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Cockfighting court case destined for trial

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BRIGHTON — The alleged ringleader of a suspected cock fighting operation near Watkins is slated to face trial in

late July, almost a year after he was arrested and almost 40 chickens seized.

According to the online docket for the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office, the jury trial for Jesus Orozco, 35,

is set for July 28-31 in Courtroom M of the Adams County Justice Center in Brighton. Orozco is charged with fifth-degree felony animal fighting and first-degree misdemeanor in connection with

a 10-day investigation that resulted in his arrest July 18, 2024, at 4300 Hudson Road northwest of Watkins.

According to the joint investigation of the Adams County Sheriff's Office and

Adams County Animal Management, 39 chickens were seized, including 32 roosters, most with body modifications and a handful with injuries

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'Burg fire chief's hiring formalized

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — As was expected, the Strasburg Fire Protection District Board of Directors recently moved forward with the hire of a new fire chief who will take the reins starting next month.

During their May 15 board meeting in executive session, directors finalized the contract for Scott Smith as the new Strasburg Fire Chief. On June 2, Smith will officially take over chief duties from Pat Conroy, who will

serve as assistant chief/fire marshal.

Smith is a 39-year veteran firefighter/paramedic, who is, most recently, a retired division chief from the Cimarron Hills Fire Department in eastern Colorado Springs where he served the last nine years.

Prior to that, he served 19 years with West Metro Fire and had also been a volunteer responder.

Smith was one of two candidates, out of 21 original applicants, to have in-person interviews.

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CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

Strasburg Fire personnel gets assistance from the public during a "push-in" ceremony for the department's new ambulance at a May 10 open house at the Strasburg Firehouse.

Corridor Celebrates Graduates!



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

Athletic Director and head basketball coach Jeremy Kerns, left, enters Graduation Hall alongside social studies teacher Nathan Phipps and infant son, Barron, during May 18 commencement ceremonies for Byers High School. SEE PAGES 12-13..

'Miller Time' arrives soon on Eastern Colorado prairie

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Army cutworm larvae measure 1.5 to 2 inches long with three stripes on the body. Two stripes run along the sides and are orange and dark brown, and a single white stripe runs down the back.

It's miller moth season, and no one is enthused. The pesky creatures seem to be hiding everywhere, lying in wait to startle an unexpected person moving a flowerpot, picking up pieces of wood, or turning on a spigot. They are released en masse, flying at the person, who comically flaps their hands to keep them away from their face and hair. The moths laugh.

At least, that's what it seems like. It also seems like they enjoy getting into houses and mocking the people chasing them with fly swatters or vacuum cleaners by landing on the ceiling where they look down at them and thumb their noses. If they had thumbs or noses.

But, in reality of course, miller moths possess no evil intent and are simply passing through on their

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The adults of army cutworm are miller moths, with a distinct circle and kidney bean-shaped pattern on their wings. Females are predominately gray, and males tend to be brownish.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Aviation trends, prevention topic of class at CASP fly-in

WATKINS — Colorado Air & Space Port will host a fly-in from 8-11 a.m., Saturday, May 31, at the facility's terminal, 5200 Front Range Parkway, Watkins.

Chapter 301 of the Experimantal Aircraft Association will serve breakfast throughout the event with proceeds benefiting the Young Eagles educational, scholarship and flight experience programs of the chapter.

The chapter has flown more than 10,000 Young Eagles ages 8-17 to give them first-hand aviation experience.

Nelson Wolfmeier will discuss accident trends and prevention in Colorado. The seminar starts at 9 a.m. in the terminal upstairs conference room.

Fuel discounts will be available during the event.

For more information, call Leslie Brown at (720)523-7313.

Strasburg museum readies for annual Pioneer School

STRASBURG — Registration is underway for the Pioneer School for children ages 6-12 with four week-long sessions during July.

Each class runs for one week, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, and July 28 to Aug. 1, at the Comanche Crossing Museum.

Children play pioneer games, learn pioneer history, take lessons on a slate, do pioneer chores, make pioneer crafts, and are welcome to dress in pioneer-era clothes.

In-person registration will occur at the museum in Strasburg from 1-4 p.m. daily. The cost is \$50 per child.

Class sizes are limited. Registration is complete once the fee is paid in full and all forms are turned in. No reservations can be made without the fee and forms.

Bible school music camp set for Byers Community Church

BYERS — Kindergartners through sixth-graders can spend four days engaged in singing, making music, crafting instruments, playing games and moving to the beat as the King's Kids

Wheat Field Days scheduled for early June

BURLINGTON — The Colorado State University Crops Testing Program will host its 2025 Wheat Field Days on June 4, 5, 6 and 10.

The field days include a walk-through of the official CSU Wheat Variety Trial entries with wheat breeder Dr. Esten Mason, Crops Testing Program Director Sally Jones-Diamond, and seed company representatives. CSU experts will also share the latest research on wheat entomology and pathology and information on Colorado seed programs.

Wheat Stem Sawfly, a new insect issue with wheat, will be addressed with entomology experts discussing strategies.

The schedule follows. Visit csucrops.org/wfd for site directions

and an overview.

SCHEDULE

- 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, Akron.
- 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, Yuma.
- 10 a.m., Thursday, June 5, Walsh.
- 4 p.m., Thursday, June 5, Brandon.
- 8 a.m., Friday, June 6, Burlington.
- 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 6, Genoa.
- 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 6, Roggen.
- 8 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, Julesburg.
- 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, Orchard.

Music Camp returns to Byers.

The camp will run from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25, and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 26, at Byers Community Church, 135 S. Sherman St.

Participation is free but space is limited.

For more information or to register, visit the Byers Community Church Facebook page or send an e-mail to byerschurch@gmail.com with Music Camp in the subject line.

Bennett area foundation plans vendor and craft fair on June 14

BENNETT — The Hearts, Hands & Hope Foundation will host a vendor and craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the east parking lot at Bennett High School, 600 Eighth St.

Check-in for participants is at 7 a.m. Booth fees are \$50 for a 10x10 space or \$75 for two spaces.

The foundation does not want Mary Kay products, permanent jewelry, laser engravings, 3D printing, Pampered Chef, goat soaps, beaded items, tumblers, freeze dried items, Red Aspen Nails, Color Street, Mia Bella Candles, Scentsy, or crocheted items.

All vendors must pay at time of registration Registration forms sub-

mitted without payment will not be added.

Vendors can call in advance to ensure they are not duplicated.

For more information or to register, call (303)641-3927.

Business orgs set open house on Arapahoe enterprise zone

STRASBURG — New state tax credits for businesses along the I-70 Corridor will be explained at a free open house from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at Shooter's Bar & Grill in Byers.

Last fall Arapahoe County extended a state enterprise zone to include Deer Trail, Byers and Strasburg. Businesses there are now eligible for eight state tax credits for jobs created, employees trained, and investments made meant to spur job creation and growth.

Counselors from Arapahoe and Adams counties will describe the credits. Grothe Financial Services will explain the accounting and bookkeeping steps.

The event is organized by the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership and the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Kip Cheroutes at (303)204-0479.

17th JD commission chooses three district court nominees

DENVER — The 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship, effective July 1.

Nominees Marques Alexander Ivey of Commerce City, Sara Sheffield Price of Thornton, and Lochlin Isaac Slifkin Rosen of Commerce City were selected by the commission May 19.

The governor has 15 days from May 20 within which to appoint one of the nominees as district court judge for the 17th Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties).

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

Cottage food safety focus of CSU Extension courses

LITTLETON — Starting a home-made food business can bring in extra income and inject one's favorite recipes into the world.

Colorado State University Extension cottage food safety training helps home cooks earn food safety certification and gain knowledge needed to open a home-based food business.

