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Bennett OKs trail lights despite scrutiny

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — The Bennett Board of Trustees recently approved \$73,000-plus in additional lighting along its walking trail throughout town, but it

wasn't without complaints being levied against the town's sole power provider.

During discussion about the installation of new safety lights along "key conflict points" of the trail, Trustee Larry Vittum asked whether the

CORE Electric Cooperative proposal included fixtures that were Dark Sky compliant since the town adopted those guidelines a number of years ago.

Town Administrator Trish Stiles replied "no" and that there was no abil-

ity to negotiate, which did not sit well with Vittum.

"So CORE is big enough and, they think, important enough, that they don't have to comply," he responded.

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The 2025 version of the Arapahoe County Fair spanned most of last week including the annual Boots Not Suits Dinner hosted by the board of county commissioners July 24. This year's and next year's Arapahoe Rodeo Royalty took a quick break from their duties Thursday night to enjoy a moment of levity together in the carnival-style photo booth. Hamming it up are, clockwise from top left, 2025 Princess Aspen Schultz, 2025 Queen Madison Bavis, 2026 Princess Tabitha Cabrera, and 2026 Queen Hannah Norris. Crowns were exchanged during a coronation ceremony at Saturday night's rodeo performance July 26. For full coverage, see upcoming issues of the *Eastern Colorado News* and *The I-70 Scout*.

Byers fire board ponders land purchase, overtime

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — The Byers Fire Protection District will open negotiations to purchase property adjacent to the firehouse.

After discussion July 21, the district board pinned down its initial offer and conditions for the purchase, which will be conveyed via the district's attorney to the land-owning trust representative. The parcel is needed for the district's planned firehouse expansion project to extend the bay and add office space, a training and board room, and living quarters for staff.

The payroll budget for 2025 was reviewed and Chief Mike Disher noted that overtime costs are over budget because a paramedic position is open and volunteer coverage is hard to come by.

"I'm already \$9,000 over, so my question for the board is, do you want us to cut overtime now and see if we can get volunteers to fill in, or do we want to proceed with (paying overtime)?" Disher asked.

Board chairman James Shelley noted that, if volunteers don't pick up shifts, the coverage would fall on the district's two chiefs.

"My concern is, if we stop overtime, it's going to burn out those you choose to fill those holes," he said. "While I don't [like going over budget] I don't

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70 years later: 6 members of Strasburg Class of 1955 reunite

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — Lively conversation, laughter and reminiscences were all on the menu at a reunion luncheon for the Strasburg High School Class of 1955 July 15.

Six members of the class that numbered 17 on graduation day attended the event held at TBK Bank in Strasburg. All the honored guests are 88 or within a few months of 88. The six came from near and far — several live in the Denver metro area but three live out of state — in Las Vegas, San Diego, and Taos, New Mexico. The I-70 Scout dropped by to document the celebration, talk to the attendees, and eavesdrop on some of their conversations.

Janice Herskind Schoonveld, who drove seven hours herself from her home

in Taos, was a member of the class of '55 since first grade.

"There was no kindergarten at that time," she said, "so I attended school here for 12 years. And I've had a grandson graduate from Strasburg High and now I have a great-grandson who is going to be a sophomore there."

Janice's family lived eight miles south of town and the district didn't have school buses.

"My folks had to drive me," she said. "We carpooled with another family on occasion."

Later, the family moved a mile north of Strasburg and she walked to school.

"I had a bicycle, but I was not going to ride a bicycle to school. That was not cool."

Bruce Cooper, the only male class member in attendance, also went to Strasburg School

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The Strasburg High School Class of 1955 reunion attendees, holding their senior photos are, from left, Bruce Cooper, Carol McLaughlin Foreman, Joyce Murrow Newton, Janice Herskind Schoonveld, Patricia Haller Bright, and Delores Bradley White.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Showing of 'Minecraft' set for Strasburg baseball field

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a free outdoor family movie night on a 24-foot screen.

Seating for "Minecraft" opens one hour before dusk, Saturday, Aug. 9, at the district's South Softball Field, 1932 Burton St. in Strasburg

Attendees should bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available for a charge.

Admission is free, but donations to help fund youth programs and scholarships will be accepted.

Bijou Basin Preferred Plan now available for comment

ENGLEWOOD — The Bijou Basin Open Space master-planning process is entering its third round of public engagement, and Arapahoe County is asking its residents to provide feedback.

After nearly a year of public input, the county has developed a draft preferred plan for Bijou Basin, which is now posted for public review.

General feedback throughout the engagement process prioritized trails for hiking and wildlife viewing while minimizing ecological impacts and supporting existing active grazing and agricultural operations.

The public is asked to review the plan and provide feedback through a comment card at www.arapahoeco.gov through Monday, Aug. 11.

Strasburg rec district receives open space funds worth \$90K

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County Open Space awarded \$90,280 for two projects to the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District July 22.

A grant of \$65,480 was designated for safety and security at the Comanche Crossing Museum. The funds will be used to improve access, parking and signage and add security enhancements including perimeter fencing.

A second project received \$24,800 for trees, a shade structure and educational signage on the community's railroad history at Lyons Park.

AdCo cop joins info-sharing agency

The Colorado Information Sharing Consortium (CISC) Board of Directors July 10 named a former Adams County officer its new executive director.

With more than 23 years of experience in public safety and more than 11 years in leadership roles, Robert Nanney brings a wealth of expertise to the position.

Nanney will officially step into his new role Sept. 1. After completing his orientation, current Executive Director David Shipley will transition to a consultant role before retirement.

