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Burn bans douse 'Burg fireworks show



by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

As consecutive days of unseasonably hot, dry and windy conditions persist in the central and eastern portions of Colorado, not only is the current rash of wildfires a concern but so is the increased threat of blazes in the near future.

Fire fears have led to additional precautions and the interruption of one Corridor community's annual summer evening light show.

"It is with great sadness that we have to an-

nounce the Hometown Days firework show is being postponed," the Strasburg Fire Protection District said in an Aug. 1 statement. "Adams County and Arapahoe County are in a level 2 fire ban, [and] It's not safe for us to have the show on Aug. 9. We don't have a future date set but will make sure everyone knows when it will be. We love our community and it's our responsibility to help keep it safe."

Both the Adams and Arapahoe county sher-

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Firefighters balance service at home with aid to others

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

I-70 Corridor fire districts are balancing assistance to fire-ravaged areas of the Front Range while staying prepared for potential blazes in their own backyards.

While firefighters from Sable Altura, Bennett-Watkins, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail were deployed last week to primarily the Quarry Fire in far southwest Denver, local juris-

dictions remain mindful of the intensifying dangers locally.

"We haven't deployed many other units since," said Bennett-Watkins Assistant Fire Chief Caleb Connor Aug. 3, noting that three staff were sent to the Quarry Fire on a Bennett brush truck overnight July 31 into Aug. 1. "We're a primary automatic aid provider for fires on the Corridor and we've been

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In addition to charring 35 acres, a vegetation fire about five miles north of Deer Trail Aug. 2 also destroyed vehicles and farm implements.



Fun at the Fair?

STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Daniel Dalton of Byers escapes injury despite being almost thrown onto his head by Happy Hour during the Sunday rodeo performance at the Arapahoe County Fair, July 25-28. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**

Cockfighting suspect due in court on August 13

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Court proceedings for the Aurora man that allegedly operated an I-70 Corridor cockfighting enterprise will continue next week.

Jesus Orozco, 34, will appear at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Division 3 of Adams County District Court on charges of fifth-degree felony animal fighting and first-degree misdemeanor cruelty to animals following a mid-July investigation into allegations of rooster fighting and poor animal living conditions.

Orozco was taken into custody by Adams County Sheriff's deputies midmorning July 18 at the

operation located at 4300 Hudson Road northwest of Watkins. In addition, 39 chickens were seized, including 32 roosters, most with body modifications and a handful with injuries associated with illegal cock fighting.

According to Adams County Sheriff's Detective James Graham, the investigation into the alleged illegal activity commenced July 9 with himself, Adams County Animal Management Supervisor Natalie Clarke, and county code enforcement personnel following concerns from neighbors about animal health and safety.

Upon arriving at the address, the 35-acre parcel was found to have

been "subdivided" into numerous lots with various activities on them, but the focus of the original search was Orozco's plot with numerous chickens on it.

According to Graham and Clarke, most of the roosters "showed signs of animal fighting, especially the removal of spurs, waddles and combs," and many appeared to have injuries consistent with combat. In addition, Clarke said the abundance of roosters compared to hens was a red flag.



Orozco

A search warrant for the property was executed July 18 as was an arrest warrant for Orozco, who was taken into custody and booked into the Adams County Detention Center after being asked to meet with sheriff's investigators and deputies at the location. The sheriff's office and animal management division was assisted by veterinarians with the Colorado Bureau of Animal Protection, a division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Thirty of the birds displayed some sort of physical change consistent with fighting and five

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

DRCOG officials slate visit to I-70 Chamber meeting

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its next Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 21, at CORE Electric Co-op, 1092 Cedar St., Bennett.

Speakers will be representatives from the Denver Regional Council of Governments. U.S. Mechanical Company will sponsor lunch.

RSVPs to (720)731-1954 or cei70ccoc@gmail.com are requested by Friday, Aug. 16.

Strasburg seniors group plans June potluck lunch

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host a potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg, will speak.

The group, which provides a social outlet for area seniors, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

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

Job fair for veterans slated for Arapahoe County locale

AURORA — VetConnections, a job fair for service members and veterans in Arapahoe and Adams counties, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, at Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza.

More than 40 vendors and organizations that provide veteran-specific services will be on site, and the event will also provide resources from Boots to Books, Salute Colorado, and Freedom Service Dogs. Workshops, covering topics from Medicare to business start-up, are also planned.

Employers will be on hand to discuss open positions. Job fair attendees should bring copies of their resumes and wear business attire.



Independent Financial recently donated \$4,000 to this year's Strasburg Hometown Days festivities, including the annual Saturday hamburger fry lunch Aug. 10. Pictured above, the bank's Strasburg branch is represented by Jordyn Joyce, Sarah deWindt, Celia Ramos, Melissa Monarez and Gail King.

To volunteer, visit arapahoegov.com. CentrePoint Plaza is located at 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora.

Releasing pets into wild is illegal, unethical, per CPW

DENVER — Colorado Parks & Wildlife is reminding residents that releasing pets into the wild is not only unethical, but illegal.

According to a release, domesticated animals are often unable to fend for themselves in the wild. Even if the species is native to Colorado, unleashing it into the wild can introduce diseases, parasites and competition for wild animals.

Parks & Wildlife suspects an exotic patagonian mara recently spotted in a Lakewood city park is an abandoned domesticated pet. Patagonian mara are illegal in Colorado.

The public is asked to promptly report sightings to (303)291-7227.

Byers congregation plans outdoor worship Aug. 18

BYERS — Byers Community Church will host Worship in the Park starting at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, at Byers Park.

A picnic with the congregation will follow. Participants will play

handbells and reflect on God's word. Lawn chairs are recommended, but picnic tables will also be available.

Visitors can bring their own picnic lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Pop-top donations wanted at Ronald McDonald House

BENNETT — Folks who drink from cans are asked to donate the pop tops to the Bennett-Watkins Lions Club.

The club is collecting pop tops to give to the Ronald McDonald House. All Lions Clubs are participating in the project against childhood cancer.

Pop tops can be delivered to the Lions Club booths at Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 10 and at Bennett Days Sept. 7. For pick-up, call Diane Moler at (303)644-3717.

Bird flu: Gov extends order related to surge in WeldCo

DENVER — Gov. Jared Polis took executive action Aug. 2 to memorialize his verbal disaster declaration from July 5 in response to an avian flu outbreak in Weld County.

This declaration activated the State Emergency Operations Plan and directed the Office of Emer-

gency Management to take all necessary actions to assist with response, recovery and mitigation efforts. Specifically, it unlocked the resources necessary to help affected poultry facilities respond to outbreaks of avian flu.

The order memorialized the verbal declaration and added 30 days through Sept. 1 because of the ongoing need to identify avian flu cases and the potential for further response to affected facilities.

For more information, visit ag.colorado.gov/HPAresponse.

Barr Lake State Park site of bird banding bonanza

BRIGHTON — Migration is a magical time of year, and kids ages 1-17 are invited to experience science in action as a wildlife biologist bands and collects scientific data on live, migrating birds.

The opportunity runs from 8:45-11 a.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27-28, at Barr Lake State Park, 13401 Picadilly Road, Brighton.

Attendees can spend time at the banding station to see wild birds up close, learn to use binoculars, practice identifying birds, and explore the Barr Lake ecosystem.

