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# Valve plan soaks more Bennett residents

# Pressure reduction program to target twice the homeowners at 25% additional expense

by Shylo Bockenfeld

Editorial Assistant

BENNETT - In addition to dou-

out about 25% more in expense than originally told.

During the May 13 Bennett Board of bling up the number of residents im- Trustees meeting, Royce Pindell, who pacted, those affected by the town of was mayor when the PRV program Bennett's Pressure Reducing Valve was initiated, said the program will some of the lower income residents

(PRV) program will be forced to shell now cost affected homeowners more in our community being affected by than \$1,000, rather than the original this," said current Mayor Whitney twice as many residents than previously declared.

"We are talking about, potentially,

estimate of \$800, and will also affect Oakley. "We need to really acknowledge that."

Over the past 10 years, the town de-**SEE BENNETT BOT** 

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## New convenience store destined for DT

by Steven Vetter

Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — In what some Deer Trail trustees called one of the worst kept secrets, a proposed new gas station, including semi access and a large convenience store, passed its initial municipal government obstacle last month.

During its May 13 meeting the board voted unanimously in favor of the proposed 5,600 square-foot Maverik convenience store with 12 vehicle and eight semi fuel pumps to be located along Seventh Avenue between Cedar and Date streets. The proposed site is immediately off the westbound side of the I-70 interchange and next to the

entry of Evergreen Cemetery.

The company also purchased the Phillips 66 gas station property across the street on Seventh Avenue but plans to demolish the current building. Maverik's signage will be installed there.

Concerns about the proposed facility becoming a "truck stop in town" were addressed by both applicant representation and trustees, who indicated no long-term parking will be allowed.

"If you look at Bennett, we are looking more like the QuikTrip than the Love's," Mayor Judd Behrens said. "Not supposed to be any overnight parking or much addi-

SEE DEER TRAIL BOT



Byers FPD set to provide CodeRED alerts all-call system, with each district covering

by Kathy Smiley

Staff Writer

BYERS — Residents within three special districts in Byers will soon have the opportunity to sign up for alerts from the districts of their choice.

Byers Fire Protection District No 9 is spearheading the effort to provide OnSolve alert system allows government agencies The fire district received approval from the system. the Byers Water & Sanitation District and Byers Park & Recreation District to join the

\$600 of the annual cost.

The individual districts can send out announcements or emergency information. People can sign up for messages from one, two, or all three districts. The service is free for residents and messages can be received by their choice of phone, text or e-mail.

The Byers Fire district board May 22 CodeRED to Byers. The cloud-based public heard an update on system's upcoming rollout from board treasurer Shawn Palmto send geo-targeted alerts to residents. er, who is working with OnSolve to install

> SEE BYERS FPD PAGE 6

Aunt Eller, played by Elle Owens, sings from her rocking chair during a performance of the youth edition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, "Oklahoma," May 8-9, in the Strasburg Elementary School cafeteria. The production resulted from the combined efforts of Strasburg High School and Hemphill Middle School students. SEE PAGE 23.

# New windmill preserves iconic heritage at ArapCo fairgr

by Kathy Smiley

Staff Writer

was installed at the Arapamonth.

of the fairgrounds was severe-BYERS – A new windmill ly damaged by a high-wind

locks during high winds.

Arapahoe County Open

inally representing the theme fins and a brake system that Arapahoe County event cen- ty's Open Spaces heritage arter was in the planning stage. eas since the program began

"Windmills have been a event in June 2024 and was Spaces Operations Super- big part of Eastern Colorado hoe County Fairgrounds last removed for safety reasons visor Gunnar Zollinger said landscapes since the 1850s," prior to last year's county fair. the windmill theme was sug- he said, adding that they have

The wooden windmill orig- The new windmill has metal gested by the public when the been focal points at the counin 2003.

> Zollinger said that the for-SEE WINDMILL PAGE 22







From left photo, workers attach the new Aermotor windmill to a crane for installation at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds April 24; a crane lifts the new machine; and the windmill is lowered into place.

## COMMUNITY CORRAL

## 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 submitted without payment will not be add-

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

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

## Cottage food safety focus of CSU Extension courses

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

By finishing a Colorado State University Extension online cottage food safety training, home cooks will earn food safety certification and gain knowledge and resources needed to successfully launch a home-based food business.

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

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

## Business orgs set open house on Arapahoe enterprise zone

STRASBURG - New state tax credridor will be explained at a free open slate, do pioneer chores, make pio-

house from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, neer crafts, and are welcome to dress June 10, at Shooter's Bar & Grill in

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

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

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.

## 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 Music Camp returns to Byers.

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

Participation is free but space is

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.

## Strasburg museum readies for annual Pioneer School

STRASBURG — Registration is underway for the Pioneer School for children ages 6-12 with four weeklong 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 its for businesses along the I-70 Cor- pioneer history, take lessons on a

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.

## Youth organizations slated for local business luncheon

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, at May Farms in Byers.

Guest speakers are representatives of Corridor Communities that Care and Teens for Change. The lunch sponsor is Blue Sky Party Rentals.

For more information and to RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei7occoc@gmail.com by Friday, May 16. Space is limited.

## Agriculture artifacts the topic for tour of Strasburg museum

STRASBURG - The Comanche Crossing Historical Society will host an informational tour of its museum grounds starting at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 19, at the Comanche Crossing Museum.

During his presentation, Comanche Crossing Historical Society board member Drew Yoder will describe and explain the significance of the various farming items on the grounds Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

#### and in various buildings. Snacks will be provided.

The museum is located at 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

## Historians plan presentation on 17 Mile House background

CENTENNIAL — History buffs can get a closer look at the beginnings of the 17 Mile House and other historic locations along Cherry Creek.

Local historians Lee and Jane Whiteley will conduct the presentation from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the historic farm house, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial

Participants will make a lavender sachet to take home.

The event is free but requires registration due to capacity limits.

For more information and to register, visit www.arapahoeco.gov /17milehouse.

## 'Burg Comanche VIP Seniors plan monthly potluck June 17

STRASBURG - The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association's St. Patrick's potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

A presentation on senior banking scams is planned.

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

For more information, call Mary

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Knights of Columbus Council 13221 representatives Jerry Mosbrucker, left, and James VonFeldt, right, present a check for \$10,000 to Deb Jackson, director of the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains in Byers April 7. The council, which is affiliated with Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers, hosted its annual Culture of Life Dinner & Auction Feb. 23 at the Byers American Legion Hall. Proceeds from the event were split between the Pregnancy Resource Center of Northeast Colorado in Brush and the Family Resource Center. The gift was the largest donation that the Family Resource Center has ever received from the event.

# Daily air quality alerts resume

season.

forecasts for ozone pollution.

Quality Standards for ozone pollution, the e-mail will say an "Ozone Acas many Coloradans as possible.

"We've made great progress in ozone pollution through the key secgas activities, and we'll continue to air quality alert for that area.

