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## 'Burg Parks & Rec est'd 50 years ago

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Metro Parks & Recreation District is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and one local resident has been involved with the district since day one.

Lonnie Losh helped establish the district and has served on the district board on and off for a majority of the 50 years.

Losh and his wife, Susie, moved to Strasburg in 1972. Three years prior, while residing in Parker, Losh and his father-in-law, Daryl Haerther, decided to establish their own livestock operation and

found suitable property north of Strasburg. Comanche Livestock Company became the largest hog production facility in the region.

"We evolved into running a cow/calf operation, irrigated farming operation, propane company," Losh said. "We've been here (on the property) ever since."

In 1974, Losh, who coached baseball, got a phone call from Al Holcomb who asked him to join a group of locals interested in getting a recreation district off the ground.

The group included the Strasburg school superintendent, and the proposed district boundaries would be the same as the school

district.

"One of the reasons I was asked was that they wanted me to go around and talk to the farmers," Losh said, adding that, even though he had only been a Strasburg resident for two years, the group thought the farmers and ranchers would be more likely to talk to him than the superintendent.

"We had to go through all the legalities involved, which included a vote of the district residents," Losh said.

The district went on the ballot and, according to the Aug. 29, **SEE PARKS & REC PAGE 14**

**Strasburg Recreation Dist. Approved By Voters**

There were 285 total ballots cast; 183 For the Recreation Dist. and 102 Against the formation. The votes cast for 2 Directors until May 1976 were W. Roy MacGinnis 191; D.L. Mitchell 196. The votes cast for 3 Directors until May 1978 were Allen Holcomb 199; Loren L. Losh 190; and Charles Turner Jr. 192; write-in votes cast 10.

Judges were Virginia Hamilton, Mildred Rice and Eva Rice.

— From the Aug. 29, 1974, edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*



Rosemary Smith, left, feels the pressure applied by Maddison Hawkins, foreground, and Brailyn Neade during the Bennett Homecoming Powder Puff football game Sept. 23.

## Juvenile badly injured in Strasburg Rd crash

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — One local teen remains hospitalized with serious injuries while another escaped significant harm in a single-vehicle rollover north of Strasburg last Friday.

Just before 1:30 p.m. Oct. 4, Strasburg Fire Rescue, Adams County Sheriff's deputies and Colorado State Patrol troopers were dispatched to the area of Strasburg Road and 64th Avenue about five miles north of Strasburg on reports of a wrecked pickup.

Upon arrival, two occupants were found lying around a rolled pickup

truck.

According to the state patrol, two teenage brothers were on their way to work when mechanical malfunction occurred along the main thoroughfare.

"They had recently installed a lift kit on the pickup. While they were driving, the rear axle comes off," said Capt. Clint Rushing with the State Patrol's Limon Troop Office. "The driver loses control, goes off both sides of the road, [and] hits a barbed wire fence."

After going through the fence the pickup rolled, ejecting the passenger-side

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## Hopefuls for ArapCo Commissioner District 3 meet constituents

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

AURORA — Arapahoe County residents along the I-70 Corridor will have the opportunity to choose their district's Arapahoe County commissioner in November.

Republican incumbent Jeff Baker is facing off against Democrat Scott Brown in the Nov. 5 General

Election. The winner will represent Arapahoe County District 3 on the Board of County Commissioners. District 3 includes eastern portions of the cities of Centennial and Aurora, the town of Foxfield, the Arapahoe County portions of the towns of Bennett, Byers and Deer Trail, and unincorporated

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## Three seats up for grabs in Adams County

by **Steven Vetter**  
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While Corridor residents in Arapahoe County only have one county commissioner race to vote on this coming general election, Adams County voters have three

races to consider.

Bennett, Strasburg and unincorporated eastern Adams County belong to District 5, but all five Adams County commissioner districts are voted at-large. Voters

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Candidates for District 3 Arapahoe County Commissioner are Republican incumbent Jeff Baker, left, and Democrat Scott Brown.