Park admission costs \$10 per vehicle without an annual state parks pass. The class costs \$7 per person up to age 17 and \$1 per adult age 18 and up.

For more information, call the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies at (303) 659-4348 or e-mail to info@birdconservancy.org.

Aug., Sept. free meals for veterans, seniors canceled

BENNETT — The regularly scheduled monthly free lunch for I-70 Corridor military veterans and senior citizens age 65 and older at the Bennett VFW Hall will not occur over the next two months.

The next meal is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11.

Veterans and seniors from all along the I-70 Corridor are invited. For more information, call Flora Goodnight at (303)549-2589.

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Recipients of Adams County Open Space Grants pose for a photo with county officials July 9.

Adams County awards open space grants worth record \$21.5 million

BRIGHTON — Adams County July 9 awarded \$5.9 million in three grants to the town of Bennett for projects at Civic Center Park, construction of the Purple Pipe water reuse project, and electrical upgrades at Trupp Park.

In addition, projects at the Bennett and Strasburg parks and recreation districts were funded.

Overall, the county awarded 24 projects with \$21,551,295.23, the most money ever funded in a single grant cycle since the program's inception in 2000.

Bennett received \$3,891,550.83 for Civic Center Park, where Phase III construction will provide additional landscaping and concrete, bathrooms, paved parking, and preparation for a second play field.

Civic Center Park is identified in the town's Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan as one of the most valuable assets for active and passive recreational amenities in the community.

Purple Pipe Phase III was awarded \$2 million. Since 2019, according to a release, the town has made significant progress in creating a water reuse system. The work includes the lining of a decommissioned wastewater lagoon for storage, pumps and pump houses to move the water through the system, and installation of a water main through the west part of town.

Last spring, the town began watering parks with reused water. Despite the progress, the town needs additional storage and water mains to meet demand for all parks and open spaces in the Adams County portion of Bennett.

The town has already expanded and relined a second lagoon for storage; however, pumps and lines are needed to connect it to the system.

Bennett will also receive \$25,000 for electrical upgrades at the grandstand, bathrooms and picnic pavilion at Trupp Park.

In addition, the Bennett Parks & Recreation District was awarded \$51,680 for repairs to its aquatic facility that has worn over time due to age, humidity, and chemicals.

Strasburg Parks & Recreation District received \$25,000 for improvements at the north baseball field. The components include purchase and installation of a new scoreboard, demolition of the existing pitching mound, and purchase of a portable, artificial turf mound.

Other grants of interest include:

- \$830,000 for the High Line Canal Trail underpass at Colfax Avenue;
- \$739,863 for environmental education at the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies;
- \$43,000 for a natural resources management plan to the High Line Canal Conservancy; and
- \$24,202 for invasive species control at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.



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Heat may be factor in outbreak of avian flu in poultry workers

by Rachel Cohen
KUNC

Federal health officials were in Colorado last week, investigating an outbreak of avian flu among poultry workers.

They say environmental conditions may have contributed to the virus' spread.

The temperature was over 100 degrees when 160 workers in Colorado were culling 1.8 million chickens with avian flu at a commercial egg-laying facility.

Poultry workers dealing with the virus are required to wear white paper suits, goggles, boots and gloves for protection. Still, four workers contracted the virus with a fifth case likely.

Dr. Nirav Shah, the principal deputy director at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, said the heat wave may have created conditions that made it easier for the workers to contract the virus. Large industrial fans were deployed to address the high temperatures.

"That certainly helped keep the barns cool," he said during a media briefing, "but those fans also spread things like feathers around, which are known to carry the virus."

Julie Gauthier with the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture suggested that the fans may have compromised worker safety.

"The fans pushing the air made it hard to keep those goggles and

N-95 respirators in place," she said.

Health officials are working to ensure workers have better-fitting protective equipment, as work to cull the flock continues. The labor-intensive process involves workers picking up chickens and putting them into carts with carbon dioxide chambers.

More than 60 workers at the facility exhibited mild symptoms, from pink eye to respiratory effects, but only five workers tested positive for the virus.

Workers were offered Tamiflu, but the CDC did not recommend vaccination for workers at the facility.

Preliminary epidemiological data show the virus in the chickens resembles the version spreading among dairy cows.

More than 160 dairy herds have been confirmed with the virus in 13 states.

Additionally, 10 commercial turkey or poultry herds have been detected with avian influenza in the last month.

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Commercial insurers charged up to 6x Medicare rates by Colorado hospitals

by Eric Galatas
Public News Service

Colorado hospitals charge commercial insurers up to six times Medicare rates

The rates Medicare pays hospitals are carefully calculated to cover the actual cost of care in an efficient health care facility. But Anthem, Cigna, United and other commercial health insurers in Colorado are charging significantly more than Medicare, according to a new Center for Improving Value in Health Care report.

Kristin Paulson, president and CEO of the Center for Improving Value in Health Care, said it would make sense for hospitals to charge commercial insurers a little more than Medicare, to help expand services and shore up hospital bottom lines.

"But the data that we've just released demonstrates that hospitals are getting four, five, or sometimes even six times what Medicare pays. And that's well beyond what we'd expect simply to strengthen a business' bottom line or expand care," she explained.

Using a new health care payment comparison tool, the center found that, while commercial insurers are paying more, overall payments compared to Medicare dropped by 4% between 2019 and 2022 across all facility types statewide. Paulson noted programs — including

the new Colorado Option plans, which are held to a percentage of Medicare rates — can help keep costs down.

Commercial plans operating through ConnectForHealthCO.com must spend 80% of consumer premium dollars on patient care; only 20% can go to administration costs and profits.

But there are no incentives to challenge high prices. Paulson noted, if insurers collect \$1 million in premiums, they can only take in \$200,000 in profits. If costs double, insurers can increase premiums — and profits.

"If they are covering the same people for the same services, they would have to charge \$2 million in premiums, and they would be able to keep up to \$400,000," she continued. "So the payers make money when prices go up as well."

Paulson said Coloradans can do their part to lower health costs by using the center's Shop for Care tool at civhc.org/shop-for-care, which compares procedure prices at different facilities.

"The more we're paying for health care out of our own pocket, and through our health insurance companies, the more premiums will continue to rise. So, as consumers, we need to be aware that these price differences exist, and we need to look for opportunities to get lower-cost high-quality care," she said.

Despite legal threat, CO proceeds with prescription price caps

by Gabe Allen
KUNC

For those seeking treatments for autoimmune diseases, relief in the form of more affordable drug treatments may be on the way.

At a July 3 meeting, Colorado's Prescription Drug Affordability Review Board voted unanimously to proceed with setting price caps for two prescription drugs: Stelara and Cosentyx.

The board members reviewed separate reports that found both drugs to be both essential and unaffordable for Colorado patients. The investigation found that the average out-of-pocket costs for patients with commercial insurance on Stelara and Cosentyx were \$5,875 and \$2,801 per year, respectively. For a patient without insurance, Cosentyx costs an average of \$46,948 per year.

Both Stelara and Cosentyx are used to treat chronic autoimmune diseases, such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and plaque psoriasis. Neither drug is a quick fix. They are long-term therapies that patients often remain on for years.

According to Megan Purdy, an emergency medicine resident at Denver Health and an ulcerative colitis patient herself, steep prices come with a hidden cost.

