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3 'Burg students disciplined in MS fracas

Investigation: Half of juvenile assault suspects violated school policy last spring; 2 not returning to school

by **Shylo Bockenfeld**
Steven Vetter
The I-70 Scout

STRASBURG — The investigation into last spring's students versus student gang assault at Hemphill Middle School was recently concluded with three students found in violation of Strasburg School District policy, in-

cluding two that will not return for the 2025-26 school year.

"There were six students who were under investigation for a possible policy violation. Three of them were cleared of any wrongdoing relating to that policy, and the remaining three, after review, were found to have likely violated policy AC-R3," said Strasburg Superintendent Kelle Bon-

gard during the Aug. 11 school board meeting. "Of those three, two of the students will not be returning to the district and appropriate consequences have been applied, according to our district-wide discipline matrix."

The extent of punishment for the third student was not made public.

Policy AC-R3 contains the district's commitment to maintaining a learn-

ing environment free from sexual harassment and the expectation that those who make reports will be free from retaliation.

"I also publicly want to address any concerns or rumors that are circulating around Strasburg 31J," Bongard added. "I must admit that, despite

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Strasburg Celebrates 'Hometown Icons'



The multi-faceted entry from Strasburg Auto Parts took top honors as Overall Winner of the Strasburg Hometown Days parade Aug. 9. This year's three-plus days of activities, dedicated to honoring the community's iconic characters and places, celebrated the 155th anniversary of the "joining of the rails" about a mile east of Strasburg on Aug. 15, 1870. **SEE PAGES 11-13.**

Byers water, sewer rate bumps on tap

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — Water and sewer rates will increase for users in the Byers Water & Sanitation District this fall, but residents will still pay less than those who live in neighboring districts.

The district board discussed the increase Aug. 11. Notice of the increase will be published and customers will receive letters in the mail. The board will vote on the measure at its Sept. 8 meeting, with the increase going into effect in October.

The residential base rate for the first 5,000 gallons will increase from \$30 to \$35 for water and \$30 to \$35 for sewer. Water usage over 5,000 gallons will increase from \$2.50 to \$4 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Commercial and out-of-district rates will also increase.

The Byers Water & Sanitation District hasn't raised its rates for 10 years. Director Annette Tarantino prepared a comparison chart that showed Byers' rates are below those of Deer Trail, Bennett and other comparable water districts, and will remain so after the increase goes into effect.

"People need to understand that the district's costs have increased along with everyone else's," said district manager Kagen Kitzman. "The costs of electricity, gas, chlorine — everything has gone up."

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Town of Bennett kiboshes school's campus travel fix

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Despite comments to the contrary from officials with both jurisdictions over the previous couple of months, communications and the relationship between the town of Bennett and the Bennett School District still appear disjointed.

Most recently, the drop-off and pick-up plan posted by the school district for the second day of classes Aug. 12 was nipped in the bud that same night by Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles, who

told the board of trustees that school officials did not ask the town's permission.

"We were contacted by the fire district about the closure of the roadways," said Stiles, who also noted that previous approval of the school's traffic plans by Adams County Sheriff Gene Claps is null-and-void since the town shifted law enforcement services to Arapahoe County last year. "They're our streets. We had no idea until this evening."

Stiles' comments appeared to catch trustee and school

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DT School expansion project still incomplete

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Even though three outdoor modular classroom units for the second consecutive school year, the Deer Trail School campus expansion project is still incomplete and district officials are very unhappy.

During a sometimes bombastic Aug. 11 Deer Trail School Board meeting, at least two directors vehemently voiced their displeasure with the general contractor in charge of the lingering project entailing the installation of three

modular classroom units from Cherry Creek School District and a new football stadium concession stand with bathroom facilities to help accommodate students and staff relocated outside the primary school building.

"Totally unacceptable. I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen someone over the summer working out there. We have safety issues and need to get something done," said an irate board vice president Steven Musser, directing his anger at general contractor Perry Thomas with Royal Highlands Construc-

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Concrete laid last summer is already cracking and separating at the site of the Deer Trail School expansion project.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Adams Co. town hall slated at Thornton library Aug. 25

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners will host a public town hall from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, at Anythink Huron St., 9417 Huron St., Thornton.

Residents are encouraged to attend and share concerns on topics such as road conditions, affordable housing, public safety, and access to county services.

To RSVP, submit a question, or sign up for a calendar invite for a virtual livestream, visit bit.ly/4l9CvRG.

Class about climbing plants set for Aurora Central Library

CENTENNIAL — A Colorado State University Master Gardeners in Arapahoe County will speak at Vines and Climbers from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, in the large central community room at Aurora Central Library.

In this class for adults, Master Gardener Donnetta Wilhelm will explain how vining and climbing plants grow, their maintenance, and their use in the landscape. Participants also will learn about different structures to train such plants on and how to use these plants for the best impact in your landscape.

For more information and to register, visit the County Line newsletter page at www.arapahoeco.gov.

Weed management concerns the focus of Byers workshop

BYERS — Managing pesky and sometimes noxious weeds is a big concern this time of year and local conservation districts are here to help.

The Deer Trail and East Adams conservation districts and Colorado State University Extension in Adams County are co-hosting a free weed identification and management workshop from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, at Kolver Library in Byers.

Weeds commonly seen in the area and noxious weeds encroaching on the area will be covered, and participants will see actual samples of weeds or PowerPoint images when samples aren't available. Chemical recommendations as well as mechanical means

Comments open for proposed local oil, gas site

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County's Public Works & Development is currently reviewing an application from Crestone Peak Resources LLC (dba Civitas) for the proposed State Wetterhorn-Handies oil and gas facility southwest of Bennett and is seeking public comment.

The proposed facility is on State Land Board property approximately two miles south of East Quincy Avenue and about three miles west of Tom Bay Road. The application

proposes 20 wells to be drilled on a 350' x 1,500' gravel pad.

The public may review the final application on the Oil and Gas page of the arapahoeco.gov website. Public comments are being taken solely via the online web form until 11:59 p.m. Aug. 25.

Following a thorough review of the application materials and public comments, the county will make a final decision on the application and notify stakeholders.

Sign up at CORLCMS.org.

Rural energy program starts taking grant requests Oct. 1

DENVER — U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development will open the first grant application window for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Rural Energy for America Program on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

The program is aimed at increasing renewable energy access and reducing energy costs for rural communities. It provides funding for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement to agricultural producers and rural small business owners.

For more information, contact Paul Gengler at paul.gengler@usda.gov or (720)544-2925 or Robert McElroy at robert.mcelroy@usda.gov or (720)544-2916.

Cottage food safety focus of CSU Extension courses

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

By finishing a Colorado State University Extension online cottage food safety training, home cooks will earn food safety certification and gain the knowledge needed to successfully launch a home-based food business. Participants will also learn about the most current Colorado Cottage Food Act guidelines and best practices.

A Cottage Food Safety Statewide Online Training course will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday,

for management will be discussed.

Kolver Library is located at 585 S. Main St., Byers.

To RSVP, contact Conservation District Manager Tiffany McGhin at deertraileastadams@cocds.org.

August: Service people get free state parks admission

DENVER — To thank service men and women for their dedicated service and sacrifices, Colorado Parks & Wildlife is again offering free admission to all state parks for active-duty military and National Guard personnel and veterans through August.

Qualifying members can pick up a free August Military Parks Pass at any state park or Parks & Wildlife office with proof of military service.