Nanney previously worked for the Adams County Sheriff's Office as a jail division captain, commander in the patrol and jail divisions, and

sergeant in the patrol division. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Colorado at Denver and is set to graduate with a master's in business administration from Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver in August.

Nanney serves on the advisory board of Camp Wapiyapi, which helps families facing pediatric cancer. He is a national instructor for Heroes Active Bystandership and is a mental health first aid instructor.

CISC is a quasi-government entity that supports all Colorado law enforcement agencies in sharing information between entities.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is also a member of the CISC.

The county awarded a total of \$4.8 million in funding to support 11 locally driven parks, trails and open space projects across six communities.

State Wildlife Action Plan: Last input period ends 8/8

DENVER — Colorado Parks & Wildlife is seeking public feedback on the conservation priorities for species in the 2025 State Wildlife Action Plan.

State Wildlife Action Plans guide the conservation of a state's most vulnerable species and their habitats. An updated SWAP is required every 10 years for federal funding eligibility. The plans have eight required elements that remain the same since the program's inception 25 years ago.

Parks & Wildlife is working closely with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program on the development of the SWAP, and the draft version is due to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in September.

Input will be taken at engagecpw.org through Aug. 8.

Live line dancing lessons set for MVF Hometown Days feast

STRASBURG — A Hometown Days family dinner with live line dance lessons will start with the meal at 5 p.m.

followed by the lessons at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, at Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg.

The dinner will feature pulled pork. Two Live Boots will facilitate the line dancing. Admission is free.

New Strasburg then-and-now discussion set for Legion Hall

STRASBURG — Photographs and stories about the history of Strasburg will be presented in a then-and-now format beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

New items have been added as well as stories to go with the photographs at the program hosted by the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Benefit golf tourney slated for Family Resource Center

BYERS — Sponsorship opportunities are available for a golf tournament fundraiser on behalf of the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains in Byers.

The tourney starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Quint Valley Golf Course just west of Byers. Partic-

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ipants can warm up starting at 8 a.m.

The event will be played scramble-style in teams of four.

Space is limited. For more information or to register a team, visit www.FamilyResourceCenter.com.

Chamber of Commerce plans luncheon at power company

BYERS — The monthly I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the CORE, 1190 Cedar St., Bennett.

CORE will provide both the speaker and lunch.

For more information and to RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Aug. 15. Space is limited.

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Bennett hosts State of the Town



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The town of Bennett hosted its annual State of the Town luncheon on the lawn of the Historic Muegge House July 18. This year's theme was Bennett Blooms. Above, Town Administrator Trish Stiles, left, Mayor Whitney Oakley, and Deputy Town Administrator Rachel Summers participate in a question-and-answer session of pre-screened correspondences. Below, invited dignitaries included Adams County District 5 Commissioner Lynn Baca, who's district includes eastern Adams County, Arapahoe, Arapahoe County District 5 Commissioner and former state representative and senator Rhonda Fields, Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder Joan Lopez, and Arapahoe County Assessor P.K. Kaiser.



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PUBLIC NOTICE CHILD FIND

East Central BOCES and/or its member districts would like to locate all 3 through 21 year olds, who may have a disability.

The Colorado Department of Education maintains a comprehensive child identification system consistent with Part B of IDEA and ensures that each Local Education Agency (LEA), in collaboration with a variety of community resources, assumes the leadership role in establishing and maintaining a process in their community for the purpose of locating, identifying and evaluating all children, 3 through 21 years, who may have a disability and may be eligible for special education services under Part B of IDEA.

If you have any concerns about your child's growth in -

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- Adams County (Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail Schools)
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Please contact: Stacey Brown, Child Find Coordinator - (719) 775-2342, ext. 133.

All 5 through 21 year-old concerns should be directed to the local school district administrator, special education teacher, East Central BOCES (719) 775-2342, ext. 101.

The East Central BOCES member schools are: Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail, Agate, Woodlin, Arickaree, Limon, Genoa-Hugo, Karval, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Cheyenne Wells, Arriba-Flagler, Hi-Plains, Stratton, Bethune, Burlington, Liberty, and Idalia.

References: IDEA, Part B, Section 300.125
ECEA CCR 301-8 2220-R-4.01-4.04(4)
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Week two of the annual Pioneer School at the Comanche Crossing Museum July 14-18 brought many adventures for the little ones participating. On Friday, the students were able to participate in the old school process of making homemade ice cream along with firing a black powder rifle and leather work. Clockwise from top left, Josh Nelson takes out the paddle that a handcrank ice cream machine spins inside the barrel; instructor Laura Nelson prepares the mechanism that will help create the cool, satisfying treat; Tristan Jeffers, 7, left spins the crank super fast as Dominic Ceresa, 10, holds down the wheel so it's easier to spin; Jeffries touches classmates with a towel during a guessing game where everyone sat in a circle waiting to be called on; Cole Musick, 11, punches a letter in his piece of leather; Harper Deveau, 10, stretches out some string to help her make an old fashioned doll with cotton balls and pieces of fabric; Ella Roybal, 8, uses all her muscle to cock the hammer back of a black powder rifle; and Asa Ljunghag, 8, eyes his target while holding a vintage black powder rifle. Local resident and Nelson's father Steve Davis assisted with the rifle and leather work demonstrations.

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Toddler Time: Children ages 2-5 join us for stories, songs and activities just right for active toddlers. 9:30-10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Teen Advisory Board: Teens ages 12-17 can take active leadership role in planning and implementing programs and big events at the library. They will use their voices to promote and advocate

for youth services in Bennett. 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Music & Movement: Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to sing, dance, move creatively, and play basic instruments. 9:30-10 a.m., Thursdays, 7, 14, and 28.