A Cottage Food Safety Statewide Online Training course will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, June 6. The \$50 course is three to four hours long and can be taken online.

The event is hosted by CSU Extension offices in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. For more information, visit arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu.

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Army plans parade to observe its 250th anniversary, Trump's b-day

by Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Army May 2 confirmed a military parade is planned on President Donald Trump's birthday in June, as part of the celebrations around the service's 250th birthday.

Plans for the parade, as first detailed by The Associated Press May 1, call for about 6,600 soldiers, 150 vehicles, and 50 helicopters to follow a route from Arlington, Va., to the National Mall.

Until recently, the Army's birthday festival plans did not include a massive parade, which officials say will cost tens of millions of dollars.

But Trump has long wanted a military parade, and discussions with the Pentagon about having one in conjunction with the birthday festival began less than two months ago.

The Army's 250th birthday happens to coincide with Trump's 79th birthday June 14. In a May 2 statement, Army spokesman Steve Warren said the celebration will include "a spectacular fireworks display, a parade, and a daylong festival on the National Mall."

The pricey parade comes as Trump and his Department of Government Efficiency, run by Elon Musk, have slashed federal government departments, personnel and programs, with thousands of workers losing their jobs, including civilians in the Defense Department.



President Donald Trump, pictured on screen from left, French President Emmanuel Macron and White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus watch a Bastille Day parade on the Champs Elysees avenue in Paris in July 2017.

In comments to Fox News Digital, White House officials confirmed a commemorative parade would take place and said it would be one of the first events to kick off a yearlong celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

When asked about the parade, the White House did not respond, and Army officials said no decision had been made. While officials said a formal decision has been to proceed with

the parade, no specific cost estimate has been provided.

Warren said that, given the significance of the Army birthday, they are looking at options "to make the celebration even bigger, with more capability demonstrations, additional displays of equipment, and more engagement with the community."

Army planning documents, obtained this week by the AP and dated April 29 and 30, said the parade will

include soldiers from at least 11 corps and divisions nationwide. They said it would involve a Stryker battalion with two companies of Stryker vehicles, a tank battalion and two companies of tanks, an infantry battalion with Bradley vehicles, Paladin artillery vehicles, Howitzers, and infantry vehicles.

The plans note that, while the parade will begin near the Pentagon, the heavy, tracked vehicles — which would include the Strykers — would be stationed near the Lincoln Memorial and join the procession there, so they will not go over the bridge from Virginia.

City officials, including D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, acknowledged in April that the administration reached out to the city about holding a parade. At the time, she said that tanks rolling through the city's streets "would not be good."

"If military tanks were used, they should be accompanied with many millions of dollars to repair the roads," she said.

The Army birthday festival has been planned for more than a year and is slated to include displays of Army equipment, military demonstrations, musical performances, and a fitness competition on the National Mall.

The late afternoon parade would be followed by a parachute jump by the Golden Knights, a concert and the fireworks. The planning documents

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The Drone Aviation class at Byers High School taught by Corey Green receives a visit from members of Arapahoe County's drone team May 8. Deputy Bryan Teany and Investigator Benjamin Bussard demonstrated the DJI M300 drone used for public safety, search and rescue, and other applications. They also discussed the FAA's Small UAS Rule (Part 107) Remote Pilot Knowledge Test, which several members of the class will take in May. Certification allows individuals to operate drones commercially in the United States and demonstrates understanding of regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones. Students in Green's drone class also learn about map reading and weather conditions, including cloud levels. Left photo, Teany, center, and Green, right, watch as students A.J. Engle, left, Garrett Crecelius, Chaz Butterfield and Torin Wardall try out the equipment and, right, this DJI M3 100 cost \$30,000 to \$60,000. Teany said the basic version of the model, the DJI mini, is a good drone for hobbyists that runs around \$400.



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BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Bennett School District 29J for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and has been filed in the office of the Superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget was considered for adoption at a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Bennett High School Library located at 610 7th St, Bennett, Colo., on May 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said District may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register their objections thereto.

Board of Education
May 21, 2025
Bennett School District 29J
Ramie Dillingham
Secretary to the Board

Ruth Stampka



Ruth Ann Stampka passed away at home in Byers, Colo., after a battle with dementia. She was 78 years of age.

Ruth grew up in Pierre, S.D., moved to Leadville, Colo., and graduated from Western State with a degree in teaching. She then received a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Ruth taught elementary and middle school for 34 years in Buena Vista, Byers, and Aurora, Colo.

Ruth never considered herself an athlete but loved to be active. She took part in a 17-day, 200-mile trail ride in a wagon being pulled by horses across South Dakota and climbed a 14,000 Colorado mountain. Ruth backpacked into the wilderness with llamas, parasailed in Hawaii, and bungee jumped out of a hot air balloon. She also went white water rafting, ATVed in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Moab, Utah. Ruth swam with stingrays in Grand Cayman and lived in a grass hut in the jungle of Ecuador. She ran the Bolder Boulder but blew her knee out hiking a volcano in the Galapagos islands. Ruth liked to travel— she went to Ireland, the Bahamas, and Tulum, Mexico. She had a lot of great times and adventures with her sisters. The hardest thing she did was to be married to Gary for 58 years!

Ruth had 2 sons — Jeff and Scott (wife, Kristen). Her pride and joy were her grandkids, Erin and Landon. Ruth had three sisters — Mary (John) Krouser and Carol (Dick) Jones, and Jean (Tom) Enlow, and she loved her nieces and nephews.

We are going to miss you.
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also suggest that civilian participants would include historical vehicles and aircraft and two bands, along with people from veterans groups, military colleges and re-enactment organizations.


According to the plans, the parade would be classified as a national special security event, and that request has been submitted by the National Park Service and is under review.

During his first term, Trump proposed having a parade after seeing one in France on Bastille Day in 2017. Trump said that, after watching the two-hour procession along the famed Champs-Élysées, he wanted an even grander one on Pennsylvania Avenue. That plan was ultimately dumped due to the huge costs — with one estimate of a \$92 million price tag — and other logistical issues. Among those were objections from city officials who said including tanks and other heavy armored vehicles would tear up the roads.

Trump said in a social media post in 2018 that he was canceling the event over the costs and accused local politicians of price gouging.

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The county commissioners pose for a photo with members of the Adams County Regional Graffiti Removal Team.

WRITING ON THE WALL

AdCo graffiti clean-up program wins statewide award

BRIGHTON — Adams County just received an award for its efforts to create clean, safe, beautiful places — one power-wash or coat of paint at a time.

The Adams County Regional Graffiti Removal Program recently received the Program Excellence Award from the Colorado City & County Management Association.

The award highlights innovative work at the local level, and the Adams County program stood out for its willingness to color outside the lines of municipal boundaries.

Instead of each entity managing graffiti removal on its own, the graffiti erasure team led the charge to build a proactive, regional approach that would better meet residents' needs at less cost.

The results? The writing's on the wall.

Since expanding services beyond unincorporated Adams County in 2021, graffiti removals have increased by 750%, from 2,037 in 2021 to 4,032 in 2024.

At the same time, the cost per removal dropped from nearly \$69 in 2017 to just \$11.53 in 2024.

"Our county's residents take pride in where they live, work and play, and they deserve to see that pride reflected by those who serve them, no matter where they live," said Commissioner Lynn Baca, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "That's how we build a stronger, more connected community — and that's exactly what this program does."

The Graffiti Removal Program, which is part of the Community Safety & Well-Being Department, serves unincorporated Adams County and Union Pacific Railroad properties within it, Brighton, Federal Heights, Northglenn and Westminster.

"This program is not just about results — though it's delivering plenty of those, too. It's about relationships, trust, and building something that truly serves the community," said Matt Rivera, Community Safety & Well-Being director.