Passes are not available for spouses or dependents.

All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses. The pass is not valid for accessing State Wildlife Areas.

Wednesday after-school hour set for local Lutheran church

BENNETT — Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bennett is inviting K-5 students to its free after-school program from 5-6 p.m., every Wednesday beginning Sept. 10.

C-WOW (Christ's Word on Wednesdays) will be an engaging hour of worship, music and Bible lessons in a fun, nurturing environment.

Space limited; registration required.

Aug. 22. The \$50 courses can be completed online.

The event is sponsored by CSU Extension offices in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. For more information or to register, contact Sheila Gains at sheila.gains@colostate.edu.

Bennett music, drama group sponsors donut fundraiser

BENNETT — The Bennett Performing Arts Booster Club is currently conducting a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help purchase uniforms and props for the upcoming marching band season.

Through Aug. 26, a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts can be purchased online for \$15 each with 50% of sales donated back to the booster club.

After purchasing online, donors will receive a voucher via e-mail, which can be redeemed at a Krispy Kreme store. Orders can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/PABC-Fundraiser>.

Senior excursion planned to Cherokee Ranch Castle

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a senior excursion to Cherokee Ranch Castle near Sedalia.

The bus will leave promptly at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. Transportation is included, but advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. The fee is \$34; lunch is not included.

To RSVP, call (303)622-4260.

Bennett veterans group sets Sept. 6 parking lot fundraiser

BENNETT — The Bennett VFW is seeking vendors to participate during their Sept. 6 parking lot flea market fundraiser.

Set up is between 7-8 a.m. with the event scheduled to run much of that Saturday. Vendor spaces can be reserved for \$20 each.

For more information, contact Flora at (303)549-2589 or Dan at (303)548-7931.

A beer garden and food will be available throughout the day. The event is not in conjunction with Bennett Days with all proceeds to benefit the VFW.

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Seven-year-old Itzy Herrera, front, and her mom, Mirna, right, are pictured with Kosta and Nancy Constantine, who are volunteers with Angel Flight Central, a nonprofit organization that connects pilots with medical patients requiring long-distance transportation for treatment.

Local spaceport, pilot couple lauded for life-saving airlifts

WATKINS — A heartwarming story out of Colorado Air & Space Port recently captured the attention of CBS Colorado viewers, showcasing the incredible efforts of a pilot who calls CASP home.

The story features Angel Flight Central volunteer pilot, Kosta Constantine, and his wife, Nancy, who have flown nearly 100 free medical missions, many originating from CASP, to help patients in need access life-saving care.

One of those passengers is 7-year-old Itzy Herrera, who is in remission after a years-long battle with leukemia. Itzy and her mother, Mirna, travel from their home in small-town Kansas to Children's Hospital Colorado for regular checkups. Thanks to Angel Flight Central and the Constantines, that trip is no longer a five-hour drive but a peaceful journey through the sky.

"It's incredibly moving to see the kind of life-changing work happening right here at our local space port," said Lynn Baca, chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners. "This story is a reminder that CASP is not only building the future of flight, it's lifting people up in the most meaningful ways."

Angel Flight Central is a nonprofit that connects volunteer pilots with patients who need long-distance transportation to medical care. Constantine's story aired on CBS after a recent flight into CASP carrying Itzy and her mom for her latest checkup. After more than 60 flights since her diagnosis, the CASP team has grown to know and love the Herrera family.

"Our airport isn't just about innovation and aerospace, it's also about community," said Jeff Kloska, Director of CASP.

The Constantines have been there for every part of Itzy's journey, including her bell-ringing ceremony when she reached remission. Their ongoing support, love and presence have made a lasting impact on the Herrera family.

"I don't think of myself as doing anything special," said Kosta Constantine in the CBS interview. "There's a big need out there, and Itzy's just one of many kids who deserve help."

CASP will host its annual Run for the Angels 5K on Sept. 25 at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield. The event helps raise funds to continue offering flights like the ones that bring Itzy to Colorado.

TOWN OF DEER TRAIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Deer Trail Planning Commission and Board of Trustees, respectively, shall hold public hearings concerning text amendments to the zoning ordinance (Ord. 279) pursuant to the Town of Deer Trail Zoning Ordinance Section 5-90(c)(4). The proposed text amendments will address uses allowed by Special Review in the Main Street Mixed Use district and allowable structures for the conduct of home occupations.

The public hearing shall be held before the Planning Commission on Saturday, September 6, 2025, @ 10 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter as the agenda of the Planning Commission permits. The hearing will take place at 555 2nd Avenue, Deer Trail, CO 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

The Board of Trustees meeting shall be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, @ 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter as the agenda of the Town Board permits. The hearing will take place at 555 2nd Avenue, Deer Trail, CO 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

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



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State auto theft aid program receives third grant injection

LAKEWOOD — The Colorado State Patrol announced last week it will continue to help financially support motor vehicle theft victims.

On Aug. 15, the agency said its Victim's Services Unit has secured a third consecutive grant in partnership with the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) to provide financial aid to victims of auto theft, a distinction no other state can claim.

The program is intended to assist citizens with some of the unknown or unexpected costs associated with vehicle theft, many of which are generally discovered upon the vehicle's recovery.

"And that is something Colorado does very well. Colorado's investments in technology and training allow us to recover a higher percentage of stolen vehicles than the national average, consistently recovering over 80% of stolen vehicles year over year,"

a State Patrol statement said. "This excellent recovery rate means that if your vehicle is stolen, odds are it will be recovered — and we want to help with any unexpected costs afterwards to return that vehicle to operable condition and/or minimize the impact an auto theft may have on your life."

Among the expenses that auto theft victims may be able to recover are:

- alternative transportation — public transportation, ride-share services, rental vehicle services;
- cleaning and sanitation fees;
- towing and storage fees;
- vehicle repair reimbursement;
- steering wheel locks and theft prevention devices;

Colorado residents that had a registered and insured vehicle stolen are urged to visit lockdownyourcar.org for a list of available resources, eligibility requirements, and an online victims assistance application.

Energy, aviation groups announce spaceport microgrid collaboration

WATKINS — AltitudeX Aviation Group and Liberty Energy announced June 26 a strategic alliance for the development of a state-of-the-art microgrid at Colorado Air & Space Port.

This collaboration could potentially support the expansion of a new aviation and aerospace-focused industrial complex at the Colorado Air & Space Port, establishing CASP as a Space & Logistics Center of Excellence and platform for aviation operators.

The proposed power facility would be developed by Liberty using a state-of-the-art, modular, scalable, low-emission power generation system fueled by natural gas. The project would initially deliver 45 megawatts of electricity with the capacity to scale in line with future development and additional demand. The proposed facility would provide resilient, on-site power generation, ensuring reliable energy access essential to supporting CASP.

AltitudeX and Adams County are currently operating under a pre-development agreement, executed last February, to conduct critical studies,

secure tenant commitments, refine a comprehensive business plan, and ultimately finalize negotiations for a master development agreement.

"We're proud to partner with AltitudeX as they look to expand operations at the Colorado Air and Space Port. Our advanced microgrid technology can deliver the critical energy infrastructure necessary to advance aerospace innovation," said Liberty's Chief Executive Officer Ron Gusek. "With our ability to rapidly deploy scalable power solutions, we're ready to meet the growing demand for low-emission energy as the project expands."

AltitudeX CEO Jon Roitman added, "This partnership accelerates CASP's potential to ensure a solid foundation for future expansion and growth."