DENVER - The state health de- see improvements as those policies partment's Air Pollution Control Divi- mature in the coming years," said sion has resumed its daily air quality Michael Ogletree, senior director of forecasts for the 2025 ozone pollution the state's air quality programs. "Although we know it's not always pos-From May 31 to Aug. 31 each year, sible for people to make changes to Coloradans subscribed to the divi- their daily routines and schedules, sion's "ozone front range" e-mail list individual Coloradans can also make receive daily notifications sharing a difference. For example, filling up your gas tank later in the evening or If forecasts show that a specific day carpooling can reduce air pollution may exceed National Ambient Air emissions that form ground-level ozone.'

The division's meteorologists closetion Day Alert" is in effect. If forecasts ly watch for key air pollutants and do not show elevated ozone pollution trends across the state year-round. levels, the e-mail will state that no In the summer, the division especialalert is in effect. The division's mete- ly focuses on monitoring ozone polorologists share daily forecasts with lution on the northern Front Range. the National Weather Service to reach However, all Coloradans can subscribe to the e-mail alerts.

Only the "ozone frontrange" list adopting new policies to address receives daily emails in the summer. Subscribers to other lists will only retors of transportation and oil and ceive an email if the division issues an

## AdCo air toxics rule proposal passes CO air board

tection rules adopted April 18 will go report their emissions of pollutants, further to protect air on the Front like benzene. Range and ensure polluters pay for ing a win for public health.

imously, including a proposal from contaminants. Adams and Boulder counties to "There is sti strengthen them.

ants as Toxic Air Contaminants - including ultra-fine particles and black carbon, which were additions suggested by both counties, collaborating as the Local Government Coalition. The rules increase fees charged to pollut- cdphe.colorado.gov.

BRIGHTON - New air quality pro- ers and require industrial sources to

Commissioner Lynn Baca, chair of negative impacts to air quality, mark- the Adams County Board of Commissioners, said Colorado is the first state The Colorado Air Quality Control in the nation to identify black carbon Commission passed the rules unan- and ultrafine particles as toxic air

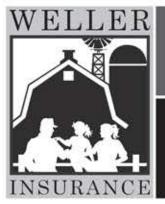
"There is still a lot of work to be done, and we are committed to work-The new rules identify 344 pollut- ing with the state of Colorado and research community to better understand emissions of these pollutants and their impacts on public health and our communities," Baca said.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY ATTEND

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Deer Trail Planning Commission shall hold a public meeting on June 1, and the Town Board will hold a public hearing on June 10th, concerning a Minor Subdivision Plat, located on property described in Exhibit A, and generally located at SE corner of 7th Avenue and Date Street, pursuant to the Town of Deer Trail Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance.

at the hour of 10 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

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

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#### BENNETT BOT

commissioned the historic elevated of 65 psi and a minimum of 35 psi. water storage tank north of the train tracks and built a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank near town hall to increase water pressure. The town is also moving to a one-pressure-zone system to enhance efficiency and reliability and in an effort to reduce maintenance on the water distribution system. Initially town officials considered placing PRVs on their portion of the lines, but decided to pass the expense and complications on to homeowners, particularly residents in older parts of town.

PRVs are designed to help reduce water waste by regulating the pressure from the town's main lines to provide a "lower, more functional" residential water pressure to match fixture and appliance ratings. To pass building inspection, PRVs must be accompanied by an expansion pump or valve on a closed system, which raises the cost of the installation. Over the last two decades, most new builds have PRVs installed because current plumbing codes require PRVs on homes where the municipal system exceeds 80 pounds per square inch of

The board is considering relief for homeowners burdened by the additional cost, including time extensions and grants through the Bennett Residential Vibrancy Initiative (REVIVE) grants. At May's meeting, the board approved a measure to allow homeowners to do the installation themselves but under town restrictions.

Bennett is offering a \$322 rebate for PRVs installed with a permit. The permit fee for this project can be waived, but only after a permit application, itemized receipts, the plumber's license number, and installation date are submitted to town officials. The PRV must be easily accessible for maintenance and set to a maximum that's a hazard. It's not that it's ugly,

Homeowners who do not have PRVs installed on their home systems before the town makes a pressure zone switch in June 2026 may experience undue wear on pipes and appliance fixtures. Municipality officials said the town will be absolved of any responsibly in the case residents suffer negative impacts of not having a PRV installed.

#### COURT FEES UPDATE

Bennett approved updates to municipal court fee schedules for common violations, including inoperable vehicles on private property, with consent from the board of trustees and Judge Sean Day.

The new schedule includes fees of \$400 for abandoned or inoperable vehicles, inoperable vehicles on private property, abandoned containers and appliances, accessory structure setbacks, trees with overhang or health issues, nuisance barking, parking and storage of trailers. Fees of \$250 for fences or wall violations, duty of property owner to cut grass, weeds in landscaping including rocks and mulch, and failure to obtain a business license. Permitting issues can be charged at twice the permit fee.

"Inoperable vehicles on private property present a fire hazard, pest hazard, it attracts vagrants in larger cities and things of that nature. That's why it's our problem," said Community Services Supervisor Keith Buono, who was responding to questions and concerns about the new fine from an April 22 trustees work session. "It's one of those things that hasn't probably been addressed but, you know as well as I do, you can drive around certain properties and look and they've got five cars with weeds growing up through them in their backyards and

which it is, but the primary issue is it's a fire hazard, it attracts pests, and I don't think neighbors want to live next to something like that."

When asked about inoperable vehicles in a driveway, Buono said the town allows for one.

"And it has to be covered," Buono said, citing town code section 8-3-10. "Now, if it's inside of a garage, no harm no foul but, if it's outside uncovered, weathered, weeds growing up in it — then that becomes a problem."

"We aren't going after the guy working on his car?" Pindell asked, to which Buono responded, "No, sir. As long as he's keeping it covered when it's not being worked on - no harm no foul, because that's what the code allows," answered Buono.

"Well if it's already in code I would rather address it in code than in the fee schedule," Pindell said.

Trustee Donna Suss asked if the vehicles could sit behind a privacy fence.

'That's correct," Buono answered. "Now, if you have a chain link fence on the back side of your property and from a public viewpoint you can see that then it is a violation. If you have a six foot fence that I would have to peek over to see then it's not a violation because you have a right to privacy that's why you put the privacy fence up."

The highest municipal fees already in place are for \$1,000 including harassment, assault, speeding by 20-24 mph over the limit, reckless driving, driving without insurance, and passing a school bus with flashing lights. The lowest fees are for \$80 including illegal operation of a motorcycle on land roads and vehicles with improper headlights.

### ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF

The board approved additional traffic enforcement focused on speeding and seatbelt use through the Arapahoe County Sheriff. A traffic officer dedicated to the I-70 Corridor will dedicate half of their time to Bennett for \$61,493 annually. For 2025, the cost will be prorated to coincide with an anticipated July 1 start date.