According to a release, the program intentionally hires people who have overcome challenges, such as homelessness or involvement in the justice system.

"Program leaders have found that these employees bring valuable insight and resilience, and they overall make graffiti removal more effective by fostering deeper community connections," the release states.

Residents and businesses can report graffiti with the SeeClickFix app, by calling (720)523-6565, or by e-mailing to graffiti@adcogov.org.

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Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated May 5, 2025

Deer Trail School District 26J

Richard Haight, Secretary

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AdCo honors Public Service Week

BRIGHTON — Adams County joined the nation in celebrating Public Service Recognition Week May 4-10 to recognize the invaluable contributions of county employees who dedicate their careers to serving the public and strengthening communities.

Since 1985, PSRW has honored the hard work and commitment of employees at all levels of government. In Adams County, more than 2,500 employees deliver critical services that support the daily lives of 500,000 residents, from maintaining roads and parks to promoting public health, safety and economic opportunity.

“Our employees are the backbone of everything we do,” said Commissioner Lynn Baca, board chair. “They show up every day with dedication, compassion, and a commitment to making life better for the people of Adams County.”

Public service is more than a job, it’s a calling. Adams County employees exemplify that calling in every department, office and facility. Their work touches every aspect of community life and helps ensure a more equitable, responsive and resilient future for all residents.

“Public servants are often the quiet heroes behind the scenes,” said Interim County Manager David Fraser. “They solve problems, innovate and push through challenges, not for recognition, but because they care deeply about their community.”

When asked why they serve, employees like Jasmine Pulce and Thomas Swingle were quick to respond. Pulce, a policy and practice executive strategist said,

“All Adams County residents deserve to be treated with dignity and respect when they come to us during their greatest times of need,” Pulce said. “I am uniquely positioned to effect change and make decisions that increase our ability to deliver on that commitment and there is nothing more fulfilling than that.”

“I believe that meaningful service begins with a passion for learning and a commitment to progress,” added Deputy Assessor Thomas Swingle. “My dedication to service is driven not only by a desire to advance and shape the future of my profession, but also by a responsibility to help build a brighter, more prosperous future for our community. Serving allows me to contribute to positive change and ensure Adams County continues to be a place where individuals and families can thrive.”

Adams County Pride returns June 14

BRIGHTON — Adams County Pride will return to Riverdale Regional Park on Saturday, June 14.

Participants take pride in themselves and celebrate love and equality at the free, family-friendly festival featuring art and live entertainment.

Starting at 12 p.m., featured activities will include roller skating and art exhibits with Rainbow Dome, live entertainment from Dogtags, Airbound attractions, and a drag show guaranteed to dazzle.

“We’re proud to join in a day of visibility, affirmation, and belonging for our LGBTQ+ community,” said District 5 Commissioner Lynn Baca, board chair. “Our residents of all identities and backgrounds are what make Adams County such an incredible place, and it’s an honor to help create spaces where everyone feels seen and valued.”

That afternoon, couples can tie the knot at MarriagePalooza. Stella Diver, a force in Denver’s nightlife scene, fierce performer, and dynamic host, will officiate, and Dany Wynters, a dazzling Denver-based drag queen, host and high-energy performer, will serve as Maid of Honor.

All couples are welcome, but registration between Monday, May 12, and Friday, June 13, is required to obtain a marriage or civil union license to participate.

For more information, visit adgov.org/marriagepalooza.

“It doesn’t get much better than a day centered around community, love and unapologetic joy,” said Commissioner Emma Pinter, District 3.

Pinter is the first openly queer person to serve on the Adams County Board of Commissioners. “Pride has a deep, powerful history — both here in Colorado and across the nation — and these celebrations still matter just as much today as they always have.”

Food and beer vendors will begin serving at 12 p.m., and parking at Riverdale Regional Park is free. Service pets are allowed.

Parking at Riverdale Regional Park is free, though visitors should note that areas of the park are under construction and a detour is in place for entry and exit.

For more information, visit adgov.org/pride.

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Adams	207,844	-2% to -6%	+15%	-5% to -15%
Arapahoe	225,000	-7% to 0%	+10%	-5% to 0%
Boulder	109,142	-1%	+5%	+1%
Broomfield	27,500	-5% to +25%	-5% to +35%	-5% to +20%
Denver	240,000	-5% to +5%	0% to +5%	-15% to +5%
Douglas	163,000	-10% to +5%	-30% to +10%	0% to +10%
Jefferson	224,752	+2%	+7%	+5%
Larimer	166,000	-6% to +6%	+10% to +20%	+15% to +20%

Metro assessors release real estate values

DENVER — Eight metro-Denver area Assessors April 30 announced the results of the biennial revaluation of real property for their respective counties.

Residential property in the Denver metropolitan area experienced relatively flat value changes, unlike the previous reassessment announced in 2023. The valuations announced today reflect values as of June 30, 2024, using data from the preceding two-year time frame.

Each county has unique real estate trends, and research of local sales is critical to fully understand those sub-markets.

“Adams County experienced market conditions similar to Denver and the other metro counties in this valuation cycle,” said Adams County Assessor Ken Musso. “Sales were limited, compared to the last cycle, due to higher interest rates and market uncertainty. Most of the residential market areas in Adams County showed a decrease in value from -2% to -6%.”

According to Colorado statutes, real property is revalued every two years in odd-numbered years observing transactions and market conditions from the time frame of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. Notices of valuation are mailed to property owners by May 1. Property owners are encouraged to visit their assessor’s website to review property character-

istics and research sales that occurred in their area during the statutory time frame and, if they feel the value is in error, an appeal can be filed between May 1 and June 9. In the Denver metropolitan area, most assessors offer online appeal applications, and all accept written filings either via mail or drop off.

Certified property values are one part of a three-part equation to determine property taxes. The assessment rate, determined by the state legislature, and the tax rate (or mill levy), set by the various taxing authorities, are the other core components of determining property taxes. Property owners will not know the amount of their property taxes due in 2026 until the end of the year when both the tax rate and the assessment rate are set for each county.

“The big news this year is that residential property values have remained relatively flat and, in some cases, even decreased slightly over the 2023 assessment period,” said Arapahoe County Assessor P.K. Kaiser. “For many of us who have experienced double-digit increases in property values the last few years that greatly affected our property taxes, this will come as a welcomed change.”

Account, market and appeal information can be found on the assessor’s page at adcogov.org or www.arapahoeco.gov.

Colorado launches inaugural property tax map

DENVER — The state of Colorado May 6 launched a new pilot Colorado Property Tax Map to offer Coloradans a centralized, accessible and reliable source to estimate property taxes and view statewide taxing jurisdictions and boundaries.

This first-of-its-kind map aggregates data provided to the state by local governments and displays historical taxing, parcel and levy information in a new way that adds context and clarity to an often confusing subject. This map is launching just shy of a year since the landmark property tax deal last legislative session that helps save Coloradans money on their property taxes.

“The Colorado Property Tax map puts the tremendous power of Geographic Information Systems directly in the hands of Coloradans,” said state Chief Information Officer David Edinger.

The map is a great resource for last year’s property tax information. It gives property owners and other interested parties a good picture of value, taxing jurisdictions that collect taxes against their property, and what mill levies were in the last year.

The Colorado Property Tax Map can be viewed from any device and does not require an account. Visit <https://dpt.colorado.gov> for more information and to access the map.

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Vega Solar Energy Facility Conditional Use Permits

Case Number: PRC2024-00006

Planning Commission Hearing Date: June 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: July 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Hearings Location: 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton, CO

Requests:

1. Conditional Use Permit for a large-scale solar facility;
2. Conditional Use Permit for Utility Substation;
3. Conditional Use Permit for Battery Energy Storage System. The site is located within the Agricultural-3 zone district.