"Many of my patients will be on these medications and oftentimes they do come in having missed doses — unable to get insurance coverage for these medications, unable to afford them," she said.

Cosentyx and Stelara have been on the board's radar since last summer, when it selected five pharmaceuticals from a list of 604 potentially unaffordable prescriptions. The board's decision starts a process that will solicit more information from doctors, industry stakeholders and patients before setting price limits on the drugs.

Since 2019, eight U.S. states have established prescription drug affordability review boards and five have included a process for setting upper payment limits. So far, no states have completed the affordability review step. Colorado could be the first to set an upper



payment limit for a specific drug.

In February, the board initiated its first ever price-capping process for the arthritis drug Enbrel. The drug's manufacturer, Amgen, sued Colorado in federal court the next month. The company argued that a state-mandated price interferes with numerous laws and constitutional clauses designed to protect businesses and patent-holders. It called for the state to end the process and dissolve the review board. The case is pending, and oral arguments are scheduled for October.

Advocates expect similar lawsuits from Johnson & Johnson, the patent-holder of Stelara, and Novartis, the patent-holder for Cosentyx.

"It's a pretty common tactic from pharma to sue when they are faced with price controls," said Priya Telang, a spokesperson for the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative. "We expect a lawsuit coming from them soon."

Though no litigation has been filed so far, some opponents are already making their voices heard. At the July 3 meeting, public commenters, including a Johnson & Johnson spokesperson and a Maryland-based pediatric rheumatologist, spoke in frustration.

"I have come to realize over the last month or so that it honestly doesn't really matter what I say, patients say, or other organizations say, if we are receiving funding from pharmaceutical companies," said Tiffany Westrich-Robertson, the CEO of the International Foundation for Autoimmune and Autoinflammatory Arthritis.

Westrich-Robertson argued that insurers would maintain the same out-of-pocket costs for the drugs and pocket the savings. Board

members were receptive to the concern but also expressed optimism that they could figure out how to hold insurers accountable.

"We don't know for certain what the effects of setting an upper payment limit would be," board member Gail Mizner testified. "Hearing from insurers is really going to be a key part of the upper payment limit process."

Under the state law that created the board, insurers will be required to submit an annual report documenting how savings from

price caps were passed on to consumers. Advocates argue that the board is working to ensure that guardrails are in place to protect consumers from profiteering.

"The board is approaching this really cautiously and carefully," Telang told KUNC.

The board will research the cost of making Stelara and Cosentyx to calibrate its eventual price cap. Though the July 3 meeting began the process, the board could still opt to end its deliberations and forgo a payment limit.

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Among the I-70 Corridor firefighters that were deployed to the Quarry Fire last week were Evan Hickey, left, and Nate Bartalo from Strasburg, and Mike Welk from Byers.

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having a lot of fires. We feel it's most important to keep adequate resources here to protect our local community."

DEER TRAIL BLAZE

A stark reminder of the need to retain local firefighting resources occurred last Friday when three properties about five miles north of Deer Trail were ravaged by blaze that destroyed land, vehicles, farm equipment and livestock.

A little after 11 a.m. Aug. 2, the Deer Trail Fire Department was dispatched to East County Road 22 about a mile east of County Road 217 on report of an outdoor fire. Dispatchers said 911 callers indicated that the fire was approximately 100 feet by 100 feet but, within a half-hour, the blaze moved northeast and grew to 15-20 acres, precipitating the evacuation of at least two homes in the immediate area. Containment occurred about 1 p.m. with approximately 35 acres over three properties charred. Following extensive mop-up, most personnel and apparatus were released from the scene about 3½ hours after receiving the initial dispatch call.

According to responders on scene, the incident was formally named the Deer Trail Fire because of its intensity and rapid movement. Air resources were requested but were canceled before arrival after ground crews were able to quickly get the fire under control. Approximately 35 firefighters on 15 apparatus from eight fire departments teamed up at the scene.

While no homes were lost and no humans injured or killed, a cow and a goat both perished.

"They were overrun by the fire before we could arrive," one on-scene firefighter said.

The origin of the fire was reported as at or around a CORE Electric Coop power pole, but company officials were uncertain what caused ignition.

"A crew member inspected the equipment and did find evidence of a flashover (or arc flash) at the transformer, consistent with a bird contact," a CORE statement said. "The transformer was found to be operating normally, but the crew did replace the lightning arrestor and installed a new bird guard while on site."

Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless said his volunteers were called back to one impacted property to address a smoldering wooden fence post later in the day, but no additional damage occurred. In addition, Deer Trail was dispatched to another small fire Friday; no significant damage occurred.

"It was called in as the result of lightning as a storm rolled through our area," Loveless said of Friday evening incident. "The heavy rain assisted in extinguishing."

FRONT RANGE DEPLOYMENTS

In addition to Lt. Brian Ness and firefighters Trevor Osman and Michael Magruder from Bennett-Watkins, Capt. Evan Hickey and wildland firefighter/EMT Nate Bartalo from Strasburg; firefighter/EMT Mike Welk from Byers; and Loveless, who also volunteers with Sable Altura, were deployed to the Quarry Fire.

On Aug. 2, Strasburg Fire Chief Pat Conroy added that he would be at Quarry Fire command to serve as planning section chief for the Jefferson County Incident Management Team. A Deer Trail volunteer and full-time Sable Altura firefighter was deployed to the Stone Canyon Fire near Lyons.

Other officials reiterated concern about local fire threats.

"We don't have to think back very far when Quail Hollow wreaked a lot of damage and havoc near Byers," one Corridor firefighter said. "We need to keep as many resources ready and immediately available as possible. Better safe than sorry."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Quarry Fire smoke plume can be seen from Strasburg Fire's Brush 81 last week.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Replacement of the walking trail along the west side of Highway 79 between the Bennett Marketplace retail subdivision and Colfax Avenue is among the town of Bennett's summer projects. The above photos were taken July 17 as crews remove the concrete path and prepare the ground for the new surface.

LUNCH MENUS

BENNETT Monday, Aug. 12: Corn dog, French fries, diced peaches, cookie. Tuesday, Aug. 13: Chicken tender wrap, shredded lettuce and cheese, corn, pineapple tidbits. Wednesday, Aug. 14: Grilled hamburger with bun, corn chips, baked beans, sliced apples. Thursday, Aug. 15: Chicken nuggets, potato chips, green beans, peaches, brownie.	fries, pineapple. STRASBURG Thursday, Aug. 8: Lasagna roll-ups with garlic bread. Friday, Aug. 9: Chicken sandwiches. Tuesday, Aug. 13: Hot ham and cheese sandwiches. Wednesday, Aug. 14: Chicken fajitas with refried beans. Thursday, Aug. 15: Meatball subs.
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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 10 Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.	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.
SUNDAY, AUG. 11 Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association Show & Gymkhana at Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Office opens at 8 a.m., halter class starts at 9 a.m., western riding follows. Gymkhanas do not begin before 12 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 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.
MONDAY, AUG. 12 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 . 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. Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.	THURSDAY, AUG. 15 Strasburg American Legion Post 183. 6:30 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board work-study. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St. Byers School Board. 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit Board of Education at byers32j.k12.co.us for a link to a live meeting via Zoom. Strasburg Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., firehouse.
TUESDAY, AUG. 13 Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora. Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link. Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For	EVERY SATURDAY Deer Trail Pioneer Museum, Second and Fir Street. Open 2-4 p.m. EVERY SUNDAY Alcoholics Anonymous. 9 a.m. in Byers For information, call (303)903-6734. EVERY MONDAY Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.



