 2-3 p.m., Saturday, July 27.

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Summer Movie Night: The community is invited to an outdoor screening of "The Princess Diaries" (2001, rated G, 1 hour, 55 minutes). 7-9 p.m., Thursday, July 25.

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Swordfighting class: Teens and tweens ages 9-17 can attend a swordfighting demonstration with the Knights of the Tempest. They will watch a medieval-style swordfight, then practice the basics with a local medieval equestrian troupe. 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, July 30.



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ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO. LDC24-002,

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SIGN REGULATIONS AMENDMENT / LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: This county-initiated project proposes amending the Land Development Code (LDC), specifically, Section 4-1-.5, Signs, Section 5-4.4, Planned Sign Program, and Chapter 7, Definitions. The proposed revisions allow for increased freestanding signage depending on the adjacent street frontage and the size of the parcel (s) and are intended to simplify the permitted number and size of fascia signs, remove special sign allowances for specific uses, update and include definitions for certain types of signs, and revise the process and clarify the regulations of the Planned Sign Program.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 6, 2024 the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described LDC24-002, Land Development Code Sign Regulations Amendment / Land Development Code Text Amendment. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing planning@arapahoe.gov 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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At the ceremony, U.S. Army Col. Joseph Paladino relinquished command to Col. Dani S. Williams. Family, friends and colleagues of the missile defense brigade bid farewell to Paladino and greeted Williams.

“Col. Paladino has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and professionalism while serving as the 100th’s commander,” said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Bren Rogers, commanding general for the Colorado Army National Guard. “Col. Williams is the perfect leader to replace Joe.”

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

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Deer Trail School bus barn, 370 Aspen St.

MONDAY, JULY 22

West Arapahoe Conservation District. 5 p.m. For link, visit westarapahoconservationdistrict.wordpress.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Senior citizen game day. 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m., Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit townofbennett.colorado.gov.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Bennett Municipal Court. 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for meeting ID.

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

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

Little Free Pantry gets big food boost

STRASBURG — The Little Free Pantry at Saron Lutheran Church in Strasburg was a recent recipient of hundreds of pounds of food and hygiene items.

The items were collected via a joint effort between the Adams County Council on Aging and Arapahoe County's Council on Aging's AgeWise program. Donations were presented during a June 24 meeting at the Byers American Legion Hall that also included an update to the services provided by the Denver Regional Council of Government's Area Agency on Aging.

The Little Free Pantry, located in front of the church at 1656 Main St., Strasburg, has been available since July 2023 under the mission of "take what you need and leave what you can."

Items received and distributed by the pantry include cereal; in-



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The Little Free Pantry resides at Saron Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

stant oatmeal; granola bars; ramen; macaroni and cheese; dry beans or lentils; dried fruit; protein bars; dried milk; crackers with peanut butter or cheese; hygiene items; toilet paper; and lotion, soap or shampoo.

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Clockwise from above left, Adler Davis assists with mop-up duties at the property where the Quail Hollow Fire first stoked up July 13. The Arapahoe Sheriff's Office said the Davis family was not displaced because of the fire; Austin Carroll, 10, does his best to drive his county fair show pig away from the flames along Arapahoe County Road 193; and horses look away from nearby flames and smoke. No injuries or death to livestock or pets had been reported as of July 15.



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do with the sheriff's public information office. "At this point, [the lead investigator] says there is no reason to believe it was human caused or deliberate."

Brown said the sheriff's office took over incident command midway through in an effort to more fully utilize fire department resources in the field.

The original 911 call of a "slow-moving grass fire less than a football field in size" was received at 10:10 a.m. and, by 10:18 a.m., the first set of Byers Fire responders were on scene in the 2400 block of Quail Hollow Road, which sits between Arapahoe County roads 185 and 193. Despite a single-digit breeze reported most of the morning, rough or impassable terrain allowed flames to quickly proceed south.

According to emergency scanner chatter, a ravine on the original property could not be crossed, forcing firefighters to find alternate points of access, which delayed their ability to get ahead of the south head of the fire. As temperatures spiked and wind speeds approached 10 miles per hour or stronger, the fire gained momentum and quickly gobbled up tinder, dry grass and other vegetation.