ADAMS COUNTY COLORADO

Location of Development Proposal: Southwest corner of E.112th Avenue and Hanks Crossing Road

Parcel Numbers: 0173700000060, 0173700000062, 0173700000064

Legal Description:

PARCEL 1: APN # 0173700000060 / R0108393
The East ½ of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 59 West of the 6th P.M.

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PARCEL 3: APN # 0173700000064 / R0108398
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Adams County Case Manager: Brayan Marin

Applicant: Vega Solar Energy Facility, LLC 2 S Biscayne Blvd 32nd Floor Miami, Florida 33131

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The public meeting shall be held before the Planning Commission on June 17, 2025, at the hour of 10^{am} or as soon as possible thereafter as the agenda of the Planning Commission permits at 555 2ND Avenue, Deer Trail, Colorado 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

The public hearing shall be held before the Town Board on June 10th, 2025 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter as the agenda of the Town Board permits, at 555 2ND Avenue, Deer Trail, Colorado 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

Further information is available by calling (303) 769-4464.

EXHIBIT A:
ALL OF BLOCK 36, LOTS 11-16 & A PORTION OF LOT 10, BLOCK 24, BURTON'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF DEER TRAIL BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 59 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO

General Location: 712 & 755 7th Avenue, Deer Trail, Colorado

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LIBRARY NEWS

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mySummer Kickoff Party: Time to Create is the theme of the library's mySummer kickoff program. Library fans of all ages are encouraged to dream up new ways to be creative this summer with a variety of activities including journaling, music and dance. They might also be inspired with a live musical performance and drop-in belly dancing lessons. Activities vary by age. No advanced registration necessary. 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 31.

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Cave Simulator Experience: Kids and tweens will explore a cave simulator. CaveSim has 130 feet of tunnels to explore and a vertical caving tower. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 3.

Learning on the Go: Learning on the Go is geared to ages 18 months to 5 years, but all are welcome to enjoy stories and songs and play with their little ones. At the end, free books and activities will be provided to continue the learning at home. 10:30 -11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 4.

Tea at 2: Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, June 4.

Teen Life Skills Workshop 'Rainbow Foods:' Teens ages 12-18 can try out fun recipes that look like a rainbow when assembled. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options available. 12-2 p.m., Friday, June 6.

Tummy Time & Social Hour: Babies can

Summer reading starts soon at Byers, Deer Trail libraries

ENGLEWOOD — Arapahoe Libraries has announced that its summer reading program will run from June 2 to July 31 at all locations.

Kids up to age 18 can visit the library to choose a free book while supplies last and can also complete activities to earn fun prizes.

The libraries will host special events during the summer and participants can drop in anytime for arts and crafts activities.

explore while parents and caregivers socialize and share. Early childhood professionals will be on hand, and quilts, toys and books will be provided. 10-11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 12.

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DMV2go & Tax2go: Customers can drop in for free tax assistance and convenient DMV services including driver licenses, ID cards or permits, renewals, reinstatements and out-of-state transfers. Relevant documents required. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, June 13.

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SPORTS



High demand for new 'torpedo' baseball bat

by Dan Gelston
Associated Press

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. (AP) — A 70-year-old man who plays in an area senior hardball league popped into Victus Sports recently because he needed bats for the new season. Plus he just had to take some cuts with baseball's latest fad and see for himself if there really was some wizardry in the wallop off a torpedo bat.

Ed Costantini of Newtown Square, Pa., picked up the custom-designed VOLPE11-TPD Pro Reserve Maple, and took his hacks just like MLB stars and Victus customers Anthony Volpe or Bryson Stott would inside the company's batting cage, and tracked the ball's path on the virtual Citizens Bank Park on the computer screens.

Most big leaguers use that often indistinguishable "feel" as a qualifier as to how they select a bat.

Costantini had a similar process and thought the hype surrounding the torpedo since it exploded into the baseball consciousness over the weekend was a "hoax." But after dozens of swings in the cage, where he said the balance was better, the ball sounded more crisp off the bat, the left-handed hitter ordered on the spot four custom-crafted torpedo bats at \$150 a pop.

"The litmus test that I used was, I



Jared Smith speaks about torpedo baseball bats during an interview at Victus Sports in King of Prussia, Pa., Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

could see where the marks of the ball were," Costantini said. "The swings were hitting the thickness of the torpedo as opposed to the end of the bat."

More than just All-Stars want a crack at the torpedo — a striking design in which wood is moved lower down the barrel after the label and shapes the end a little like a bowling pin — and Costantini's purchase highlighted the surge of interest in baseball's shiny new toy outside the majors.

Think of home runs in baseball, and the fan's mind races to the mammoth distances a ball can fly when slugged right on the nose, or a history-making chase that captivates a nation.

Of lesser interest, the ol' reliable wood bat itself.

That was, of course, until Paul Goldschmidt and Cody Bellinger hit back-to-back homers for the New York Yankees in April to open a nine-homer barrage. Victus Sports, known as

much for their vibrant bats painted as pencils or the Phillie Phanatic dressed as a King's Guard, had three employees at the game and they started a text thread where they hinted to those back home that, perhaps more than home runs were taking off.

Business was about to boom, too.

TORPEDO BATS DRIVE SURGE
IN LUMBER CURIOSITY

Victus spent most of the last 14 years trying to help shape the future of baseball. The company's founders just never imagined that shape would resemble a bowling pin.

"It was the most talked about thing about bats that we ever experienced," said Victus co-founder Jared Smith.

Victus isn't the only company producing the bulgy bats, but they were among the first to list them for sale online after the Yankees' made them the talk of the sports world. The torpedo bat took the league by storm in only 24 hours and, days later, the calls and orders, and test drives — from big leaguers to rec leaguers — are humming inside the company's base in a northwest suburb of Philadelphia.

"The amount of steam that it's caught, this quickly, that's certainly surprising," Smith said. "If the Yankees hitting nine home runs in a game

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Tom Quirk manufactures a torpedo baseball bat at Victus Sports in King of Prussia, Pa., Wednesday, April 2, 2025.



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TORPEDO BATS

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doesn't happen, this doesn't happen." Victus was stamped this season as the official bat of Major League Baseball and business was already good: Phillies slugger Bryce Harper is among the stars who stick their bats on highlight reels.

But that torpedo-looking hunk of lumber? It generated about as much interest last season in baseball as a .200 hitter. Victus made its first torpedoes around 2024 spring training when the Yankees reached out about crafting samples for their players. Victus, as dialed-in as anyone in the bat game, only made about a dozen last season, and about a dozen more birch or maple bats this spring.

Then try hundreds of torpedoes. "Every two minutes, another one comes out of the machine," Smith said.

WHO KNEW THERE WOULD BE A BASEBALL BAT CRAZE?

On a good day, Victus makes 600-700 bats, but the influx of pro orders — the company estimates at least half of every starting lineup uses Victus or Marucci bats — has sent production into overdrive. The creation of a typical bat is usually a two-day process, but one can be turned around without a finish in about 20 minutes. Victus recently crafted rush-order bats for a few interested Phillies and dashed to Citizens Bank Park for delivery moments before first pitch. All-Star third baseman Alec Bohm singled with one.

Stott tested bats at the Marucci hit lab down in Baton Rouge, La., churning through styles until the company found the right fit.

"They connect all these wires to you, and you swing 1,000 bats," Stott said. "And they kind of tell you where you're hitting the ball mostly."

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR?

Here's the surprising part of the torpedo bat: For all its early hype, the bat is no rookie in the game.

The lethal lumber has been used by some sluggers in baseball for at least a year or two only, well, no one really noticed. Giancarlo Stanton and Francisco Lindor used torpedoes last season. Other players experimented with it and no one — not the bulk of other players or journalists or fans — ever really picked up on the newfangled advance in hitting innovation.

