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DEAD IN THE WATER

Strasburg FPD backs out of proposed fire authority over board make-up disagreement

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — After about 1½ years of back-and-forth debate, efforts to combine three of the I-70 Corridor fire districts under the semblance of one fiscal umbrella came to an abrupt end after one entity decided to pull out.

"It is with deep regret that I write to inform you of the Strasburg Fire Protection District's decision

to withdraw from the East Metro Fire Protection Authority negotiations," said a letter signed by Strasburg fire board president Jeff Thain following an Aug. 28 special meeting between Strasburg, Bennett-Watkins and Byers fire district boards.

Whether the letter addressed to the other two districts supersedes a decision made in the meeting to table the authority discussion and revisit the

issue after efforts to garner public input on the subject was uncertain at press time.

Prior to the Aug. 28 meeting's adjournment, all three boards stated their positions concerning how they wanted to move forward and whether Byers would be under the actual authority or be brought in on a contract basis to start. Byers' mill levy is well under the other two, making the three-district authority

less equitable across the board.

Thain said Strasburg remains adamant that the authority have a board made up of three from Bennett and two each from Strasburg and Byers, but that they would be "amenable to" a 3-2 board makeup under a contract proposal with Byers.

"But a super majority (vote) in both instances," he added.

Bennett-Watkins board

president Royce Pindell said his group was against including Byers under the authority umbrella but would be fine with the 3-2 board makeup of Bennett and Strasburg with Byers brought in under a contract.

"We're concerned with the cost to help run Byers and that it might put them in more financial strain than we thought at the

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Juvenile accused of \$7,500 in damage to middle school

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — Two weeks into the new school year, Hemphill Middle School underwent repairs for damage that allegedly occurred at the hands of a student late last month.

Adams County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the school about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 25 on report of a break-in that happened overnight. School staff reported finding an open door to the gym broken and that "the music room glass was broken and there was a rock laying in the middle of the floor."

"I walked around the school with staff looking for additional possible entry points, and points of damage," a deputy's incident report said. "While walking around, I found the eastern door glass to be damaged, northernmost window on the east side."

The deputy confirmed finding a rock, about 6-inches in diameter, in the area.

During the investigation, surveillance video showed that a teenage girl was outside the school starting at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday and that she stayed in the area for at least an hour. She got through a first door on the front of the building, but she could not get through the vestibule and wandered the exterior of the building, eventually ending up on its south side.

"At approximately 2:30 a.m., you can see the female walking around ... near the library exterior door, and near the windows," the incident report said. "On the footage, you can see the female approach the window multiple times and then step back into frame and throw an item. At 2:34 a.m., [the middle school] had a hallway motion activation. At the same time, you can see the female, who is now in the building, exit [the room] and enter the hallway."

During further review of surveillance footage, including a full-face still image, the suspect was identified by school staff, who said the girl "had been troubled recently" and "has been making inappropriate comments."

During the initial interview with the suspect later on Sunday, deputies reported seeing similar gloves to the ones that the suspect was wearing at the school.

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Chainsaw artist transforms 'Burg tree

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — To Bongo Love, a piece of old wood or a tree stump is alive with possibilities.

The chainsaw artist has been carving wood into animals, people and whimsical objects for 18 years and is a world-renowned master carver. He was in Strasburg at the end of August transforming a tall cottonwood stump in Lyons Park into a sculpture of an eagle, an owl, two bears and a feather. The project is a joint commission between the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and community member Cheryl Humbert. Three trees in the area will eventually be carved, each

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PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS CLAUSSEN/The I-70 Scout

The front of the completed tree carving, left, depicts an eagle, an owl and a bear, while the opposite side has the back side of the eagle, another bear, and a feather.



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Chainsaw artist Bongo Love works on the dead cottonwood tree in Lyons Park in Strasburg Aug. 30. Three such tree carvings are planned, each by a different chainsaw artist.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Byers Catholic church plans therapy meetings for 13+

BYERS — A new support group for ages 13 and up hosted Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church will meet at 7:30 p.m. twice weekly starting Monday, Sept. 23. Thereafter, the group will continue to meet at 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at the church's parish house, 234 W. Bijou Ave., Byers. The group is intended for people who are depressed, grieving, confused or suffering in some other manner. Free babysitting will be available. For additional information, call (303)822-5800.

Watkins airport fun day set to honor 40th anniversary

WATKINS — A family fun day in honor of the 40th anniversary of Colorado Air & Space Port will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at the CASP Fixed-Base Operation hangar. The event will feature food trucks, games for kids, entertainment, and a static display of multiple aircraft. The airport, formerly called Front Range Airport, is located east of Watkins at 5200 Front Range Parkway, Watkins. For more information, visit coloradoairandspaceport.com.

Fall birding fest slated for Barr Lake State Park

BRIGHTON — Guided bird tours and visits at a bird banding station will take flight at the Barr Lake State Park Fall Birding Festival from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at the park's Nature Center. Attendees will see birds up close and personal and learn about banding at educational booths with live birds on the glove, a chance to dress up in a favorite bird costume, and seven simple actions to help birds. Crafts and other activities will be available for children.

5K run planned by ArapCo open spaces

CENTENNIAL — Arapahoe County Open Spaces will host its fourth annual 5K Trail Run fundraiser from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, at the 17 Mile House Farm Park on Parker Road. The run will follow the Cherry Creek Regional Trail in Centennial. Registration includes a T-shirt, dinner, craft beer or sports drink, and live music at the finish line. All runners and walkers, with or without dogs or strollers, can enjoy the combination of paved and dirt trails along the trail. Participation costs \$40 or \$45 at the event. All funds benefit trail maintenance and Arapahoe County Open Spaces. For tickets and more information, visit www.arapahoecountyeventcenter.com. The 17 Mile House Farm Park is located at 8181 S. Parker Road Centennial.

Barr Lake State Park is located at 13401 Picadilly Road, Brighton. Park entrance requires a \$10 per vehicle fee or a State Parks Pass. The occasion is otherwise free. For more information, call (303)655-1495.

Bennett Arts Council plans play production discussion

The Bennett Arts Council is seeking collaborators and dramatic people interested in participating in local community theater. To that end, the council will host a community theater planning meeting from 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Bennett Town Hall, Community Room. Experienced actors, not-so-experienced actors, creative support people, and crew are needed. Participants must be age 14 or older. Rehearsal times will be discussed, and performance dates are set for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 23, and the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 24.

MCC representatives plan visit to I-70 biz 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, Sept. 18, at May Farms in Byers. Speakers will be representatives from Morgan Community College, which will also sponsor lunch. RSVPs to (720)731-1954 or offi-

cei70ccoc@gmail.com are requested by Friday, Sept. 13.

New fishing activity slated to commence Bennett Days

BENNETT — Bennett Days will open with a new event from 8-11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6, at the Bennett Regional Park & Open Space fishing pond in the Antelope Hills neighborhood. Cops and Bobbers is a free community fishing event in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. The event will feature giveaways and breakfast. Participants, who must be age 16 or older, are required to have a valid fishing license and should bring their own fishing poles and bait.

AdCo fiesta acknowledges the glory of Latino culture

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Festival Latino will honor the rich culture and vibrancy of Hispanic heritage from 12-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 15 at Riverdale Regional Park. The free, family-friendly event promises an unforgettable celebration of Latino culture. In addition to live music, art and food, world-class visual artists will create large-scale sculptural installations, interactive murals, and opportunities for reflection. Fireworks will follow at sunset. Riverdale Regional Park is located at 9755 Henderson Road,

Brighton.

Strasburg seniors group plans Sept. potluck lunch

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host a potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. Representatives from the Eastern Colorado Senior Resource Coalition 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.