The alliance with Liberty is expected to bolster development at the spaceport's Watkins campus, which encompasses 3,400 total acres, including 960 acres ready for immediate development. Current infrastructure includes a pair of 8,000-foot runways and a new Federal Aviation Administration tower.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 21
Strasburg American Legion Post 183. 6:30 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.
Byers School Board. 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit Board of Education at byers32j.k12.co.us for a link to a live meeting via Zoom.
Strasburg Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., firehouse.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23
Shred-A-Thon. Free to residents. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office headquarters, 13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial.
Back-To-School Spaghetti Dinner. \$15 per plate, \$12 with a school supply donation. 6-9:30 p.m., Deer Trail Elks Lodge, 664 Second Ave.

MONDAY, AUG. 25
West Arapahoe Conservation District Board. 5 p.m. Virtual meeting information at westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com.
Agate School Board. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26
Senior citizen game day. 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27
Bennett Municipal Court. 6 p.m., Town Hall.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Livin' in the Spirit ladies group. All ages welcome. 10 a.m. @ Holy Spirit Livin', 1506 Main St., Strasburg. (303)622-4648
Young at Heart Seniors in Bennett. 12-4 p.m., Bennett Community Center.

EVERY THURSDAY
Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelder Library, Byers.
Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Adult book club: "Night Flyer: Harriet Tubman and the Faith Dreams of a Free People" by Tiya Miles. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22.

Megan Burtt Live + Workshop: The whole family will enjoy an afternoon of live music and creativity with a special performance by singer/songwriter Megan Burtt presented by Colorado nonprofit Athena Project. After the show, participants can join a hands-on songwriting workshop designed for ages 14 and older. Attendees can bring their instrument but should let library staff know what it is at sign-up. Space limited; registration required for the workshop only. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28.

Introduction to Sketching: Adults and young adults 16 and up can explore portraits and learn playful caricature techniques to bring sketches to life in a fun, hands-on workshop with illustrator Frank Pryor. The event is hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 1-3:30 p.m., Aug. 30.

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Little Makers Club — Camping: The final "Little Makers Club" of the month will be a camping theme. Ages 0-5 are urged to drop in for camping-themed activities to help prepare them for school and beyond. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and goody bags provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 29.

Learning on the Go: The first "Learning on the Go" event next month will include storytime, songs, and interactive play between families and their children. Free books and activities to take home will also be provided. Geared for ages 18 months to 5 years of age, but all are welcome. To save



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Puppeteer Georgina Santich entertained youngsters during her "Hummingbirds and Robots" performance at Anythink Bennett Aug. 2.

your spot, visit arapahoelibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3.

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

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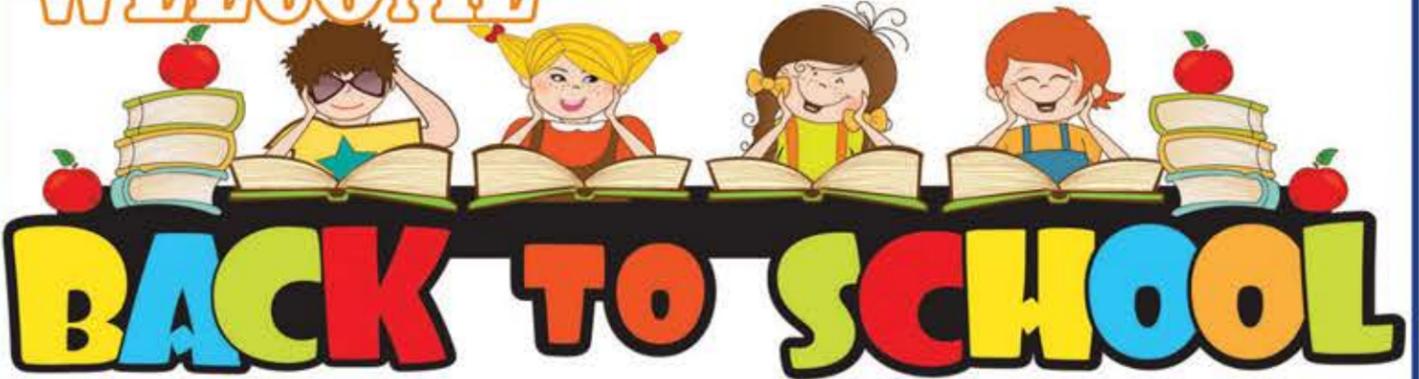


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bus driver Denice Smith a bit aghast after Tuesday's traffic plan around the school campus appeared to work well, especially in the afternoon.

"We always said last year how traffic was too bad and they seemed to figure it out. Got people off the highway and [the buses] had their own lane. Pretty great today — we were in and out without much issue this afternoon," said Smith, adding that the district's school buses aren't air conditioned. "I was sweating, the kids were really sweating, so less time on the bus, the better."

Whether the school traffic patterns were remedied by the end of last week was uncertain. An Aug. 14 e-mail to the town was not responded to by press time.

During Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden was asked to contact school district officials to set up negotiations. Barden's son-in-law Kyle Meyer is the school board pres-

ident. Bennett Mayor Whitney Oakley said she is hopeful for a near-term remedy for a variety of transportation issues throughout the community.

"Not only for the [sake of the] school district but for all our community partners," Oakley said. "We are right at the beginning of the school year and hoping to make it work for everybody."

FIRE SPRINKLER DISCUSSION

Lengthy discussion Aug. 12 concerned proposed updates of fire suppression and mitigation building codes that will come to the board for adoption in the near future.

During discussion of whether to include the terms "may" or "shall" about installation of interior sprinkler systems, the majority of trustees indicated new multi-family or attached residential structures should require the safety measure but that detached

single-family houses under 3,600 square-feet should not be required to install them.

At the same time, the board indicated a desire to hold off on adopting any new codes until a full review of the compatibility of sprinkler systems with the town's already suspect water system is conducted.

Trustee Donna Sus specifically asked town building officials and a Bennett-Watkins Fire District official whether sprinkler water requirements could be handled without issue.

"It's already being questioned, so want to make sure," said Sus, presumably referring to scrutiny the town is receiving about its move to a single-zone pressure system by September 2026 and the forced installation of pressure reducing valves to 882 residences in the first four original neighborhoods within the town at homeowners' expense.

Chief Building Official Steve Jones

from Charles Abbott & Associates said any approved updates to the town's code would only apply to new construction and in the case of an addition to existing construction.

Bennett-Watkins Fire Marshal Victoria Flamini added that it is her experience that fire suppression, including sprinklers, is an evolving technology that provides valuable health and safety protections.

"I expect that suppression will follow the same path of smoke detectors, which started back in the 70s and are now a building standard," she said. "Pretty simple, it gives more time for occupants to get out of the house."

"We're already at the edge the [housing] market from a metro perspective," said trustee Royce Pindell, who also serves as president of the Bennett fire district. "Don't like the cost of it, but there is peace of mind."

Jones added that new home construction by LGI in the Bennett Crossing subdivision already includes sprinkler system installation.

Trustees also indicated hesitancy about the international energy code, particularly citing language requiring installation of the framework that would allow for "easier electrification" — particularly for solar generation and electric vehicle charging stations — down the road.

TOWN TRAIL GETS GRANT FUNDING

Earlier in the day, the town of Bennett was formally announced as recipient of a \$2.3 million-plus grant from Adams County Open Space to fund improvements and additional construction of the Adams County portion of a community trail that will connect to the Kiowa Creek Preserve Open Space on the Arapahoe County side of town.

