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Mom, daughter charged in local carjacking

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

More specifics have come out about last month's armed carjacking north of Bennett and Strasburg turned vehicle pursuit into east Denver, which

resulted in mother-daughter suspects being arrested and facing numerous charges, including multiple felonies.

According to a Sept. 5 online docket search of the 17th Judicial District, Valentina Hahn, 53, of Denver, is scheduled for arraignment at 8:30

a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, and Brandi Hahn, 27, of Kittredge, has a preliminary hearing scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 10, for a handful of charges associated with the Aug. 10 incident. Both defendants will have their cases heard in Adams County

Courtroom F.

Among the litany of charges are third-degree felony aggravated robbery with intent to kill/maim/wound with a weapon and fifth-degree felony

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Officials with Colorado Air & Space Port near Watkins recently announced another partnership to assist in developing the region's aerospace industry presence.

Spaceport officials tout recent DU partnership

by **Douglas Claussen**
Publisher & Editor

WATKINS — The University of Denver will establish one of the world's most recognized quality and efficiency programs in Adams County at Colorado Air & Space Port near Watkins after signing a lease with the AltitudeX Aviation Group last month.

DU will bring a Six Sigma Center of Excellence to the airport to serve as a launchpad for operational excellence, student education, workforce development, and long-term economic growth for the region. CASP is promoting international education programs to attract more students to its campus for collaboration in research, innovation, and the aviation industry.

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Getting 'Bull'ied!

STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The 2025 edition of Bennett Days was held Sept. 5-7 in and around Trupp Park. Friday night included a new event as 10 of the top professional bullfighters converged on Bennett for Ultimate Bullfights' Bennett Invitational. Above, Galvin Day from Mooresville, N.C., gets caught up on the head of one of the Mexican fighting bulls from Nebraska-based Flatline Fighting Bulls. Day escaped injury, completing his 60-second battle in the first round of competition.

CORE officials give rate hike notice, prep for 87th birthday



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

CORE Electric Cooperative Bennett branch manager Robert Kiess speaks to I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce members Aug. 20.

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — CORE Electric Cooperative's history, organization and operations were recently illuminated by CORE officials, who also shed light on why rate hikes are coming.

The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce's Lunch & Learn took place at CORE headquarters in Bennett Aug. 20. Speakers were Local Government and Business Relations Manager Angie Bedolla and Bennett District Manager Robert Kiess. Both are on the Chamber of Commerce board.

Bedolla gave a brief history of CORE, noting that the cooperative, formerly Inter-

mountain Rural Electric Association (IREA), is 87 years old.

"We started in August 1938 and — fun fact — CORE's birthday is the same as my birthday, but the year is a little different," she said.

The cooperative was founded in 1938 as a not-for-profit, customer-owned electric distribution cooperative with 15 miles of line and 23 members.

"There were two women on that founding board," Bedolla said. "It was quite progressive."

The co-op grew over the past 87 years and now serves about 375,000 people across 5,000 square miles with more than 185,000 meters.

It has four district offices — its headquarters is in Sedalia and district offices are located in Bennett, Woodland Park and Pine Junction. CORE's elected board has seven district directors, with Robert Graf representing District 6, the Eastern Plains district in parts of Adams and Arapahoe counties that encompasses the I-70 Corridor communities from Bennett to Deer Trail.

Bedolla emphasized that a cooperative is member-owned.

"So, anybody who is a CORE member, we literally work for you. We are owned by you."

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Lecture series on Civil War slated by 'Burg historians

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society and Museum will host a presentation entitled Introduction and Basics of America in Civil War from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, at the TBK Bank Community Room.

Museum curator Cliff Smith will present several related topics over four lectures.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for light snacks and conversation.

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more information, call (303)622-4322.

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

'Burg Comanche VIP Seniors plan monthly potluck Aug. 19

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Strasburg Community Center, 56423 Westview Ave.

Strasburg resident Jeff Thain will speak on his family's longtime connection to trains.

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

For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

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.

A Cottage Food Safety Statewide Online Training course will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19. The \$50 courses are three to four hours long and can be completed online.

The event is sponsored by CSU Ex-

tension offices in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. For more information and to register, visit arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu.

Local community college set for biz luncheon appearance

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, at May Farms in Byers.

Morgan Community College will sponsor lunch and provide the speaker.

For more information and to RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Sept. 12. Space is limited.

Senior Safety Day scheduled for Arapahoe Co. residents

CENTENNIAL — Four entities within Arapahoe County will host Senior Safety Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at Arapahoe Community College.

The event, hosted by the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, South Metro Fire Rescue, and South Metro Safety Foundation, is tailored for older adults in Arapahoe County.

Participants will learn about consumer fraud and exploitation protection, emergency preparedness, and personal safety and security.

Doors open at 8 a.m. A \$10 registration fee is required and lunch will be provided.

For more information, e-mail to jsorrells@coda18.gov.