"It's just been very hot and dry; unfortunately, prime conditions for fire and for it to spread quickly," Brown said.

Weather conditions continued to worsen throughout midday, allowing the fire to even jump over County Road 34 and run towards County Road 38, but firefighters were able to end the fire's progression before it approached the natural gas substation on County Road 38.

Approximately 70 pieces of firefighting apparatus and a couple hundred personnel from about 20 regional and state emergency jurisdictions were joined by numerous local farmers and ranchers, who joined in with their tractors and implements to help cut fire lines to prevent further spread. Three state tanker planes and a Douglas County helicopter provided air support, dropping water and fire retardant on the flames. Other neighbors brought their pickups and trailers to assist evacuees with getting their animals moved, if need be.

"This is such a very tight-knit community and that showed up



Above, Douglas County's emergency helicopter drops water and fire retardant on the flames of the Quail Hollow Fire, about 1.5 miles southeast of Byers July 17. Below, the fire jumps over County Road 34 and runs towards County Road 38.



immensely during this time of need," Brown said. "We did have a lot of people coming out and bringing their own personal farm equipment to help fight the fire. We also had a local rancher that allowed the helicopter to refill from a nearby stock pond, so that helped expedite extinguishment."

An exact number of farm tractors and implements used to assist

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water on flames during the Quail Hollow Fire about five miles east of County Road 34.



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in the firefight was unavailable at press time, but Brown said, "I will say that it was more than a dozen and less than 100."

In addition to 13 fire departments — Byers, Deer Trail, Limon, North Central, Strasburg, Bennett-Watkins, Sable Altura, Buckley Space Force, Aurora, Denver, South Metro, Elizabeth and Rattlesnake — the Arapahoe County

Sheriff's Office Wildfire Team and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention provided resources, including the air tankers.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies were joined in evacuation efforts by Colorado State Patrol troopers.

How many homes were evacuated were unknown but Brown said that efforts to notify property owners and residents was two-pronged.

The evacuation notice was lifted about the same time containment was announced.

"We had our guys and state troopers going door-to-door but also notified people by our Code Red Emergency Notification System," he said. "It went pretty smoothly. Most people were cooperative and got out of harm's way."

While containment was announced about 3 p.m., mop-up and hot spot work continued through overnight on Saturday, with the final apparatus and personnel leaving the scene from 6:30-7 a.m. Sunday.

Throughout the fire's duration, food and water support was provided by numerous neighboring residents and community businesses. Wide Open Heating, Air & Electric opened up its warehouse to receive donations of supplies, including food and water. Byers General Store ran out of both bottled water and ice midday Saturday as it also provided supplies to the Deer Trail Rodeo that occurred over the July 12-13 weekend.

On the south end of the fire along County Road 34, neighbors dropped numerous cases of bottled water for first responders and evacuees.

"There's a lot of us that it's a matter of anything we need to do to help our friends and neighbors in need," said one local resident that lives on County Road 181 (Exmoor Road), which was just on the outside of the evacuation perimeter. "And that goes for any of the livestock or other animals, who might need a place to stay."

In addition to neighbors offering stalling space for horses and other animals, Brown said the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds is also serving as an emergency animal shelter.

The American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming is on standby to provide resources to the families displaced by the fire.



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From top photo, a home, outbuildings and outside items on a property along Arapahoe County 193 get overrun by flames during the July 13 Quail Hollow Fire southeast of Byers; one of numerous neighboring farmers provide assistance in cutting fire lines with tractors and implements; and the combination of 100-degree temperatures, little humidity and double-digit winds create a smoke tornado along the southern boundary of the fire near County Road 34. After Saturday's fire, Arapahoe and Adams counties both implemented formal outside burn bans. For more coverage of recent fire activity, see the July 19 *Eastern Colorado News*.



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What have you seen at the seashore?