Oakley said the infusion of additional grant money will help with the town's vision of providing safe passage throughout town.

"We're really working towards pedestrian safety," Oakley said. "Improving safety of the crossing from Centennial Drive to the park in Brothers Four. More connectivity down into the commercial areas."

Stiles reiterated that Adams County Open Space monies can only be used for recreational-related projects and cannot fund street repairs or other improvements that residents might cite as necessary. Adams County also awarded the town a \$25,000 open space grant for a dedicated food truck plaza to the north of the Trupp Park parking lot on the west edge of town.

**Rockies Express Pipeline LLC,
FERC Docket No. CP25-539-000
Critical Energy Reliability Link Project
Notification of Application**

On August 15, 2025, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC ("REX") filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") under Docket No. CP25-539-000 to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Critical Energy Reliability Link Project ("Project").

REX, a subsidiary of Tallgrass Energy, LP, is a "natural gas company" as defined under the Natural Gas Act that is developing the Project in order to provide firm natural gas transportation service and no-notice service to new delivery points to meet the growing demand for natural gas.

The Project includes the construction of an approximately 152.7-mile, 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (the "Lateral"), an approximately 7.0-mile, 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (the "Horizon Spur"), an approximately 6,195-horsepower compressor station (the "LaSalle CS"), an approximately 0.3-mile, 24-inch-diameter natural gas interconnect piping (the "Cheyenne Connector Interconnect Piping") connecting the existing Cheyenne Connector Pipeline to the proposed LaSalle CS, and associated metering and appurtenant facilities located in Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, El Paso, and Lincoln counties, Colorado. The Project is an expansion of REX's existing FERC-jurisdictional natural gas transmission system, which will enable REX to provide up to 100,000 dekatherms per day ("Dth/d") of firm natural gas transportation service and 50,000 Dth/d of no-notice service to Colorado Springs Utilities in Colorado Springs, Colorado. To meet market demand, REX's planned ready-for service date for the Project facilities will be in the second Quarter of 2028.

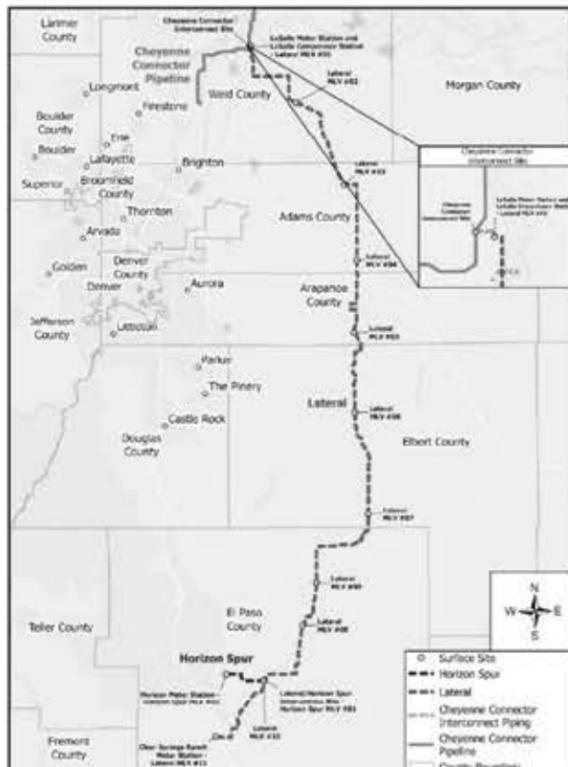
A general map of the proposed Project is included with this notice. During the FERC review and permitting process and prior to construction, REX will be in communication with landowners to discuss and hopefully obtain an easement and/or other necessary land rights to construct the Project.

A copy of the application has been posted on the project website at <https://www.criticalenergyreliabilitylink.com/> and can also be viewed at the public libraries provided in the table below. In addition, the FERC "Notice of Application" will be mailed to affected landowners and governmental entities within three business days following issuance by the FERC.

County	Town	Library Name	Address
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El Paso	Calhan	Calhan Library	600 Bank St. Calhan, CO 80808
El Paso	Fountain	Fountain Library	230 S. Main St. Fountain, CO 80817
Lincoln	Limon	Limon Memorial Library	205 E. Ave. Limon, Co 80828

REX is committed to open and informative communications with all landowners and stakeholders throughout the Project area. REX invites landowners and stakeholders to visit <https://www.criticalenergyreliabilitylink.com/> for more information about the Project. General project or landowner inquiries may be submitted by email to coloradolandowners@tallgrass.com or by phone at 1 (866) 307-8630. For right-of-way or easement specific questions, please contact Lindsay Jarrell, Senior Manager, Land and Right-of-Way at (303) 763-3327 or lindsay.jarrell@tallgrass.com.

In addition, FERC provides information that explains the Commission's certificate process and addresses the basic concerns of landowners, including a pamphlet entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on my Land? What Do I Need to Know?," through its website at www.ferc.gov/landowner-topics-interest. Landowners and stakeholders may also contact FERC directly through FERC's Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov, or by visiting www.ferc.gov/OPP.



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During its Aug. 12 meeting, the Adams County Board of County Commissioners formally approved \$16 million in open space grants to over 27 projects across the county. The town of Bennett received \$2.32 million to fund the Adams County portion of its community trail to connect across I-70 with the Kiowa Creek Preserve Open Space in Arapahoe County and \$25,000 for a dedicated food truck truck plaza north of the Trupp Park parking lot. The Bennett Park & Recreation District also received a pair of grant awards for its weight room in the Bennett Rec Center— \$70,000 for a revamped design and equipment upgrades and \$17,500 for new flooring. Among the recipients that joined county commissioners and open space committee members for a photo opportunity are town of Bennett officials Trish Stiles (front row, fourth from left), Danette Ruvalcaba (holding baby) and Daniel Pershing (behind Ruvalcaba), and Bennett Park & Recreation District administrator Leila Schaub (behind Stiles).

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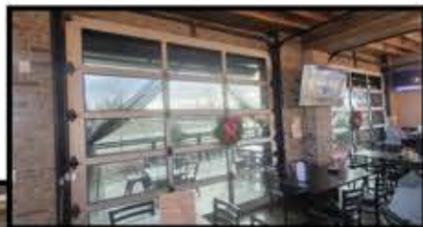
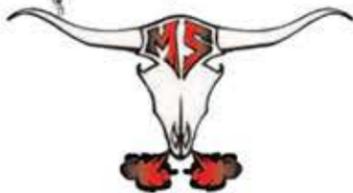
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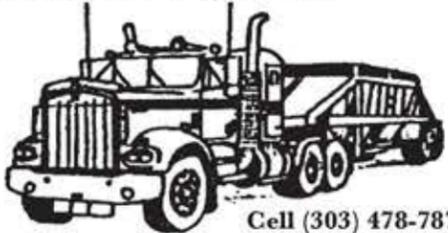
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ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CASE NO. LDC24-004, AFFORDABLE HOUSING / LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Arapahoe County is proposing changes to the Land Development Code (LDC) to encourage the development of affordable housing, as well as the creation of Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Zone Districts and standards. The proposed amendments are designed to comply with recent state legislation, including Proposition 123, HB24-1313, HB24-1304, and HB24-1007. The proposed amendments also include: a three-tiered approach to incentives for affordable housing developments, updates to parking regulations to align with HB24-1304, changes to the definitions section of the LDC that introduces additional types of residential uses, revised manufactured home definitions to address modular and tiny homes in addition to manufactured homes, revisions to mobile home parks and subdivision regulations reducing parking requirements and adjusting access requirements, removing minimum parking requirements for multi-family development, and for adaptive re-use for residential purposes or purposes which include at least 50 percent of use for residential purposes within those areas designated and identified in the map maintained by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs as an "Applicable Transit Service Area."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 9, 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 LDC24-004, Affordable Housing / Land Development Code Amendment. 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 the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing planning@arapahoeco.gov during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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SPORTS



CHSAA's enrollment multiplier back on table

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

AURORA — Fears from small- and mid-size public school administrators that their most recent effort to immediately level the playing field against private institutions was falling by the wayside was partially allayed early last week.