Rummikub, Refreshments and More: On the second Friday of the month, adults are invited to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub. Other card and board games will also be available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Aug. 8.

Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9.

Tarot club: Adults can learn about the tarot and do readings for other participants to practice their skills in a beginner-friendly workshop. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9.

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Adams County communications team members Wes Walker, left, Jason Lewis and Nikki Wellander hold the third-place honors they received from the Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards this year.

Adams Co. employees win nat’l awards for excellence in gov’t communications

BRIGHTON — The Adams County communications team earned three national Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards from the National Association of Government Communicators.

The award is a major recognition of excellence among public-sector communications professionals nationwide, according to a July 22 release.

Out of hundreds of entries from all levels of government agencies across the country, only 88 awards were granted, and Adams County brought home three third-place winners:

- Photography Portfolio, “Capturing a Community in Moments,” Wes Walker.
- Internal Communications, “Giddy Up for Wellness,” employee health campaign designed by Jason Lewis.
- Writing Portfolio, “Crafting Commissioner Voice,” Nikki Wellander.

“Our communications team is the voice behind the scenes, ensuring residents are informed, engaged, and connected. This national recognition confirms what we already know: Adams County is home to one of the best teams in the country,” said Lynn Baca, chair of the Board of Adams County



Commissioners. “This is a win for every resident who depends on timely, accurate and engaging information from their local government, because it shows our community members they can trust us to deliver.”

The Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards recognize excellence in more than 30 categories, including writing, photography, social media, campaigns and internal communications.

“These awards are a reflection of the innovation and commitment we see across every department,” said County Manager Dionne Stroter. “Our communications team plays a vital role in making sure the work happening county-wide is visible, accessible, and relatable for all residents.”

Two of the award-winning portfolios were submitted by employees who have been with the county for just one year, a testament to the energy that continues to elevate the entire department, according to a release.

“These awards are especially meaningful because it recognizes the heart behind what we do: telling the stories of our community and for our community clearly and creatively,” said Communications Director Nikki Kimbleton.



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AdCo K-9 retires from ‘paw’ enforcement

COMMERCE CITY — After six years of paw-some service, an 8-year-old Dutch Shepherd with the Adams County Sheriff’s Office K-9 unit, was honored at a special retirement ceremony July 16.

K9 Tigger joined the unit in 2019 and quickly earned a reputation as one of the most dependable — and paws-ively determined — working dogs in the region. Over the course of his career, Tigger has been credited with 165 arrests, including 11 suspect apprehensions involving bites, and the detection and seizure of more than 2.8 kilograms of methamphetamine, 19.3 kilograms of cocaine, 334 grams of fentanyl, 12.3 grams of heroin, and 1.56 grams of ecstasy.

With a nose for justice and a bark backed by bravery, Tigger has played a vital role in countless investigations and high-risk operations, helping to protect the community and take dangerous drugs off the streets.

The retirement ceremony featured remarks from Sheriff Gene Claps and a presentation honoring Tigger’s career. The guest of honor also celebrated his retirement with a well-earned



K-9 Tigger, who recently retired from the Adams County Sheriff’s Office, has been credited with 165 arrests and large amounts of illegal drugs.

treat or two. The Adams County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit consists of 10 dogs to support law enforcement efforts through specialized canine teams trained in narcotics detection, suspect apprehension, and search and rescue operations.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUG. 4
Strasburg High School Athletic Booster Club. 6 p.m., high school library.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5
Adams County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)405-3298. Appointments available at Anythink libraries for one-on-one discussion with a volunteer attorney using the library’s computer link. Space limited.
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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6
Byers Park & Recreation District Board. 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

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CLASS OF '55

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from first grade, but his family moved out of state for two of his high school years. He was happy to be back in Strasburg for his senior year.

"My parents moved to California when I was a sophomore, and so I missed my sophomore and junior year in Strasburg and I went to school in southern California, but then I came back for my senior year, so that was pretty neat," he said.

Patricia Haller Bright joined the class her freshman year. Her family had a farm near Last Chance, and she attended three different one-room schools in the area until eighth grade.

"My mother was a school-teacher," Pat said. "I'm the oldest of the family, and she wanted me to be a teacher. The high school I would have attended — Woodrow — was not accredited, so they sent me to live in Strasburg so I could go to high school there and get into college. I lived by myself in a little travel trailer in the yard of some people who had kids in the school."

Pat noted that she was a "big disappointment" to her mother because she didn't head to teachers' college after graduation but married a young airman stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. She was introduced to Bob Bright by classmate Delores "Dodi"



From left, Carol McLaughlin Foreman, Patricia Haller Bright, and Janice Herskind Schoonveld get reacquainted after not seeing each other for years. Members of the Strasburg High School Class of 1955, from left, Patricia Haller Bright, Joyce Murrow Newton, Carol McLaughlin Foreman, Delores Bradley White, Janice Herskind Schoonveld and Bruce Cooper pose with their 70th reunion cake.

Bradley White. Bob and Pat moved around a lot during the 20 years "they," as Bob put it, were in the Air Force.

Pat is credited with the work of keeping the class members in touch with each other over the years, as noted by her daughter, Sheila Roberts, speaking at the reunion.

"I want to give my mom a lot of credit, because she is texting everybody, calling, writing, and she works hard to get everybody together," she said.