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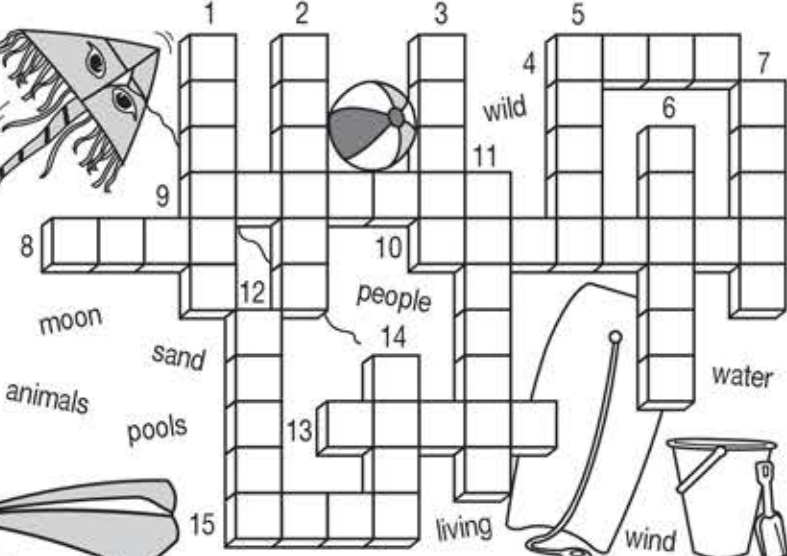


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Hey! Look at that! You never know what you'll see in the sky, on the shore and even in the sand when you go to the seashore. What you see may depend on whether the tide is going out or coming in. Study the area where the land meets the sea. Is it rocky with waves crashing or is it a long stretch of white sand peacefully meeting the water? You might watch little crabs hiding and scurrying in the rocky areas. Different kinds of shells might be easier to find along sandy stretches. It's fun to find driftwood too!



At Sea and Shore



seashore

moon

animals

pools

living

wind

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waves

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1. five vast _____ link across the planet, covering about 71% of Earth's surface

2. tidal pools are home to many _____ things: seaweed, seastars, snails, crabs, etc.

3. tide _____ are rocky; some may be seen separately at low tide

4. a _____ beach is one that is natural, untouched by people

5. energy from strong winds on the surface of the ocean causes _____ to form

6. _____ have explored only about 5% of the world's oceans

7. the ocean is mostly made up of _____, but there are many elements: sodium, chlorine, magnesium, calcium and more

8. tides are the result of the gravity of the _____ pushing and pulling the ocean

9. the ocean is Earth's largest habitat, with _____ such as whales, sharks, sea lions

10. coastline; where the land meets the ocean

11. a _____ resort is a place built for people to have fun and be active

12. grasses and bushes anchor the sand _____ and keep the beach stable


13. many kinds of _____ live by the ocean: seagulls, sandpipers, albatrosses

14. beaches change shape due to constant erosion by the steady force of coastal _____ and crashing waves

15. _____ is made of fine grains of earth and rocks worn down by the wind

What Is Seen at the Seashore?

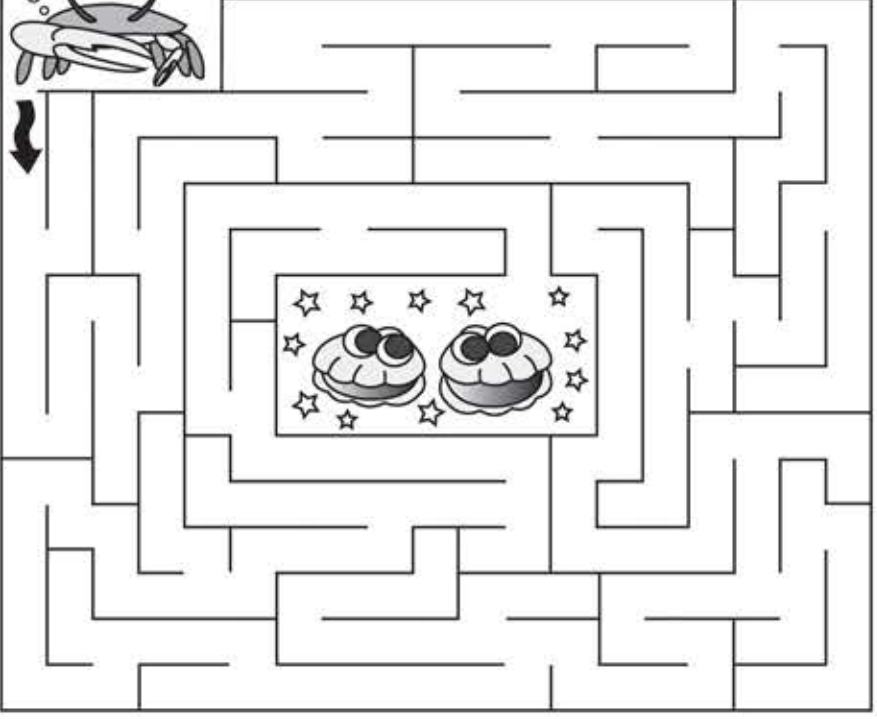
People bring shovels and pails to dig and collect items from the seashore. Find and circle the items below that you can see at the shore.