The Colorado High School Activities Association announced Aug. 12 that its Legislative Council (CLOC) will meet in an online special session at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, to vote on proposal ADM-3, which would mandate schools with managed enrollments to multiply its student count by 1.5 and likely bump them up at least one classification in sports and other activities.

CLOC was originally scheduled to hear the proposal April 22 during its regular spring meeting but CHSAA's Board of Directors voted to remove the policy change until it could be further reviewed. According to CHSAA Commissioner Mike Krueger, the original ADM-3 "was rushed through the process" and "did not fully capture its intended purpose or potential impact."

The revised proposal says, "(4) A member school shall have its three-year enrollment average multiplied by a factor of 1.5 if it meets one or more of the following criteria: (a) The member school is designated as "non-public" by the Colorado Department of Education and (b) The school has a tuition-based enrollment model.

"(5) Programs in bracketed sports at schools that meet the above definition will be exempt from the 1.5 multiplier if they did not qualify for and win at

least one postseason contest during the previous cycle."

Among the parts of the original proposal no longer included are the explicit inclusion of "charter schools" as institutions subject to the enrollment multiplier and the enrollment average being calculated over two years.

Despite the changes, the proposal is still expected to impart its original intention — address growing allegations from public school administrators that private schools benefit from the ability to "recruit" or be "intensely selective" when it comes to the students they allow to roam their hallways.

Most recent examples of the growing dominance of private schools include the 2024-25 basketball season. In 3A, Resurrection Christian, a private school in the Loveland area, had both the boys and girls state champions, after dropping down from 4A the previous two-year cycle. The Cougars boys defeated Strasburg in the boys title tilt, while the same two schools faced off in the girls quarterfinals, which was won by Resurrection Christian. Three of the 3A girls Final Four teams — Resurrection Christian, Denver Christian and Colorado Springs Christian — were private schools, competing against Wiggins. On the boys side, half of the Elite Eight — Resurrection Christian, Windsor Charter Academy, Forge Christian and Skyview Academy — were private or charter schools.

In 4A basketball, Greeley-based University won the girls title and Kent Denver from Cherry Hills Village, the boys. One of Kent Denver's playoff wins was in the Round of 16 against Bennett.

This past spring, Forge Christian and Denver

Christian were the two finalists for the 2A baseball title with Dayspring Christian also qualifying for the eight-team double-elimination state tournament.

"The multiplier is intended to adjust for the competitive advantages that some member schools may have due to selective admissions, enrollment controls, or tuition-based enrollment when compared to schools which do not have these advantages," the CHSAA proposal rationale said. "The multiplier aims to standardize data and ensure a more equitable comparison of school enrollments despite differing admission practices."

If approved by CLOC, the enrollment calculation change will be effective for the next two-year cycle entailing the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

The other agenda item next month is a request to retain the membership refund of over \$180,000 to use on renovations and repairs to CHSAA's headquarters in Aurora.

According to CHSAA, the building has not been renovated since originally constructed in the late 1980s and is in need of "significant repairs to keep the building safe, functional, and accessible for all."

CHSAA also indicated that no one member school will be significantly harmed financially by not receiving their refund.

"If returned, refunds would range from approximately \$175 to \$600 per school," the CHSAA proposal states. "While small individually, collectively this \$183,000 makes a meaningful difference in reducing the renovation cost."

The building's renovation has been in the works the past 2½ years.

Indians tee off season with three tournaments in four days



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Indian golfers Grant Wells, Brayden Lorenz, Jaxzen Egger and Cooper Klausner relax after their season-opening tournament at The Fox Hill Club in Longmont Aug. 11.

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The fall sports season teed off with a busy first week for the Strasburg boys golf squad with three northern Colorado tournaments Aug. 11-14.

The quartet of seniors Jaxzen Egger and Brayden Lorenz, junior Grant Wells and Cooper Klausner played the Roosevelt Invitational at The Fox Hill Club in Longmont on Monday and the Resurrection Christian Invitational at RainDance National in Windsor the following day.

Egger paced the Indians both days, finishing 41st (+13) on Monday and 66th (+17) on Tuesday. Klausner and Wells

were the other two team scorers both days.

At the Loveland Invitational at The Olde Course Aug. 14, Klausner and Wells were joined by freshman Trey Graf. Wells paced the Indians with a +17 round for 63rd, while Graf shot under 100 (+99) in his high school debut.

All three meets were attended by 25-plus schools and 100-plus golfers.

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 - 6-7. Longmont, Erie +26.
 - 8-9. Poudre, Niwot +30.

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Call for Nominations for School Directors Agate School District #300 Elbert County, Colorado

The Board of Education of Agate School District in the County of Elbert, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

At this election, **three (3)** directors will be elected to represent Agate School District #300 — **one (1)** for a term of office of **four years** and **two (2)** for a term of **two years**. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the Agate School District. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 25 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Agate School Office, 41032 2nd Avenue, Agate CO 80101. Agate School Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Completed candidate packets shall be submitted to Shelia Tart no later than 4:00 PM on August 28, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education of Agate School District, County of Elbert State of Colorado has caused this call for nominations to be given this 11th day of August, 2025.

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CSU part of suit against Mountain West

by John Marshall
AP Sports Writer

Three departing members of the Mountain West Conference are suing the league, alleging it improperly withheld millions of dollars and misled them about a plan to accelerate Grand Canyon's membership.

Boise State, Colorado State and Utah State recently filed an updated lawsuit in the District Court of Denver arguing the conference and Commissioner Gloria Nevarez willfully disregarded the league's bylaws by "intentionally and fraudulently" depriving the schools of their membership rights.

The three schools, which are all headed to the Pac-12 after 2025-26, are seeking millions of dollars for alleged harm caused by the Mountain West, including the withholding of money earned by Boise State for last year's College Football Playoff.

"We are disappointed that the Mountain West continues to improperly retaliate against the departing members and their student athletes," Steve Olson, partner and litigation co-chair for the O'Melveny law firm, said in a statement. "We will seek all appropriate relief from the court to protect our clients' rights and interests."

The Mountain West declined further comment outside of a statement released earlier this month. The conference has said the departing schools were involved in adopting the exit fees and sought to enforce those against San Diego State when it tried to leave the conference two years ago.

"We remain confident in our legal position, which we will vigorously de-



STEVE CONNER/AP File Photo

Boise State head coach Spencer Danielson celebrates after winning against UNLV in the Mountain West Championship NCAA college football game Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, in Boise, Idaho.

pend," the statement said.