The town also considered updating signage and re-striping of streets throughout town. Suss pointed out that the Colorado Department of Transportation would need to help improve conditions where the shoulder of the road has eroded away.

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Bennett's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan found lane departures and runoffs often caused by speeding were the most dangerous accidents made even more lethal by not wearing a seatbelt.

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDS

Bids related to other town projects were approved May 13.

The Kiowa-Bennett Tip Trail Construction Management Services Contract Award garnered 3 proposals, with RockSol, also the contractor on the Kiowa-Bennett culvert improvement project, winning the bid at \$118,762.22.

HCT Construction won the contract for the Kiowa-Bennett Tip Trail construction segment from Centennial Avenue to Marketplace Drive with plans for pedestrian crossings at Centennial and Bennett avenues.

The bid was \$1,811,199 and the lowest out of seven bids. Grant funded government projects accept the lowest qualified bidder and require CDOT oversight.

The Truman Bypass Sanitary Sewer Project lowest qualified bidder of five was Alpine Civil at \$830,080 after a standard 5% contingency was increased to 10% to account for unforeseeable events during construction of a 12-inch main in Old town that needs to be increased to 18 inches. Developer funds tied to the project related to surrounding properties totaled \$350,000. Alpine Civil also provided major roadway construction for Muegge Farms,

The board also voted to vacate the Greg's Place right-of-way, returning it to neighboring Secure Self Storage and Bennett Welding.

The board next meets Tuesday, June 10, with a work-study scheduled at 5:45 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

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## DEER TRAIL BOT

tional traffic further north of Date ardson to take over the board seat va-(Street)."

While trustees signed off on initial plans, additional municipal processes must occur before the project receives final OK, starting with a public hearing in front of the town's planning commission this Saturday. At 10 a.m. June 7, residents will have the opportunity to provide their thoughts on in April 2024, and John Dillingham the Minor Subdivision Plat proposal.

"This is required as is at least one more approval from the board (of trustees) and we wanted the planning commission to hear it before the board's next meeting (on June 10)," Behrens said. "Then we will see where which required a recount. we go from here.'

The planning commission meeting is scheduled at town hall, 555 Second Ave.

During the May 13 board meeting, applicant representatives said they hoped to start construction in late summer with a completion date between 180 and 200 days after breaking ground.

Behrens said no time frame has been received on demolition of the Phillips 66 station across the street.

### **NEW TRUSTEE**

The board also swore in Emily Rich-

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cated by the resignation of Mary Ar-

Richardson was one of four applicants to show interest in the vacancy of which three were briefly interviewed by sitting trustees during the May meeting. Former trustee John Kettling, who lost a re-election bid were the other two candidates interviewed. After two secret ballot votes were taken, Richardson was approved by the board unanimously.

Arnold was the final winner of four vacancies during last year's election,

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- · Trustees unanimously approved the purchase of an addition 25 water meters and registers from
- · A pair of special event permits were approved for the Deer Trail Elks Lodge - one for a June 15 Father's Day event and July 11-12 for the annual Deer Trail Rodeo. · A liquor license was also unan-
- imously OK'd for the Deer Trail Jockey Club for rodeo weekend.
- · The June 10 board meeting is slated for a 7 p.m. start.

## **BYERS, CO 80103**

## CORRIDOR CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 9

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelver Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31J.com for link.

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

Bingo. 7 p.m., Byers American Legion Hall.

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, JUNE 10

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study Colfax Ave., Strasburg. 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, JUNE 11

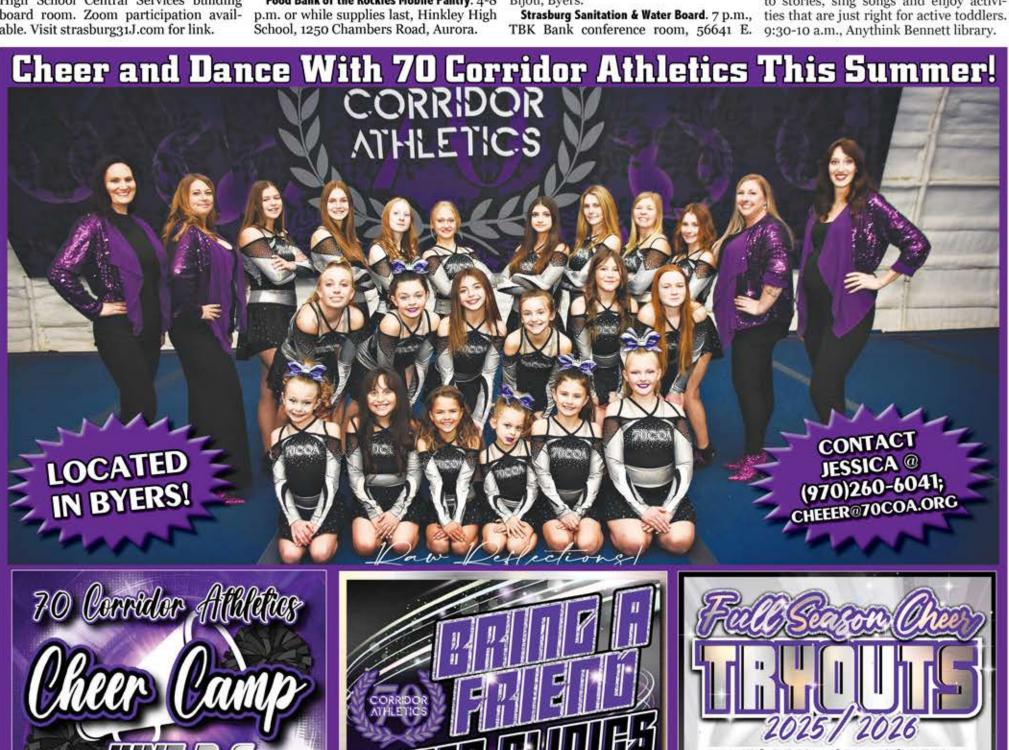
Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

AA open meeting. 7 p.m., white historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 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 activi-















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Last fall, Arapahoe County extended a state enterprise zone to include businesses in DEER TRAIL, BYERS AND STRASBURG.

Local businesses are now eligible for eight state tax credits.

Counselors from Arapahoe and Adams counties will entertain questions. Grothe Financial Services will explain accounting/bookkeeping steps.





## Noted singer booked for AdCo July 3 event

BRIGHTON - The annual pre-Independence Day celebration at Riverdale Regional Park returns Thursday, July 3, for Stars & Stripes - a free evening of live country music, delicious food, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks show.

This year's featured performer is country singer and social media sensation Tayler Holder, who brings his growing music career and more than 20 million TikTok followers to the main stage.

"Stars & Stripes is one of our favorite traditions in Adams County,' said Lynn Baca, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "This event brings people of all ages together to celebrate our nation's freedom, enjoy great music, and make memories with family and neighbors."

Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of food including American classics, Italian dishes, and Mexican favorites.

Guests are asked to leave pets at home, as fireworks and large crowds can be distressing to animals. Personal fireworks are not allowed and outside alcohol and glass bottles are prohibited.

Road closure: 124th Avenue will be 8000.



Country singer Tayler Holder will perform at Adams County's Stars & Stripes celebration July 3 at Riverdale Regional Park.

closed from Brighton Road to Riverdale Road beginning at 12 p.m. July 3. Visitors should access Riverdale Regional Park via Park Boulevard off 120th Avenue; 124th Avenue will re-

For more information, visit adcogov.org/parks or call (303)637-

open after the fireworks show.

#### BYERS FPD

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"I met with them today and we fin- districts were considering formation ished getting everything set up," he said, adding that each entity is called a division. "The fire division, water division, and park and rec division will all have folks entered into the system who will manage and send out their alerts."

Palmer added that he was provided marketing examples to get the word out for people to sign up.

"We're about ready to kick this thing off and introduce it to the public," he said.

In other discussion, the board agreed to push forward with negotiations to purchase the plot of land adjacent to the firehouse for an addition. The addition has been on the district's the back burner when I-70 Corridor one false alarm.

of a consolidated fire authority. The project will extend the bay and put in a new office, a board room, and living quarters for staff.

that coming to an agreement on the purchase is key to the 2026 budget process. "Time is limited, so we need to con-

Board chairman James Shelley said

centrate on getting the ball rolling so we can negotiate up into budget time," he said.

Discussion on the negotiation will be held in executive session.

Chief Mike Disher reported the department responded to 90 calls in April - two fires, 54 medical incidents, two hazmat situations, two serradar for four years but was put on vice calls, 29 canceled in route, and



## Byers student wins clerks scholarship

LITTLETON - When one Byers graduate heads off to college this fall, she'll have a little help paying for her books.

Anna Vetter, who graduated from Byers High School May 18, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from from Arapahoe County to apply for the Colorado County Clerks Associa-

She intends to pursue an education in agriculture at Colorado State University.

"I hope to inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders through my education at CSU," Vetter said.

The scholarship is awarded annually to nine students across Colorado who exemplify civic responsibility and maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Vetter was one of five candidates the award.

Funds can be used for any expenses at universities, colleges, community colleges or technical institutions. Submissions for next year's CCCA Scholarship open in January 2026.

For more information, visit www. clerkandrecorder.org/scholarship.

# Church Directory

## Strasburg Presbyterian Church 56635 Iowa Ave., Strasburg, CO www.spcusa.us 303-622-4325

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

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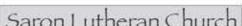


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· Lauds at 10AM · Strasburg American Legion (56423 Westview Ave.)

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Info: strasburgorthodox.org



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## JUNETEENTH

#### County offices closed

In observance of the State's Juneteenth holiday, all Arapahoe County offices will be closed Thursday, June 19.



#### 17 Mile House Open House

Take a closer look at 17 Mile House's beginnings and other historic locations along the Cherry Creek with local historians Lee and Jane Whiteley.

#### Saturday, June 14, 2025

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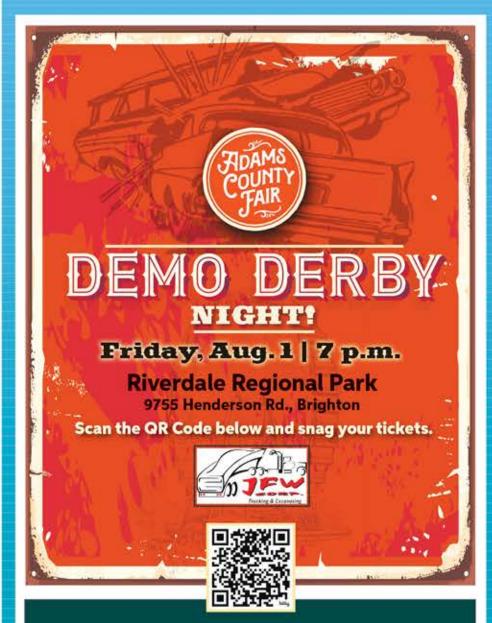
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# Financing secured on \$30M Permanent Supportive Housing project

million Permanent Supportive Housing project at 1900 S. Chambers Road in Aurora.

The 60-unit development represents a transformative approach to addressing homelessness and reducing recidivism by combining affordable housing with comprehensive support services for justice-involved individuals and others experiencing chronic homelessness.

The project, in partnership with Brothers Redevelopment and supported by a network of justice and health agencies, is one of the few Permanent Supportive Housing initiatives in Colorado specifically designed to serve individuals cycling through the justice system.

It will provide housing for individuals with extremely low incomes (at or below 30% area median income) who are experiencing homelessness, have behavioral health needs, or are involved in the jus-

"This project represents the kind of bold, thoughtful investment that sets Arapahoe County apart," said Commissioner Leslie Summey. "By combining housing with proven, compassionate care strategies, we're building a new model for how communities can reduce homelessness and recidivism. It's not just a housing development— it's a launchpad for stability, health and a second chance."

#### A COLLABORATIVE VISION REALIZED

The initiative emerged from the county Justice

AURORA — Arapahoe County officials, commu- Coordinating Committee's (ACJCC) Behavioral EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH, PROVEN RESULTS nity partners, and others announced May 28 a \$30 Health Subcommittee and Visioning Summit, reflecting years of collaborative planning among justice agencies, local governments, and community organizations. Established in 2007, the ACJCC fosters ongoing dialogue to identify bottlenecks and improve the efficiency of the justice system.

> "The ACJCC has long recognized that housing instability is both a driver and consequence of justice system involvement," said Commissioner Jeff Baker who previously served on the ACJCC. "This project represents our commitment to addressing systemic challenges through evidence-based, collaborative solutions."

#### SECURED FUNDING

Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) awarded the project a competitive 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in May, a significant milestone in project financing. This award, combined with \$3 million in committed ARPA funding from Arapahoe County, HOME Investment Partnership funding from both Arapahoe County and the City of Aurora, a U.S. Bank Opportunity Fund grant, and a generous donation from the previous property owner, made the project possible.

"Securing the LIHTC award was crucial to making this vision a reality," said Brothers Redevelopment President Jeff Martinez. "This funding mechanism allows us to create truly affordable housing while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the project."

The project will utilize Housing First, harm reduction, and trauma-informed care models that have demonstrated remarkable success nation-

Permanent Supportive Housing initiatives have shown housing retention rates of up to 98% and generate average public cost savings of \$33,500 per person annually through reduced incarceration, emergency room visits, and shelter use.

AllHealth will serve as the lead service provider, overseeing day-to-day service delivery, operations and voucher administration. Tenants will be selected through Colorado's OneHome Coordinated Entry System using the VI-SPDAT assessment, as well as through established referral processes from the 18th Judicial District and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

With permitting currently underway, the new facility is targeted to open in 2026 and will serve as a model for other communities seeking to address the intersection of homelessness, behavioral health challenges, and justice involvement.