Appointments now offered for mobile DMV office visit

BENNETT — DMV 2 Go is accepting appointments for its visit the area on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way. At the mobile motor vehicle office, residents can renew or replace lost, stolen or damaged Colorado driver licenses, IDs or learner's permits; obtain a new license, ID or permit; and trade in an existing license, ID or permit from out of state. Driving tests are not available. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, visit www.bennettco.gov.

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 dropped off at the Lions Club booth at Bennett Days Sept. 7. For pick-up, call Diane Moler at (303)644-3717.

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FIRE AUTHORITY

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beginning," Pindell said. "We're fine with Byers being a pseudo member, but we understand it will take a little while to form that contract. Just seems to be more of a stretch to stretch (the authority) out to Byers at the moment."

Byers fire board president James Shelley indicated his group was not in favor of the contract situation.

"We voted for a 3-2-2 [board] or some version of the authority like that," he said. "The outboarding of the contract doesn't look good to us."

Byers Fire Chief Mike Disher added that the contract situation was less than ideal because his emergency response staff would have to continue to work with older equipment and not have the opportunity to utilize more up-to-date apparatus from Bennett or Strasburg.

"We would not get the equipment sharing under a contract situation," he

said. "We don't have the same equipment, so (we) would be a little bit behind the times, if you will. Just not getting the same training as the others."

In its post-meeting letter announcing its withdrawal from the formation process, the Strasburg letter said the imbalance of the proposed authority board's makeup was its main concern.

"The Strasburg Board of Directors recognizes the tremendous benefit the authority could bring to the area," the letter said. "However, we believe that we cannot in good conscience represent the citizens of our district by entering into an agreement that negates the importance of two-thirds of the entities involved in this venture."

Throughout the meeting, Bennett maintained its insistence that any three-district authority board consist of a 4-2-1 makeup because its FPD brings the

most to the table.

"The Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue entered into negotiations for a fire authority with a willingness to help Strasburg and Byers with training, personnel and equipment to provide better service for all of us. Bennett-Watkins service requirements and budget are at least three times of Strasburg and Byers combined," Pindell said in a statement to *The I-70 Scout*. "After a lot of work by the three departments' staff, Strasburg's position changed to demanding that Strasburg and Byers have control of the board of the new authority. That was more than the board for Bennett-Watkins could agree to."

"Each department is capable of continuing as we have for many decades, perhaps a great opportunity was missed to help the businesses and residents of the east I-70 Corridor."

In the Strasburg letter of withdrawal, while the big-

ger size of Bennett's budget was acknowledged, so was the amount of additional risk it brings to the table.

"We recognize that Bennett-Watkins brings a large amount of revenue; however, we also recognize that Bennett-Watkins brings expenses that are equally large and equal to the kinds of budgets being contributed by the other two districts," the Strasburg letter stated. "As previously stated, we recognize that things are not always fair. We are simply seeking a reasonable level of equality. If the authority fails, this could and undoubtedly would put Strasburg Fire and its residents in a dangerous position."

According to all three fire chiefs, whether to move forward or not with the authority had been determined by the end of August.

"The decision needed to be made one way or the other tonight, so all three districts could move forward with their budgets for

next year," said Strasburg Fire Chief Pat Conroy. "No finger-pointing to do here. You may not agree with it, but respect the decision these boards have made. We are more collaborative now than we ever have been."

Earlier this year, multiple Strasburg Fire employees expressed their concern with the lack of progress to get the authority formed, citing their desire for access to more equipment and other resources.

The Strasburg fire board's letter concluded with hopes that all three districts continue to work closely together to provide the most effective emergency services throughout the I-70 Corridor.

"We look forward to continued work with your districts in the form of the outstanding training, teamwork, and the response matrix that has always been in place but has been greatly enhanced as a result of this effort," it said.

HMS BREAK-IN

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An Aug. 27 follow-up interview with the juvenile girl and a family member also occurred, with the pair leaving the substation without incident.

Charges remain uncertain as the suspect is a juvenile. The suspect's name is also not being released because of her underage status.

Estimated damages from the incident are about \$7,500.

Strasburg School Superintendent Kelle Bongard, who was hired as the district's new lead administrator earlier this summer, stated that classes would resume as scheduled Aug. 27. Starting this school year, Strasburg is on a four-

day school week with Monday as the day off.

"Our students often serve as the first line of awareness regarding any unusual behavior or events within our community," Bongard's district-wide letter said. "If you or your child has any information related to this incident, please notify your building principals or me as soon as possible."

"In situations like these, it's important to remember the strength and resilience of our community. Together, we will overcome this setback, as we have done in the past, and continue to stand proud and Strasburg Strong."



KATHY SMILEY/Eastern Colorado News

Life Save Award recipients pose with Byers Fire Chief Mike Disher, left, and Byers and Strasburg EMS Coordinator Capt. Mackenzie Schledorn-Rudden, right, are, from left, Byers Lt. Tanisha Anderson, Byers firefighter/paramedic Coco Wham, Strasburg firefighter/EMT Ryan Morehouse, and Bennett-Watkins' EMS Battalion Chief Josie Fischer. Awardees not pictured are Strasburg Lt. Sara Meier, Byers firefighter/paramedic Frank Fields, Strasburg Capt. Evan Hickey, Bennett-Watkins Battalion Chief Lance Shore, and South Metro Fire Dispatcher C.J. Bailes. For coverage of the Aug. 20 Byers Fire board meeting, see the Sept. 6 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Strasburg Fire Protection District No. 8 is looking for a general contractor for the Crew Quarters Project.

Sealed Bids for construction of the Crew Quarters Project, addressed to Strasburg Fire Protection District, PO Box 911, Strasburg, CO 80136 will be received at the office of Strasburg Fire Protection District, until 1:00 p.m., local time, on the 15th day of September 2024. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be privately opened and read.

Bids are invited for a General Contractor on the following project: Crew Quarters Project, 56281 E Colfax Avenue, Strasburg, CO 80136. This project generally includes dirt work, concrete, building construction, framing, finishing, plumbing, electrical, landscaping and anything else that arises during the project.

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Bennett Kids Power Up

Families sought for fun new health program

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor parents are invited to enroll their children in a health program that will provide free activity kits with games, recipe cards, food samples, art supplies, and activity props including jump ropes and stop-watches — all while contributing to research on such programs.

Bennett Kids Power Up is open to families in all Corridor communities and was developed by a researcher who lived in Bennett for nine years, until 2023. Dr. Katherine Sauder, who has a doctorate in behavioral health, launched the program during that time with an advisory board of Bennett and Strasburg residents from school, library, churches and homeschooling groups with a goal to build a health program specifically for kids in rural Colorado.

“Our program is designed to help kids aged 7 to 10 years eat more fruits and vegetables, drink less soda, and spend more time being active and less time on screens,” she told *The I-70 Scout*.

The program is provided for free through sponsorship by the American Diabetes Association.

Sauder, who worked as a researcher at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus during her time in Colorado, is now an associate professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina, where she develops and tests programs to help keep kids healthy.

Sauder said the local advisory board “rallied around this goal of getting our kids healthier and helped build this exciting program. They learned about best practices for improving kids’ behaviors, talked through how to make those strategies fit in rural areas like Bennett, and came up with ways to make the learning fun for the kids and parents.”

The board included Molly DeWolf, a guide at Anythink Bennett library; Nichole Harrell, community mobilizer with I-70 Corridor Communities That Care; Bennett Primary teachers Kallie Reza and Chrissy Weatherly; Bennett Intermediate staff Brittany Howard and Stephanie Daza; Strasburg Elementary teacher Lauren Headley; Bennett school nurse Angie Witt-Thompson; and homeschooling moms Jenny Trupp and Robin Singleton of Bennett.

The advisory board met monthly for a year-and-a-half helping with the program development, then attended maintenance meetings to

check in and monitor the progress of implementation.