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Left photo, Ian Kleinman with The Inventing Room explains the use of liquid nitrogen in food on a whimsical food journey with a culinary demonstration July 11 at Anythink Bennett library. Center, Johnathan and Alexis Pocock enjoy a laugh at Kleinman's humorous presentation. Right, Kleinman pours liquid nitrogen into bowls to make popcorn.



ALYSSA STEMOM For The Scout
Eila Fender transforms a blank baseball cap into a personalized masterpiece during a workshop for teenagers with local muralist and sculptor Bimmer Torres at Anythink Bennett library June 21.

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Oliver Farmer raises his hand during a program called "Under the Sea Treasure Quest" June 15 at Anythink Bennett library June 18, where small children went on a journey through the ocean depths to meet all kinds of fascinating sea creatures.

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Cattle-tracking rule: Panel review on tap

by Travis Taylor
CSU Extension

WRAY — A panel-style meeting to discuss the changes and implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bovine Animal Traceability Rule will run from 12-2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.

The rule changes, effective Nov. 5, include new requirements for official identification ear tags to be both visually and electronically readable for interstate movement of certain cattle and bison.

The changes additionally clarify record requirements related to cattle movement. They apply to all sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months and older, all dairy cattle,

cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, recreation, shows or exhibition.

The changes update the 2013 USDA rule on official ID and documentation for interstate movement of livestock.

The panel will include individuals from the Colorado Brand Board, USDA, and Colorado Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian's Office.

The Yuma County Cattlemen's Association, which is hosting the event conjunction with CSU Golden Plains Area Extension, will provide lunch.

To RSVP, call the Yuma County CSU Extension office at (970)332-4151 or e-mail to travis.taylor@colostate.edu.

Infrastructure design, construction: ArapCo seeks feedback on proposed improvements

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing updates to its Infrastructure Design & Construction Standards for roadways in response to growth and to align with industry best practices.

The public can comment on the proposed changes through Aug. 26 by filling out the online form at www.arapahoeco.gov.

The comprehensive guide for roadway facilities applies to all subdivisions, re-subdivisions, planned unit developments, and any other proposed construction in unincorporated Arapahoe County.

The authors of the proposed document:

- reorganized chapters to improve the flow of information;
- updated the roadway classification nomenclature and right-of-way requirements to align with the 2040 Transportation Master Plan;
- updated roadway requirements to meet latest design standards and references to the most current sources;
- added flashfill as acceptable backfill material;
- specified that an engineer's cost estimate must be prepared by a licensed engineer in Colorado;
- added checklists in Appendix F; and
- reformatted the document for ease of use.

The proposed changes will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption following a public hearing later this year.

The proposed draft and additional information is available at www.arapahoeco.gov.



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displayed moderate injuries or worse. One of the chickens seized was seriously injured, was euthanized, and taken to Colorado State University in Fort Collins where a necropsy was performed.

In addition, fighting paraphernalia, including collars and leashes, supplements and other suspicious items were collected and are expected to be part of additional seizures from the scene.

The Adams County District Attorney's Office officially filed charges against Orozco July 23. While the DA's office agreed with the sheriff's office recommendation of the felony animal cruelty charge, a second felony recommendation of sixth-degree aggravated cruelty to animals was modified by prosecutors to first-degree misdemeanor animal cruelty.

If found guilty, Orozco could face six months to six years in jail.

Fly control lifts cattle profits

by Travis Taylor
CSU Extension

WRAY — Controlling flies, parasites that can have a significant impact on cattle, is relatively easy and has a positive return on the expense.

The impact of flies on beef cattle has been studied multiple times over the past 50 years. As fly numbers increase on individual animals, weight gains decline compared to animals treated with fly controls. Decreased weight gains equate financially to reduced revenue. It also affects breeding animals, including growing bred heifers and nursing cows trying to maintain or increase body condition.

Overall, flies account for an estimated \$1.75 billion in losses to the beef industry.

Two blood-feeders, horn flies and stable flies, are the main concerns. Horn flies are small black flies that tend to land on the bellies, sides and backs of cattle. Horn flies have a life span of just 10-20 days.

During their adult stage, horn flies eat 24-38 blood meals per day. Females leave the host animal long enough to lay their eggs in fresh manure, then return to feed. In studies, horn flies have been shown to reduce weight gains as much as 15% in growing calves and up to 18% in replacement heifers.

The reduced weight gains could equate to \$90 to \$125 less income on 600-pound calves in the current market. Nursing cows left untreated for horn flies may weigh 50-60 pounds less at the end of the summer than cows treated for flies — half of a body condition score.

Stable flies prefer the legs of cattle. Research found cattle left untreated for stable flies had daily weight gains reduced on average by .44 pounds per animal per day. During a 90-day period, this factor can create a financial reduction of up to \$100 per head at current prices for 600-pound calves. The research further concluded that 30% of the reduced gain was caused directly by the blood feeding, but 70% came from cattle bunching together and creating heat stress on those animals.

Other fly species can also irritate cattle. Heel flies do not bite but lay eggs on cattle. When the eggs hatch, the larvae enter the body under the skin and migrate through the body, eventually locating on the back. The larvae make a hole in the skin to breathe and then finally emerge from the hole as mature adults. The open sores attract other fly species to the open wounds.



CRAIG SHEPPARD University of Georgia, Bugwood.org
Horn flies eat 24-38 blood meals per day.

Face flies do not bite or blood feed but instead feed on fluids and secretions from the animals' body. They are found around the mouth and eyes on the face. Face flies can act as a vector for the pinkeye virus and therefore can create a negative impact on cattle.

Controlling flies is the best way to prevent these adverse effects. Flies cannot be completely eliminated but should be kept below what is considered the Economic Injury Level. For horn flies, the EIL is less than 200 flies on an individual and stable flies should be less than five flies per leg per animal.

Insecticides are most often used for fly control. The goal is to treat cattle prior to fly levels reaching the Economic Injury Level and to break the life cycle of the fly species.

Insecticides can be applied as a liquid spray, powder, oil or an impregnated ear tag. Many general parasiticides for cattle include an anthelmintic to control parasitic worms along with an insecticide and can be applied as a liquid pour on product, injectable solution or slow release bolus. Insect growth regulators (IGRs) are products meant to prevent flies from reproducing, breaking the fly life cycle. IGRs can be given as a fed supplements or pour-on products.

In a recent survey, beef cattle producers estimated they spend from \$9.50 to \$12.40 per head on fly control, depending on how long flies had been present. When compared to the possible negative impact of \$100 less per head due to reduced gains, fly controls are cost-effective.

Other management practices can also help. Rotation of insecticides helps prevent resistance to the products over generations of flies. Proper management of manure, compost piles and other materials, such as decomposing feeds, limit places where flies can lay eggs and larvae can live.

Whether reduced weight gains or the possibility of disease, flies are not only an annoyance to cattle, they also have a negative impact financially. Proper fly control counters those negatives and has a positive impact on the bottom line of the beef enterprise.