Arapahoe Community College is located at 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton.

ArapCo Extension office plans seminar on pollinator habitat

CENTENNIAL — Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County will host a class on pollinators with a tour of the Lima Plaza Pollinator Garden.

Master Gardeners will teach participants to create pollinator habitat at the Fall Pollinator Garden Class. The class runs from 5-6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15, at the Arapahoe County Extension Office, 6934 S. Lima St., Suite B, Centennial.

To register, visit The County Line newsletter page at arapahoeco.gov.

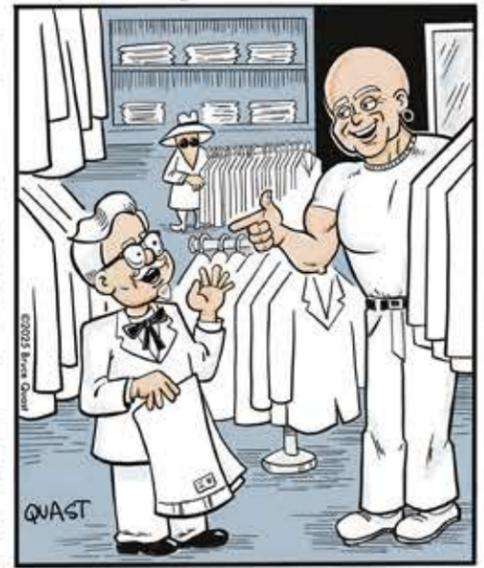
Fall-planted flowers seminar scheduled at library in Aurora

CENTENNIAL — Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County plans a seminar on planting floral bulbs during autumn from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Aurora Central Library, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

CSU Arapahoe County Master Gardener Ron Hogan will teach participants to make their yards harbinger of spring with colorful blooms from bulbs planted during the fall.

To register, visit The County Line newsletter page at arapahoeco.gov.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Hey- you shop here too?"

Phone scam scofflaws pose as CBI cyber crime personnel

DENVER — The Colorado Bureau of Investigation has received reports of a scam where its members are impersonated over the phone.

The callers pose as CBI Cyber Crimes Special Agents and provide an unlikely story about a cyber crime. They ask the victim to provide substantial personal information regarding financial accounts and remote access to their computer. The caller provides a call-back phone number that does not belong to the CBI.

The scammers are professional and might have a surprising amount of information about the victim and the CBI from public information.

To report a suspected scam involving the CBI, call 1-855-443-3489.

Senior excursion planned to New Belgium Brewery

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a senior excursion to a tour of the New Belgium Brewery in Fort Collins.

The bus will leave promptly at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. Transportation is included, but advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. The fee is \$25; lunch is not included.

To RSVP, call (303)622-4260.

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LIBRARY NEWS

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Aging Mastery: Arapahoe County CSU Extension and Arapahoe County Health will host a series of Aging Mastery Program classes to provide useful information to older adults. The classes will focus on community, exercise, fall prevention, finance, healthy relationships, medication management and sleep. Participants are encouraged to attend at least seven sessions. Light refreshments provided. 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 9.

Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 will participate in sunflower-themed activities. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and a goody bag to take home will be provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 12.

Stories of Colorado Women: A Center of Colorado Women's History presentation about women from diverse backgrounds, famous and unknown, who have made intriguing contributions to the state. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17.

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Scribble & Giggle: Parents and caregivers can bring their little ones ages 2-5 for play-based activities to help build pre-writing skills in children who are starting to scribble, they'll have lots of fun! 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15.

Friday matinee: "Playing With Fire" (2019, rated PG, 1 hour, 36 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12.

Adult book club: "Luckiest Girl Alive" by Jessica Knoll. 6-7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15.

DIY keychain Workshop: Tweens can

add a personalized touch to backpacks or key rings using charms, Perler beads, and other provided supplies. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17.

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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anythinklibraries.org

Draw your fave: Participants of all ages will pick a favorite character and learn to draw it in the style of four popular artists: Eiichiro Oda (One Piece), Kohei Hirokoshi (My Hero Academia), Hiromu Arakawa (Fullmetal Alchemist), and Naoko Takeuchi (Sailor Moon). 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

Rummikub, Refreshments & More: Adults gather on the second Friday of each month to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub. Other card and board games available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12.

After Hours Teen Movie Night: Middle- and high-schoolers will watch an outdoor movie. Snacks and activities provided by Adams County Health. 5-7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12.

Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

Teen Advisory Board: Participants ages 12-17 can attend monthly meetings for an active leadership role in planning and implementing library programs and events. 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Mini horses: Attendees of all ages can meet and learn all about mini horses. They will see up close how to take care of the adorable animals from Veronica Cobian and her family at Five Star Minis Farm. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27.



Free Class

Fall in the Pollinator Garden: What to Do and When at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension office

Monday, Sept. 15, 5-6 p.m.

Learn how to protect pollinators over the winter by attending an informal, hands-on class and walking tour at the Lima Plaza Extension Office.