“It was an entirely collaborative process and Kate made sure to get feedback from everyone on the board,” DeWolf noted, adding that, while the board’s work is complete, Anythink Bennett is still involved with the program.

Harrell added that the board gets e-mail updates on Power Up.

“The updates fill us in on how things are going and how we can help with marketing the program in the community,” she said.

Now that the program is complete and available in English and Spanish, families want to implement it and share their thoughts with the study staff. The parents will receive Amazon gift cards for completion of health assessments of their children at the beginning and end of the study; kids will receive activity kits in the mail to work on with parents; and the findings will be compiled and used to gauge the program’s success.

“Some families will receive our activity kits for six months, and some families will receive STEM activity kits for six months, and then we need everyone to tell us what they think,” Sauder said, noting that the duration of participation is seven months in total.

Harrell added that, when families sign up to be part of Bennett Kids Power Up they are assigned a coach to answer questions and ensure they understand how the program works and guide them through the program.

“The premise of program is to help our youth and families understand that there are fun, economically friendly ways to balance healthy eating and exercise,” she said.

DeWolf said the program will help professionals like Sauder get a better idea of the diet and nutritional behaviors of kids ages 7-10.

“And it’s a fun way for these rural kids, who may not have access to health education of this kind, to get learning activities sent right to their door,” she said. “They’ll be able to reinforce at home what healthy eating and activity means for their family and can practice together.”

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Class set in honor of OD Awareness Day

BRIGHTON — Adams County Health Department's newly renamed Harm Reduction Program is planning a class on opioid risks and overdose prevention and treatment to mark the 23rd anniversary of International Overdose Awareness Day Aug. 31.

The training program, now called Project Connects, will occur in English from 10-11 a.m. and Spanish from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Brighton Recreation Center, 555 N. 11th Ave. Participants will learn the signs of an overdose and how to

treat a victim using Naloxone.

Overdose Awareness Day recognizes people who have died from drug overdoses, raises awareness of overdoses, reduces the stigma of overdose-related deaths, and acknowledges the grief felt by those who have lost a loved one.

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SPORTS



'Burg XC teams cruise thru Wash Park Invite

Indian boys, girls both win the same meet for 1st time ever; Lady Bulldog 6th at Cheyenne Mountain

by Isaac Manauh
Editorial Assistant

The Strasburg Indians cross-country team swept the Washington Park Invitational in Denver Aug. 24.

Strasburg had three of their nine boys run new personal career bests.

"They have been working hard and putting in the training," said head coach Mike James. "This is a group that most of them have been together for a couple of seasons, and they love being together and being a team."

The boys had four runners in the top five times with junior Dawit James getting second at 17:27.50, sophomore Noah Dobransky taking third at 17:50.00, junior Israel James grabbing fourth with a 17:58.50, sophomore Jeremiah

Redd finishing fifth with 18:02.20, and senior Daniel Handy ending 15th with 20:23.70.

The boys would finish first with 20 total points scored over five runners. Second place went to Clear Creek with 60 points.

The girls had two runners in the top 10 with sophomore Maura Kramer sixth with a time of 25:03.70 and sophomore Naomi Redd finishing ninth with a time of 27:45.80.

The other girls to score were junior Kasianna Christiansan in 12th at 29:14.50, sophomore Kyla Bauer 13th with a time of 29:48.80, and senior Erin Johnson in 20th at 32:30.40.

The top five Lady Indians scored 27 points for the team title.

"A lot of our meets are with oth-

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The Strasburg cross country teams pose for a picture after winning both the boys and girls portions of the Washington Park Invitational in Denver Aug. 24.



Strasburg third baseman Wynne Winter prepares to field a ground ball against Gunnison. For complete coverage of the Gunnison and Rocky Ford games on Aug. 30 and 31, respectively, see the Sept. 6 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

Indians go 4-0 at Eaton tourney

by Isaac Manauh
Editorial Assistant

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Lady Indians won all four games they played at the Eaton Tournament Aug. 23-24 to improve to 4-1 on the year.

Their closest game was against Peak to Peak, a back-and-forth fight until the bitter end.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Indian sophomore Addi Kent walked, made her way around the bases, and scored on a base hit by junior Rachel Ruppel giving Strasburg a 9-8 walk-off win.

Peak to Peak came out hot with 4 runs in the top of the first, putting instant pressure on Strasburg's offense and defense. The Indians snapped back with 4 runs of their own in the bottom of the second and took a 5-4 lead in the third. Then the back-and-forth battle really began with both teams scoring 2 runs in the fifth, and 1 each in the sixth and seventh innings.

Strasburg committed five errors in the game.

Head coach Wes Madrill was not too satisfied with the win.

"We made a couple of errors, they came back," he said. "We had

them down 8-7 and they came back and got a run in the seventh."

Sophomore Phebe Johnson homered with 3 RBIs; sophomore Madi Olsen had three hits with an RBI; senior Kailey Rushman pitched seven innings, allowing 4 earned runs and striking out 10 while walking four batters; Ruppel had two hits with an RBI; and Kent singled.

The other three games were not close.

Strasburg faced Meeker Aug. 23, winning 12-0. Strasburg had 12 hits to Meeker's three.

Johnson went three-for-three with 6 RBIs and three runs scored; Kent had two hits with 2 RBIs; and senior Anna Vetter pitched six innings, allowing no runs and striking out three.

Later that day, the Indians recorded a lopsided 15-1 win over Delta in four innings.

Kent recorded one hit and walked three times; Olsen homered, tripled and drove in 3 runs; senior Averie Eymann had a single and 2 RBIs; and Vetter hurled four innings, allowing a single run while striking

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'Burg tips Bennett in 3 close sets

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — After a two-year interruption, the volleyball rivalry between Bennett and Strasburg was rekindled Aug. 29 with the visiting Lady Indians getting a three-set sweep in both schools' first action of the season.

All three games were closely contested, but the red-and-black prevailed 25-21, 25-21, 25-20.

"Great to get back together against them and it was a very competitive match inside a packed gym. Our fans and student section was awesome and so was their's. All the intangibles for a great rivalry match," said Strasburg head coach Larry Deffenbaugh, who had a previous stint in charge of the Lady Tigers. "They have a good solid team that (head coach) Corissa (Thornton) has done a nice job with. Good start to the season."

"I was very proud of my team and how they played being our first game of the year. The sets were very close," Thornton said. "Overall, it was a really fun game to be at and the gym was electric. I can't

wait for the rest of the games this season with this group of girls."

For the victors, the three-headed senior monster of Peighton Marrero, Emma Middlemist and Natalie Damron dominated the stat sheet, including 31 of the team's 34 kills and 26 of 30 assists, but Deffenbaugh was adamant the play from other girls around them was strong.

"I'm most pleased about how we're supporting each other on the court throughout an entire match to start the season," he said. "Everyone has been actively engaged and communicating, which is allowing us to get much better much quicker."

While Marrero has been used to playing both setter and outside hitter the past couple of seasons, Middlemist has been asked to expand her game from an exclusive attacker to include setting duties this season.

"Couldn't be happier right now with Emma. That's not an easy gig we have asked her to do, but she's taking it on without any issues,"

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During Strasburg's win over Bennett Aug. 29, Lady Tiger Emilee Venneberg (5), left photo, sets to a teammate. Right, Lady Indian Emma Middlemist, left, tracks down an errant ball while teammate Taryn LaForce looks on.

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er 3A teams but also 4A/5A teams as well.” James said “Our goal is to make it to state for 3A. I feel really good about our chances. It is a realistic goal for us.”

The team was moved up a classification going from 2A to 3A.

BYERS

Byers took part in the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede Aug. 24.

“We expect a lot of [personal records] this year and, with our different training programs, things will get faster. We’re pretty optimistic this year,” said head coach Kelci Crispe.