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Corridor fair season kicks off at Arapahoe



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The annual Arapahoe County Junior Livestock Auction was held July 27 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Ninety lots sold during the sale, with proceeds going to help local 4-H and FFA members. Mace MacLennan for \$3,500, the champion market hog of Mace MacLennan for \$3,000, and Gage Avery's steer for \$10,000; F&M Bank and Byers Sinclair teamed up to purchase Anna Vetter's top goat.



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From left photo, Margaret Charlton, a 17-Mile House volunteer, demonstrates the traditional art of hand spinning wool, and Shawn Wamsley of Bennett learns and demonstrates a quilting-square technique in the fairgrounds' hall of ag education. Double rainbows adorn the sky over the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in the area Saturday evening.



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Community stage entertainment included the Salida Circus. Above, ringmaster Cassi Mason receives some shade with the assistance of belly dancer and snake charmer Kat Clapp. Left photo, all eyes, including those of bullfighters Colby Padgett, left, and J.D. Cathcart, are on Mason Reine of Colorado Springs as he gets dispatched Sunday's rodeo performance. Right photo, Cathcart provides a speedier mode of transportation for a young lady wanting to participate in the youth rodeo.



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with their projects or future endeavors. Above photos are the grand champions and their buyers. From left photo, Bally's Arapahoe Park race track purchased the champion market lamb of McCrae for \$4,000; Trevor Swartz's champion rabbit was bought by Wide Open Heating, Air & Electric for \$800; and The Musketeers Vet Clinic bought Haley Gibson's champion poultry entry for \$1,050.



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County Fairgrounds after a brief squall moved through



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Dot Veatch, left photo, and mother, Carrie, of Agate both participated in the breakaway roping during Saturday night's rodeo performance. While daughter was unsuccessful in capturing her calf, mom caught hers but broke the barrier to end up out of the money.



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ed of by Miller Rodeo Company's Baby Daddy during boot scramble during Saturday's rodeo.



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Local quilter Harriett McNeill received 1st place for her "12 Days of Christmas" quilt.



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The Boots Not Suits VIP kickoff event for the Arapahoe County Fair took place Aug. 25. Arapahoe Rodeo Royalty joined the commissioners in welcoming the packed crowd opening night. Pictured from left are 2025 Queen Lady-in-Waiting Madison Aliyah, 2025 Princess Lady-in-Waiting Hannah Norris; commissioners Jeff Baker and Leslie Sumey, 2024 Princess Isabelle Rabe, 2024 Queen Caitlyn Rabe, and commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully.



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AdCo appoints new director of people, culture services

BRIGHTON — Adams County recently announced the appointment of a new Director of People & Culture Services (P&C). John Nelsen, who has been serving as the deputy director of P&C since August 2023 and recently as the interim director, brings a wealth of expertise and a forward-thinking vision to his new role.

“John’s deep expertise and commitment to a people-centered approach make him the perfect fit for leading our P&C Department,” said County Manager Noel Bernal. “His proven track record and dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive work environment will be instrumental in driving the

cultural transformation we aim to achieve.”

With more than 19 years of experience in human resources, Nelsen has a distinguished track record of transforming organizational culture and enhancing employee experiences.

His journey with Adams County began less than a year ago and, during his time as interim director, he played a pivotal role in cultivating a more people-centered culture that emphasizes the employee experience.

Nelsen’s expertise spans culture building, leadership development, diversity and inclusion, employee relations, and talent development. He is committed to leading Adams County’s P&C Department through a cultural transformation that prioritizes a people-focused approach and enhances the overall employee experience.

In his new role, Nelsen is eager to drive initiatives to foster growth, inclusiveness and excellence within the organization.

“This opportunity allows me to continue my passion for fostering a people-centered culture and driving meaningful change. Jane Goodall once said, ‘What you do makes a difference, and you have

to decide what kind of a difference you want to make,’” Nelsen said. “I have always tried to make positive differences in the lives of others and am confident that, together, we will create an environment where every individual can thrive and contribute to our collective success in serving our community.”

Before joining Adams County, Nelsen held significant leadership positions at organizations in Greeley, where he served as human resources deputy director, and Denton, Texas, where he held multiple roles such as chief diversity and inclusion officer, talent acquisition and development manager, and human resources business partner. His efforts were crucial in shifting the department toward a customer service-oriented, inclusive, and equitable culture.

Nelsen holds a master’s degree in public administration in human resources from the University of North Texas and a bachelor’s in Spanish and psychology from Brigham Young University.

He is certified as a Professional in Human Resources, a Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional, and a Certified Diversity Professional.

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The pass allows visitors to experience state parks and their diverse wildlife and landscapes.

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It is important for households to still provide income information when requested. While meals will be provided at no cost to all students in participating schools, Strasburg School District 31J must continue to gather this information to receive full access to state and federal funding. Additional funds go directly to schools to help cover the cost of meals, after-school activities and other nutritional programs for students. Plus, qualifying households may be eligible for Summer EBT benefits and to receive discounted school fees, class materials, bus passes, utilities support, and more.

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15 YEARS AGO
AUG. 11, 2009
BENNETT — A lightning strike the evening of Aug. 6 popped the top of one oil storage tank and damaged a second one north of Bennett, but nobody was injured from the resulting blaze.

Bennett Fire Rescue was first dispatched to 112th Avenue approximately a mile east of Highway 79 around 5:30 p.m. Firefighters from Sable Altura, Strasburg, and Byers were also called to help combat the blaze, which more than an hour to extinguish.

"The lightning hit the first tank and blew the lid off and threw it about 30 yards away and a second one was struck and both ignited," said Bennett Fire Chief Earl Cumley. "We had some water issues and couldn't get enough on it at one time. Most of the extra time was a tender transfer to make sure enough water got on the fire."

10 YEARS AGO
AUG. 12, 2014
LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Board of Adjustment Aug. 6 unanimously denied an appeal from organizers of a three-day camping/concert event near Byers who said the county zoning administrator was erroneous and premature in denying its temporary use permit.

Between 50-60 people, including approximately 40 I-70 Corridor residents, filled the hearing room

in the Arapahoe County Administration Building in Littleton to have their arguments for and against Riot Fest at May Farms heard.

The motion denying the appeal said Riot Fest had not demonstrated that off-street parking, adverse impacts to neighboring properties, and other reasons for denial were appropriately addressed.

After Riot Fest's TUP at May Farms was denied, the concert venue for 2014 was moved to Sports Authority Field at Mile High close to downtown Denver. According to Riot Fest, the parking lot of the stadium will be staged to look like and mimic Byers and portray a rural setting.

5 YEARS AGO
AUG. 6, 2019
A leaky toilet at Agate School caused low water pressure for the town of Agate for a week.

"So what we found out during this process was, we had no idea [the school] had boost pumps first of all," said Agate Water Association Director Sam Cutler. "But when those were turned on, it created a vacuum pressure within the springs, closed it and we were no longer able to pump with our pumps."

During the July 31 Agate School Board meeting, it was unclear why the school was using so much water. An argument ensued on who was to blame for why the situation was not brought to the board sooner. Cutler said he had gone to school board members multiple times before and was ignored.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 8, the 221st day of 2024. There are 145 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Aug. 8, 2023, a series of wind-driven wildfires broke out on the Hawaiian island of Maui, destroying the town of Lahaina and killing more

than 100 people.