'This isn't just about building housing - it's about building hope and creating pathways to stability," Summey said. "Every unit represents an opportunity for someone to break the cycle of homelessness and justice involvement and confirms our commitment to smart, people-centered investments that improve the quality of life for all residents."





An artist's renditions depict how the Permanent Supportive Housing facility at 1900 S. Chambers Road might look.

# Arapahoe County sweetens pot to encourage development of affordable housing

tiny and modular homes within its housing rules.

The county hopes the proposed changes to the Land Development Code will spur growth in unincorpo-

The creation of two new zoning districts — Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use — is geared to develop higher-density multifamily housing near major transportation stops and business and retail centers.

For Multi-Family, density could be between 13-35 housing units per acre on land near major roadways to provide easy access to business centers and public transportation.

For Mixed-Use, there would be a minimum density of 35 housing units per acre. This would allow multi-fam-

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LITTLETON - To encourage af- ily and live-work units within buildfordable housing development, Arapings that also offer commercial uses. ahoe County is proposing incentives The maximum height for these buildfor developers, potentially adding two ings would be 75 feet. The radius unnew zoning districts and permitting der consideration for a Mixed-Use district is a quarter-mile radius from arterial and higher classified streets and a half-mile radius from transit stops.

The amendments also propose to:

- create a three-tiered approach for incentives for affordable housing projects that utilize federal tax credits. The tiers provide a minimum percentage of affordable units that a developer must include to receive incentives.
- change the definitions section of the Land Development Code to introduce additional types of residential uses (live-work, assisted living facilities, overnight shelters, and transitional housing).
- revise manufactured home definitions to address modular and tiny

homes in addition to manufactured homes

- revise mobile home parks and subdivision regulations, reducing parking requirements and adjusting access requirements.
- remove minimum parking regulations for multi-family developments and adaptive reuse projects for residential or mixed-use purposes. This requirement aligns with House Bill 24-1304.

The public can comment through June 27 by filling out an online comment form. Email questions to khammer@arapahoegov.com.

The public can review the proposed changes and comment through June 27 at www.arapahoeco.gov/affordablehousing.

Public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will occur later this





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Bennett Intermediate School hosted its trio of spring concerts April 29 to May 1. All concerts were under the direction of music teacher Lauren Paschoalini. Above, during their April 29 recorder performance, third-graders not only played five songs alongside soundtracks but worked on their public speaking as individual students introduced each number. Song selections included "Hot Cross Buns," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," and "Eye of the Tiger."





On the final day of April, fourth-graders, above, entertained the capacity high school auditorium crowd with their bucket drum accompaniment to popular songs.







May started with Bennett fifth-graders and the Tiger Tones joining efforts to sing ballads while playing correct chords on their ukuleles. The show concluded with Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's version of the song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."







Anythink Bennett library pampered patrons at Spa Day at the Library April 26. Participants sipped cucumber water and listened to soothing music while visiting stations situated throughout the library that addressed bath salts and clay masks, makeup, manicure basics, and personal perfume. Nine-year-old Audriana Olivas shows the clay mask and bath salts she made. Delainey Smith, 6, carefully applies lipstick at the makeup station. Isabella Frankl, 12, helps 4-year-old Gigi Ruvalcaba pick ingredients for a special perfume.

## LIBRARY NEWS

#### **ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY**

495 Seventh St. (303)405-3231 anythinklibraries.org

Create Your Calm: Kids ages 6-14 can find a moment of peace with a swirling, sparkling mindfulness jar! In this hands-on workshop, participants will mix glitter, water and a few surprise ingredients to create a calming tool to pause, reset, and spark curiosity. As the contents dance and drift, they will discover a soothing, sensory way to slow down, regulate emotions, and recharge the imagination. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. 10-11 a.m., Thursday, June 5.

Deconstruct & Create Summer Tech Art:
Teens ages 12-18 can disassemble old or broken tech items and reimagine them into a work of art that celebrates summer. From circuit boards to colorful cords, the kids can let their creativity spark something totally unique. 1-2:30 p.m., Friday, June 6.

Sing, Shake & Create: Mini musicians from babies to age 6 can participate in a lively, interactive music and movement class designed especially for little ones and their grown-ups with Altitunes. They will sing, dance, play instruments, and make new friends as they explore rhythm, sound and creative expression. The session will be filled with joyful play that builds coordination, listening skills, and early musical confidence. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythin-klibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 10.

Tracks in the Stacks: Children ages

7-12 can help transform the kids' collection area into a giant Hot Wheels maze. They can build their own tracks or team up with friends to design epic loops, long runs, and racing challenges. All building supplies and fun challenges will be provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 11.

**Pop-Up Studio**: Library lovers of all ages can experience an event that showcases The Studio, Anythink Libraries' makerspace, where ideas can be brought to life. A mix of demonstrations and activities are planned. 2-6 p.m., Thursday, June 12.

Build Your Own Electro-Acoustic Instrument: Teens ages 12-18 can use springs, boxes, contact microphones, and more to build an electro-acoustic instrument. They will also learn to pair it with guitar pedals and recording tools to create wild, expressive

sounds. 1-2:30 p.m., Friday, June 13. Paint, Play, Express: Babies and children up to age 6 years old can get creative with early childhood expert Lauren Fine. In this fun, engaging class, little artists will explore self-expression through storytelling, color and hands-on art. Using paint, collage and sensory materials, children will create their own mini masterpieces inspired by feelings, imagination and the world. Through a playful mix of art, movement, and interactive storytelling, the class encourages creativiconfidence, and self-discovery all in a fun, supportive environment. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 17.

Create a Dreamy Cloud Lantern: Chil-

dren ages 7-12 can build a dreamy, cloud-shaped nightlight using Grasshopper Kids. They will add their unique touch and take home a glowing creation to add a cozy vibe to their space. Supplies are limited. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 18.

Petting zoo: Babies and children up to age 6 can meet adorable farm animals from Two by Two, a local petting zoo. The animal will include goats, bunnies, and more in a gentle, handson animal experience designed especially for young children. Participants should gear up for an outdoor day of animal fun with closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10 a.m., to 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 24.

Build (and Beat) the Lava Challengel Children ages 7-12 can create their own live-action platform game and put their skills to the test. They can guild a course with climbing obstacles, then challenge their friends to see who can master it. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 25. 5/18

#### **KELVER LIBRARY**

585 Main St., Byers (303)822-9392

www.arapahoelibraries.org

'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.

Adult book club: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10.

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.