Smith said only "a few baseball junkies" inquired about the bats.

"I think it's just one of those things that, until you're looking for it, you might not see it," Smith said. "Now when you look at pictures, you're like, oh yeah, it's a torpedo."

Aaron Leanhardt, a former Yankees front-office staffer who now works for the Miami Marlins, was credited as the one who developed the torpedo barrel to bring more mass to a bat's sweet spot.

A member of Victus' parent company, Marucci Sports, worked with Leanhardt in a Louisiana branch of their hit lab last year to get the bat off the ground and into the hands of big leaguers.

"I think getting past the shape being different was the hardest barrier," Smith said. "Then the team goes out and hits those home runs like they did and everyone is willing to try it."

Until recently, Victus had no plans to mass produce the bat, making it only available to professionals.

Now, Smith said, "I think it's our job to kind of educate the public in what's out there."

The odd shape off the bat — like making a sausage, the meat is simply pushed down the casing — has little to no effect at Victus on the dynamics of making a baseball bat. The cost is the same as a standard bat, too, with a sticker price starting at around \$200. Only the slogan is punched up: Get your hands on the most-talked about bat in the game.

DOES THE TORPEDO BAT WORK?

There's not enough data yet to truly know how much oomph — or hits and homers — a torpedo bat may help some hitters. Cincinnati's Elly De La Cruz picked one up for the first time and had a single, double and two home runs for a career-high seven RBIs.

Not all hitters are believers — or at least feel like they need to tinker with their lumber.

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge, who hit an AL-record 62 homers in 2022 and 58 last year en route to his second AL MVP award, declined to try the new bat, asking, "Why try to change something?"

Phillies All-Star shortstop Trea Turner said the hoopla was "blown out of proportion."

"You've still got to hit the ball," Turner said.

Turner, though, said he was open to trying the torpedo.

"For bats to be the hot topic out in the zeitgeist is cool," Smith said. "It's kind of like our time to shine, in a way."

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 2
Strasburg High School Athletic Booster Club. 6 p.m., high school library.
Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
Adams County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)405-3298.
Arapahoe County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)739-6630.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
Byers Park & Recreation District Board. 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

EVERY THURSDAY
Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all I-70 Corri-

dor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.
Gaming Club: Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.

EVERY FRIDAY
Preschool story time: Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com.
Preschool story time: Children ages 3-6 can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and other fun activities. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

EVERY SUNDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous. 9 a.m. in Byers For more information, call (303)903-6734.

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 additional information, contact Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicdirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
AA open meeting. 7 p.m., historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

EVERY TUESDAY
Toddler Time: Children ages 2-3 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that are just right for active toddlers. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

Family story time. 10:30-11 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Live in the Spirit ladies group. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holy Spirit Live in the Spirit on the Corridor For God, Family & Country, 1506 Main St., Strasburg. (303)622-4648.
EVERY THURSDAY
Music & Movement: Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and play musical instruments. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.
Preschool Storytime: Children up to ages 3-6 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that promote early literacy. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.
Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelter Library, Byers.

Area teachers win \$1,000 grants

GREENWOOD VILLAGE — Two local instructors won part of \$76,000 granted to 79 teachers in 52 rural Colorado school districts, the Nathan Yip Foundation announced earlier this school year.
Amanda Clayton at Deer Trail middle and high schools and Brittaney Hudson at Bennett High School were the local recipients with each receiving \$1,000.
Clayton's project, "Hands-On Farm Learning Boost," is dedicated to providing students with valuable hands-on experiences in caring for and managing animals.
"As we continue to grow, this funding will help us acquire the supplies and equipment needed to enhance the program's effectiveness and impact," Clayton said in an e-mail. "Currently, our program features bees, a rabbit, goats and chickens. While goats have been part of the program for several years, newer projects involve beekeeping, rabbits and chickens require additional support."
The Deer Trail grant will address particular needs: protective bee suits



Clayton

and honey harvesting equipment to ensure safe beekeeping experiences; a larger, enriched enclosure for a rabbit to promote proper animal welfare practices; and improvements, including upgraded fencing and more reliable feeding and watering systems, to the chicken facilities to enhance biosecurity and flock health.
Hudson's project was called "Let's Keep Teachers Teaching!" No further information was provided.
The grants were possible through a \$50,000 anonymous donation and \$26,000 raised through the foundation's Mid-Autumn Festival & Rural Teacher Grant Fundraiser last September and October.
"A total of 207 teachers who work in 140-plus rural or small rural school districts in Colorado applied to fund a dream totaling more than \$330,000 in requests," said Jill Shenkel Henwood, executive director of the Nathan Yip Foundation. "Most school districts — 147 out of 168 Colorado school districts — are considered rural and there is a great need for additional funding."
Organizations that want to partner with the Nathan Yip Foundation can send an e-mail to info@nathanyip-foundation.org.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO. UASI25-001, CANYON PEAK POWER STATION /
USE BY SPECIAL REVIEW

PROPOSAL: The applicant, Canyon Peak Power LLC (an affiliate of Kindle Energy LLC), on behalf of the property owner, CORE Electric Cooperative, is seeking approval of a Use by Special Review on a 20.009-acre parcel to build a natural gas simple-cycle combustible power generation facility and 3.9 miles of natural gas pipeline. The pipeline will provide natural gas from an existing Colorado Interstate Gas pipeline to the gas facility. The natural gas will be converted into electricity that will then be transferred to the existing Brick Center Substation, also located on the subject property.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 17, 2025 the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S. Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. UASI25-001, Canyon Peak Power Station / Use by Special Review. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to or speak at the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.
More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 by calling 720-874-6650 or by emailing planning@arapahoe.gov during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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Prairie Creeks High School hosted graduation ceremonies for 23 seniors May 17 in Mundell Gymnasium at Strasburg High School. Clockwise from above left, Liz Ramirez-Hernandez receives a hug during the diploma ceremony; Lance Reed receives congratulations; and Gizelle Cil Perdomo dances down the Graduation Hall with diploma in hand.



From left, Alyssa Schaffer, Kristin Croft, McKenna Garcia, Olivia Torrez, Zoey Torrez, Abby Dunn, Erin Johnson, Noah Sulkowski, Sean Patrick Aramowicz, Daniel Handy team up to belt out the National Anthem at the start of the I-70 Corridor Celebration.



Agate School held its graduation ceremony May 16, with five graduating seniors in the class of 2025. From left, Rylee Humbert as English teacher Christina Martin looks on; and Salutatorian Flor Loera gives her speech.

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on, Ally Tree, Brielle Barnes, Ensley Owens, Emmory Owens, Naomi Redd, Israella Sulkowski, Jenny Authier, t of the Strasburg High School Class of 2025 commencement ceremony May 18.



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Above, Bulldog seniors send mortar boards flying after the conclusion of the May 18 graduation ceremony for Byers High School. Below, Class Presidnet Shadra Makita, left and Valedictorian Samuel Benesch were among the 38 seniors that received their diplomas. Sunday afternoon's ceremony, which started at 1 p.m., was not interrupted by severe weather that hit the I-70 Corridor.



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left photo, class Valedictorian Daira Herrera gives her speech; superintendent/principal Melinda Walls poses ech while superintendent/principal Melinda Walls looks on.



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Salutatorian: Collette Bushnell



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Sunday tornadoes touch Bennett area hard

By Steven Vetter

Among the hardest hit areas from tornadoes that whirled around Bennett May 18 was 72nd Avenue and Provost Road northeast of town. Above, several buildings, including a home, were damaged on a property on the hill above the northeast corner of that intersection.

Between Highway 79 and Provost Road were severely damaged along with the Pioneer Solar solar farm at the intersection of Highway 36 and Highway 79. A man-like pattern cut through it.