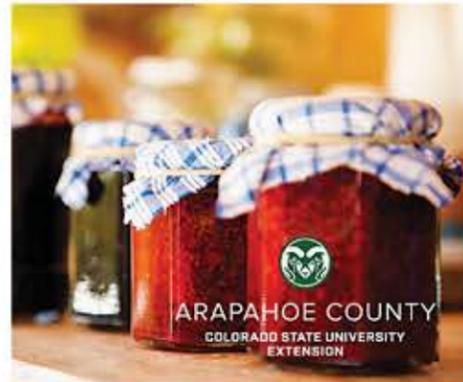
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We're always looking for volunteers to assist with programs and events.

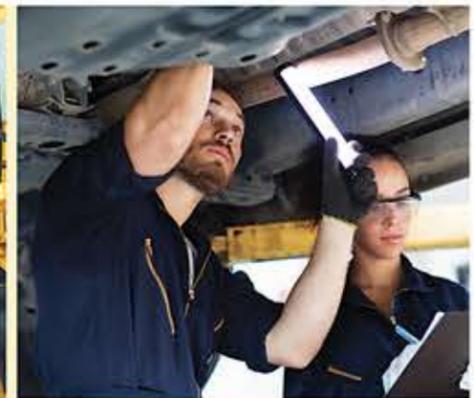
Visit arapahoeco.gov/volunteer to find current volunteer opportunities within the County.



Cottage Food Safety

Learn food safety guidelines and the specifics of operating a cottage food business from home. The next online class is **Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

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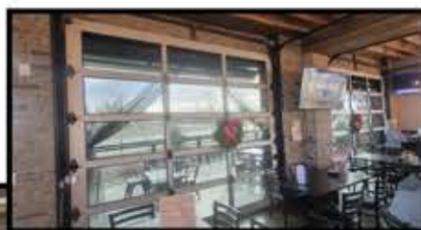
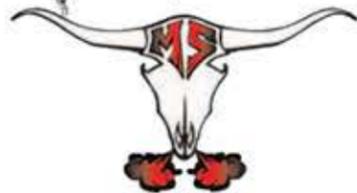
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 — Douglas Claussen, Publisher & Editor

AdCo's Festival Latino returns Sunday

BRIGHTON — A day filled with vibrant cultural celebrations including live music, dance performances, art installations, and delicious cuisine celebrating Latino cultures soon will return to Adams County.

The third annual Festival Latino runs from 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, at Riverdale Regional Park in Brighton.

The free, family-friendly event promises to be even more spectacular than years past. Attendees will be treated to live music by popular local and regional acts, including Media Luna, Tropical Kaoba, Conjunto Cimarron, Del Rancho Al Norte, and Banda La Exclusiva Del RH.

In addition, the festival will feature large-scale sculptural installations, interactive art experiences, and opportunities for reflection from nine world-class visual artists from Colorado — George Davis and Brian Labra

Vergara, Brandon Vargas, Sasha Primo, Wey Mnky, Diego Florez-Arroyo, Mariana Thornton, and K Works Studio. The artists each explore cultural expression through personal stories and experiences.

"Festival Latino has been close to my heart since we first helped bring it to life three years ago," said Lynn Baca, chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners. "From the beginning, our vision was to create a space where families could come together to celebrate the rich traditions and vibrant culture that make Adams County so special."

The festival will also feature a variety of food vendors serving authentic cuisines, ensuring festival-goers can enjoy a true taste of Latino cultures. Commercial vendors and community resource booths will also participate.

For more information, visit adamscountyco.gov.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
Bennett Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Administrative Office, 355 Fourth St., Bennett.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.
Spaghetti dinner. 6-10 p.m., North Central Fire Protection District firehouse, 40144 Ridge Road, Deer Trail.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15
East Adams Conservation District Board. 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.
Strasburg Parks & Recreation District Board. 6 p.m., TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave. Call (303)622-4260 for information.
Byers Fire Rescue. 6 p.m., Byers Firehouse.
Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission. 6 p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas page at bennettco.gov for information.

Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers School boardroom.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16
Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Virtual Metro Area Career Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 14980 E. Alameda Ave., Aurora. To register, visit www.adworks.org.

Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.

Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees.com for link and location.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May Farms, Byers.

EVERY FRIDAY
Preschool story time: Children ages 3-6 can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and other fun activities. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

CO named Top 10 state to work, start a biz

DENVER — New reports list Colorado as a top 10 state to work in the United States and among the best to launch new businesses.

Colorado was No. 10 overall on the list of best states to work and is fifth in wage policies. With more laws related to better compensation and conditions in the workplace, the state ranks No. 1 in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The state is also ranked ninth as the best place to start a business.

"Some people think you can't be a great state to start a business and a great state for workers, but they are wrong," said Gov. Jared Polis has signed a number of laws to support Colorado workers and businesses.