Marguerite Bright, Pat's daughter-in-law, made the arrangements for the 70th reunion — securing the location at the bank in Strasburg, decorating the room, framing class photos of each of the 17 graduates, setting up a table of artifacts including a yearbook and arranging a tour of Strasburg School for the attendees. Marguerite and Bob, Pat's son, live in Aurora.

The group has had several reunions over the years, often held at one of their homes.

Other class of '55 members in attendance were Carol McLaughlin Foreman, who lives in Las Vegas, and Joyce Murrow Newton, who resides in Aurora.

"I've lived many, many, many places, including 20 years in Tucson," Joyce told the Scout. "But when my husband died, I moved back here because my eyes have gone bad with macular degeneration, and I have a wonderful daughter who's my seeing eye daughter."

The classmates spoke about Lavaughn Cook Richter, who lives in Strasburg but was unable to attend the event because of medical issues. They also fondly spoke about classmates who have passed, including Carney Sloan, who died in a farming accident shortly after graduation.

A class history page in the 1955 annual lists the members of the class each year from first grade in 1943 until their senior year. Membership in the class fluctuated each year with six students in first and second grades up to 21 in their freshman year.

Janice noted that the polio epidemic in the 1950s affected the numbers.

"Polio was really rampant at the time, and I know two or three families moved from Kansas or Nebraska to be close to Denver for medical care," she said.

Carney Sloan's family moved to Strasburg when he was in fourth grade.

"I can't tell you how long, but he was out of school a long, long time with polio, but then he came back, and he graduated with us," Janice said.

By their senior year, the class of 1955 contained 13 girls and only four boys. Ten of the girls were particularly

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close. The group was dubbed the Terrible Ten, although no one could (or would) say why.

"We were all go-getters," Pat said. "We all liked to be kind of daring, like when we went down to the creek and had a picnic."

The girls enjoyed each other's company and found plenty to do together in Strasburg.

"We visited each other's homes and did different things like making taffy," Janice said. "We rode horseback a lot, and rode down to the creek and had bonfires, and some of the high school fellas would have a little rodeo there. And, of course, we never really went other places except right around here, and I was fortunate enough I could come to town."

Several topics that were discussed as the six classmates sat at a round table eating lunch follow.

THE EXPECTATIONS OF GIRLS IN THE 1950S

"Of course, the girls didn't have any sports to participate in," Janice said. "We had nothing. Nothing. We had pep club and we sat and watched. It was horrible."

"Do you remember (in gym class) where we played basketball but could only go half court?" Dodi asked. "They thought we weren't strong enough to run the whole course!"

"Stupid rules," Bruce said, in a show of solidarity.

"We only wore skirts or dresses to school," Janice said. "The first time I remember wearing Bermuda shorts was when I went off to college as a freshman. Oh my gosh. My folks thought it was the end of the world. 'She's wearing pants!'"

DYNAMICS BETWEEN THE BOYS, GIRLS

"We didn't have any couples pair off," someone noted. "Although Bruce eventually married Dodi's sister."

When asked if the boys formed alliances akin to the girls' "Terrible Ten," Bruce said no.

"Not really. Me and Carney Sloan pretty well hung out together. And then the two Bobs — Bob Hanlon and Bob Culp — kind of hung out. But the four of us were close, like on Senior Sneak, when we hung together because we had to, with 13 girls on that trip. Right?"

SENIOR SNEAK

"We went to Pueblo first," Bruce said. "We went to the steel mill, and I think we went to a museum or something. Then we went to Mesa Verde."

Carol reminded Bruce that they also toured the prison in Cañon City.

"Oh, yeah. They told us, 'This is where you're going if you don't change your ways,'" Bruce said.

"We also went to Glenwood Springs," Carol added.

"That's right," Bruce said. "We didn't

have enough money in our class treasury to stay at the Hot Springs Lodge, so everybody took a little bit of their own spending money and added to it so we could stay in that lodge right by the pool. Nice. We were there for two days and maybe two nights. That was the last stop before we came home."

The group didn't travel in a bus — four adults drove their cars.

"Yeah, my mom took a car, and I think Janice's mom took a car," Bruce said, adding that a teacher and the principal also drove.

"We four boys rode in my in my mom's car," Bruce said.

"Yeah, for protection," Carol quipped.

"We didn't mingle with the girls when we were traveling," Bruce explained.

GETTING IN TROUBLE

When asked if they recall doing anything that got them in trouble, someone said,

"What's she talking about?" with feigned incredulity.

"We did a naughty thing on Halloween," Janice admitted. "Some of the town's houses had privies and kids would go knock them down."

Janice was quick to add that she didn't push any outhouses over.

"I stayed in the car," she said. "It was funny, one man moved his privy off the site so when the guys came at night, they fell in the hole."

Janice did participate in at least one occasion of naughtiness.

"We stole watermelons from someone's garden and had a watermelon feast," she said.

Carol recalled the group skipping a morning of school one day.

"I'm not certain, but I think I remember we were all in the back of a pickup truck," she said.

THROWING THE SENIORS A PROM

It was traditional for the junior class to organize the prom for the seniors, and the process was memorable for several classmates, who created an "ice castle" theme.

"We went out and collected tumbleweeds," Dodi said. "Someone's dad had a Quonset hut which we filled with the tumbleweeds and sprayed them white or silver to hang from the ceiling in the gym. We also cut out foam things to make ice. Bob changed the words to 'Vaya con Dios' and we sang that to them."

Joyce added that the group raised money for prom with a paper drive.

"You had to put old newspapers in bundles that you could sell by the pound," she said. "We worked together as a team and talked people into saving their Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post. We went all over, even in the country, to pick them up from them."