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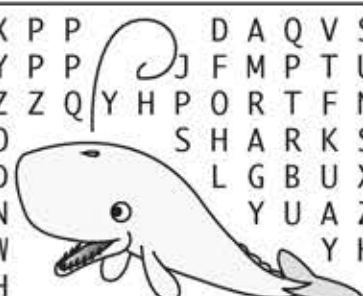
If you help the cranky crab find his way to the cheerful clam party, he'll soon be 'as happy as a clam!'



What Is Seen at Sea?

What would sailors sailing on a ship at sea see? Mostly the sky and sea! Sometimes, the crew would be able to see these things:

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20 YEARS AGO
JULY 20, 2004
STRASBURG — Miss Colorado 2004 Janel Haw of Aurora will start the 5-kilometer walk-run to the rails race Aug. 8 for the Strasburg Hometown Days celebration.

“Race organizers (the High Five Plains Foundation) see Ms. Haw as a powerful role model for citizens of rural Colorado,” said foundation administrator Patty Doyle.
Haw will participate in the start of the race, in the lead vehicle, will be available for autographs, and will provide positive feedback to all race participants.

Haw competed in the Miss USA pageant in April.

15 YEARS AGO
JULY 21, 2009
STRASBURG — Strasburg Fire Protection District No. 8 Board members unanimously approved and signed merger papers to acquire the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department July 16.

Under the agreement, the district takes over the management of all department accounts, except the volunteers’ bingo and Emergency Medical Service Association of Colorado accounts.

Prior to the merger, the fire district managed the firefighting fleet and equipment while the volunteer fire department managed the ambulance service. Under the merger, the district takes over adminis-

tration of both services.

CEDAR POINT — For the second time in two months, Union Pacific Railroad is cleaning up a coal train derailment between Agate and Limon.

The most recent accident occurred at approximately 2:40 p.m. July 16 when 34 of 105 cars went off the tracks at the Highway 86 railroad crossing about a mile south of I-70. The train was delivering coal from Utah to Memphis, Tenn.

“There were no injuries, which is a very good thing, and crews worked throughout the night to clear the cars and rebuild about 400 feet of track,” said UP spokesman Mark Davis July 17.

Both directions of traffic on Highway 86 were stalled two different times during cleanup efforts.

10 YEARS AGO
JULY 22, 2014
BYERS — The three-day concert and camping event that was denied a permit for its preferred site in Byers has relocated to Denver.

Riot Fest announced July 18 that its Sept. 19-21 event will now take place at Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

The event was originally set to take place at May Farms of Byers but Arapahoe County zoning officials ruled against Riot Fest’s temporary use permit request July 11, citing inadequate roadways, infrastructure and emergency response.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 18, the 200th day of 2024. There are 166 days left in the year.

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT
On July 18, 1976, at the Summer Olympics in Montreal, Nadia Comaneci of Romania became the first gymnast to receive a perfect 10

from Olympic judges on the uneven bars.