The Lady Bulldogs had a top-10 finish on the girl’s team with sophomore Reese West finishing sixth in 21:48.00.

Byers’ boys placed 19th of 21 teams.

Only four Lady Bulldogs ran and did not record a team score.

“The goal is for at least every one to set a new personal best time. ... This team is so easy to coach and they work so hard, and you can’t coach effort and determination,” Crispe said.

BENNETT

Bennett attended the Gator Invitational at Standley Lake in Westminster but did not score in either set of team standings.

COMING UP

STRASBURG

Sept. 6: @ Runners Roost Flyin’ Ryan, Monfort Park, Greeley.

BYERS

Sept. 6: @ Runners Roost Northern Colorado Invitational, Greeley.

BENNETT

Sept. 7: @ Windsor Wizards Invitational, Eastman Park, Windsor.



Left photo, Indians hurler Kailey Rushman winds up for a pitch against Gunnison Aug. 30 and, right photo, Phebe Johnson runs between second and third bases en route to a run. For coverage, see the Sept. 6 *Eastern Colorado News*.

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out five.

Game four was against Limon Aug. 24. Strasburg won in three innings by a score of 17-0 on seven hits and 11 walks, courtesy of the Lady Badgers’ pitching.

Rushman tossed three innings, allowing one hit and striking out five; freshman Jordan Finley went two-for-two with 3 RBIs; and Rushman, Johnson, Bradley, Winter and Eymann all singled.

“The big thing, after our (season-opening) loss against Elizabeth, we got together and decided what we wanted to do and how we were going to do it,” Madrill said. “So I think we’re on the right track.”

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Sept. 6-7: NCS Tourney @ Greeley.

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Strasburg’s Peighton Marrero goes over the Bennett double-block of Abigail Thornton (18) and Raquel Thorpe (19) during both schools’ season-opener Aug. 29.

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Deffenbaugh said.

Damron concluded the night with a game-high 12 kills, while Marrero went for 10 kills and 13 assists and Middlemist nine kills and nine assists. Junior Taryn LaForce added three kills for the Indians.

From the service line, Strasburg recorded 11 aces but also had 18 errors, a part of the game Deffenbaugh said must be cleaned up.

“We have really worked on trying to serve tougher this year and, I think for the most part we are, but still too many misses,” he said. “Our goals are to miss a few less serves and match our aces with as many misses, so we’ve got a little work to do.”

Marrero led the team with four aces while sophomore Tatijana Rojahn added three.

Defensively, Strasburg recorded a handful of blocks, including two solo blocks by LaForce, and 41 digs, led by Marrero’s 12 and six apiece from Damron and sophomore Jenna Echer.

“We’re losing a little bit of digging with Emma doing more of the setting but we’re having the rest of the girls step up and hitting the floor as well,” Deffenbaugh said. “It’s all about having that support and communication in place.”

For the hosts, they committed two more hitting errors than kills, 16-14, but Thornton said those are coachable moments.

“We clean up a couple unforced errors and we are right there,” she said. “I am proud of my team’s mental game by staying focused the entire match.”

Senior Jessica Venneberg led the Tigers with seven kills, followed by classmates Olivia Schroeder,

Elizabeth Westendorf and Raquel Thorpe with two apiece. Sophomore Emilee Venneberg stepped in to facilitate the offense with seven assists, while Thorpe had four.

Defensively, Bennett recorded four blocks, including a solo stuff apiece from Jessica Venneberg and Thorpe, and dug up 40 balls, led by Schroeder with 12 and the older Venneberg and Westendorf with 10 apiece.

“Jessica had an outstanding game and really stood out with her kills blocks and leadership on the court. Olivia shined in her defense and the digs that she got up were outstanding,” Thornton said. “I truly was impressed with our serve receive and passing.”

Bennett also had double-dig- it aces with 10, led by Venneberg with three and Schroeder and Westendorf two each. Similar to Strasburg, Thornton’s troops served below 80%.

“But, boy did Bennett serve us tough and that’s something I like to see us have to handle early,” Deffenbaugh said. “Especially with what we’ll have to deal with in the Patriot League later on, we need to see as much of that as we can.”

“We have a couple things to improve on, but nothing major,” Thornton said. “We are going to work on reducing serving errors, our defense, and out-of-system of- fensive plays.”

While Strasburg continued its season with a home game against another I-70 rival in Limon Sept. 3, the Tigers don’t get back onto the court until Aug. 7 at the D’Evelyn Invitational Tournament. Strasburg is also hosting a C team tournament on Sept. 7, including teams from Bennett and Byers.



ALYSSA STEMOFOR The Scout

Bennett’s Jessica Venneberg (4) goes up against Strasburg’s Natalie Damron (15).

'Burg golfer off to terrific start

by Isaac Manaugh
Editorial Assistant

The boys golf season is under-way for the Strasburg Indians with participation in three tournaments in their first week.

Senior Kameron Gilbert is off to a great start with multiple top 10 finishes. His best placement through the first three tournaments was at the Liberty Common Invitational in Windsor Aug. 16.

Gilbert shot a 79 to tie for sixth place out of 100 players. The team as a whole finished with a 288 stroke total for 13th place out of 15 teams.

The other Strasburg participants were freshman Cooper Klausner (103 strokes), sophomore Grant Wells (107), and senior Brent West (120).

At the Resurrection Christian Open Invite Aug. 14, the Indians as a group shot a 276 to take 19th place out of 29 teams.

Gilbert tied for 10th place with a score of 76. Junior Jaxzen Egger (95), Wells (105), and junior Brayden Lorenz (108) also played.

The Roosevelt Invitational in Longmont was the season-opener for the Indians Aug. 12. The team finished with a score of 275 for 20th place out of 27 teams.

Gilbert ended in a three-way tie for seventh place, shooting a 79 (out of 108 participating golfers). Wells (98), Jaxzen Egger (98) and Lorenz (103) also competed.

"We started out very solid and we're very excited for senior Kameron Gilbert," said coach Eric Gilbert on his team's first week of play. "This was a very busy week. ... It has been an encouraging beginning to the season."

In addition to the hot start of Kameron Gilbert, head coach Eric Gilbert is optimistic for the supporting cast's contributions as the season progresses.

For coverage of the Brush, Fort Morgan and Eaton invitationals, see the Sept. 6 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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The tree carving includes images of a bear, left, an owl, a feather, another bear and an Eagle.

BONGO LOVE

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by a different artist.

"One of them will be carved by Chainsaw Mama and we have her scheduled for Hometown Days next year," Humbert said. "People can watch her work."

Bongo, who was born and raised in Zimbabwe, Africa, started carving stone at an early age with handmade tools. His evolution to a world-renowned chainsaw artist is a story worth hearing.

He shared it with *The I-70 Scout* Aug. 30, at the park while on a break under a large poplar tree along with his son and assistant Tinashe.

"Zimbabwe means 'house of stones.' We're from the Shona tribe and they are world-famous sculptors," Bongo said. "We have a lot of soapstone and serpentine."

As a young child, Bongo watched his grandfather carve stones.

"When he was off getting a drink or something I would try to carve his stuff, thinking I was making it nice," he said. "One day he gave me my own stone and told me, 'This is your own piece. Don't carve mine.'"

When asked how he got his name, Bongo Love said he's been called that since he was around age 10 because he loved bongos so much.

His second passion in life is performing music.

Bongo came to America in 2000, when he was in his 20s. He expected America to be like it is portrayed on television.

"You come thinking the streets are paved with gold," he said. "In reality, they ARE paved with (a kind of) gold — opportunity. There's much opportunity here."

He added that, upon arriving in the United States, he didn't realize people had jobs.

"I just thought you lived. Everybody was telling me I needed to get a job, and I said, 'No, I'm in America.'"