ON THIS DATE

In 1814, during the War of 1812, peace talks between the United States and Britain began in Ghent, Belgium.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his

days in exile.

In 1876, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric pen — the forerunner of the mimeograph machine.

In 1908, Wilbur Wright makes the Wright Brothers' first public flying demonstration, at Le Mans racecourse in France.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433 with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate

scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Dustin Hoffman is 87. Actor Connie Stevens is 86. Actor Keith Carradine is 75. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is 71.

—Associated Press

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ACROSS

1. Soothing concoction
5. "The Magic School" ride
8. Mama's husband
12. Dwarf buffalo
13. Moneyed one
14. "M*A*S*H" extra
15. Soon, to Shakespeare
16. Sheltered, nautically
17. "Abacus" user, e.g.
18. "School jacket-wearer"
20. TV classic "Happy ____"
21. What hoarders do
22. Speech-preventing measure
23. "Pencil end"
26. Deep regret
30. Indian restaurant staple
31. What cobblers often do
34. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
35. Embedded design
37. ____ Khan
38. Contending
39. "Don't forget to cross them"
40. Plural of flora
42. Rolodex abbr.
43. Sultry or carnal
45. "Rydell High School" movie
47. Defensive one on the gridiron
48. Oodles
50. "Some PTA members?"
52. "It involves elements"
56. Cuban dance
57. Burkina Faso neighbor
58. Opera solo
59. Boot-shaped European country
60. Oil org.
61. Review a service
62. Say "No!"
63. Animal's nose
64. Perceives with an eye

DOWN

1. Jezebel's idol
2. Beheaded Boleyn
3. Plunder
4. Certain rays
5. Plural of #1 Across
6. Part of an eye, pl.
7. Witnessed
8. "Field of education"
9. ____ Walker, American Girl doll
10. "Inspiration for circular charts, pl."
11. Acronym, abbr.
13. Zimbabwe's capital

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23. "Marks in English"
24. Hindu queen
25. "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
26. End of line
27. Yogurt-based dip
28. "Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl."
29. Bald symbol
32. ____ monitor
33. Bigheadedness
36. "All-school get-together"
38. Giuseppe ____ of opera fame
40. Temporary craze
41. Parthenogenetic
44. Recant or retract
46. "English homework, pl."
48. "Circle, e.g."
49. Paparazzi's target
50. Remote control option
51. Middle Eastern sultanate
52. "Follow me!"
53. Genealogy plant
54. Agitate
55. Puppy barks
56. Antonym of keep

HOROSCOPE

Where the Moon Meets Stardust

We are all carbon-based life forms, creatures made from the dust of a distant star. With certain people, it feels as though the similarities stop there. Indeed we have to work to discover other commonalities, but on a day like today, when the sky sparkles with auspicious lunar trines, group work will be a game changer. Extra efforts to understand others will be well worthwhile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Attraction isn't about what you do; it's about *how* you do it. Small tweaks in your approach will make a difference, but what matters most is the thrust of your intention. People who need care will be drawn by your tenderness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to bring joy to someone and will be successful as long as you find the right person to focus your effort on — someone receptive to joy and open to you as well. With the right subject, all else falls into place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The essence of etiquette is figuring out what makes others comfortable and behaving within those boundaries. First one must prioritize the comfort of others over their own and recognize that preferences differ.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As social as you are, solitude is still precious to you. Today's solo experience may reach such epic proportions of sweetness, productivity or peace that none can compete.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Risking with your heart feels dangerous, but just know that fortune will smile on spontaneous expressions of love, but even more so, it favors daily routines that hold your relationships in good stead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Blame or credit do not need to be assigned. In fact, doing so would only drain your energy, and the next step — following through on the prize or punishment — is even more of a waste of time. Stick to the action, and the rest solves itself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Persistence and hard work pay off, but usually not at the expected time. Celebrate every small

victory along the way. A team effort warrants a trophy and, if you keep at it, you'll eventually get one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The good stuff will come wrapped in humor to the extent that you'll wonder if the humor itself is the real gift. Whether you laugh silently to yourself or raucously with friends, you'll be healed by the body shake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The goal-getting method of starting with the end in mind and planning backward will work for you ... until it doesn't. Certain steps won't add up, and that's when you should ask for help. New input will be a game changer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have rules for yourself that you didn't even realize were in place until they started causing you stress. Luckily, these are the kinds of laws you have the power to change because you are the ruler of the country of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before you really had a grasp of the boundaries, some areas seemed off-limits. Now that you have the lay of the land, you realize it's all open territory. You'll go where you please and please where you go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If anyone with money can have a thing, it's not very interesting to you. You care about the story behind how things came to be as they are now. You care about the significance of items and their meaning, place and use in the world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 8). With the power surge of this solar return, you will forge the most profound relationship with yourself that you've ever experienced. A clear goal propels you forward. The sea of external pressures that once encumbered you will part, allowing you to walk great and impossible distances. More highlights: exciting travel, new vitality-boosting habits and a legendary business deal. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 30, 22 and 18.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

FIREWORKS

FROM PAGE 1

iff's offices last week stepped up burn restrictions to their versions of Stage 2, meaning that all open flames and activities that generate sparks are restricted, even in the case that a permit has been previously issued.

"Stage 2 means no outdoor fires, including, but not limited to, campfires, fires in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed camp and picnic grounds and recreation sites; charcoal-fueled fires, warming fires, (and) fires in outdoor wood-burning stoves (chimney sparks or embers)," the new Arapahoe County ban says, "and the prescribed burning of fence lines, fence rows, fields, farmlands, range lands, wild lands, trash, and debris."

Exemptions include:

- liquid-fueled or gas stoves, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves/fireplaces within habitable buildings;
- liquid- or charcoal-fueled barbecue grills that do not produce or emit sparks or embers;
- liquid-fueled fire pits that do not produce or emit sparks or embers;
- fire set by any federal,

state, or local officer, or member of a fire protection district in the performance of an official duty; and

- public fireworks displays supervised by appropriate firefighting/public safety personnel and supported by adequate fire mitigation equipment.

The Adams County burn ban statement even includes restrictions on welding; internal combustion engines without a spark arrester; chainsaws, especially outside the hours of 5-11 a.m.; and operation of motorized vehicles that wander off designated roads or trails.

"Effective immediately, Wednesday, July 31, 2024, for Adams County," Adams County Sheriff Gene Claps said in his announcement. "The fire restrictions are being implemented due to increasing fire danger, lack of moisture, and the forecast for hot temperatures. The fire restrictions will be in effect until the hazardous conditions have subsided."

The Adams County ban did not mention exemptions, including fireworks under the explosive materials category, but even if

supervised fireworks were allowed, the Hometown Days event would probably still have been postponed.

"Not worth the risk, especially with how hot, dry and windy as it's been, plus who knows how much of our already tight resources might be elsewhere helping fight other fires," one local first responder said. "If others with permits aren't allowed to burn or do their activities that might spark something, there needs to be an example set so that others understand the severity of conditions and will follow suit."

According to emergency response logs, Corridor fire departments responded to at least a couple of "illegal fires" last week.

"Those even having burn permits issued by the (local) fire chief cannot burn during Level 2," an Adams County statement added.