The three outgoing schools argue the Mountain West's exit fees, which could range from \$19 million to \$38 million, are unlawful and not enforceable. The lawsuit also claims the Mountain West concealed a plan to move up Grand Canyon University's membership a year to 2025-26 without informing the departing schools.

The Mountain West is also seeking \$55 million in "poaching fees" from the Pac-12 for the loss of five schools starting in 2026. The two sides are headed back to court after mediation expired last month without a resolution.

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Above, from left, Grand Marshal Marvin and Janice Burroughs are chauffeured by Dan Dunning during the Strasburg Hometown Days parade down Colfax Avenue Aug. 9, longtime community business leader Al Holcomb receives the portrait of his former Western Hardware store, which closed earlier this year, from Hometown Days Committee member Holly Russell during Saturday afternoon's annual watermelon feed in front of Strasburg High School; and Comanche Crossing Museum Curator Cliff Smith gives a history lesson about the "meeting of the rails" that occurred about a mile east of Strasburg in August 1870 at the American Legion Hall Aug. 7.



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout



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SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

From left photo, Bradley Urbam, 10, takes a turn on a ninja obstacle course during Aug. 8 Hometown Days activities at Strasburg Community Park; Friday night concluded with a fireworks show; Cameron Manahan and Rachel Ruppel frolic in the mud during the annual Sunday mud volleyball tournament hosted by the Strasburg Park & Recreation District at Wolf Creek Run West; and a couple of Big D's Warriors celebrate with Colorado Rockies mascot Dinger during the adaptive baseball group's season finale to conclude Hometown Days Sunday evening.

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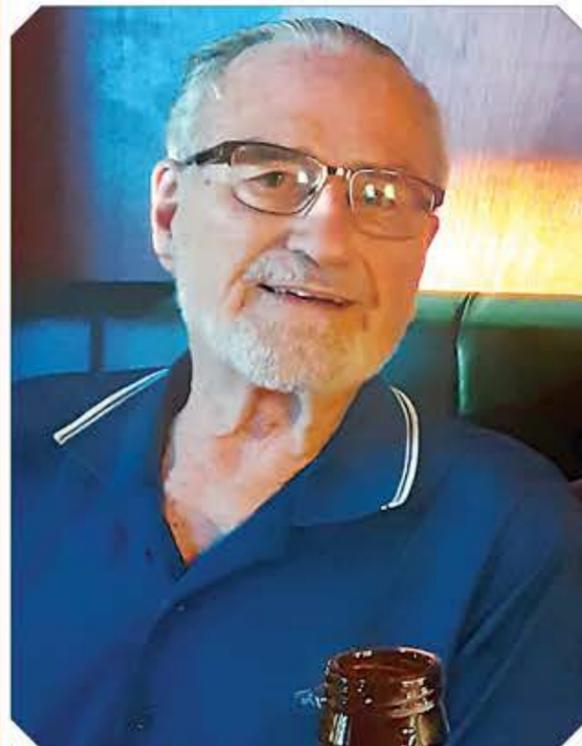


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BYERS WSD

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Byers Water & Sanitation is also facing a state requirement for water districts to upgrade to mechanical sewer plants by 2029 and will be contracting for a water rate study in upcoming months in preparation. Board president Shannon Roth emphasized that the study will illuminate the district's financial needs for the future, and further rate increases will likely follow.

"These new rates are a start now to meet our current needs because basically we have to maintain ourselves until these studies are done," he said. "And once we have that backbone, then we can do things right and get everything fine-tuned."

The district's \$4.2 million water system upgrade and extension project is nearing completion. A new 12-inch water main from the water department north to Byers General Store has been installed. The project, funded by grants and a low-interest loan, increases system capacity to support future residential and commercial growth and better meet fire flow requirements.

The water system improvement project had two main components — installing the water line north of the railroad tracks and improving and re-coating the interior of water storage tanks.

The project is being managed by consulting engineers GMS, Inc. Principal Engineer Samuel Wood gave a project update at the Aug. 11 board meeting.

"We're getting pretty close to finishing up the project, which is great," he said.

Wood presented an approximately \$254,000 change order for approval, noting that much of the change came from Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) mandates.

"CDOT ended up changing their mind on some of the traffic control," he said, adding that they required the installation of more barriers when work was going on. CDOT also required a third-party inspector.

"That was really an unknown to both us and (contractor) Global Underground," Wood said. "Global has worked on CDOT projects and we've never had that (requirement) for a project like this. I think it's



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Byers Water & Sanitation District's recent improvement project included installation of a new water main. The above photos were taken earlier this summer along Main Street (Highway 36) north of the railroad tracks, left, and in front of the SouthState Bank building, a little unique to your region and the guy in charge here."

The change order also covered the alignment change on Main Street from the west side to the east side of the street and two new connections into the old system.

"I think those were good changes, because they give you a lot more flexibility with whose water you shut off and who you can keep running (when working on the system)," Wood said, adding that other small pieces were included in the change order, including traffic control required during installation of insertion valves.

Wood said that, after the change order and projections of additional costs in August, approximately \$90,000 in project funding will be left. The district had requested two additions if funding allowed, including laying asphalt millings along Sherman Street and contracting for valves to be exercised.

The asphalt will cost around \$27,000 and valve work approximately \$10,000. Wood said the district's 150 valves will cost about \$44 each.

"That includes locating the valve, removing the lid, cleaning out the box, exercising the valve fully closed and open ... (and) providing notes on each valve box and the valve condition," he said.

Roth asked if the approximately \$53,000 left after asphalt and valve work could be retained by the district to cover its extra expenses during the project.

"Is it an option to put those funds back into our account to supplement what we paid for the tank out of our pocket?" he asked.

Wood said he will research the answer to that question.

"With the state funds, I'll have to double check. I don't know if that's just something we relinquish back or if you guys can get it," he said. "My other thought is, if a couple of critical valves need to be replaced, we have Global do that while they're here."

In his manager update, Kitzman reported that the sewer pond aerators were cleaned out and the weeds around the ponds were cleared away.

He noted that the chlorinator is not efficient enough to keep up with the new 12-inch lines. After discussion, the board tasked Kitzman with researching the logistics and pricing of a new 2,500 gallon chlorine tank for liquid chlorine bulk deliveries, a tough shed to hold it, and removal of the old tank.

Water usage in July was 6,912,600 gallons — a 2.5-million-gallon increase from June 2025. Kitzman said the increase was due to filling and flushing the new 12-inch lines.

"The line did everything perfectly like it was supposed to," he added. "It held its pressure test — the whole nine yards. We just had to flush it out to get that high residual chlorine out of the line before we could get samples."

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound thinly sliced reduced-sodium deli roast beef
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- ¼ cup cream-style prepared horseradish
- 6 slices reduced-fat provolone cheese
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons packed light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder

DIRECTIONS

Coat 9- by 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cut rolls in half,

horizontally. Place bottom halves of rolls in prepared baking dish; spread horseradish on cut side. Top with Deli Roast Beef, cheese and top halves of rolls.

Cook's Tip: You may substitute Dijon mustard for prepared horseradish.

Combine butter, Worcestershire sauce, parsley, sugar and onion powder in small bowl; mix to combine. Pour mixture evenly over sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and rolls are golden brown.

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Monday, Aug. 25: Chicken nachos.
Tuesday, Aug. 26: Meatballs, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Barbecue chicken breast, baked beans.

BYERS

Thursday, Aug. 21: Meatball sub, salad, peaches.