In addition to homes and outbuildings demolished by what Naton Weather Service meteorologists called at least one EF2 tornado with wind speeds of up to 125 mph, two RVs were tipped or flipped, other multiple vehicles lifted and deposited several feet away, and several hundred panels at the solar farm.

"Pretty clearly there was EF2 damage," an NWS statement said, noting that EF2 tornadoes can normally

Two RVs, including this one pictured above on 56th Avenue, were lifted up by an EF2 tornado reportedly touched down three times around Bennett May 18.

Byers H2O line improvement project proceeds under I-70

By Steven Vetter

BYERS — The proximity of large equipment in Byers near I-70 is evidence of the progress of Byers Water & Sanitation District's water system upgrade and extension project.

The district is increasing its capacity by installing a new 12-inch water main that will extend north to the water department north of Byers General Store. The project, funded by grants and a low-interest loan, will increase system capacity to support future residential and commercial growth.

The project is being managed by consulting engineers GMS, Inc. Principal Engineer Samuel Wood gave a project update at the Byers Water & Sanitation District regular board meeting May 12.

Wood said an issue that delayed the portion of the installation on Main Street between the railroad and I-70 has been resolved. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) did not initially approve the alignment of the proposed water main, but after the district submitted plans, CDOT approved the project.

"The project is a good example of what can be done when you work with the transportation department," Wood said. "We're going to be installing a new water main that will serve the Byers area."

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20 YEARS AGO
MAY 30, 2005

The owner of Chuck's Bunkhouse Barbeque, Phillip Vito, was arrested May 26 on charges of providing marijuana to a minor.

Vito was caught smoking marijuana with one of his employees, a 16-year-old boy, by Eddie Cannon, who is Vito's neighbor, Thursday night at approximately 10:15 p.m. Cannon had gone in search of his son, who worked for Vito, when the boy failed to come home at his usual time.

Cannon said he saw Vito and the juvenile, who has worked for Vito for three weeks, smoking marijuana through the front window when he went to knock on the door. When he rang the doorbell, both ran from the back door, Cannon said.

Cannon followed them to the back yard and caught the pair. He demanded to know what was going on.

"I asked him, 'What are you doing?' and he didn't want to answer me," Cannon said.

Eventually the juvenile confessed and Cannon called the Adams County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Richard Coffee arrived at 11:20 p.m. and questioned the juvenile.

When the juvenile confessed, Coffee interrogated Vito. Vito admitted to providing the marijuana.

15 YEARS AGO
JUNE 1, 2010

While severe weather headlines May 26 mostly revolved around the northeastern portion of Denver metro, southeastern parts of the I-70 Corridor had their fair

share of extreme weather anomalies.

Deer Trail and Cottonwood Estate residents both reported funnel clouds that threatened the area and dropped pea-, grape, and golf ball-sized hail.

In one instance, a funnel cloud hovering over homes along First Avenue in Deer Trail around 7 p.m. dropped towards the ground but didn't touch down.

"It was right above our house when its belly appeared to drop towards us," said resident Donna Brannon. "It was very ominous and an a very close call. It forced me down to the basement."

Reports from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network indicated the heaviest hail was about 8 miles south-southeast of Byers. Accumulations were from 2-5 inches.

10 YEARS AGO
JUNE 2, 2015

CENTENNIAL — Whether a recall election on three Deer Trail School Board members will proceed will be known in about three weeks as Arapahoe County officials work on confirming that enough valid signatures were collected by petitioners.

Organizers of an effort to recall Mike Geese, Lucia Lumbago and Candice Reed turned their petitions into the county May 27, four days before the June 1 deadline. The county had 15 working days from the time petitions were submitted to complete its sufficiency study, confirming that enough valid signatures were collected.

"Our elections divisions will be verifying the signatures to meet the sufficiency deadlines," said county spokeswoman Haley McKean.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 28, the 148th day of 2025. There are 217 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 28, 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act, which forced nearly 50,000 Native Americans to relocate to designated

territories west of the Mississippi River.

ON THIS DATE

In 1863, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, made up of free Black men, left Boston to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

In 1918, American troops

fought their first major battle during World War I as they launched an offensive against the German-held French village of Cantigny; the Americans succeeded in capturing the village.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel mon-

key, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 1972, burglars working on behalf of the Nixon White House broke into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., installing surveillance devices on

telephones and taking photos of DNC documents.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Singer Gladys Knight is 81. Musician John Fogerty is 80. Country singer-songwriter Phil Vassar is 63. Actor Justin Kirk is 56. Secretary of State Marco Rubio is 54.

— Associated Press

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

HOROSCOPE

Jupiter's Advantage

The lunar conjunction with Jupiter is an attitude invigorator and an invitation to shake off rigidity and pessimism in favor of mental flexibility and a youthful openness to possibilities. The problem-solving will be at once fun and strategic, and will involve thinking creatively, questioning assumptions and exploring novel options.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Romantic thrills — or creative sparks — will be part of the fun. You'll take that buzzy energy and channel it into connection, expression and a little silly mischief. Tonight brings a shift: reflection, softness and beauty.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While you're not afraid to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty with the work, you're also open to fortune's favor. Ease can be just as legitimate as effort, and it's OK if some wins come without sweat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Playing devil's advocate (arguing the opposite side) and changing your mind on purpose are encouraged — not because you're wishy-washy but because it's a mental exercise that frees you from feeling stuck. There's power in thinking differently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be nudged — perhaps even pushed — into action, not because the universe is being a bully but because it's taking some of the pressure to decide off you and showing you there's a clear direction, a place you are needed. You are, in fact, already there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A range of solutions will present themselves — some of them smart, others flashy but unwise. Were you less experienced, the wrong options might entice. But you're savvy, with the insight and discernment to choose a better path.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The muses show up to your scene somewhere between fashionably late and absurdly overdue — but at least they come. So just keep working so you're sure to be there to greet them on arrival. Your creation will sing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes

courage to go first. Whether pitching an idea, introducing yourself, asking someone out or whatever else, there's no guarantee it'll be received well. That risk is what gives the gesture power — and potential for high reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Grace looks effortless, but that's an illusion built on strength, practice, balance and adaptation. Today you'll shift, wobble and recalibrate as you figure out how to carry what life hands you. Keep trying new configurations until one feels sustainable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Frustration can build into anger if left unchecked, but widen the time frame and, suddenly, there's room to breathe. The urgency fades, the stress softens and relief settles in where tension once ruled. It's a quiet, powerful reset.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The team with the best communication will win. Even if words fail or wires get crossed, belief in one another will be the backup system that keeps everything running.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been generous with your commitments. You used to think it was part of being a good person, but now you believe that even "good people" set boundaries. Today's situation calls on you to ponder what is really fair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Perception can be tricky, murky and inexact. Your gut feelings and weird impressions might not pass a lab test, but they're perfect for real life. You're built to feel your way through, not run numbers on everything.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May. 28). Your natural charm reaches supernatural levels, and you'll wield it for the greater good. Your warmth, wit and keen emotional intelligence attracts just the sort of opportunities you most cherish. More highlights: You'll find the perfect mentor. You'll give a breathtaking performance (on stage or in life). You'll turn a private longing into a public triumph. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 16, 12, 29 and 40.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

MILLER MOTHS

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yearly migration to higher elevations.

Colorado State University Extension entomologist and horticulture expert Karim Gharbi, interviewed by KUNC Radio, was asked why people are so annoyed, or even afraid, of millers.

“I think it’s just the sheer number of them,” he said. “It’s almost like a plague described in Biblical times. There are so many of them and they seem to assault you.”

Gharbi said there’s a reason why millers react as they do when disturbed.