ON THIS DATE
In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.
In 1863, during the Civil War, Union troops spearhead-

ed by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, made up of Black soldiers, charged Confederate-held Fort Wagner on Morris Island, S.C. The Confederates were able to repel the Northerners, who suffered heavy losses; the 54th’s commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, was among those who

were killed.
In 1918, South African anti-apartheid leader and president Nelson Mandela was born in the village of Mvezo.
In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS
Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 95. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tenley Albright is 89. Actor James Brolin is 84. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre is 84. Actor Vin Diesel is 57.
— Associated Press

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- Like Al Yankovic
- Popular deciduous tree
- College treasurer
- Balaclava (2 words)
- Compass point between E and NE
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- Smart ones?
- Two halves
- That is, in Latin
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- What ivy does
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- Band aid
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- Michael Phelps predecessor
- In the Hall of the Mountain King” composer Edvard ___
- Black and white killer?
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- Decomposes
- Against, prefix
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- State of vexation

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- South American monkey
- Gusto
- Geological Society of America

ANSWERS ON PAGE 22

HOROSCOPE

Over the Moon

The moon’s flirtation with Mercury in Leo is a reminder of joy’s role in your life. When you feel joyful, it’s much easier to give your time, heart and warmth, which will matter much more than other things you could give. With money, there’s a pressure to invest well. But with joy, one needn’t worry where it lands. Whatever you feel will radiate and contribute to the lift.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’re playing with the wide-focused lenses and pondering your place in the grander scheme. Your actions gain new meaning when you consider even the smallest one has the potential to ripple outward and impact others positively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Narcissus contemplated his reflection and got stuck there. Whether we blame it on beauty, the mirror or human nature in general, the trap is avoidable if you keep moving, focus on what you’re doing and don’t worry about what you look like doing it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’re humble and kind — qualities that pair well with being annoyingly good at what you’re doing. Those who might otherwise find your talent intimidating or threatening will be mollified by your warmth and gentleness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ask the jury — passing judgment can be a tedious process. Avoid it by staying focused on people you enjoy. “Morality is simply the attitude we adopt toward people we personally dislike.” — Oscar Wilde

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Strange, but it’s true — people can’t always see their own wants and needs. That’s why wanting well is an art. When you really want what you also really need, you’re already halfway to success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sure, you’d love it if the day turned out to be an enchanting journey, but you’ll also love it if the enchantment is contained in but one moment of stillness. In fact, the second way is more memorable and, in to-

day’s case, could have a profound impact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The skills you do every day are so much a part of who you are that you don’t even recognize them as anything special. But someone will point out to you that you have more skills than you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Susceptibility to influence is a theme of the day. You’ll use it to the advantage of you and the whole world. You’ll be considerate and mindful, interacting with grace, and it will catch on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You’ll weigh all of the options out of a sense of fairness to everyone, including you. Justice is only served by the choice that’s unlikely to end up with you feeling you’ve somehow missed out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’ve given plenty thought to a situation, and now it’s time for action. Finding the best entry point to the scene will give you an advantage going forward. Think about who could most use what you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’re managing a workload all by yourself. There was a time you wouldn’t have been able to do a tenth of this. Remember it and give yourself credit for how far you’ve come. You are due for another growth spurt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Quiet longings ride under the surface. You may ignore them for a while, but the volume is turning up in increments. It’s a good time to have a you-to-you talk and find out just what you need.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 18). It’s a year of glowing relationships. You’ll work on big projects, learn from new mentors and strategize wins for your family and teams. You’re an asset to your community, which is fulfilling in itself, and it’s also beautiful how you’re recognized and awarded. More highlights: You’ll contribute and accept big donations, completing circles of generosity. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 20, 44, 31 and 10.

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Jim Nordloh, plots 5-8, Sec. 15, Lot 5; Omar Forhand, plots 1-4, Sec. 6, Lot 6; Joe Rico, plots 1-7, Sec. 10, Lot 3; Jim Sprague, plots 5-7, Sec.14, Lot 2; Agnes Thomas, plots 3 & 4, Sec. 11, Lot 1; M. Clinkenbeard, plots 1-3 & 5-8, Sec. 14, Lot 21; J. H. Frahm, plots 1-4, Sec. 9, Lot 2; Mr. Hinkle, plots 5-8, Sec. 9, Lot 2; Harmon Rossiter, plots 1-7, Sec. 7, Lot1.
The owner, or person with legitimate claim to these plots must, within 60 days, notify Evergreen Cemetery, in writing, of their intent to retain ownership of the burial rights to these plots by sending a letter to Evergreen Cemetery, P.O. Box 191, Deer Trail, CO 80105.