LIFE JOURNEYS AND LESSONS LEARNED

Along with the reminiscences, the classmates openly shared personal stories — both happy and sad. The stories were heard without judgement but with empathy and acceptance.

Two sentences were heard numerous times: "I'm so happy to be here," and "I'm so happy you're here."

After nearly nine decades of living, these folks know what is important.



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Denver’s new women’s soccer team announces name, logo

by Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

The expansion National Women’s Soccer League team in Colorado set to start play next season will be called the Denver Summit.

The team announced its new name, colors and crest July 22.

The Summit name was the result of a fan survey that generated more than 50,000 responses, the team said.

The team’s crest, meant to reflect the Colorado landscape, is a dark green image of mountains set in front of an reddish-orange and gold sunset.

“I think the process for the brand was very much rooted in just the ethos of this club, which is community first,” team president Jen Millet said. “I think there’s a real acknowledgement from this ownership group that community is at the center of what we’re building and doing and how we will be successful.”

The one hiccup in the process was was an Ultimate Frisbee team which already claimed the name Colorado Summit, but the Ultimate Frisbee Association agreed to rename the team.

The Denver Summit and the Boston Legacy join the 12-year-old NWSL next season, bringing the league to 16 teams.

Denver was awarded a franchise last December. The team will play in a temporary home for two seasons before moving to a new 14,500-seat purpose-built stadium in 2028. The club has also broken ground on a training center in Centennial.

Millet said the team is accelerating as it moves to its launch. In May,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Denver’s expansion women’s professional soccer team unveiled its name and logo July 22.

Denver named former North Carolina Courage executive Curt Johnson its general manager, overseeing all of the soccer operations for the new club.

Millet was named team president in April. In addition to assembling an inaugural roster, the team will soon be selling tickets.

“The other big pieces for us are just continuing to engage with the community. There’s so much excitement around this brand, there’s excitement about our stadium project,” Millet said. “But we want to make sure we hear from everybody around feedback and gathering information and making sure that everyone in the market feels good about the club and what we’re doing.”

’Burg fall youth athletics start soon

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District has announced the deadlines for several youth sports programs.

All grade levels are based on the 2025-26 school year

FLAG FOOTBALL (GRADES PK-K)

Teams will practice 1-2 times per week starting Monday, Aug. 11, in each squad’s hometown as determined by the coach with games on Saturdays at Wolf Creek Run West in Strasburg.

Games will be played Sept. 6-27 with no end-of-season tournament.

The fee is \$45 for in-district players and \$50 out-of-district. It includes a jersey. Flags are provided.

The deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3.

FALL SOFTBALL

Practice for softball for youth ages 6-14 (as of Aug. 31) will start in mid-August at a time and location of the coach’s choice.

Two games through the Indian Peaks Girls Softball Association will be played each Saturday from Sept.

6 through an end-of-season tournament on Oct. 12.

All games will occur along the northern Front Range.

The early bird deadline is Sunday, July 20. The early bird fee, which includes jersey and socks, is \$150.

The final deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3, with a fee of \$200.

PEEWEE T-BALL

Peewee T-ball is open to ages 2-4. Games will start at 5 p.m. every Wednesday from Sept. 3-24 at the North T-Ball Field. No practices will be held and game time is strictly fun time.

All teams are coed.

The \$45 registration fee includes a T-shirt and award.

Deadline to register is Sunday, Aug. 3.

MUD VOLLEYBALL

Teams for the Mud Volleyball Tournament during Hometown Days must register by Sunday, Aug. 3.

Check-in for the tournament is at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 10.

Locals celebrate granddaughter’s artistic skating gold medal

Eleven-year-old Arapahoe County resident, Isabell Lee, won a first-place Gold Medal in Reno, Nev., July 17, 2025, at the United States Artistic Roller Sports (USARS) Indoor National Championships. Lee, who has been competing in artistic roller skating for 2 years, was awarded first place in the Juvenile A Solo Dance category.

She is coached by Erin Gaber, founder of Mile High Artistic Skating Club in Lakewood. Gaber has been a USARS gold medalist in both youth and adult categories. Two years ago, Gaber predicted Lee would become a gold medalist before she was a teen.

Lee trains at the Roller City skating rink, 6803 W Alameda Ave., Lakewood, where the Mile High Artistic Skating Club holds its charter.

Grandparents are Katie & Grider Lee, who are residents of the Eastern I-70 Corridor.



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Ella Mae (Peterson) Butts



Ella Mae Butts passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on July 28, 2025, in Colorado Springs.

Ella Mae was born September 28, 1931, on the family farm near Bennett, Colo., to Cyrus and Ella May (Neuschwanger) Peterson. She was the youngest of her seven siblings. As a child, she enjoyed riding bareback on a gentle horse named Nell and pretending that dandelion flowers were her little pet chicks. In high school, Ella Mae played the drums in the band.

After graduating, Ella Mae moved to Denver where she worked as the bookkeeper for the Meininger Art Supply store on 16th Street, and met her future husband Jim Butts, who was in the Army and stationed at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. They enjoyed square dancing at the USO.

Ella Mae was active in her children's lives. She taught Sunday school, led Girl Scout and Cub Scout groups, and served as treasurer for the PTA. She frequently welcomed the neighborhood kids to join in to decorate holiday cookies and color Easter eggs. She sewed over 100 lap robes and donated them to Silver Key. During COVID, she made and donated masks using fancy old handkerchiefs.

Later Ella Mae was known for her painted rocks which she presented to just about everyone who she encountered. The latest volunteer activity she enjoyed was rocking babies in the infant rooms at Early Connections Learning Centers. She loved snuggling with them and singing them to sleep.