What kind of job he found, he didn't say, but he shared how he



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Cheryl Humbert and Bongo Love's son Tinashe watch the carving process. Humbert, along with the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District commissioned the artwork.

got into chainsaw sculpting.

"I was trying to find a stone to carve and a friend of mine gave me a piece of alabaster," he said. "When I was about to carve it, I realized I was about to carve African art, but I was in America now."

Bongo got on the Internet looking for art from all over the world "to see where I might come in."

He came across a chainsaw carving competition in Craig. The year was 2006.

"I looked at the pictures and said, 'I can beat these guys,'" he noted. "So I applied for it, and they said to come on out."

Bongo said that, up to that time, he had never seen a chainsaw and didn't even know what a chainsaw was.

"So, when I showed up, I just told them I didn't have my tools, and they gave me a chainsaw," he said. "I didn't know how to operate it, so I asked the guy how to start it. (Then) I said, 'Cut.' He cut. I was watching his hands, you know? Then I got it."

When asked how that first competition worked out for him, he said, "Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. It was

a nightmare."

Bongo was accustomed to using chisels, so he had handled his chainsaw in the same way.

"By the end of the day, I was so tired and beat up," he said. "I didn't win, but I won because what I wanted was to finish my piece and I finished it."

He started practicing.

"I am still practicing; I'll get better yet," he said.

He started traveling to chainsaw competitions but became discouraged.

"I had a problem because you know you're supposed to win but you're not winning because you don't have the right tools," he said.

After a competition in Pennsylvania, he met chainsaw artist "Big Steve" Backus.

"We're sitting in the airport, and I'd lost again, and I told him I'd quit carving," he said. "I said, 'I'm done with this. Now I'm just going to play music.'"

Backus told him he couldn't quit. Bongo asked why he shouldn't.

"Why? You might teach other people, that's why," Big Steve said.

"Whoa! Words of task just get me," Bongo said. "He said he'd show me the tools and how the game works."

Bongo went on to win at multiple chainsaw competitions, including third place in Vancouver, British Columbia, and fourth place at the world cup in Germany.

He competed at the Craig Whittle the Wood competition for 15 years. In 2022 he was one of 12 chainsaw carvers competing on the Discovery Channel show, "A Cut Above."

He hasn't forgotten he was tasked to teach and he enjoys working with children and young people.

"One of my best friend's son

was in the military and something happened there, you know, and he came back and went crazy a little bit," he said. "I introduced him to art and, instead of stealing, he went a different direction."

Bongo speaks of the inspiration for his carvings in almost poetic terms.

"It's amazing when you start dreaming it. I'll dream it. Today is the day and I'm coming," he said. "The tree gives you direction — the way its shaped, you know? The idea is to manipulate the tree, because the tree, alone, is a piece of art."

Bongo's favorite wood to work with is cedar because of its beauty and aroma. He enjoys cottonwoods because carving exposes colors — yellows, reds, blues and greens.

"Some people ask me what's my favorite carving, and I always say it's the one I'm doing now," he said.

He considers his most exciting commission as one in Princeton, N.J., when he was told he could carve whatever he wanted.

"I thought, 'Whoa! This is the best day of my life,'" he said.

Most of the time he is given direction on what his commissioners want.

"It takes a long time (to envision,) and the brain starts dribbling until I start the saw," he said. "I start carving and then it comes."

Bongo said he goes home to Zimbabwe almost every year. His parents still live there, along with his siblings, aunts and uncles.

"My mother is a shaman — a bush doctor," he said. "They can't travel to me, but I can travel to them."

Bongo doesn't go to competitions as much these days.

"In Zimbabwe they have a saying, people don't get older, they get wiser. So, I'm getting wiser," he said. "I'm just going to run my shop."

He's not too wise to not stay busy, however. Bongo also owns a restaurant in Coal Creek and he's in the middle of recording an album. When asked what kind of music he plays, his explanation leaves us wanting to explore further.

"I'm playing with kids from America," he said. "When they played their style and I played my style, we were clashing. So we came up with a new sound."

Bongo's break was over, and he went back to work on his tree.

"You made my brain relax a little bit," he said of our conversation. "When I'm in the zone, I'm gone."

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by David Sharp
Associated Press

The U.S. Postal Service wants to save \$3 billion yearly on changes that reflect its greater reliance on streamlined regional networks — while retaining mail delivery times of one to three days and allowing customers to track some delivery schedules with greater precision.

Election mail won't be affected, officials said.

The proposal, announced Aug. 22, would adjust mail delivery times while maintaining a commitment to a maximum five-day delivery for the flagship Ground Advantage program nationwide and a maximum three-day delivery for local first-class mail.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said the changes to take place next year are necessary to “enable us to operate more efficiently and reliably, grow our business and give us a chance for a viable future” after an 80% drop in first-class mail since 1997 and a corresponding growth in packages. All told, the Postal Service has amassed more than \$87 billion in losses from 2007 through 2020.

The details were unveiled by the Postal Service ahead of a Sept. 5 meeting in which the proposed changes will be discussed with stakeholders before they are submitted to the Postal Regulatory Commission.

Election mail and holiday shipments won't be affected because the proposed changes would not occur until the next calendar year, officials said. Medications also should continue to be delivered at their current speed, or faster, under the proposal, officials said.

The proposal reflects the Postal Service's move to overhaul its processing and transportation network with an emphasis on region-



al hubs, something that is already beginning to take place in Atlanta; Richmond, Va.; and Portland, Ore. Changes to better utilize existing ground networks mean the Postal Service must adjust pick-up and drop-off times between post offices and processing plants, a process that will increase the speed of some mail, officials said.

Postal customers who live closer to regional hubs will see the greatest reductions in transit time for mail; transit times for some rural customers could grow while still falling within existing service standards, an official said.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, a frequent critic of changes under DeJoy, was unimpressed.

“Any effort to degrade service while raising prices is a recipe for a death spiral at the Postal Service,” Connolly, a Democrat from Virginia, said in a statement. “This is the second time Postmaster General DeJoy has proposed lower service standards. He might as well announce a return to delivering mail by horse and buggy.”

This proposal aligns with the organization's mandate to be financially self-sufficient while continuing to deliver to every address nationwide six days a week. If adopted, 75% of first-class mail will see no change from the current service standards, and two-thirds of mail will be delivered in three or fewer days, the USPS Service said.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFERRAL OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY .15% COUNTY-WIDE SALES TAX TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ADAMS COUNTY.

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions have caused significant unemployment increases in the city of Lansing in Adams County, Missouri, and the lack of affordable housing in the County has caused many people to leave the County in search of employment and affordable housing in other areas of Adams County, Missouri, and elsewhere;

WHEREAS, the County has a significant need for additional revenue to fund its operations and to provide for the needs of its residents;

WHEREAS, a dedicated revenue stream to support the availability of affordable housing is critical to meeting the housing development goals set forth in the County's Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the County is highly committed to improve and enhance the quality of life for its residents and the health and safety of its citizens, and to support the development of the County's economy;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the interest of the citizens of Adams County to impose a temporary Countywide sales tax of .15% for the period beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, for the purpose of generating additional revenue to support the development of affordable housing in the unincorporated areas of Adams County, Missouri;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a question regarding the imposition of a temporary sales tax for the purpose of generating additional revenue to support the development of affordable housing in the unincorporated areas of Adams County, Missouri, should be submitted to the voters of Adams County, Missouri;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the ballot title and ballot question for this issue is as follows:

BALLOT QUESTION: SHALL THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY, MISSOURI, IMPOSE A TEMPORARY COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX OF .15% FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, MISSOURI?

1. Pursuant to §§ 1-4-201, 1-4-202, and 1-4-203, C.R.S., the Board hereby resolves and directs the Boarding Committee to prepare a ballot question for the Adams County Board of Commissioners, and to submit the question to the voters of Adams County for the period beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, for the purpose of generating additional revenue to support the development of affordable housing in the unincorporated areas of Adams County, Missouri.