According to a release, Polis has been an advocate for strengthening Colorado's workforce, reducing property taxes for small businesses, and making it a good place for businesses to hire the talent needed to thrive.

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1 killed, 3 injured in midair collision

FORT MORGAN (AP) — One person was killed and three were injured when two small planes collided midair as they tried to land at an airport in northeastern Colorado, authorities said.

The collision occurred on Aug. 21 while trying to land at Fort Morgan Municipal Airport, the Fort Morgan Aviation Administration said.

Both planes — each with two people aboard — crashed and caught fire.

Shirley's father said.

The two on the other plane were taken to a hospital, the sheriff's office said.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA are investigating the crash.

6 dairy workers die from suspected gas exposure

A sign stands at Proves Ranch outside of Prospect Valley Aug. 27.

Workers told The Denver Post that the four dairy cows died from a suspected gas leak in a field near Proves Ranch, where they were found dead the evening of Aug. 27.

The four cows were found dead in a field near Proves Ranch, where they were found dead the evening of Aug. 27.

Town of Bennett receives \$2M in open space grant awards

The Town of Bennett Board of Trustees adopted a resolution accepting a \$2 million grant from the Adams County Open Space Fund.

The grant will be used to purchase and maintain open space in the town.

The town's board of trustees approved the grant on Aug. 27.

Byers mashes Meloneers in road gridiron opener

BYERS — Byers mashes Meloneers in road gridiron opener.

The Byers football team defeated the Meloneers in a 28-0 victory on Friday night.

The game was held at the Byers High School stadium.

Indian 'D' tames PV

STRASBURG — In a case of the defense being on the offense, the Indian 'D' football team tamed the PV team.

The Indian 'D' team defeated the PV team in a 28-0 victory on Friday night.

The game was held at the Indian 'D' High School stadium.

Lady Indian 9 takes pair at Rocky Ford triangular

ROCKY FORD — The Lady Indian 9 volleyball team took a 2-0 lead in a triangular match at Rocky Ford.

The Lady Indian 9 team defeated the Rocky Ford team in a 2-0 victory on Friday night.

The match was held at the Rocky Ford High School gymnasium.

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Indian 'D' tames PV

STRASBURG — In a case of the defense being on the offense, the Indian 'D' football team tamed the PV team.

The Indian 'D' team defeated the PV team in a 28-0 victory on Friday night.

The game was held at the Indian 'D' High School stadium.

Lady Indian 9 takes pair at Rocky Ford triangular

ROCKY FORD — The Lady Indian 9 volleyball team took a 2-0 lead in a triangular match at Rocky Ford.

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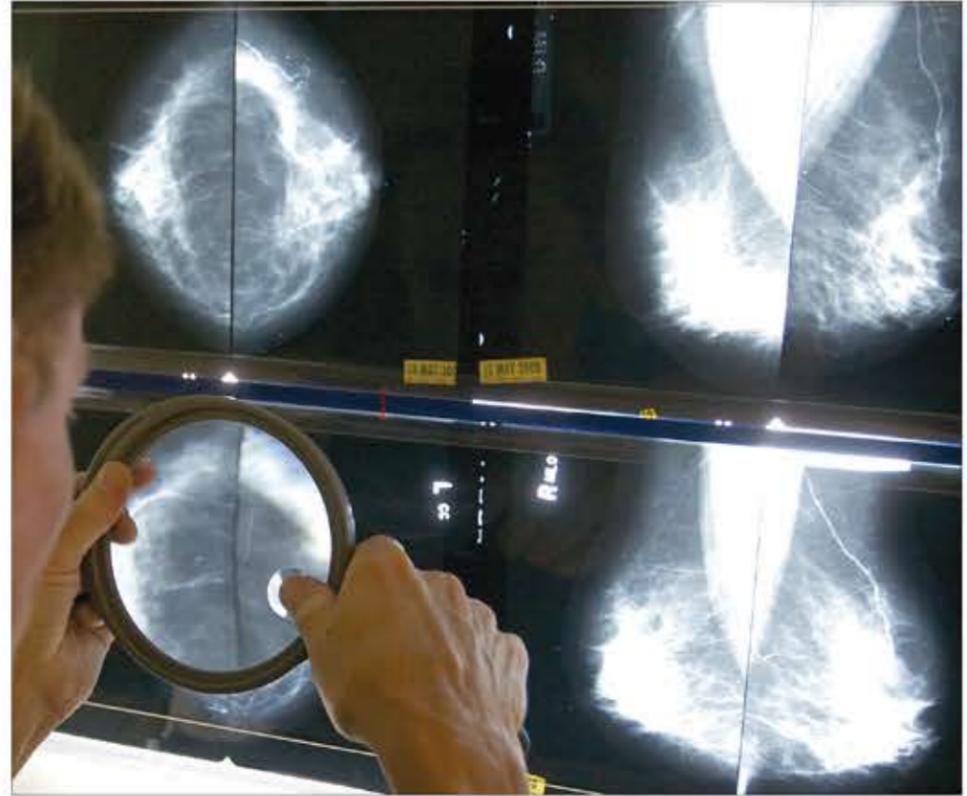
Barbara Savage