“Bats prey on them so they are very sensitive to the fluttering of bat wings,” he said.

The moths respond with erratic flying movements. Certain sound frequencies including jingling keys and crumpling soda cans can elicit the same response.

The reason they hide in small spaces isn’t sinister either, it’s self-preservation.

“Miller moths are thigmotactic, or to put it simply, they like to be hugged on all sides,” he said. “They like to be in contact with a surface on all sides, so they creep into little cracks and crevices.”

Gharbi added that miller moths are harmless; they don’t bite, sting, lay eggs in the house, or feast on clothes or things in your pantry.

“Adults only feed on nectar, nothing inside the home,” he emphasized.

Miller moths are the adult stage of the army cutworm. Their life cycle begins in Eastern Colorado and border ar-

eas of Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, including the fields and lawns surrounding the I-70 Corridor.

According to the CSU extension, miller moths return from their mountain homes in late summer and early fall and lay their eggs in wheat fields, alfalfa fields, and other areas where vegetation is thick, including turfgrass. Eggs hatch within a few weeks and partially grown young caterpillars begin to feed, as temperatures allow, over the winter months.

By spring they are fully grown cutworms that can damage crops. In early spring — between March and early May, depending on temperatures — they burrow into the soil. Each larva creates an earthen cell and spins a cocoon in which to pupate. Between three to six weeks later, the adult miller emerges and, as the weather warms, begins its migration to higher elevations to the west.

Miller moths are attracted to cooler weather and summer flowers in the mountains that provide a reliable source of nectar. Moths can travel more than 100 miles from their birthplace on the plains to their summer feeding grounds.

Peak moth flights can last five to six weeks, generally starting between mid-May and early June. Of course, the number of miller moths in late spring is primarily related to the number of army cutworm caterpillars that survive

the winter. Extremely cold winter conditions, especially without snow cover, will kill many caterpillars.

In what CSU terms “outbreak” years, increased numbers of cutworms result in large populations of millers and a longer period of miller infestations. During those years, including 1991 and 2020, nuisance numbers were present from early May to mid-June.

In 1991, flights began in the first week of May, probably due to the warm February which allowed cutworms to push development. The millers arrived at populated areas where they found an abundance of flowering plants in yards and gardens, and the weather in May and early June was cool and overcast that year. This combination of factors caused many of the migrating moths to settle along the Front Range rather than continue into the mountains.

Predictions on how many miller months will occur this spring are hard to make because it depends on the weather. CSU Extension entomologist Lisa Mason told 9News May 15 that, in general, the moths tend to be a nuisance for only two to three weeks.

“If the temperatures are cool, the moths might hang around longer and be more of a nuisance, even if their population isn’t that high, but the moths don’t like hot weather,” she said “We’ve seen a lot of hot weather. So, they may

[fly] over the Colorado front range and keep on going.”

Return flights from the mountains to the plains typically begin in late September. Because so many moths are consumed by predators during the summer, the migration time is shorter and less obvious.

Entomologists encourage people to resist the urge to kill miller moths.

They serve a role in the ecosystem as pollinators and as a food source for other organisms.

“Millers are important nocturnal pollinators,” Gharbi said. “Some plants have adapted to nocturnal pollinators; their flowers are only open at night for these moths and their peak nectar flow occurs in evening hours.”

Both bats and birds eat moths. Commuters stopped at red lights in miller season might enjoy watching the moths attracted to the light being snatched mid-air by swooping swallows.

“And in the mountains, bears have been known to overturn rocks to feed on the moths under them,” Gharbi said.

Even with an understanding of their ecological importance, millers in the home can be a considerable nuisance. They can leave dusty marks on walls and windows. (The term “miller” comes from the fine scales that fall off their wings, which resemble the flour dust that covered the clothing of millers who turned grain into flour.) They

leave spots on window blinds, walls, floorboards and other surfaces from the slightly acidic fluid they excrete.

Sealing cracks around doors and leaving porchlights off near doorways or changing the bulbs to non-attractive yellow light will help tamp down a moth home invasion. Gently catching millers in one’s hands and letting them go outside is, of course, the entomologist-recommended way to remove millers from inside the home.

Of course, opening the door to let a miller escape also opens a portal for multiple more to get in.

Getting rid of house-bound millers can be achieved with sticky traps or, according to CSU, making a trap by suspending a lightbulb over a bucket of soapy water. Moths attracted to the light may fall into the water and be killed. This method has “obvious dangers when bringing water and electrical equipment in close proximity,” the CSU Fact Sheet admits. Swatting and vacuuming are safer methods.

Another option? Ignore them. This is often the advice offered by the partners of those who perform a nightly ballet of leaps and twirls, fly swatter in hand, as the moths flutter through the air and mostly escape to the highest spot on the ceiling.

“Just let them be,” they say, briefly looking away from their television show. “They’re harmless. And you’re blocking my view of the TV.”

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The magnolia planted on the South Lawn by President Andrew Jackson appears at left as President Joe Biden, from left, and first lady Jill Biden, joined by surviving families of service members, hold hands in prayer around a newly planted magnolia tree during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C., on May 30, 2022. The new tree was grown from a seed from the original.

Trump helps plant replacement for historic tree at White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Donald Trump April 8 helped shovel dirt onto the replacement for a historic White House tree that had to be removed because of safety concerns around its deteriorating condition.

“We have a beautiful tree now at the White House,” Trump said.

The White House did not allow news media coverage of the tree planting, but afterward shared a brief video clip on social media. Dale Haney, the longtime grounds superintendent, also participated.

“Dale’s been here 53 years. He’s fantastic,” Trump said.

The Republican president had announced March 30 on his social media platform that the nearly 200-year-old tree, known as the Jackson Magnolia, was in “terrible condition, a very dangerous safety hazard, at the White House Entrance, no less, and must now be removed.”

The southern magnolia had stood for decades near the west side of the South Portico of the White House. It’s where presidents and prime ministers often are welcomed on their visits, as well as where the president himself exits to board the Marine One helicopter or returns after a trip.

According to the National Park Service website, “folklore tells us” that President Andrew Jackson brought the tree’s seeds from his home near Nashville, Tenn. The seeds apparently were planted in honor of his wife

Rachel, who died shortly before he took office in 1829.

A 12-year-old sapling that is a direct descendant of the Jackson Magnolia was planted in its place in 2022, the White House said. The National Park Service, which manages the grounds, said the sapling was grown at its off-site greenhouse specifically to replace the Jackson Magnolia.

The decision to remove the tree followed an assessment by Peter Hart, a registered consulting arborist and member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, which concluded that the tree had “surpassed the time of serving as an aesthetic and historic landmark due to the potential harm it may cause because of the risk of structural failure,” the White House said.

Hart’s report also recommended that the tree be removed as soon as possible “to eliminate the risk of personal injury and/or property damage,” according to the White House.

The park service is keeping a sample of the downed tree for historical and archival purposes and transferring any remaining wood to the Executive Residence. Trump had said the wood “may be used for other high and noble purposes!!!!”

The tree was significantly pruned in 2017 during Trump’s first term. It also had suffered damage in 1994 when a small Cessna plane crashed onto the South Lawn and skidded into the White House.

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"This is one of our favorite events each year, giving parents the opportunity to learn more about the programs and services PWD provides and giving their kids the chance to play, learn important safety tips, and explore the jobs in public works and development," said Public Works Director Bryan Weimer.