The town of Bennett also followed the lead set by Arapahoe County in stiffening its fire ban as well. Despite being in Adams County, Bennett is following the direction of Arapahoe County, who took over law enforcement for the community earlier this summer.

"These restrictions will

remain in effect until such time this order is formally rescinded or temporarily suspended ... such date cannot be determined at this time," a town statement said.

Residents are also reminded that when a red flag warning is issued, Stage 2 burn restrictions automatically go into effect.

Stepped up fire restrictions coincide with worsening drought conditions throughout the middle of the state, including the I-70 Corridor immediately east of the Front Range.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Colorado ended July over 40% abnormally dry or worse, including about 10% in moderate (D1) or severe (D2) drought. That's compared to under one-third of the state abnormally dry and less than 5% D1 or D2 to start the month.

Last week's map showed most of the drought designations in all or parts of 11 counties in the north central portion of the state — Weld, Larimer, Boulder, Gilpin, Denver, Arapahoe, Adams, Douglas, Teller, El Paso and Elbert.

On the I-70 Corridor, both Adams and Arapahoe counties are roughly 65%

abnormally dry or worse with about 50% D1 or D2.

"The High Plains received only trace amounts of precipitation, leading to already dry conditions in the western and southern High Plains to further deteriorate," the U.S. Drought Monitor narrative said. "Colorado saw deterioration in the northern Front Range, where extreme temperatures and low humidity made for perfect conditions for wildfires."

Hopes are that deteriorating conditions will receive some relief over the first half of August.

"The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's 6-10 day outlook heavily favors above-normal temperatures from the Pacific Northwest across to the Southeast with conditions becoming near normal across the central U.S. and leaning to below normal temperatures further north toward Canada," the July 30 Drought Monitor said. "Many of the lower 48 states are leaning towards above-normal precipitation, centering around Wyoming and Colorado."

But local officials said a sustained period of cooler, wetter weather is needed to lift the area out of drought.

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- New Junior/Senior High students can register with Michelle Forbis in the High School office from **8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** on weekdays.
- Immunization records, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and proof of residency are necessary to register.

*Please remember to update any immunizations that your child may need prior to school starting!

Doris Martin



Doris Noreen Martin, born on June 28, 1944, in St. Francis, Kan., passed away on July 28, 2024, in Strasburg, Colo., at the age of 80. Doris was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, niece and an amazing school cook, whose love and kindness profoundly touched the lives of all who knew her.

Doris spent her early years in McDonald, Kan., where she was raised by her mother, Zelda (Reasoner) Knapp, and her uncle/stepfather, Orville Knapp, following the tragic passing of her father, Howard Knapp, when she was just 1 year old. Doris graduated from McDonald High School in 1962 and attended Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Doris moved to Denver, moving in with her aunt and uncle, Alfred and Helen Reasoner. She soon completed her studies to become an LPN and later a scrub technician, assisting in surgery at St. Luke's Hospital. It was there, in 1967, that she met Lowell Martin. The two married in 1969, soon moving to Strasburg, Colo., in 1977 to raise a family.

Doris shared a long and loving marriage with her husband, Lowell, who cared and doted over her for 55 years. Together, they raised identical twin sons that inherited the same spicy energy and servant spirit as their beloved mother. Dennis and Darrel (Sara) Martin, were the pride and joy of her life and blessed Doris with five grandchildren. As a devoted grandmother, Doris treasured her grandchildren: Mitchell, Conner, Walker, Rylee, and Landen Martin. Her two boys and grandchildren had an enthusiastic supporter in countless sporting events, including football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball. The toughness and wit that were so present in Doris are a staple in the personalities of her grandchildren.

Doris will be remembered for her warm smile, generous spirit, and enduring faith. She welcomed everyone with a piercing "YOO-HOO" and lit up the room with an infectious energy that put smiles on many. Her legacy of love, humor, loyalty, devotion and absolute toughness will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her.

A woman of strong faith, Doris drew strength and guidance from her belief, and there is peace in knowing she met her Lord and Savior at the gates of Heaven. Her unwavering faith and kind spirit were a beacon of hope and comfort to those around her.

Doris is preceded in death by her mother, Zelda; father, Howard; stepfather/uncle, Orville; aunt, Helen Reasoner; and brother-in-law Ed Graff.

She is survived by husband, Lowell; brother, Jerry (Betty) Knapp; uncle, Alfred Reasoner; sister, Mavis Graff; sons, Dennis and Darrel (Sara) Martin; grandchildren, Mitchell (Jordan), Conner, Walker, Rylee, and Landen Martin; and, as of July 30, 2024, great grandson, Baker Martin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to a charity of your choice in her memory. Contributions can be made to The Denver Hospice, 8289 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230, or Strasburg Community Church Youth Ministry, 56155 Sunset Ave., Strasburg, CO 80136.

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Furniture items, dishes, holiday décor, flower pots, outdoor grill, pictures, tools, commercial shelving, chest freezer, wine cooler, beverage cooler, refrigerators. Car parts — some collector cars. See something you like — ask — it is most likely for sale. 859 Shoshone St., Comanche Crossing, Strasburg. Friday, August 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 8/8

Designer purses, crib, wood ladder shelf, wedding vases with floating candles, mother of the bride/bridesmaids dresses, Christmas dishes, 2 high top chairs, women/mens clothing and shoes, and much more. 56122 E. 23rd Ave., Strasburg. Saturday, August 10, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 8/8

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NOTICES

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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.

Job fair for veterans slated for Arapahoe County locale

AURORA — VetConnections, a job fair for service members and veterans in Arapahoe and Adams counties, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, at Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora.

More than 40 vendors will provide veteran-specific services on-site. Workshops on topics such as Medicare and business start-up, are also planned.

Employers will be available to discuss open positions.

To volunteer, visit arapahoegov.com.

NOTICES

Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name

Public Notice is given on July 10, 2024 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Arapahoe County District Court (Case No. 24CV86).

The Petition requests that the name of
Roger Lynn VonVoltenburgh
be changed to
Roger Lynn Choin

By: [Signature]
Clerk of County/Clerk

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Published in the Eastern Colorado News on Fridays, July 19 and 26, 2024 and Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, and The I-70 Scout on Thursdays, Aug. 8, 15 and 22, 2024 (Revised schedule for The I-70 Scout).