Barbara Ann (Deason) Savage, age 78, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, in Rocky Ford, Colo., from several long-term medical conditions, with Milt Savage (husband) by her side. She was born April 22, 1947, in Franklin, Tenn., the oldest of 3 children to David and Ruth (Crafton) Deason, who were married March 23, 1946 in Franklin and relocating to Bennett, Colo., in June 1948. She grew up in Bennett, graduating from Bennett High School in 1965. She went on to become a photo/portrait editor/touch-up specialist prior to marrying Milt (USN) July 18, 1970, and relocating to San Francisco, Calif. Upon completion of Milt's USN Enlistment, they returned to Bennett, where they would open Milt's Welding and later Milt's Photography, which Barbara was an integral part of. During their 55-year marriage, they also lived in Kit Carson, Colo.; Ulysses, Kan.; Perryton, Texas; and Trinidad, Colo., where they retired. She was preceded in death by her father David (1995), mother Ruth (2004), and sister Rosie Blankenship (2020). She is survived by her husband Milt Savage; their son Dalen and partner John Hoffman of Trinidad, Colo.; adopted daughter Michelle Cahoon and her husband Martin and children Justin, Taylor, Tara, Rylie, Addison, Travis, and Henry of Seely Lake, Mont.; brother Dan Deason, Falcon, Colo., and his daughter Lindsay Mulvey (mother Emily Larson), and son Joshua Mulvey, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and his son Zack Deason (mother Sande Harris), wife Jill, their sons Zander and Jacoby, West Jordan, Utah; and nephew David England, Atlanta, Ga., (father Cecil England). Barbara was loved by her family and vast number of friends. She was a real sweet heart to everyone she knew. We will cherish and carry her memory in our hearts forever. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Comi Funeral Home, 1804 E. Main St., Trinidad, Colo.

Nancy Hollingsworth

*In Loving Memory of
 Nancy Caroline Hollingsworth
 July 14, 1938 - August 14, 2025*

Nancy Caroline Hollingsworth (Baerresen), 87, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 14, 2025. Born on July 14, 1938, in Denver, Colo., to Harvey and Dorothy (Bissell) Baerresen, Nancy lived a life full of grace, faith, and unwavering love. We rejoice knowing she is now reunited with her beloved husband of 61 years, Gene. Raised on a farm in Littleton, Colo., Nancy's childhood was filled with hard work, strong values, and simple joys. Through 4-H, she cultivated her love for learning, & crafting award-winning recipes and showing sheep — skills that would shape her legacy of nurturing and hospitality. Summer road trips with her parents and siblings became cherished memories that she later passed on through stories shared with her children and grandchildren, always told with laughter, love, and a joyful light in her eyes. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and above all, a faithful servant of Christ. A gifted pianist and organist, her music was an expression of her deep faith—whether playing each Sunday at Mount Tabor Baptist Church or performing joyfully alongside Gene as they traveled together in service and song. Selfless and kind, Nancy lived out her faith in every aspect of her life. She poured her heart into her family — her four children, Sheri, Keith, Vicki, and Ward, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—creating a home that radiated love and faith. Her presence made every occasion special. Nancy was a steady and compassionate presence in her community, always ready to lend a hand or offer encouragement. Her quiet strength and radiant joy reflected her deep relationship with Christ, and she was devoted to raising her family to know His love. Though her absence leaves a deep ache in our hearts, we celebrate the fullness of a life well-lived. Nancy's legacy of faith, music, and love will continue to live on in all who had the blessing of knowing her. Her light has not dimmed—it shines ever brighter from heaven, where we know she has been welcomed with open arms and is dancing with her husband once again. Nancy is survived by her four children, Sheri, Keith, Vicki, & Ward; 13 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; her sister Virginia Bruer (Baerresen) of Colorado Springs; and several nieces and nephews. Nancy will be dearly missed, fondly remembered, and eternally loved. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 3, at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 278 S. Sherman St., Byers, CO 80103.



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP Photo

A radiologist checks mammograms for breast cancer with a magnifying glass in Los Angeles in 2010.

Cancer before age 50 is increasing. New study examines which types

by **Carla K. Johnson**
 AP Medical Writer

journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Cancer before age 50 is rare, but increasing, in the United States and researchers want to know why.

A new government study provides the most complete picture yet of early-onset cancers, finding that the largest increases are in breast, colorectal, kidney and uterine cancers.

Scientists from the National Cancer Institute looked at data that included more than 2 million cancers diagnosed in people 15-49 years old from 2010-19.

Of 33 cancer types, 14 cancers had increasing rates in at least one younger age group. About 63% of the early-onset cancers were among women.

"These kinds of patterns generally reflect something profound going on," said Tim Rebbeck of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, who studies cancer risk and was not involved in the research. "We need to fund research that will help us understand."