Ella Mae is survived by her husband of 67 years, James; her children, Janet (Ed) Knox, Jack (Amy Horne) Butts, and Janell (Mark) Wisheart; her grandson John; as well as many nieces, nephews.

Ella Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Cyrus and Ella May Peterson; and her brothers Loyal, Orville, James, Elvin, and Cleo; and sisters Geneva Hoover, and Ester Krout.

Ella Mae will rest peacefully next to her parents and brother, Orville, at Mount View Cemetery, Bennett, Colo. A graveside gathering will be on held at 10 a.m., Aug. 23.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at MacKenzie Place, 1605 Elm Creek View, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80907.

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New transcontinental railroad?

UP, Norfolk Southern discuss merger, AP source says

by Josh Funk
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern are in merger talks to create the largest railroad that would connect the East and West Coasts in North America.

The merger discussions began during the first quarter of this year, according to a person familiar with the talks who isn't authorized to discuss them publicly. It would combine the largest and smallest of the country's six major freight railroads. Both railroads declined to comment.

Within the industry widespread debate is occurring over whether such a merger would be approved by the Surface Transportation Board even though those regulators approved the deal that created CPKC railroad two years ago with the Canadian Pacific's \$31 billion acquisition of Kansas City Southern railroad.

That merger combined the two smallest major railroads in North America and left only six major freight railroads. But it was the first major rail merger approved in more than two decades.

The bar for railroad mergers in the United States was raised substantially at the start of the century after a disastrous combination of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific in 1996 that snarled rail traffic for an extended period, followed by the 1999 split of Conrail between Norfolk Southern and CSX, which created backups in the East.

To be approved, any major rail merger must show it will enhance competition and serve the public interest under the 2001 rules. The CPKC merger was not judged under those rules because Kansas City Southern

had an exemption from them as the smallest major freight railroad at the time.

Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena talked earlier this year about the potential benefits of such a merger because it would streamline deliveries all across the country by eliminating the delays that come along with one railroad handing shipments over to another. Plus it would simplify shipping for the companies that rely on railroads to deliver their raw materials and finished products.

But, in the past, some shippers have raised concerns about the consequences of even fewer options to ship their goods because the major railroads are already so powerful.

Some investors have long argued that the industry should eventually consolidate to two East-West railroads crossing the U.S. alongside the two railroads that already cross Canada. But skeptical regulators have taken a cautious approach. Any proposed deal would face a lengthy STB review. That board is currently evenly split between two Republicans and two Democrats with one seat open.

Citi Research analyst Ariel Rosa said in a research note that a major transcontinental railroad merger "would likely prove costly and time consuming, risking a years-long distraction to management, while facing significant resistance from regulators, politicians, employee unions, competitors, customers and other stakeholders."

Union Pacific, which is based in Omaha, Neb., generated \$24.3 billion revenue last year as its more than 30,000 employees delivered freight all across the western U.S. Norfolk Southern reported \$12.1 billion revenue and has roughly 20,000 employees with headquarters in Atlanta.

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Seth Arens, a scientist at the University of Colorado at Boulder, left photo, examines plants growing from crevices on a rock wall in Glen Canyon last summer. These “hanging gardens” thrive in shady canyon bends where water seeps from the wall. Right, a killdeer stands in a spring-fed stream, also in Glen Canyon. The native plants alongside the canyon’s streams are host to a variety of birds and other creatures such as beavers, toads, lizards and insects.

Thriving desert oasis returns as Lake Powell shrinks

by Alex Hager
KUNC

Seth Arens has all the adventurous swagger of Indiana Jones. His long hair is tied up in a bun, tucked neatly under a wide brimmed hat. His skin bears the leathery tan of someone who has spent the whole summer under the desert sun.

But, as Arens pushed his way through a taller-than-your-head thicket of unforgiving dense grasses, he explained why he doesn’t carry a machete, betraying his differences from the whip-cracking tomb raider.

“I guess, as an ecologist, I can’t quite bring myself to just hack down vegetation,” Arens said.

Arens is a scientist with Western Water Assessment and the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, both headquartered at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He has spent weeks traversing the smooth, twisting red rock narrows of Glen Canyon in search of his own kind of treasure: never-before-collected data about plants.

Glen Canyon is perhaps best known for the reservoir that fills it. Lake Powell, the nation’s second-largest reservoir, has kept much of the canyon underwater since the 1960s and ’70s. The 21st Century has changed that. Climate change and steady demand have brought its water levels to record lows, putting once-submerged reaches of the canyon above water for the first time in decades.

What happens next remains up in the air. Some environmental advocates want to see the reservoir drained so plants, animals and geologic features can return. Boaters and other recreationists want to maintain the status quo — keep storing water in Lake Powell and sustain a tourism site that brings in millions of visitors each year.

In the snaking side canyons that were once under Lake Powell, Arens is methodically counting plants at different sites over the course of multiple years.



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Seth Arens pilots a boat across Lake Powell between research sites in July 2024. Some environmental advocates want to see the reservoir drained and its water stored elsewhere, while proponents of Lake Powell hail its value as a recreation area.

He is creating a record of which species are taking root and which might be lost if the reservoir were to rise again.

“Nature has given us a second chance to reevaluate how we’re going to manage this place,” Arens said.

While the study is still underway, Arens said native species dominate the landscape alongside the area’s creeks. The same kinds of plants that lived in Glen Canyon before Lake Powell have taken root again — even after their habitats were drowned —

filled in with towering piles of sediment deposits, and then shown the light of day once more.