Friday, Aug. 22: Cheeseburger, baked beans, oranges.

Monday, Aug. 25: Lasagna roll-ups, dinner roll, green beans.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Beef tacos, corn.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Chicken tenders, biscuit, broccoli, tropical fruit.

STRASBURG

Thursday, Aug. 21: Orange chicken, rice.

Friday, Aug. 22: Barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Burritos.
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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 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) or by emailing planning@arapahogov.com.

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20 YEARS AGO AUG. 23, 2005

Local and regional first responders and law enforcement agencies were put into action Aug. 14 with a mock disasters drill just outside Strasburg.

The exercise proved fruitful in proving various organizations with the information needed to better assist them in future disaster operations.

The drill included fire and emergency medical personnel dealing with a fire at the anhydrous ammonia and propane facility owned by American Pride Coop station at Strasburg Mile Road and 38th Avenue and two vehicle accident that was a result of the fire. Additional accidents were also part of the drill.

After a slight miscommunication between dispatch and the first units called, the drill appeared to go very smoothly, with just a few changes to be made if or when a similar, or worse, situation arises. One problem occurred with some equipment, specifically an oversized pry bar used to open one of the wrecked vehicles' passenger side door.

15 YEARS AGO AUG. 24, 2010

BENNETT — A concept plan to revamp the Bennett Community Center was presented to town trustees during an Aug. 17 work-study session.

Town administrator Trish Stiles presented the vision to board members.

"It's a sizable project for what we're doing," she said. "This project represents over 10 percent of the general fund. So, it's a huge undertaking."

The project includes adding a basketball court, plaza with a BBQ pit, pavilions, a paved walking path, a tot lot, helicopter

pad, new entry sign, and an entry for Centennial residents.

"We're very excited about this project," Stiles said. "The things we noticed from the last Adams County open Space grant cycle is the public support other communities had there. We would like to encourage that on the Bennett side."

The grant program will help make the town's vision a reality. Colorado State University Extension office and CSU student studying landscape and building architecture provided the concept.

10 YEARS AGO AUG. 25, 2015

BYERS — Byers School District 32-J will take a mill levy override question to voters in November to replace its aging bus and small vehicle fleet.

The Byer School Board passes a resolution and approved the ballot question Aug. 20. The district is asking for an additional \$150,000 annually for five years — allowing for the replacement of all five route buses by one bus a year as well as the small vehicles used for routes into Denver and Aurora.

"Cuts from the state have created an inability to maintain facility and vehicles on a rotational basis," said Superintendent Tom Turrell.

The five-year sunset clause prompted director Mike Pugh to ask what plans will be in place to ensure adequate transportation funding after that period — a question he anticipates to be asked by district residents. Turrell responded that the district is putting \$10,000 a year in the capital reserve fund as a saving plan, and board president Tom Thompson added that the mill levy question could be brought forth for renewal in five years.

"We'll ask again, instead of making it permanent," Thompson said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

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ON THIS DATE

In 1858, Charles Darwin's theory of evolution was first published, in the "Journal of the Proceedings of

the Linnean Society".

In 1862, the *New York Tribune* published an open letter by editor Horace Greeley calling on President Abraham Lincoln to take more aggressive measures to free enslaved people and end the South's rebellion.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson declared the official end of the Civil War.

In 1882, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" had its premiere in Moscow.

In 1910, a series of wildfires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning 3 million acres.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Conference was established by four professional football teams; two years later, with

18 teams, it would be renamed the National Football League.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was attacked in Coyoacan, Mexico by assassin Ramon Mercader. (Trotsky died the next day.)

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Don King is 94. Broadcast journalist Connie Chung is 79. Rock singer Robert Plant is 77. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 73. Actor-director Peter Horton is 72. Actor Joan Allen is 69. Actor Billy Gardell is 56. Rock singer Fred Durst is 55. Baseball Hall of Famer Todd Helton is 52. Actor-singer Demi Lovato is 33.

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Heartlines and Star Signs

The cat moon will be kind on this day of lucky lunar trines and alignments. Our interconnectedness shines in these final days of Leo season. Even a relationship that seems to be between two people never really is. It's part of a larger web. Every shift — a new friendship, a goodbye, a change in closeness — ripples outward, touching more than we know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Here comes a lucky break. Even though it feels unexpected, it's actually the result of something you did in the past — a smart decision or a seed you planted. You forgot all about it, but now it's clear. Past you is always looking out for future you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You set a boundary not to shut anyone out but to protect your inner world. Solitude and the company of supportive souls help you stay grounded. You can't always control your social landscape, but when you can, you choose peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Before, you were showing up in relationships like they were auditions. Now you're stepping back, seeing the exhausting roles you've been cast in — therapist, muse, support staff — and saying "no, thank you." You've started to leave the stage and step into authorship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The moment you decide to impress yourself, the adventure is on. You become open and unstoppable. A caution: Avoid getting hung up on impressing anyone other than you, it will only cause a delay in your journey to greatness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If there is a slice of heaven on earth — and most certainly the rumors must be true — you want to experience it. Also, heaven on earth wants to experience you. When you approach the moments with this in mind, the portals open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Something isn't fitting. Name what feels off. Identify exactly which part of what you're doing feels false. What would you prefer? Probably this is really about setting a boundary or changing a routine. Doesn't have to be dramatic — just intentional.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are a masterpiece mid-paint, and masterpieces can look wild in the middle. Your beauty is not in your composure. It's in your tenacity, your insight, your ability to keep showing up for the hard things — even while your mind spins.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you build in collaboration will exceed what any one person could've done alone — even in a group of two. Even in a group as small as two this will be true. You'll be mystified by a creation born from the chemistry of people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be hearing plenty of opinions today and few facts. It's OK as long as you can tell the difference between the two. Many can't seem to. Also, you won't agree with all you hear, but it's worthwhile to learn where people's heads are at.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Rest is part of your creative rhythm. You're cycling through insight, release, determination and ambition right now — it's bound to leave you a little spent. An hour or two more of sleep could change your whole day. Let restoration do its work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a productive power in boredom. A lull or quiet period isn't a setback — it's fuel. When you get bored, your natural creativity kicks in and drives you toward something new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Every person is a universe of perspective, experience and possibility. Get together. It opens doors to collaboration and growth. Reconnect with people you already know and don't stop there. Ask for introductions. Expand your circle.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). You radiate confidence and originality this trip around the sun, drawing admiration and opportunities in equal measure. Look forward to love you embrace with your whole heart, deeper self-knowledge and a year rich with chances to use and hone your gifts. More highlights: a thrilling trip, a luxurious upgrade and a sweet reunion. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 11, 16 and 30.

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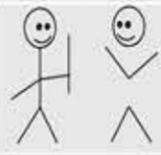
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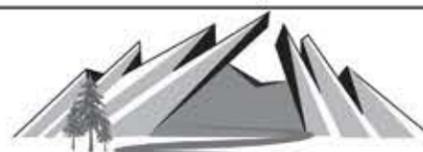
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what social media might have portrayed over the last several months, the majority of the feedback that we've received as a district has been both positive and supportive. I want to reaffirm that the safety of our students, both mentally and physically, is our highest priority."

A Colorado Department of Education grant has enabled the district to add two additional school counselors.