#### DAVIES LIBRARY

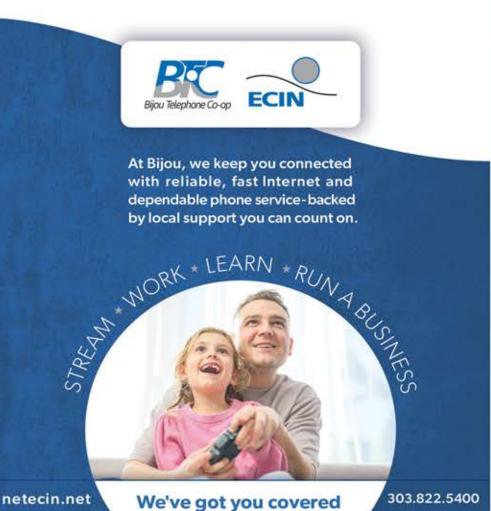
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**Tea at 2:** Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, June 6.

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.







# I-70 Corridor School Districts Celebra





Wet, windy, cold conditions couldn't dampen the spirits during Class of 2025 commencement ceremonies for Bennett High School at Paul Read Field May 23. From left photo, Perla Borunda Aguirre high-fives a Andrew Thornton and Brennan Westendorf, Superintendent Robin Purdy, and High School Assistant Principal Nick Ophaug; Marayha Perez Munoz leads one of the rows of graduates down the track towards the

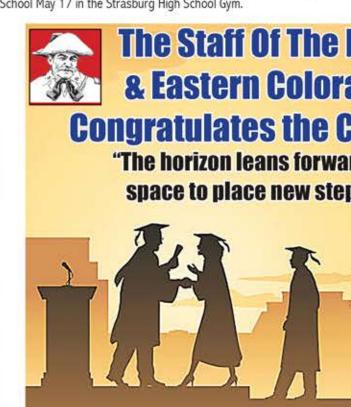




Strasburg hosted the first of two I-70 Corridor graduation ceremonies May 18. Top row, Salutatorian Augie Fahrner, left, and Valedictorian Sora Paris, left, and Keiley Morris are all smiles after receiving their di Peighton Marrero speak to the capacity crowd in John Mundell Gymnasium Sunday afternoon. Below, retiring high school staff member School May 17 in the Strasburg High School Gym. Kevin Hemphill receives a standing ovation in honor of his 21/2 decades worth of service to the Strasburg School District where he







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# ate Class of 2025 Graduation Season







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fellow senior; District Instructional Coach Jennifer Goodnight almost gets blown off her feet as School Board President Kyle Meyer prepares to catch her if need be. Also pictured, from left, are board members graduation hall; and Josilen Zamarripa is all smiles as she celebrates with a dance on the graduation stage.

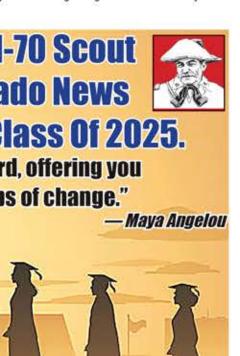


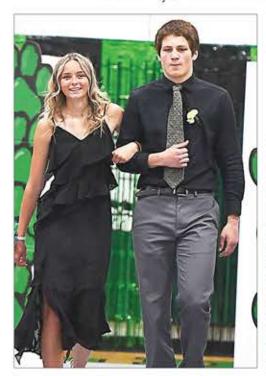
plomas during the graduation ceremony hosted by Prairie Creeks High





Valedictorian Jaden Gudenkauf, left, and Salutatorian Koltin Kitzman address classmates, family and friends during Deer Trail graduation festivities May 24. Deer Trail hosted the last of six I-70 Corridor public high school graduation ceremonies this spring.









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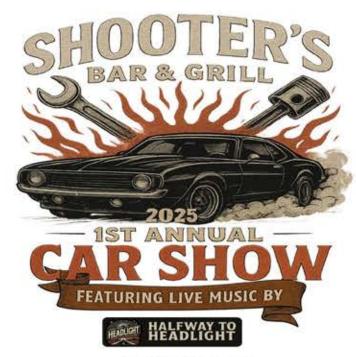
From left photo, junior ushers Danica Lancaster and Krayton Ebert lead seniors down the aisle during Byers High School graduation proceedings May 18; Valedictorian Samuel Benesch receives his diploma from school board members; and Salutatorian Chase Long speaks to the audience.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding your [May 7] front-page story about the situation at Strasburg Middle School. The decision to include graphic details of the sexual assault involving a minor was incredibly insensitive and inappropriate. This child is someone's son, and sharing such explicit information publicly — especially in an ongoing investigation — is a serious lapse in judgment.

publicly — especially in an ongoing investigation — is a serious lapse in judgment. Not only does this violate the dignity and privacy of the victim, but it also risks further trauma to both the individual and their family. Reporting on educational institution failures and holding the parties involved accountable is important, and I support that effort. However, it should never come at the expense of a victim's safety or emotional well-being.

Your article has unfortunately contributed to the harm, rather than helping, of those affected. I urge you and your organization to reflect on the impact of this editorial decision and to approach such sensitive matters with far greater care and ethical responsibility in the future. Your financial benefit far outweighed your concern for the victim in this situation and it shows.

There is no way you can undo this action and that's incredibly unfortunate. As a community member (who doesn't have kids at Strasburg School) I am appalled by your article and lack of sensitivity to the situation. Do better.

Amanda Schultz, Strasburg



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## **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

#### **20 YEARS AGO** JUNE 7, 2005

Cleanup plans for the Former Tire Pile Area (FTPA) 1993 Ford F250 northbound on CR 185. of the Lowry Landfill have taken another step forward now that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPS) of the pickup.

week; many of the plans are cost-prohibitive with its wheels and the pickup came to a stop facing northproposed 30-year costs in the millions of dollars. The bound on its wheels. disposal facility.

de-greasers, paint, pesticides, hospital and veterinary waste, metal plating waste, petroleum products, sew- 10 YEARS AGO age sludge, tires and household waste. The so-called JUNE 9, 2015 FTPA is a series of three landfill pits capped by millions of tires accumulated in the 1970s and 1980s. It is ed for suspicion of driving under the influence early last

approximately 54 acres in size.

The landfill stopped accepting waste in 1990 to allow environmental investigations to proceed without ton Police Department and booked into the Kit Carson interface. A soil cover was constructed over the three County Jail May 6. pits the same year. The cover was at least 4 feet thick but reaching 12 feet in thickness in some places.

#### **15 YEARS AGO** JUNE 8, 2010

BYERS — A head-on collision occurred between two job at the school district appears safe. vehicles in the 1200 block of South Arapahoe County Road 185 near Highway 40 June 2.

Renee Camp, 35, of Byers was driving a 2005 Kia Rio said Agate School Board President Lyndon Burnett.

southbound on CR 185 at about 1-:15 a.m. when she collied with Maegan Reed 17, of Aurora who was driving a

Jack Poliakon, 24, of Aurora was in the passenger seat

has come forward with a series of plans. According to an accident report filed by Colorado State
The EPA issued nine proposed cleanup plans last Patrol, the sedan slid to a final rest facing westbound on

preferred alternative involves capping two of the three pits and transporting the toxic materials to an offsite hicle backwards," said Colorado State Trooper Ryan disposal facility.