The findings were published in the May edition of *Cancer Discovery*, a

WHICH CANCERS?

The researchers compared cancer rates in 2019 to what would be expected based on 2010 rates.

Breast cancer made up the largest share of the excess cancers, with about 4,800 additional cases. There were 2,000 more colorectal cancers compared with what would be expected based on the 2010 rates. There were 1,800 more kidney cancers and 1,200 additional uterine cancers.

Reassuringly, death rates were not rising for most cancers in the young adult age groups, although increasing death rates were seen for colorectal, uterine and testicular cancers.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Explanations will take more research. The big databases used for the study don't include information on risk factors or access to care. Theories abound and a big meeting is planned later this year to bring together experts in the area.

"Several of these cancer types are known to be associated with excess body weight and so one of the leading hypotheses is increasing rates of obesity," said lead author Meredith Shiels of the National Cancer Institute.

Advances in cancer detection and changes in screening guidelines could be behind some early diagnoses.

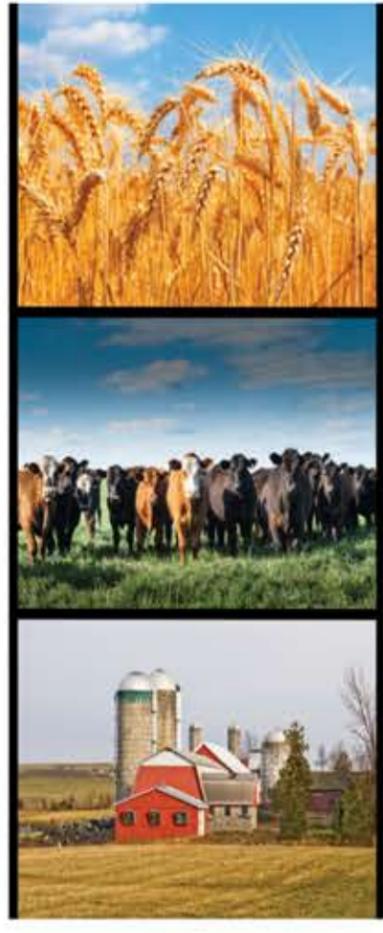
For breast cancer, the trend toward women having a first child at older ages is a possible explanation. Pregnancy and breastfeeding are known to reduce risk.

NOT A UNIFORM TREND FOR ALL CANCERS

This isn't happening across the board. Cancer rates in people under 50 are going down for more than a dozen types of cancer, with the largest declines in lung and prostate cancers.

Cigarette smoking has been declining for decades, which likely accounts for the drop in lung cancer among younger adults.

The drop in prostate cancer is likely tied to updated guidelines discouraging routine PSA testing in younger men because of concerns about over-treatment.



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SPORTS



Tigers 2-0 in pair of five-goal performances

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

BENNETT — The Tigers went on a two-game winning streak with victories at Elizabeth and at home against Ellicott in recent action, but a loss at Lamar Sept. 6 left them with a 3-2 record entering this week.

The Bennett boys topped the Cardinals 5-3 Aug. 29 and the Thunderhawks 5-0 Sept. 4 but lost 3-1 to the Thunder Sept. 6. Further information on the Lamar game was not available at press time.

“We’re still continuing on the right path towards our goal of making the playoffs,” said Tigers head coach Ashley Torgerson. “We are still trying to gel as a team and come together and find our identity, but I’m happy to rack up wins while we’re doing it.”

The Tigers faced Weld Central Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

League play starts at 11 a.m. Saturday at home against Alameda.

@ ELIZABETH

Bennett built a 3-0 halftime lead but allowed the Cardinals to gain momentum in the latter half of the contest with two goals to pull within 3-2.

“We were always ahead, but we just let them back in the game,” said head coach



From left photo, Tigers David Reyes (1) and Blake Gonzales (77) break through the Ellicott defense on the pitch at Paul Read Field Sept. 4.



PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEMO/For The Scout

Ashley Torgerson. “We let them get some life and some confidence after we had them down, but we were able to pull through and pull out the win.”

Senior Jesus Santoyo caught fire, scoring four of Bennett’s five goals on just six shots.

“Four goals,” Torgerson said. “I don’t know that that’s ever happened in Bennett.”

Junior Nathan Ramirez scored the Tigers’ remaining goal.

Santoyo also led the team with eight steals, followed by freshman Logan Lind and senior Jesus Villescas with three. Seven other Tigers put

up two thefts each.

Torgerson noted his “quiet stars.”

“Logan Lind did a great job in the middle stopping balls coming through the middle and redistributing them,” he said. “Nathan Priddy did an awesome job feeding the ball from the defensive line.”

Junior Isaac Hernandez yielded all three Elizabeth goals but also had seven saves. Sophomore Enzo Lomri split time in goal with Hernandez, finishing with five saves.