“It turns out nature is doing a pretty good job by itself,” Arens said, “Of coming back and establishing thriving ecosystems.”

‘OLD ASSUMPTIONS’ AND NEW POLICIES

The data produced by this study is going public

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during a pivotal time for the Colorado River and its major reservoirs.

Decisions made over the next two years will shape who gets how much water from the shrinking river, which supplies roughly 40 million people. Cities and farms from Wyoming to Mexico are all trying to make sure they get their fair shares, and environmental advocates are attempting to ensure the region's plants and animals aren't an afterthought.

The current guidelines for managing the river expire in 2026. Right now, policymakers are working on a set of replacements. Eric Balken, director of the nonprofit Glen Canyon Institute, wants those new rules to factor in the well-being of plants around Lake Powell.

"If the old assumption was that we can store water in Glen Canyon because there's nothing there, that assumption is wrong," he said. "There is a lot here. There is a serious ecological consequence to putting water in this reservoir, and we cannot ignore that anymore."

Balken's group, which advocates for the draining of Lake Powell and storage of its water elsewhere, provided some funding for the plant study being conducted by Arens. Glen Canyon Institute hopes it will provide data that proves the value of the canyon's plant ecosystems to policymakers.

That's extra important, Balken said, because federal water managers aren't doing enough for Glen Canyon's plants right now.

The Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the West's reservoirs, outlined its current strategy for river management in an October 2023 document called the "Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement." Balken called that document's assessment of Glen Canyon plants "demonstrably false."

In short, Reclamation describes an environment dominated by invasive plants that only stand to cause problems.

"When I read that," said Balken, sitting near a patch of native willow



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Katie Woodward, left, Seth Arens and Eric Balken stand in a stream-fed pool in Glen Canyon in July 2024. This area was once completely submerged by Lake Powell, but now thrives with native plants.

plants feet from Lake Powell's edge. "I just thought, 'Had these people even been to Glen Canyon?' This place is a vibrant, burgeoning ecosystem."

Reclamation's report mentions some native species that form "unique ecosystems within the desert," but appears to conclude that rising reservoir levels — which are partially the result of the agency's own management decisions — would ultimately be good for plant life around Lake Powell.

It highlights the presence of invasive plant species and says "any additional acreage of exposed shoreline around Lake Powell has the potential to be invaded by invasive plant species such as tamarisk and Russian thistle."

Balken and Arens argue the opposite, pointing to early survey findings that include widespread native plant life in areas that have been exposed by declining reservoir levels.

Reclamation declined to be interviewed for this story, but a spokeswoman for the agency wrote in an e-mail to KUNC, "Reclamation's consideration of impacts to vegetation

are primarily for resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam that are affected by dam releases."

The spokeswoman wrote that "most of the releases, even on the annual time scale, have negligible effects on lake levels and vegetation," and pointed to inflows, such as annual snowmelt, as having a bigger impact on water levels in the reservoir than Reclamation's releases of water from Glen Canyon Dam.

Balken suspects that Reclamation lacks data about Glen Canyon's plants and hopes that the ongoing study will fill in those gaps and help shape management plans going forward.

The National Parks Service, which manages recreation on Lake Powell and gathers data about the surrounding environment, was not able to provide comment for this story.

'CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL'

While Arens' study hasn't produced any hard data yet, he is taking a mental tally of plants every time he trudges through the lush, winding creek beds that channel spring-fed streams into Lake Powell.

These riverside ecosystems were shaped by their years spent underneath the reservoir, and little signs of that reality are everywhere.

Standing in the baking desert sun, Arens poked at a digital map on his

phone screen while trying to find his next research site, and the map showed that he was standing underwater. Much of the canyon is lined with banks of sediment, sometimes more than a dozen feet tall, that were left behind by the still waters of Lake Powell. Those banks now provide heaps of soil for the roots of native plants.

Now that some of those areas have been left to grow for more than two decades, in some cases, they abound with life.

In one canyon, frogs and toads hop along the clear trickle just downstream of a beaver pond while birds flit in and out of tall, shady cottonwoods. In another, ferns sprout from crevices where water seeps onto a damp rock wall.

It's a veritable oasis in the desert — the kind of cool, spring-fed Eden that populated the heat-induced daydreams of thirsty cowboys traversing the expanses of the Old West.

Katie Woodward, Arens' research assistant, is finding inspiration in these canyons, too.

"It's very obvious that nature can take care of its own and turn a highly disturbed landscape, a landscape that was disturbed because of the follies of man, and change that into something that is diverse and productive," she said. "I would have never believed how possible that was until I came down here."

The researchers hope their findings about that recovering landscape end up in front of policymakers, whose decisions could shape the future of Glen Canyon's native ecosystems.

"As Glen Canyon resurfaces, there's an incredible moment for species, that are feeling the pressures of both human-induced and naturally driven change on water resources in riparian areas in the West, to have a chance for survival in a future that feels really unknown and kind of scary," Woodward said.

Some of those unknowns might get settled soon, as the next rules for Colorado River management are likely to include new plans for storing water in Lake Powell. State water negotiators have projected optimism that policy meetings will result in a new agreement for water management before the 2026 deadline.

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BYERS FPD

FROM PAGE 1

feel like it's worth burning out our two chiefs. But I also don't want to burn out our staff with a bunch of overtime. It's going to have to be a balancing act."

Shelley added that overtime costs will be another point to raise when the district goes into a mill levy increase conversation with the community.

"We have data that shows we're running insane overtime numbers, and we're not alone," he said. "There are plenty of [fire districts] running serious overtime."