"All of the energy [from the accident] turned the vebrate hicle backwards," said Colorado State Trooper Ryan Boone. "It was a simple lane violation. The car was driv-The Lowry Landfill's (FTPA) contains industrial ing in the middle of the road and the truck had to react."

AGATE - An I-70 school superintendent was arrest-

Kendra Ewing was taken into custody by the Burling-

The specifies of the arrest were not available, but a Burlington Police spokesperson told The I-70 Scout that the case has been turned over to the 13th Judicial District Attorney's office.

At Least one school board member indicated Ewing's

"[Ewing] has been an outstanding superintendent for our district and will remain so, as far as I am concerned,"



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## TODAY IN HISTORY

#### **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**

On June 4, 1989, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of pro-democracy demonstrators and dozens of soldiers are estimat-

Today is Wednesday, June 4, Chinese troops crushed a sevthe 155th day of 2025. There are en-week-long protest held by 210 days left in the year. en-week-long protest held by Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

In 1812, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its first war declaration, approving by ed to have been killed when a vote of 79-49 a declaration of

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military complet-338,000 troops from Dunkirk,

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and marked a turning point in

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Poled the evacuation of more than lard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver national defense information to Israel. (Sentenced to life in prison, Pollard was released

#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Actor Bruce Dern is 89. Golf Hall of Famer Sandra Havnie is 82. Singer-actor Michelle Phillips is 81. Jazz musician Paquito D'Rivera is

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11. Elephant trainer's poker 12. \*Ned Stark's youngest daughter

13. Draw out a conclusion

15. Parks of Civil Rights fame

16. Toothy wheel 17. Birth-related

18. \*Pinocchio's father

20. Fortune-telling coffee remnant 21. Religious doctrine

22. D.C. mover and shaker, abbr. 23. Assembled

26. Raidable hotel room amenity

30. Evergreen creeper 31. "Fasten" a shoe (2 words)

34 Nay, to a baby 35. Dryer accumulation, pl.

37. Expose to moisture 38. White heron

39. Sodium hydroxide

40. Same as battle-ax 42. UN labor grp. 43. Like localized disease

45. Crab's grabber 47. Catcher in the what?

48. Food-borne bacteria

50. Begone! 52. ""Fathers and Sons" author

55. Not expensive 56. Medicinal plant

57. Joie de vivre

59. Batu Khan's posse 60. \*Fils' father

61. Chicken of the sea

62. "Tarzan's adoptive dad

63. Before, poetically 64. Big Bang's original matter

1. Financing acronym 2. Hot rum drink

3. "Official flower of Father's Day

4. Adjusts

5. Minotaur's island

6. \*Kurt Russell's son of "Thunder-

bolts" fame

7. Tropical tuber

8. Stringed instrument 9. Slang for heroin

10. Marina Rey, CA

13. "\_\_\_\_ a high note" 14. \*Fictional Mr. \_\_\_ w 13.

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77. Actor Parker Stevenson is 73. Actor Keith David is 69. Singer El DeBarge is 64. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 59.

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## Libra Lunar Glow

A mindset of openness and receptivity is encouraged under Libra's lunar watch. Go forward in confidence without demanding certainty - let curiosity lead rather than assumption or control. Walk with wonder, not expectations. Stay loose. Stay open. Trust that what comes will fit the shape you've made to meet it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). So much of communication is transactional or combative people listening just long enough to respond, convince or defend. Real connection and progress happen when someone is willing to set aside ego and truly hear another person's experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're loval. That's clear in how you still flow goodwill and love to people who have hurt you. Know that you can do this from a distance and it will still count as loyalty. It may be wise and compassionate to hold a boundary now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life won't always be like this. You'll feel the shift, and it'll be slow at first, subtle, but it'll build. There's a day ahead where you won't be waiting for a certain phase to be over. You'll just be in a better place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The person you want to be is not waiting on the other side of some big transformation. This person is already inside you. You're becoming them with every brave moment you don't turn away from your own truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You hold onto certain fears, not because they serve you but because they've become familiar. Don't mistake these things for core parts of your identity. Without the worry, you'll still be yourself, only freer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone in your midst is a one-man show that you don't need to buy tickets to this season. When you try to engage, you'll get lectured, side-eyed and spiritually pickpocketed. Wish them well from a distance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're beset by a vague appetite. You're looking for something, but what exactly? You'll know it when you see it, then you'll be swept into the escapade! You won't give up until it's entirely yours. Success is assured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll gain entry into a space — social, professional, creative or otherwise — that was previously closed to you. It may not be something you earned in the traditional sense, but it comes via association and timing. Take it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Complexities resolve once you stop wrestling with reality and accept it. There really is no other effective choice. Even if you want things to change, acceptance will be the first PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Nuance mat-

ters. Intention surfaces the truth and is the difference between a compliment and an insult, success and dumb luck, a crime and an accident. What's done from love will feel like love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you doubt yourself, it gives an opening for others to join in. Don't leave room for this sort of thing today. Instead, believe in your ability to figure out whatever issue comes up and you'll attract allies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't just intellectually understand emotions - you know them through experience. You've held the pain, joy and longing in your body and therefore don't need to work at empathy. You instantly recognize emotional undercurrents and offer help.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June. 4). There's never been a better year for taking long stretches of time for yourself and holding it sacred. Relaxation turns into vibrance, vitality, creativity and back to deeply relaxing hours of restoration. Understanding these rhythms sets you up for figuring out how to make the big adventures happen. More highlights: a dream job moment, a long-lost connection revived and personal milestones that feel like rebirth. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 40, 7, 9 and 10.

Horoscopes by Holiday



19. Banana refuse, pl.

22. Gladys Knight's band member 23. \*Christopher Robin's father A.A.

Like certain flu

25. Church assembly

26. Speechless 27. Gabriel of Chile

28. Administer ceremonial oil

29. Chopper blade 32. Nile dweller, for short

33. Snake-like reef dweller 36. \*Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic father/

son novel (2 words)

38. Expatriate 40. Dream in the sky

41. Climactic stage

44. Nearsited one 46. Degrees in right angle

48. Prolific Swiss mathematician 49. Ten million, in India

50. Mercantile establishment 51. This location

52. Cassette contents

53. Twelfth month of Jewish calendar 54. Rooftop contraption

55. Cuban dance step 58. "Platoon" setting, for short

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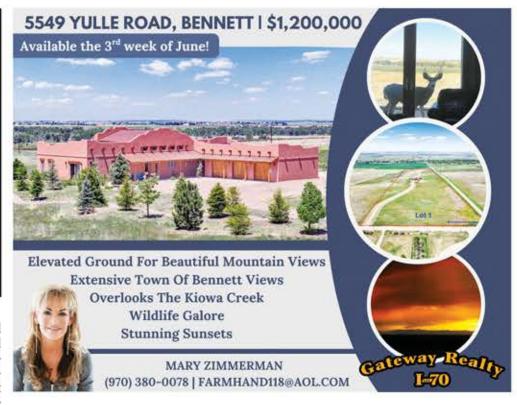
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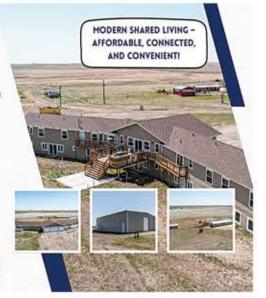
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The fairground's original windmill, a replica of an Eclipse model, appears in the background of this Arapahoe County Fair photo from several years ago.