BALLOT TITLE: _____

THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD IS REQUESTING BY TWO-THIRD TWO BALLOT TWO BEING IMPOSED SHALL BE DOLLARS PER YEAR DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR COLLECTED IN ADAMS COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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2. This Resolution shall carry the full force and effect of the law.

3. The clerk shall be required to file the Resolution with the County Clerk, C.R.S. § 1-4-201, et seq., and also have the Resolution published in the County's official newspaper.

Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following: the County of Adams, Missouri, for the purpose of generating additional revenue to support the development of affordable housing in the unincorporated areas of Adams County, Missouri.

4. The Clerk and Board shall cause all rules required or permitted by the County Board to be published in the County's official newspaper.

5. The Clerk and Board shall cause notice of the election to be published in the County's official newspaper.

6. The Clerk and Board shall cause a Resolution to be published in the County's official newspaper.

7. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-4-201, the Clerk and Board shall publish the Resolution in the County's official newspaper.

8. If necessary, the Board may cause the Resolution to be published in the County's official newspaper.

9. Pursuant to the County's official newspaper, the Board shall cause the Resolution to be published in the County's official newspaper.

10. All rules and regulations shall be published in the County's official newspaper.

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21. Council and Department of Revenue.

(a) The County shall establish an Advisory Board, which
shall be composed of representatives of the County and the
Department of Revenue.

(b) Up to three percent (3%) of the Colorado General Tax
shall be used for the purpose of the Advisory Board.

(c) After payment of the Colorado General Tax, the
County shall use the Colorado General Tax for the purpose of
the Advisory Board.

22. The Clerk and Treasurer shall provide the Colorado Department of Revenue
with copies of this Resolution, including the copies to the registered
advertisers, not later than ten business days after the date of the Resolution.

23. It is the policy of the County to use the funds of the Colorado
General Tax for the purpose of the Advisory Board.

24. The Clerk and Treasurer shall provide the Colorado Department of Revenue
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26. All other matters relating to the Colorado General Tax shall be
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28. If any provision of this Resolution shall be
invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall be valid.

29. The Clerk and Treasurer shall provide the Colorado Department of Revenue
with copies of this Resolution, including the copies to the registered
advertisers, not later than ten business days after the date of the Resolution.

30. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Henry	Aye
Tolson	Excused
Finer	Aye
O'Donoghue	Aye
Baron	Excused
Commissioners	

STATE OF COLORADO)
County of Adams)

I, _____, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners in and for the County and State do hereby certify that the annexed
and foregoing Order is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of
County Commissioners for said Adams County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County,
at Brighton, Colorado this 27th day of August A.D. 2024.

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Josh Zyzanski
By: 
Deputy



Wolf pack that attacked CO livestock to be relocated

by Matthew Brown
Associated Press

Wildlife agencies are trying to capture and relocate the first pack of wolves that formed under Colorado's ambitious wolf reintroduction program after the animals repeatedly attacked livestock, marking an early stumble in the voter-driven initiative.

The move comes only a week after state officials touted three pups born to the Copper Creek pack, which formed after 10 of the predators from Oregon were released in December over bitter opposition from livestock groups. The pack has at least two adults.

The bid to capture them goes against Colorado's wolf management plan that was adopted last year. It included guidance that relocation "has little technical merit" because it could create problems elsewhere if the animals continue attacking livestock. The plan calls for using non-lethal approaches, such as patrolling ranches with range riders and scaring away problem wolves, or killing them if necessary to stop ongoing attacks on livestock.

Officials did not say where the Copper Creek pack would be relocated, nor whether they would be released into the wild or kept in captivity.

Ranching groups had wanted the wolf pack killed. Wildlife advocates said more should have been done to keep them from killing livestock, such as using electric fencing that can better deter attacks.

In other parts of the United States where wolves are well-established — including in the Northern U.S.



In this photo taken last December, wildlife officials release five gray wolves onto public land in Grand County.

Rocky Mountains and around the Great Lakes — the predators are routinely killed by wildlife officials in response to livestock attacks. Wolves are prolific breeders so removing some animals doesn't have population-wide effects.

Colorado's attempt to instead capture problem wolves comes after an agency spokesperson told The Associated Press recently that officials wanted to avoid killing them because "it's too early in the process" of reintroduction.

"We don't have enough wolves on the landscape to lethally remove" the pack, spokesperson Travis Duncan said.

State officials did not disclose

where the capture operations were taking place but said the work was occurring with help from federal officials and under U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service rules. More details will be released after the relocation is completed, Duncan said.

Michael Saul with Defenders of Wildlife said the move was a "big setback" for the reintroduction.

"There are lots of ranchers using existing tools who are living with wolves and not having this problem," Saul said. "Even if the individual wolves survived, taking them out of the wild is removing the one successful breeding pack for Colorado."

Saul said he was concerned the pups might not survive the capture operations and that the two adult wolves might not be released. That would be contrary to the voter-approved plan to reintroduce the an-

imals to the wild, he said.

Rancher Ted Ritschard, who lives about 15 miles from the ranch in Grand County, where most of the livestock attacks took place, said he was glad the pack would be removed. He blamed them for killing at least 16 cattle and sheep and wants them in captivity so they don't kill again.

"These pups have learned to kill livestock so they're going to keep doing it," said Ritschard, president of the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association. "Once they get a taste of sheep or cattle, that's a whole different world."

Ritschard said area ranchers sought permission this year to kill the wolves that were causing problems but were denied. The state's denial notice said livestock attacks had decreased when a rancher in the area buried a "dead pit" used to dispose of dead animals that was suspected of attracting wolves.

Ritschard refuted the claim that the dead pit played a role in the attacks.

"We would see the wolves go by that dead pit at night. There was nothing fresh in that dead pit," he said.

In a statement, Colorado Parks & Wildlife Director Jeff Davis characterized the Copper Creek pack relocation as a "unique case," but did not elaborate.

"This action is by no means a precedent for how CPW will resolve wolf-livestock conflict moving forward," Davis said in the statement.

He said the goal was to relocate the pack "while we assess our best options for them."

Wolf reintroduction in Colorado was narrowly approved by voters in a 2020 ballot measure. Wildlife officials expect to release an additional 30-50 wolves over the coming years. A handful of wolves have also wandered into Colorado from Wyoming.

Proponents argued that the apex predators would reestablish an ecological balance in the area. Wolves were largely hunted out of the state by the 1940s.

Owners of calves that are killed can be compensated by the state for the animal's market value, up to \$15,000. Ranchers have said that's not enough.

Gray wolves killed some 800 domesticated animals across 10 states in 2022, including Colorado, according to a previous Associated Press review of depredation data from state and federal agencies.

While the losses can affect individual ranchers, it has a negligible effect on the industry at large. Ranchers say many additional kills go unrecorded because the dead livestock is never found or the cause of death can't be confirmed.



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SEPT. 7, 2004
WATKINS — Residents of the newly created town of Watkins selected the members of its first Board of Trustees Aug. 31.
Out of approximately 1,200 registered voters in Watkins, 190 ballots were cast, according to Deputy Clerk Jewel Berkey.
Russell Corona walked away with the mayor's seat, defeating Rose Houston 152-37. Bob Hastings won the at-large trustee position with 153 votes, over Ron Houston's 34. Representing Arapahoe County are Richard Grimm with 125 votes and Ted Schmidt with 121. Carl Jones did not earn a seat receiving 107 votes. In Adams County, Phyllis Webb and Sam Cavender won trustee seats with 143 and 92 votes, respectively, overcoming Keith Davis with 66 votes and Brian Eberhard with 50.