ELLICOTT

Bennett scored three goals in the first half and two in

the second against the Thunderhawks. Junior Houston Broskie had a breakout game with three goals on three shots and junior Hayden Kirby and freshman Eric Machado each scored one.

Senior Blake Gonzalez had four shots on goal.

Bennett’s biggest thieves were Kirby and sophomore Uvaldo Lopez with three steals each, and four other Tigers had two apiece.

Hernandez went the distance in goal, recording 11 saves, one on a penalty kick, in the shutout. Torgerson said Hernandez and Lomri remain in a deadlock for the perma-

nent starting spot, but that he’s started rotating them by game instead of by half.

“They’re still making it a very tough decision,” Torgerson said.

Torgerson said that the team to played first entire game as a — together as a whole team.

“The whole squad did fantastic,” he added. “I think we’re finally gelling together as a team.”

The Tigers were missing five players against the Thunderhawks.

COMING UP

Sept. 13: Alameda.
Sept. 17: @ Fort Lupton.

Bennett outlasts West Slope Longhorns for doubleheader sweep



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

Lady Tiger Audrey Harrell smacks one of two base hits in the first game of a doubleheader against Basalt Aug. 28.

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A week’s worth of recent home games saw the Bennett Lady Tigers sandwich a doubleheader sweep between two blowout losses to stay a game above .500.

After falling to 3A top 10-ranked Forge Christian 16-0 Aug. 28, the orange-and-black swept Basalt 16-14 and 14-10 Aug. 30. Most recently, 4A Centaurus remained undefeated with a 20-1 drubbing of Bennett in a Frontier League contest Sept. 4.

DOUBLEHEADER VICTORIES

In what Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz called a

“good bounce back” after the Forge Christian defeat, the orange-and-black came from behind in game one against the visiting Longhorns before having to hang on late in the second contest.

“The first game didn’t start good for us — similar to the start against Forge — giving up five runs in the first, but we really picked it up in the fourth and fifth innings, scoring 14 of our 16 runs,” Ortiz said. “The second game was a little better from start to finish. While they made a small comeback, the girls were able to fight through and close it out with 3 runs in the sixth. The girls showed a lot of fight over both games, which is what I’m asking for.”

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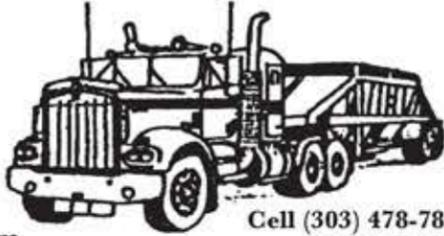
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SB BENNETT

FROM PAGE 7

After allowing the five-spot in the top of the first, an RBI double by Tiger freshman Macy Meyer drove in junior Polish exchange student Jagoda Gutowska, who walked. In Bennett's half of the third inning, Meyer again drove in Gutowska with an RBI single to close the gap to 5-2.

After Basalt crossed home plate three times in the top of the fourth, Bennett responded with 9 runs in the bottom of the frame to jump up 11-8. The first nine Tiger hitters all reached base — four walks, four singles and a double — to tie the game at 8, and Gutowska, who walked again, scored the go-ahead tally on a passed ball. Meyer scored Bennett's 10th run on a passed ball and freshman Adelyn Westendorf tallied the final run on an RBI ground-out by senior Natalee Kalcevic.

The Longhorns pulled within 11-10 after the top half of the fifth, but an RBI single by senior Colby Robichaud, a two-run triple by Meyer, and a run-scoring single by Westendorf helped extend the hosts' advantage to 16-10 in the bottom of the inning. Basalt tallied 3 runs in the sixth and 1 in the final frame but Bennett held on.

Bennett's 13-hit attack included four base knocks and five RBIs. Robichaud and senior Audrey Harrell had two hits apiece. Gutowska recorded a triple in her only official at-bat but walked three times and had a pair of steals. Kalcevic walked twice; as a team, Bennett walked eight times.

Meyer got the start in the pitching circle with only 3 of 10 runs against her being earned on nine hits while walking five and striking out five. Robichaud threw the final two innings, giving up 4 runs, 2 earned, on three hits while walking two and striking out one Longhorn. Defensively, Bennett committed three errors.

In the second game, the two teams switched roles as Bennett dominated early with Basalt trying to rally late.

After Basalt scored an unearned run in its opening at-bat, the hosts responded with 3 in the bottom of the frame. Robichaud led off with a double, advanced to third on an error on a

Gutowska ground ball and scored on a passed ball. Gutowska crossed home plate on a Basalt error on a Meyer grounder and a double by freshman Grace Mathis scored Meyer.

A 2-run double by Meyer and a run-scoring single from Westendorf extended Bennett's lead to 6-1 in the third.

After Basalt tightened the score to 6-2 in the top half of the fourth, the Tigers again immediately rallied with 5, including a 2-run double by Robichaud and run-scoring ground balls by senior Tori Dishong and Mathis.