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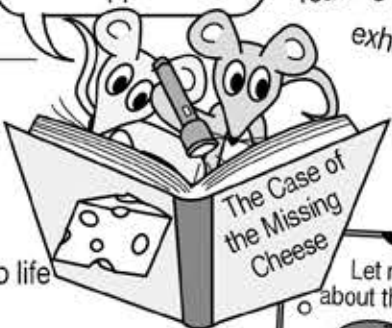
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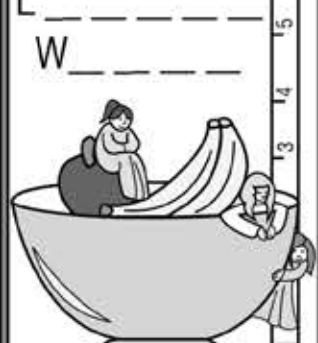
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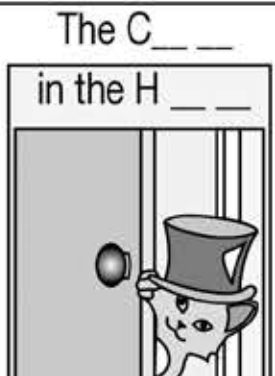
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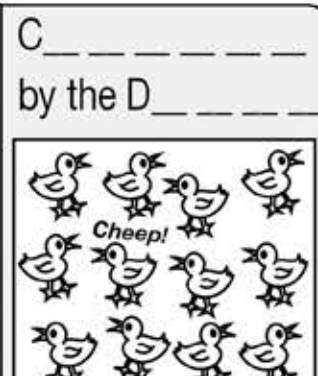
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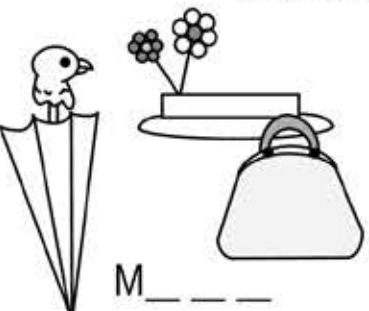


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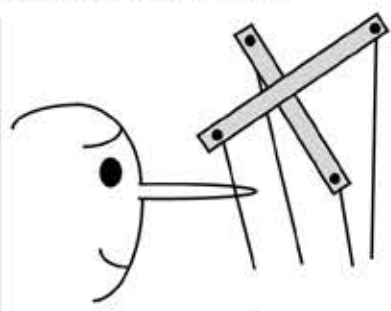


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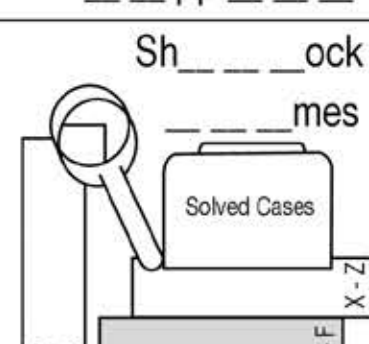
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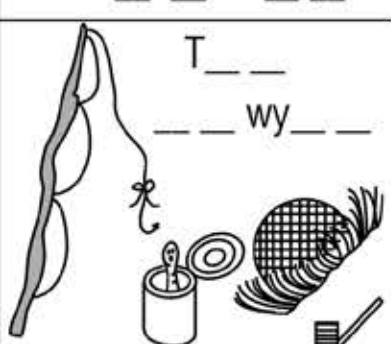
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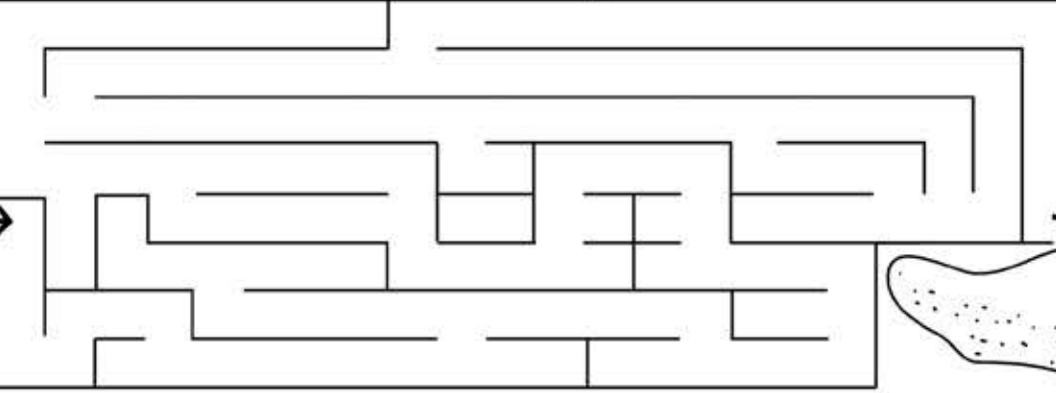

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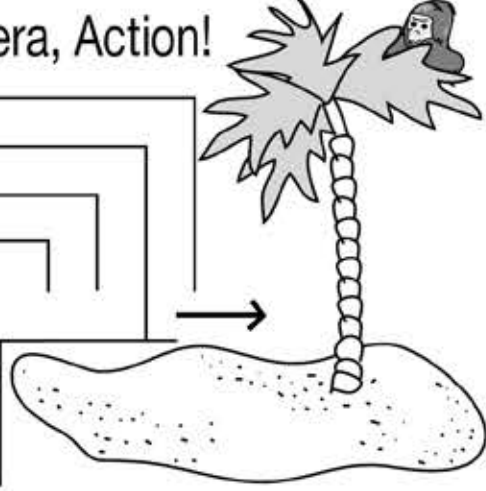
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COCKFIGHTING

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consistent with illegal cock fighting. 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 that had numerous chickens on it.

According to investigators, 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. The abundance of roosters compared to hens was a red flag.

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 displayed moderate injuries or worse. One of the

chickens seized was seriously injured and was euthanized and taken to Colorado State University in Fort Collins where a necropsy was performed.

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

When the DA’s Office officially filed charges against Orozco July 23, prosecutors agreed with the sheriff’s office recommendation of the felony animal cruelty charge, but a second felony recommendation of sixth-degree aggravated cruelty to animals was modified to a first-degree misdemeanor.

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

A status conference is set for 10 a.m. July 7 and a pre-trial conference at 8:30 a.m. July 21, both in Courtroom M.

FIRE CHIEF

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Conroy has served as fire chief since December 2022.

ELECTION CLARIFICATION

During old business, district officials clarified that, during the May 6 election, residents approved a waiver of the state property tax cap within the district, which is in addition to a previously approved ballot question several years ago to “de-Bruce” the district.

Voters approved the waiver of the property tax limit 50-12.

While 66 total voters cast ballots, four were filled out incorrectly and not counted.

The approved waiver allows the fire district to collect revenue over the 5.5% property tax cap.

RISE IN CALL VOLUMES

Call volumes this year continue to increase, particularly within district boundaries. Total responses totaled 96 for April — 66 in-district, 27 to Byers, and three other mutual aid calls.

Year-to-date through April, Stras-

burg Fire Rescue responded to 381 calls, 252 within district boundaries. Last month’s call volume was 10 more than April last year.

“It was a moderately busy month in April but in-district calls continue to rise significantly,” Conroy said. “We went from a 10% jump from last year in in-district calls at the end of March to 16.1% to conclude April. Continue to see more activity around town.”

Year-to-date call responses within district are 34 more than last year and 31 over two years ago.

EMS responses accounted for just over half of Strasburg Fire’s call volume in April with 27 resulting in a report and 16 patient transports.

Only five fires, two vehicles, were responded to throughout April.

“Pretty light month on the fire side of things, nothing major,” Conroy said. “Only one house fire recently. A bit surprising but definitely a good thing.”

The next board meeting will be pushed back a week until 7 p.m., Thursday, June 26, to accommodate the new federal Juneteenth holiday.



Strasburg Fire EMS Coordinator MacKenzie Schledorn-Rudden and Fire Chief Pat Conroy say a few words about the department’s new ambulance during a “push-in” ceremony May 10.

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