HIGH-SPEED CHASE

to keep up with safely and he lost visual of the suspect vehicle.”
The suspect made its way to westbound I-70 where they avoided multiple efforts to disable the vehicle and apprehension.
“Lincoln County and Limon were able to get to the interstate and set up stop sticks but were unsuccessful. The suspect again reached speeds of at least 125 miles per hour,” Fisher said. “Arapahoe and Adams (county sheriff’s departments) also responded and stop sticks were deployed near the 299 mile marker (Manila Road) on I-70. CSP also attempted stop sticks but was unsuccessful.”
Efforts to stop the vehicle were suspended around E-470.
“Due to the nature and driving behaviors of the suspect, all agencies decided to end this attempt to stop the suspect vehicle because of

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safety reasons for law enforcement and the public,” Fisher said.
As of last week, the suspect, who was described as white or Hispanic, had not been identified and remained at large.
Fisher added that a combination of neighboring residents and Sheriff’s Posse members collected loose mail along Elbert County roads 122 and 153 in an effort to get it to its rightful recipients.

DT SEWER RATES

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was for a \$40 flat sewer rate but he was receptive to a friendly amendment of \$35 after fellow board member Robert Rhodes said that \$40 would basically double the sewer bill for residents that don’t exceed minimum usage, which is billed at \$21.
Deer Trail bases its sewer usage on water usage minus \$1; for example, a water bill of \$285 for a month correlates to an additional \$284 being billed for sewer.
“For the (new subdivision’s) townhome owners and other town residents that don’t have grass or outdoor irrigation needs, how fair is it for them to take up the slack for those larger households or those that decide to keep their yards green,” said Rhodes, himself a townhome owner in the Bijou Creek subdivision on the south side of town. “If it’s \$40, I’m voting against it. But, at \$35, that seems to be a good compromise, especially for only four months.”
Residents with larger water bills, especially those that irrigate outdoors, have previously complained that their sewer bills are unfair because not all the water they use enters the wastewater system.
A couple of residents listening to the meeting online agreed that the temporary flat fee appeared to be a fair compromise but understood that minimal water users might feel penalized while heavy water users will pay much less over the summer.
“Seems more fair to try and meet in the middle,” said one resident. “But it probably is a matter of replacing one [ticked] off part of town with another [ticked] off part of town.”
Over the next four months, trustees, staff and wastewater consultants are expected to survey town residents and collect additional sales tax and wastewater system cost data to determine how to proceed with sewer rates in the future. A suggestion to put the sewer rate question in front of the newly formed planning commission was quickly panned, meaning that the final suggestions will be made by the seven-member board of trustees.
Among the options to be looked at are a tiered or flat rate schedule and whether to base sewer bills on a three-month average or actual month-by-month usage.

Despite a state mandate to shift its wastewater system to an expensive mechanical plant within the next five years, exorbitant sewer bill increases aren’t anticipated because of the passage of the town’s first sales tax in April.
Ballot language included designating 75% of tax proceeds to infrastructure improvements, including the new sewer plant. In addition, 10% of sewer expenses can be covered by tax proceeds if the wastewater fund comes under fiscal duress.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

The board unanimously approved the first six members of the town’s planning commission. Buss and Mayor Judd Behrens will be joined by Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless, Deer Trail School Board President Patrick Duff, former trustee John Kettling, and Spencer Bell, an employee with Arapahoe County.
“We really wanted representation from all the major entities within or that represents the town and that we work with, so we are pretty well rounded that way,” Behrens said. “They are all important when it comes to determining how the town develops moving forward.”
Bell reiterated that he is not serving in an official capacity for the county.
Behrens agreed but added that Bell’s perspective would provide valuable insight.
Under town code, the planning commission can be anywhere from 5-7 in members with no more than two trustees.