15 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 1, 2009
BYERS — Merger talks are back on between the Byers Fire Protection District and the Byers Rescue Squad.
The continuation of the Aug. 10 Byers Fire Protection District Board meeting on Aug. 24 and a work-study session the same evening became a case in point of the obstacles the district, volunteer fire department, and rescue squad must overcome before the merger happens.

Rescue squad interim president Sherry Palmer spoke out against Chief Jerry Whited's statements Aug. 10 concerning the lack of emergency medical technicians in the district.
"I resent Mr. Whited telling everybody at the last meeting that we don't have any EMTs," Palmer said. "We do have EMTs — they are working EMTs, they are going-to-school EMTs. We all have a life. Strasburg is our near and dear friend. I have not heard them complain one bit about coming and helping us. There's going to be some low times and some high times. This is a low time."

10 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 2, 2014
PUEBLO — A Byers High School senior has a year's worth of bragging rights amongst Colorado 4-H and FFA members after winning grand champion honors during the market lamb show at the Colorado State Fair Aug. 24.
Cameron Pugh, 18, had his hand shaken in victory by judge Clint Cummings of Paso Robles, Calif., signifying Pugh's lamb Ott was the best of 378 ovines exhibited through the day.
"It still really hasn't soaked in yet. I've had dinner and I still don't really know what to say," said the younger Pugh a couple hours after the grand champion selection. "It's just been an exhausting weekend with football (Saturday) and going all day today, so I really don't know what to think right now."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 5, the 249th day of 2024. There are 117 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On Sept. 5, 1972, Palestinian militants attacked the Israeli Olympic delegation at the Munich Games, killing two and taking nine others hostage; five of the militants, a German police officer and all nine hostages were killed in the following 24 hours.

ON THIS DATE
In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.
In 1836, Sam Houston won the first presidential election in the newly established Republic of Texas.
In 1905, the Treaty of Portsmouth was signed, ending the Russo-Japanese war; for his efforts in mediating the peace negotiations, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was awarded the Noble Peace Prize the following year.
In 1960, Muhammad Ali (as Cassius Clay) won the gold medal in the light heavyweight boxing division at the Olympic Games in Rome.
In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford survived an assassination attempt by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

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17. Campfire leftover

18. Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama

19. "Traditionally clipped"

21. "OS in POS at the supermarket"

23. Bro's sibling

24. "___ there, done that"

25. T in Greek

28. FBI's cold one

30. Windshield ___, pl.

35. "The ___ for Red October"

37. Coach of Dallas Mavericks

39. Bow's partner

40. Black and white killer

41. Be in accord

43. First word in fairy tale

44. Formerly known as Pleasant Island

46. Long-lasting Steelers coach

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57. "Dairy aisle package"

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63. Non motorized vessel

64. I have

66. Nev.'s neighbor

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69. Rank above maj.

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71. QBR in football, e.g.

72. Will Ferrell's Christmas classic

73. Like a gymnast

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1. "What registers do

2. Nonclerical

3. Football legend Graham

4. Unborn vertebrate

5. ___ of Cancer

6. "Like freezer aisle "Cuisine"

7. "___ Robinson" by Simon & Garfunkel

8. California/Nevada lake

9. Mediterranean Strip

10. Not written

11. Dull one

12. Pen juice

15. Home to Sarajevo

20. Port city in Japan

22. Like marines in slogan

24. Cowboy's bedding

25. Flip-flop

26. Plural of aura

27. Adam Sandler's "___ Gems"

29. Manual communication gesture

31. High school ball

32. Bert's TV buddy

33. Ice in a cocktail

34. "TV's "Supermarket ___"

36. Tropical tuber

38. "Sliced items section"

42. Choose a president

45. "___ we stand, divided we fall"

49. Tokyo, once

51. Adenine's partner in RNA

54. Chilled (2 words)

56. Savory taste sensation

57. "Rolling supermarket carrier"

58. Dwarf buffalo

59. Type of canal, in dentistry

60. Ego's main concern

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Mercury Communication Check-In
With Mercury in the sign of the cat and a lunar conjunction to Venus, exaggeration will be employed to make the praise more exciting, the story more interesting and the accomplishment more remarkable. Is it lying, or is it just good manners to make things more entertaining for your audience? Only you know where to draw the line for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With the introduction of a new person to your circle, a subtle enthusiasm starts to grow. It's as though the shadows of a dimly lit room are being overtaken by a new source of light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A relationship will play out like a game of tag. It would be a dull game if one person always pursued and the other was always running, so a change-up is good. The chaser will now be chased.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're looking for signs that you're on the right track, but this is like a long stretch of highway between distant towns where even the billboards aren't sure what to call attention to. Trust and roll on, toward the horizon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let people help you. It will free you up to spend your time where it will make the most difference. There is plenty else to focus on, but you won't see it if you're busy with tasks that others would gladly claim.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're happy to play your role, though it's not always clear what that is. Some of it gets sorted in subtle competition and acts of dominance and deference. Once a hierarchy is established, there's a shuffle to align with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll dream of tomorrow — not of the metaphorical future, but the actual day, which starts after midnight. To vividly envision events is to pave the way to bringing them into reality.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Philosopher Peter Deunov suggested, "The fragrance of flowers is their prayer." Similarly, your innate qualities — your kindness, creativity, intelligence and compassion — act as your unique signature today, enhancing your surroundings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are the real deal, walking your talk every day. It would be impossible for a networking opportunity to catch you by surprise. But what you offer is always changing, and you will continue to tune your pitch today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Awareness of breath is awareness of life. What makes you catch your breath? What makes you hold it? When is it deeper? What makes you exhale? Today will make literal a "breathtaking" moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone falls into ruts from time to time. If you're no longer going forward, look for something that will help you lever yourself up, out and onto a path that allows for greater ease of movement.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll hone your skills and grow your talents through independent practice. You're in a league of your own, competing against yourself, and it's even more challenging than many others you've gone up against.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The issue that once seemed cut-and-dried now invites many perspectives. There is no clear winner in today's game. Good sportsmanship is honed through close calls and unusual circumstances.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 5). Prioritize relationships and they bring you opportunities in every area of life. After your selfless aims produce magic for others, your own life gets touched by auspicious grace. More highlights: You'll discover untapped talents, be chosen for interesting assignments and explore the world some, too. Sagittarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 21, 13 and 35.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

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

Caffeine & Chrome car show. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Strasburg Community Church, 56155 Sunset Ave. Call (303)622-4600 for information.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

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.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Visit strasburg31j.com for Zoom link.

Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, 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.

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For information, contact Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicedirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.

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Vision boards: Teens will kick off the school year with good vibes and a positive outlook by creating vision boards. Supplies and free snacks provided. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Little Explorers: Children ages 2-5 explore new themes that combine learning, literacy and fun. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19.

Swordfighting School: Teens and tweens ages 9-17 will watch a medieval-style sword fight with Knights of the Tempest, a local

medieval equestrian troupe, then learn the basics of sword fighting. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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Adult book club: "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano. The novel is a New York Times bestseller and Oprah's Book Club pick. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10.

'Art at Hand.' Adults will participate in hands-on activities from the Denver Art Museum designed to spark creativity. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18.

ArapCo cops ready for free pancake breakfast

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's and Coroner's offices will host an open house including a free pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at the sheriff's office.

The day will include tours of the coroner's facility, 911 office, and dispatch, and presentations on the history of the sheriff's office; maggot art; and demonstrations by

the K-9 unit, wildland fire team, mounted patrol horses, SWAT team and bomb squad. A police helicopter will also be on display.

A South Metro fire truck, the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, and Emergency Management will also be on hand.

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For The Scout

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There is an old saying, "If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen." I can't do that so I just drink a glass of milk with mine.



JALAPENO RICE BAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup diced onion
- 6 cups cooked rice
- 1 (8-ounce) sour cream
- 1 cream of celery soup
- 1 cup chopped green chiles
- 1 cup corn
- 2 cups shredded pepperjack cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease 9- by 13-inch baking dish.