#### WINDMILL

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mer windmill, an 18-foot-diameter Eclipse, was a replica of the type found on the Eastern Plains in the 1870s.

"It was chosen for its grandeur and historical characteristics," he noted.

Windmills on farms in Eastern Colorado were generally used to pump water from underground sources for

agricultural purposes.

'A lot of farmers also used them for grinding feed grains to feed livestock," Zollinger said, adding that other uses included pumping water for the boilers for steam locomotives, powering small factory machines, sawing wood, and churning butter.

The new windmill is a 16-foot diameter Aermotor, used by Eastern Plains farmers beginning in the 1930s and still produced today. The replacement windmill has a longer life expectancy and will require less maintenance than the Eclipse.

"Windmills are icons of Arapahoe The Arapahoe County Fair website features this looks great out here."

County's past," Zollinger said. "And it rendering of a wooden Eclipse windmill such as the one on the grounds until June 2024.

## ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO. PX24-001, LAURITA SUBDIVISION / SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION PLAT

PROPOSAL: The applicant is proposing to create a 3.047-acre lot through the Subdivision Exemption review process.

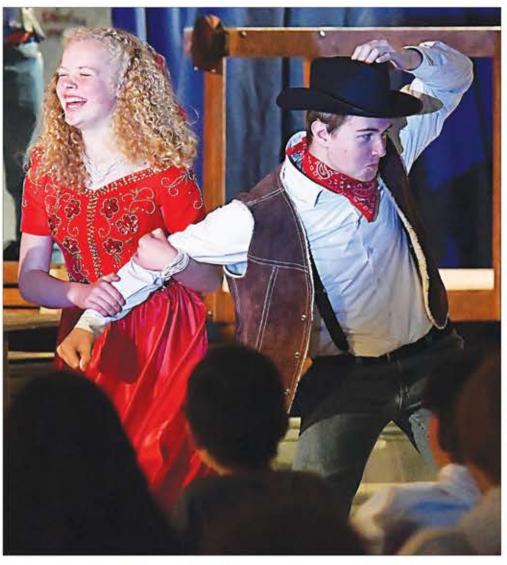
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 24, 2025 at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the calendar of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners permits, a public hearing will be held; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. PX24-001, Laurita Subdivision Exemption Plat. The public hearing will be held at 5334 S. Prince St., East Hearing Room, Littleton CO 80120, with the option to participate remotely. The agenda will typically be posted by 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@arapahoegov.com 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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Strasburg High School and Hemphill Middle School students combined efforts to perform the youth edition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, "Oklahoma," May 8-9 in the elementary school cafeteria. Curly McLain, played by Caleb Collier, tries to escape the grasp of Gertie Cummings, played by Brielle Barnes, as ensemble cast member Israella Sulkowski gasps in shock. Left to right, ensemble cast members Oscar Friedrich, Ashton Penk, Peyton Matthews, Curtis Barnes, Israella Sulkowski, Katie Larson, and Ella McCoubrey sing outside the saloon.



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American Legion Alton Franz Post 160 conducted Memorial Day services at Evergreen Cemetery in Deer Trail and Byers Cemetery May 24. Clockwise from top left, Cmdr. Dale Ness gives a thumps up to the rifle squad and bugler at the Deer Trail; rifle squad members Kagen Kitzman, left, Glenn Merritt, Kirk Russell and Craig Walters perform the ceremonial gun salute at Deer Trail; Linda Johnson from the American Legion Auxiliary places as flower at the Byers Cemetery flagpole; Ness, Nick Thelen Jr., Jeff Baker and James VonFeldt salute at the Byers ceremony; and a local couple walks by flags lining Byers Cemetery.





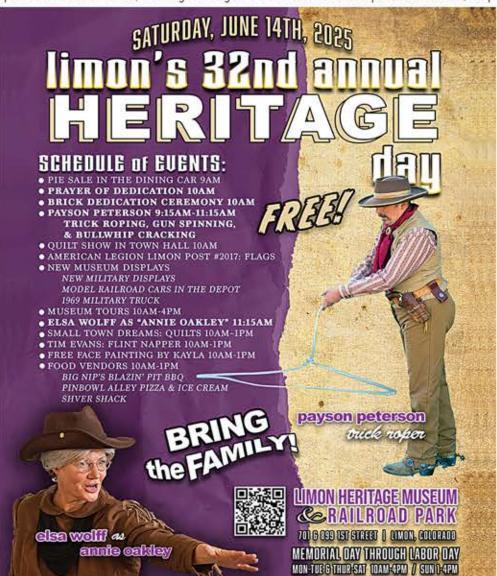






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The opening Memorial Day service along the I-70 Corridor May 24 took place at Mount View Cemetery in Bennett. Much of the ceremony was conducted by Naval Sea Cadets from Lexington Division at Buckley Space Force Base in Aurora, including standing tall with the Color Guard despite a brisk breeze, left photo, and providing the ceremonial 21-gun salute in honor of veterans lost during war, right.



# 'Burg soldier to march in D.C. parade

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army is commemorated via parade in the nation's capital June 14, a soldier from the I-70 Corridor will take part.

PFC (E-3) Thomas Devlin, a 2024 graduate of Strasburg High School, will march the parade route alongside the rest of the 82nd Airborne from Fort Bragg, N.C.

The parade is scheduled from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Saturday, June 14, and will follow Constitution Avenue NW between 15th and 23rd streets in Washington D.C.

After graduating bootcamp from Fort Sill in Oklahoma last summer, Devlin was at Fort Sam Houston in Texas where he received his EMT license and combat medic training for his military occupational specialty. After receiving his airborne wings from his father during a ceremony at Fort Benning in Georgia, Devlin is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"He is third generation airborne," said mother Avis Devlin. "His next training will be paramedic school. His brother, Andrew, is also stationed in North Carolina (at Seymour Johnson) where he is an aircraft electrician.

"Pretty cool when his unit rececived orders to march in the parade."



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PFC (E-3) Thomas Devlin, a 2024 Strasburg High School graduate receives his airborne wings from father, Bret, during a ceremony at Fort Benning in Georgia earlier this year. Devlin will be among the soldiers walking in the June 14 parade in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted to establish the Continental Army. This action marked the creation of America's first national military force, more than a year before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.