"We dedicate ourselves daily to creating a safe environment where every student feels valued and protected," Bongard reiterated. "If any parent or any student ever feels that our schools are not a safe place for them or their students — I cannot say this enough — they need to reach out to me directly so we can get with the principals and make sure that there is a plan of action moving forward to support our kiddos. Growing up is hard enough in this day and age. Not having a safe school for them is not an option. That's our ultimate goal. We know students can learn when they feel safe."

During the summer, three of five Hemphill staff members were fired in relation to the handling of the early April incident in a middle school locker room around track practice. The principal and vice principals were formally terminated during a 7 a.m. special board meeting June 20 with Bongard citing "violations of at least one district policy." A third middle school staffer, a teacher and track coach, had dismissal procedures initiated against him during another special board meeting the morning of July 11.

The other two staff members involved, including a second track coach, had their resignations approved by the board in early April a couple of days prior to the locker room situation and faced no consequences.

"Two employees have been cleared of any policy violations," Bongard said during the June 20 board meeting.

Throughout the process, Bongard maintained that the delay in dishing out the punishment for students compared to staff was the result of having to wait for the conclusion of third-party investigation under federal Title IX statutes.

Strasburg High School Principal Scott Andrews and teachers Rebecca Clark (English), Alaina Franklin (social studies) and Victoria Andrus (math) completed an intense four-day leadership training focused on school culture over the summer.

A survey taken by staff members at the end of last school year revealed that trust between staff members is at a low point.

"This is our current reality, this is our starting place," Andrews said. "Really we go up from here."

Bongard has a plan to address the results, including an employee engagement committee, a cohort for staff interested in leadership roles,

and retention interviews to assess the reasons remaining staff members chose to stay. New instructional excellence pillars will set expectations and create consistency among staff.

Post secondary and workplace readiness is also a focus, whether that means additional schooling or another career path. Data has shown that many students are leaving college without completing their degrees so the district seeks to better support students who choose to go to college, while still maintaining support for students on a path to technical school or joining the workforce full-time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Board member Diana Elliott is attuned to possible changes at the state legislature as Gov. Jared Polis recently called a special session starting Aug. 21.

Polis has said that the federal Big Beautiful Bill Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump July 4, affected the budget in Colorado so severely that it is out of balance and no longer complies with the requirements of the state's Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR). According to Polis, Colorado's budget had a surplus before the bill passed, and estimates a \$1 billion loss in revenue for the state, leading to a \$700,000 deficit in the budget.

"I think it's important to note that it costs \$50,000 per day to hold a special session," said Elliott, adding a minimum of three days is required to pass a bill and various factors can extend that.

Elliott continues to advocate for the needs of rural districts at regional Colorado Association of School Boards meetings. She emphasized the need for solidarity with members who are unable to attend meetings this time of year due to their agricultural responsibilities.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Zoom broadcast of the Aug. 11 school board meeting was hijacked by hackers, who plastered the screen with homophobic imagery. The online broadcast ended about 30 minutes into the meeting. The perpetrators of the attack are unknown but could face federal charges if found.

Two school board seats are up for election in November. Three candidates have picked up petitions and are collecting signatures. Petitions must be returned by Aug. 29.

The East Central BOCES recently announced the initiation of a search for a new executive director to take over in July of 2026. The new hire will replace Jason Westfall, who has had the position since July 2018.

Board work sessions have moved to 6-8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month, starting Aug. 25.

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tion. "No more excuses. We just want it done. If it's within our power, we will hold payment until this stuff is done."

In rebuttal, Thomas said subcontractors fell short of what was needed or expected of them, especially when it comes to emergency systems and parts of the concession stand, particularly citing the shortcomings of Convergent Technologies for the fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

"Really disappointed in Convergent, particularly the lack of communication," said Thomas, noting the company provided only partial design, provided only a half-order of the necessary parts and that some materials were not compatible for the project. "They didn't have anyone on their team to fully design it and it's out of my expertise. I felt they were the best people to handle it but, boy, was I sorely mistaken."

As a result, Thomas said he has had to include six different subcontractors to address the project, particularly the concession stand, which still needs a proper vent hood for food preparation and exterior strobe light for emergency

notification.

Thomas, who addressed school officials via phone, also mentioned back orders on several supplies but, when asked about specifics on how long those delays have been in place, he was unable to fully answer the question. As a result, board member Reagan Hahn reiterated the board's extreme displeasure with the project's delay and stormed out of the boardroom in frustration.

The board's frustration was also palpable when discussing some of the shoddy workmanship already rearing its ugly head, specifically the concrete and ramp coverings at the entrance for the modular units. Several wide cracks have already developed in the concrete pads that were poured about a year ago, wiring under the ramps remains exposed to the elements, and ground-based electrical boxes are consistently flooded. While walking around the project site late last week, *The I-70 Scout* also found bolts not anchoring the ramps into the concrete.

Musser requested the concrete be re-poured and that other repairs be made imme-



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Last year's Deer Trail School expansion project of three modular classrooms and concession stand with restrooms remains incomplete and some of the construction work has left little to be desired, including unanchored entrance ramps (inset).

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Superintendent Mike Jobman agreed with board members that there has been "zero accountability" from the contractor, to which Musser told Jobman to "keep their feet to the flame."

"I just got done reading [Thomas] the riot act and I don't want to read you one either," Musser told Jobman.

While the 2024-25 school year started on time, it wasn't

without headaches as classes scheduled to be in the modular classrooms were displaced to other areas of the school for the first week or two of classes.

Bringing the concession stand and restrooms online was also delayed until after the 2024 football season in order to properly tie in the temporary septic system exclusive to that project.

The classroom additions

and neighboring restroom facilities became necessary when a population explosion in Deer Trail several years ago led to student overcrowding in Deer Trail's new school, which is now six years old.

The project was originally capped at \$750,000 but, as of last fall, it appeared likely the expenses would eclipse that threshold. A new cost for the

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Significant cracks in year-old concrete present a walking hazard for students and staff that use modular classroom units at Deer Trail School.

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project was not mentioned during the meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Concerning student locations, new secondary principal Riley Williams noted that sixth-graders have been incorporated from the modular additions to the junior high and high school part of the second-floor classroom wing.

"It's been a little bit of transition for the sixth-graders, especially the lockers, but should be beneficial down the road," Williams said.

Jobman indicated that the verdict is still out on whether two teachers might be needed in the first and second grades.

"Hopefully we'll see where we're at in the next 10 days or two weeks and make a decision," he said. "Just at a tough, in-between number right now. If we're splitting with under 24 [students], not the best situation."

A new absentee policy is in place for the new school year and board members urged administration and staff to strongly enforce it.

The new absentee program includes four thresholds and early intervention terms. Three absences will trigger the first contact to a parent or guardian with Level 1 (five absences) forcing a call from the counselor; Level 2 (eight absences) getting the principals involved; Level 3 (10 absences) resulting in remediation; and Level 4 allowing superintendent or board involvement and possible truancy court.

Newly hired maintenance director Hunter Kinsman, who previously served the same capacity at Agate School, said a lot of miscellaneous buildings inspections are on the horizon and that he is currently working to remedy widespread water damage caused by poorly sealed exterior doorways allowing rain and other precipitation to leak in.

The new school year is also starting with a policy of no cell phones in classrooms.

First day of classes for the 2025-26 school year was Aug. 11.

Jobman, who also serves as the district athletic director, announced that the Union Pacific League has increased its prices for athletic events to \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. The board approved a discounted rate for in-district students of \$2 at home games but requested that more effort be made to ensure students sit in the stands and not run around the gym, football field bleachers or the school's hallways.