In skillet add bell pepper and onion. Cook until softened.

In bowl combine rice, sour cream, cream of celery soup, green chiles, corn. Stir in onion mixture and 1 cup of the cheese. Spread into prepared baking dish.

Cover and bake 30 minutes. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake uncovered 5 minutes until cheese melts. Allow to set 10 minutes.

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BENNETT Monday, Sept. 9: Beef hot dog, potato wedges, coleslaw, orange. Tuesday, Sept. 10: Mexicali taco boat, shredded cheese, lettuce, tomato, Mexicorn, pears. Wednesday, Sept. 11: Kung Pao meatballs and noodles, carrots with dressing, roll, mandarin orange. Thursday, Sept. 12: Buffalo chicken	AGATE Monday, Sept. 9: Beef hot dog, potato fries. Tuesday, Sept. 10: Chicken nachos, refried beans. Wednesday, Sept. 11: Macaroni & cheese. Thursday, Sept. 12: Buffalo chicken sandwich.
STRASBURG Friday, Sept. 6: Pasta bake with garlic bread. Tuesday, Sept. 10: Chicken sandwiches. Wednesday, Sept. 11: Egg rolls with rice. Thursday, Sept. 12: Chicken strip wraps. Friday, Sept. 13: Mozzarella sticks.	

Gary Van Dyke



Gerrit "Gary" Van Dyk, of Plymouth, Minn., passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2024. He was a resident of Watkins and Bennett, Colo., from 1971-2017.

(Gary) was born on a farm in Marion County, Iowa, on June 18, 1933, to Gerrit A. and Reino Tilma Van Dyk. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1951.

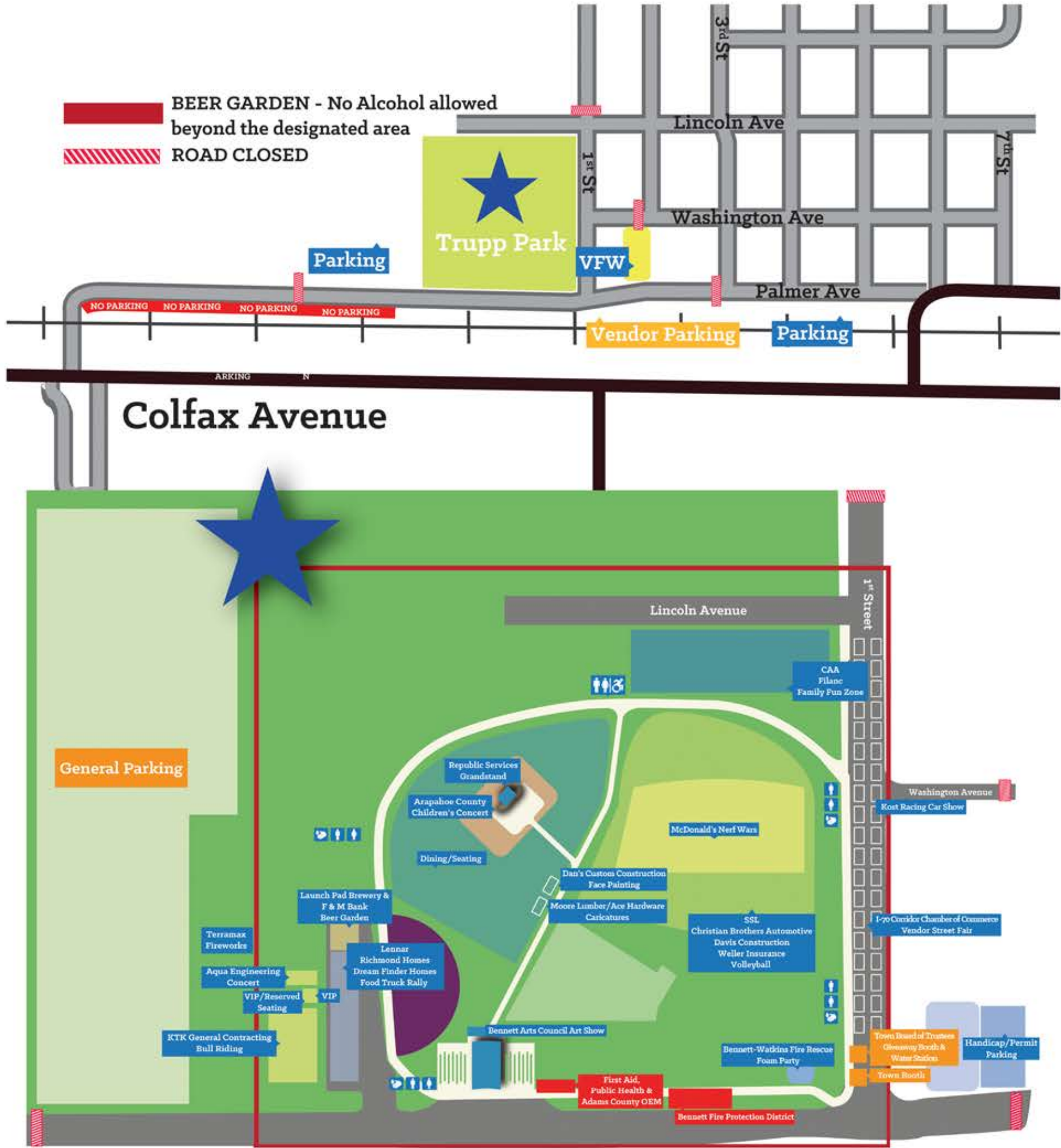
Gary married Dorothy Walker on July 2, 1954, at the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Gary was employed by Western Electric as an installation technician. Early in his career, Gary and Dorothy moved for his job from town to town within Iowa, eventually settling in Cedar Rapids. He later worked for AT&T as an engineer, retiring in Denver, Colo., as a senior engineer in 1985. While he loved his work with the phone company, he never lost his passion for farming, initially buying land in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and later in Colorado, where the family moved in 1964. He farmed grain in the Eastern Plains of Colorado from 1972 through 2016. He found joy in all aspects of farming, from the solace of being in his tractor to tinkering with things that needed to be fixed.

Gary was a generous and loving man who loved Jesus deeply and found joy in helping others. He will be remembered by his signature cowboy hat, his jovial spirit, and his trademark "wunnerful" when asked how he was doing.

Gary is survived by his wife, Dorothy Van Dyk of Plymouth, Minn., three children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Gary were held in Oskaloosa, Iowa on May 11, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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Wednesday, September 4

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Free BBQ Lunch at **Independent Financial Bank**

Friday, September 6

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Vendor Street Fair hosted by the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce \$
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Town Booth <i>Enter to win a bike! Must be 18 and under.</i>
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Board of Trustees Booth <i>Spin the wheel for a chance to win prizes! Donate \$10 to the Holiday Help Program for an extra spin.</i>
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Town Projects Booth <i>Come engage with Town Staff to learn about current projects and give your feedback on what is planned for the future in Bennett.</i>
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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Face Painting sponsored by Dan's Custom Construction and Caricatures sponsored by Moore Lumber/Ace Hardware
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Bennett Days Car Show hosted by Kost Racing <i>1st Street and Washington Avenue</i>
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Bennett Arts Council Art Show & Art Project <i>Design your own bandana! Vote for your favorite entry. Select artwork also available for sale.</i> \$
11:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Beer Garden hosted by F&M Bank & Launch Pad Brewery \$
11:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Food Truck Rally sponsored by Lennar, Richmond Homes and Dream Finder Homes \$
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5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Bull Riding hosted by No Credit Productions sponsored by KTK General Contracting
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Sunday, September 8

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Sunday Service in the Park with Cornerstone Fellowship
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Cookout hosted by Cornerstone Fellowship

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