In other discussion, the board gave the go-ahead to get a volunteer chaplain on board. EMS Division Chief MacKenzie Schledorn-Rudden said the chaplain is a member of the Rocky Mountain Association of Chaplains.

"The anticipated plan is for him to fall under peer support services for both Byers and Strasburg, and be part of our peer support team," she said.

Schledorn-Rudden reported that the district received full funding for items requested through a Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment grant.

"We will pay 10% of the estimated cost — somewhere in the ballpark of \$5,000 after reimbursement from the state," she said. "It will cover our purchase of a monitor for my vehicle, AEDs for all the fire apparatus, a pediatric mannequin, and an airway mannequin."

Disher reported the district responded to 87 calls in June — four fires, 47 medical incidents, four service calls, 30 cancelled en route, and two false alarms.

"Call-wise, it was busy but not overwhelming," he noted.

The district's annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser July 3 served between 250 and 275 plates and took in around \$2,500.

"It was a very good turnout," Diser said. "We did an extrication demonstration that day and that went over really well. We got requests to do something like that again next year."

CHUCK WAGON

Indian-Spiced Pork Burgers

by Christopher Kimball
Christopher Kimball's Milk Street

These flavor-packed burgers are a spin on a spiced pork sausage from Goa in southern India, based on the garlicky, European-style chouriço introduced by Portuguese settlers. To combat the humidity of the region and prolong the shelf life of the sausage, the meat is heavily salted and flavored with a mixture of spices and tangy vinegar.

Goan sausage is ubiquitous in southern India, where you can find it sold at street food carts and high-end restaurants alike, sometimes baked into a bun or minced and stuffed between layers of fried naan.

In this recipe from our cookbook "Milk Street 365: The All-Purpose Cookbook for Every Day of the Year," we take inspiration from those burger-like sandwiches, using a combination of grated garlic, garam masala, cumin, paprika and cayenne to give the all-pork patties deep, complex flavor and a rusty hue. Grating the garlic ensures it melts into the meat without any distracting bits. Instead of naan, we use classic hamburger buns.

Egg and panko bread crumbs help the patties keep their shape. Don't undermix the pork mixture; be sure to combine it well so the breadcrumbs and seasonings are evenly distributed.

These burgers are especially delicious topped with yogurt, torn fresh mint leaves and thin slices of cucumber or tomato



- grated
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
 - 1 pound ground pork
 - 2 tablespoons grapeseed or other neutral oil
 - 4 hamburger buns, toasted

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine the panko, yogurt, garam masala, paprika, cumin, cayenne, egg yolks, garlic, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 cup water. Using a fork, mash the mixture into a smooth paste. Add the pork and mix with until evenly combined. Form into 4 patties, each about 4 inches in diameter, place on a large plate and refrigerate for 15 minutes.

In a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium, heat the oil until barely smoking. Add the burgers and cook until well browned, 7 to 8 minutes. Flip, reduce to medium-low and continue to cook until the patties are well browned on the second sides and the centers reach 160°F, another 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a clean plate, tent with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Serve on the buns with additional yogurt on the side.

- INDIAN-SPICED PORK BURGERS**
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- 2/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
 - 1/4 cup plain whole-milk yogurt, plus more to serve
 - 5 teaspoons garam masala
 - 5 teaspoons sweet paprika
 - 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 2 large egg yolks
 - 2 medium garlic cloves, finely

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Above, two occupants of a car that crashed heading eastbound on I-70 near the 310 Strasburg exit on July 7 received serious but non life-threatening injuries, according to the Colorado State Patrol. State troopers and Strasburg Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the scene at approximately 2:15 p.m. and discovered the vehicle down a ravine on the south side of the interstate with serious damage.

Also in July, a single-vehicle rollover occurred around East Quincy Avenue and South Brick Center Road (County Road 129) southwest of Bennett. The State Patrol and Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue were dispatched near the intersection about 7:15 a.m. and one occupant was transported to the hospital. The southbound lane of CR 129 and the eastbound lane on Quincy was blocked until almost 8 a.m.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Last week saw grain bins and outdoor collection piles, including the most eastern pit at Cargill in Byers (pictured above), fill up quickly as the 2025 I-70 Corridor wheat harvest quickly progressed to about 90% complete. Statewide, the amount of remaining wheat to be harvested was estimated at 10% or less by the end of this week.

Wheat harvest nears finish line

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Entering this week, Colorado wheat industry projections indicated that the I-70 Corridor wheat harvest was down to single-digit percentage points for what still needed to be combined.

Adams and Arapahoe counties are about 90% complete,” said Colorado Wheat’s July 24 harvest progress report. “The average test weight is around 60 pounds per bushel, and the average protein is around 11.5%.”

- At the end of the week, neighboring areas were reporting:
- Lincoln County: Harvest was expected to wrap up last week. Yields have been wide-ranging between 20-55 bushels per acre. Average test weight is 60 pounds per bushel and the average protein is 12%.
 - Washington, Morgan, and Logan counties: Also about 90% com-

plete with yields between 35-65 bushels per acre, average protein of 12%, 60 pounds-per bushel test weights.

- Yuma, Phillips, and Sedgwick counties: About 85% complete with 12% protein, average test weight around 60 pounds per bushel, and average protein at 12%.
- Western Weld and Eastern Larimer counties: Because of recent heavy rainfall, harvest was delayed until the middle week of July and is behind other areas of the state; however, test weights are averaging 61.5 pounds per bushel, and the average protein is 12.5%.

U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics last week showed Colorado wheat harvest was 81% complete, about 7% behind last year at this time but 10% ahead of the average for the previous five years.

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