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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ADAMS COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS FILING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPEALS WITH THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that starting on August 5, 2024, the Adams County Board of Equalization shall sit at the Adams County Government Center, 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Brighton, Colorado, to hear contests of property tax exemption denials by an authorized independent referee.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the deadline for filing appeals with the Board of Equalization for Property Tax Exemption Appeal is August 15, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOSH ZYGIELBAUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD



ADAMS COUNTY COLORADO

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OTHER BUSINESS

- The town supplied 5.493 million gallons of water to the town in June. Water sold over that time was 5.099 million gallons. The 4% loss was the result of two-days of flushing fire hydrants, a four-day stint of sewer cleaning; and a couple of fire responses by the Deer Trail Fire Department.
- The board next meets in regular session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, at town hall.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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CHUCK WAGON

Homemade Dry Ranch Seasoning Mix

by Bobbie Keefer
For The Scout

I use ranch seasoning mix in many recipes so I always have it on hand. It comes in little blue 3.5-ounce packets. One packet costs about \$2.

Homemade Dry Ranch Seasoning Mix can be made at home with basic spices and dried herbs that you probably have on hand. Dry buttermilk is like powdered milk, except it's made from buttermilk.

The buttermilk powder provides that tangy flavor to the ranch seasoning mix and is the reason the mix must be stored in the refrigerator. It's likely the one ingredient you don't have on hand but it's important, so don't omit it. Your ranch seasoning flavor won't be the same without it.

Pulse the mix in a blender if you want to make the dressing mix powdery and give it a finer texture. Use it to season mashed potatoes or sprinkle it on popcorn.

To fill a jelly size canning jar, it would take at least 20 single packets of store-bought ranch seasoning packets! This recipe is so easy and economical to make, you may never go back to 'off-the-shelf' ranch seasoning mix!



- 1 tablespoon dried minced onion

SEASONING MIX DIRECTIONS

In 4-ounce canning jar, add all ingredients. Seal and shake to combine. Refrigerate for up to 6 months. Mix well before each use.

RANCH SALAD DRESSING DIRECTIONS

In container, combine 2 tablespoons ranch seasoning mix, 1/4 cup mayonnaise, 1/4 cup sour cream, 1/2 teaspoon white vinegar. Stir in 1/4 cup milk or more for desired consistency. The mix should be creamy and pourable like bottled dressing.

RANCH DIP DIRECTIONS

In container, combine 2 cups sour cream, 3 tablespoons ranch dressing mix, 1/4 teaspoon white vinegar. Mix well. Adjust as needed.

Ranch dip is thicker to scoop with chips or veggies. Good served with hot wings.

HOMEMADE DRY RANCH SEASONING MIX INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk powder
- 1/2 cup dried parsley
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- 3 tablespoons dried chives
- 1/3 cup onion salt
- 3 teaspoons pepper



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Byers Fire Protection District hosted its annual spaghetti dinner at the firehouse July 3. The event is a fundraiser for Byers Fire/Rescue. From left photo, EMTs Henry Stoffer and Laura Flores man the cookie station, and firefighter/EMT Michael Chalchesa serves salad.



From left photo, local Boy Scouts lead the annual Byers Fourth of July parade as the color guard; Eric Golden Band guitar player Sean Scott picks his guitar during the midday holiday festivities in downtown Byers hosted by Wide Open Heating, Air & Electric; and Erika McCracken, left, Brigitte Ness, Brecklyn Ness, Lindsey Ireland, Mary McCracken, John Doble and his pooch show off their patriotic mood after the parade.



Fourth of July activities in Byers included the annual Quint Valley Rodeo. From left photo, bullfighter Levi Wilkins gets up close and personal with the bull Wishful Thinking from Miller Rodeo Company of Strasburg, and Arapahoe Rodeo Royalty Association Princess Isabelle Rabe provides comfort and consolation to 6-year-old Maci Williams, who took a hard spill into the fence during the kids mutton bustin'.