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Separate sealed bids for Water System Improvements generally consisting of two Schedules of Work including: **Schedule 1** - 4,370 lineal feet (LF) of 12" C900 DR18 PVC water mains; 3,092 LF of 8" C900 DR18 PVC water mains; 2,150 LF of 6" C900 DR18 PVC water mains; 112 LF of 4" C900 DR18 PVC water mains; 880 LF of 24" steel bore and jack with 12" C900 DR18 PVC carrier pipe; 80 LF of 12" steel bore and jack with 6" C900 DR18 PVC carrier pipe; 200 LF of 12" high density polyethylene utilizing directional drilling methods; 5 - 12", 6 - 8", 21 - 6" and 7 - 4" valves and riser boxes; 9 fire hydrant assemblies; 27 connections to existing water mains ranging in size from 8" to 4"; 9 - 6" and 3 - 4" cut-in valves with riser boxes into existing water mains; 23 - ¾" water service taps on new 8" PVC water mains; 350 LF of ¾" Type K copper service line; 20 LF of flowable fill installed around new water mains; 2 each (EA) flowable fill installed around existing storm sewer to the spring line of the pipe; 157 square feet (SF) of 6" thick concrete replacement on top of 3" thick aggregate base course (ABC); 67 LF concrete curb and gutter on top of 3" thick ABC; 1,540 square yards (SY) of 4" thick hot mix asphalt pavement in two lifts on top of 3" thick ABC; 1,060 LF of 4" wide solid white pavement paint markings; 19 locking mini tracer wire test boxes; 11 carsonite marker posts; non-irrigated grass seeding; Well No. 2 Improvements consisting of installing a new sand separator, internal piping modifications, fittings and appurtenances; **Schedule 2** - Tank No. 1 (50,000 Gallon) Improvements include: remove and replace tank vent, remove and dispose of interior ladder, interior surface preparation and painting; Tank No. 2 (100,000 Gallon) Improvements include: remove and dispose of interior ladder, interior surface preparation and painting; and Tank No. 3 (150,000 Gallon) Improvements include: remove and replace tank vent; together with appurtenances and incidentals of construction until 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the 28th day of August, 2024, at GMS, Inc., 611 N. Weber Street, Suite 300, Colorado Springs, CO at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Byers Water & Sanitation District, 421 S. Sherman Street, Byers, CO 80103
GMS, Inc., 611 N. Weber Street, Ste 300, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Dodge Data & Analytics, 2860 S. State Hwy. 161, Suite 160 #501, Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7361

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of GMS, Inc. located at 611 N. Weber Street, Ste 300, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 upon payment of \$250.00 for each hard copy set or \$100.00 for an electronic set.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Byers Water and Sanitation District (Owner) negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with the Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders shall note that funding for this project is being made available through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Arapahoe County ARPA federal stimulus funds. The requirements associated with this funding source include, but are not limited to, provisions for Davis-Bacon wages that set forth the minimum salaries and wages within the contract documents that must be paid on the project. The current applicable Davis-Bacon Wage Decision is the Heavy Decision Number CO20240002 07/05/2024, Modification No. 2, dated 07/05/2024.

Any planholder returning the hard copy of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS in good condition within 30 days of bid opening will be refunded \$40.00. There is no refund for the electronic set.

Dates of Advertisement (The I-70 Scout): July 25, 2024
August 1, 2024
August 8, 2024

July 18, 2024 /s/ Kagen Kitzman, District Manager
Date

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CHUCK WAGON

Italian Pasta Salad

by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout

Pasta salad is a great dish for a potluck. I make it the day before and add the salad dressing when ready to serve.

Taste and add more salad dressing if desired.

Italian Pasta Salad is the perfect dish for a picnic because it tastes great with hamburgers and brats. I put the bowl over a larger bowl of ice so it stays chilled until the bowl is empty.

Another plus is how pretty it looks on the paper plate.

My granddaughter Shayla says "If it doesn't look, It doesn't taste good."

This pasta salad even looks good with sunglasses!



ITALIAN PASTA SALAD
INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces tri-color rotini
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 6 ounces sliced black olives
- 6 ounces green olives with pimentos
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 8 ounces salami, sliced in quarters
- 4 ounces mozzarella cheese, cubed
- 4 ounces cheddar cheese, cubed
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

- salt, pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¾ cup zesty Italian dressing

DIRECTIONS

Cook pasta per package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water.

In large bowl, combine tomatoes, both olives, bell pepper, red onion, salami, mozzarella, cheddar, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, parsley, Italian seasoning. Add Italian dressing and cooled pasta.

Gently toss. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.
Serve after chilled.



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17 Mile House Open House

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Aug. 17, 2024 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

This is a FREE event, but registration is strongly encouraged.
Scan the QR code to register.



VetConnections

Attention Veterans!

Bring your family to VetConnections, a resource and job fair for veterans and active service members. Food and outdoor activities will also be on site.

Aug. 10, 2024 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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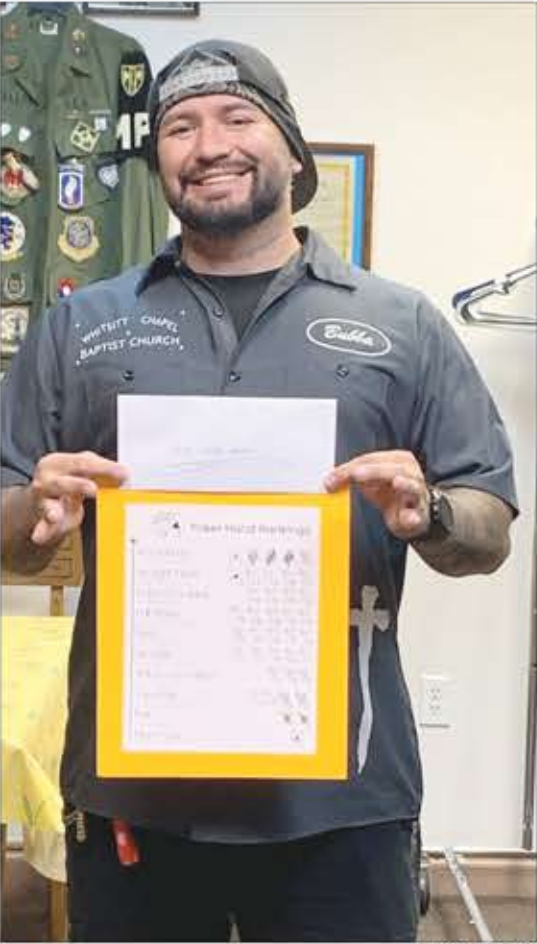
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Bikers converge on Corridor for Chamber poker run



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Anthony David recorded the high hand for the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce's Riders on the Plains Motorcycle Poker Run July 27 with a 4-8 diamond straight flush. David was recognized for his winning hand during the route's final stop at May Farms.



PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS CLAUSSEN/The I-70 Scout
The first stop on the route for the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce's third annual Riders on the Plains Motorcycle Poker Run was Lulu's Inn in Watkins. Clockwise from above left, Zach and Christina Hill of Aurora get a front row parking spot; Chamber officials Candice Rosenbach, left, Kristy Funk, Debbie Stone, Becky Zierer, Lindsay Wheaton roll out the welcome mat; Dawn Encinas of Denver preps for the day; William Gray of Byers finds a shady spot to park; and Eric and Kristie Sloggett of Strasburg register.



PHOTOS BY KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout
Approximately 160 bikes registered for the Chamber event this year, almost double of last year's participation. The second stop was Rookies Saloon & Restaurant in Strasburg, above left photo, and, from there, the contingent of riders moved to Shooters Bar & Grill in Byers, right and bottom left photo. The event raised over \$4,500 for the Combat Hero Bike Build project.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout
The next-to-last stop on the route was the Deer Trail Elks Lodge. From left photo, ATiana Hamilton of Denver mans the spinning wheel to determine the suit of the card a participant draws; Jeff Wortham of Strasburg draws his second 9 of the day; and Allie Gunther, 11, left, and mother, Meg, show off their helmet adornments while stretching their legs. The Gunther family calls Commerce City home but Allie plays for the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District's Pink Sox youth softball program. For more coverage, see the Aug. 9 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.