The Longhorns made the game interesting with 2 tallies in the fourth, 4 in the fifth five and 2 in the sixth to tighten the score to 11-10; however, a 2-run inside the park home run by Gutowska and another RBI single by Mathis in the bottom of the sixth put the game out of reach.

"Proud of the girls for not relinquishing the lead and making the plays when things got tight," Ortiz said.

Offensively, Bennett had 14 hits, 10 walks and three hit batters. Gutowska recorded four hits with a pair of RBIs, while Mathis added three hits and three RBIs. Senior Mea Dunn walked four times.

Robichaud threw the first three innings and, while 2 runs scored, none were earned; she allowed one hit while walking one and striking out five. Harrell threw the fourth and fifth innings in relief, allowing 6 earned runs on eight hits while walking one and striking out one. Meyer threw the final two frames, allowing 2 runs, 1 earned, on two hits while walking two and striking out three.

BLOWOUT LOSSES

Against Forge Christian and Centaurus, the first two innings spelled doom for the hosts. Both contests ended in three innings.

Forge scored 11 in the first and 5 in the second, while Centaurus tallied 5 in the first and 11 in the second.

Against Centaurus, the Tiger defense committed 11 errors.



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Lady Indian 9 gets shut out by defending state champs

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

EATON — Eaton improved to 7-1 after soundly defeating visiting Strasburg 10-0 in five innings Sept. 2 in the first Patriot League game for both teams.

The Lady Indians turned around and whipped Pomona 10-0 but were defeated by Pueblo South 11-7 and Southeast Colorado 22-12. The games were played Sept. 5-6 at a National Championship Sports Softball tournament at Twin Rivers Park in Greeley.

Strasburg now stands at 7-4. For coverage of the Greeley tournament, see the Sept. 12 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

@ EATON

The three-time defending 3A state champion Lady Reds scored 3 runs in the first and second innings and 4 in the third en route to the win.

Fielding miscues and a couple of questionable calls contributed to the loss.

"We had a couple crucial errors. If we'd have thrown those girls out, things could have changed," Madrill said. "They were silly errors. ... And so it took the momentum away from us."

"We just got to clean it up a little bit."

Junior shortstop Madi Olsen committed both errors but also had one terrific play in the field and contributed Strasburg's only hit with a single up the middle.

Junior Addi Kent was robbed of two

hits when the hard shots were stabbed by Reds freshmen Paige Hofer at shortstop and Paige Edelman in left field.

Junior Phebe Johnson pitched for Strasburg. She gave up 7 earned runs on eight hits including three doubles in four innings.

"She's getting deep in the count and she's having to throw it down the pipe," Madrill said. "We've got to deal with that, but she is getting better. We got to make sure we do things a little different."

Johnson walked four batters and struck out three while throwing 102 pitches, "which is 25.5 pitches in an inning, which is too many," Madrill said.

Madrill said junior first baseman Payton Weaver might have potential as a hurler.

"She made the mistake of pitching out in the outfield, and she can throw," he added. "We're going to work with her a little bit to see if we can't get her to do a little bit."

Strasburg resumed Patriot League play at home against Resurrection Christian Sept. 9. The visiting Cougars entered Tuesday's contest 6-5 overall, 1-1 in conference play.

COMING UP

- Sept. 11: @ The Academy.
- Sept. 13: Vista PEAK.
- Sept. 16: Weld Central.
- Sept. 18: @ Sterling.
- Sept. 20: @ Forge Christian.
- Sept. 22: Limon.
- Sept. 25: Valley.
- Sept. 30: @ Brush.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tournament fundraiser slated by local family center

BYERS — The Family Resources Center of the Eastern Plains will host a golf tournament benefit starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Quint Valley Golf Course in Byers.

The cost per team of two is \$150. Warm ups start at 8 a.m., with tee off set for 9 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit www.FamilyResourceByers.org.

Byers HS Health Sciences Club plans 5K Fun Run fundraiser

BYERS — The Byers High School Health Sciences Club is teaming up with the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce for a 5K Fun Run fundraiser.

The event will occur from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, at Byers High School, 444 E. Front St.

Participants taking part in the run or walk will pay a \$15 fee if they reg-

ister prior to the event. The fee is \$20 on the day of the Fun Run. Bottled water will be handed out during the event along with prizes.

Vendor fees are \$35 for members or \$55 for non-members. Vendors should bring a table, chairs and giveaways.

Most proceeds benefit the Byers High School Health Sciences Club with the remainder going to the Chamber of Commerce.

Gymnastics, cheer program now registering participants

STRASBURG — The early bird deadline for the fourth quarter of the Twisters Gymnastics & Cheer program is Friday, Sept. 12, at the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St.

The fourth quarter lasts 12 weeks from Sept. 22 to Dec. 20. Registration opens Aug. 18 with a deadline of Thursday, Sept. 18. Early bird registration costs \$25 less.

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Richard Dixon



Richard M. Dixon was born in Mobile, Ala., Aug. 17, 1943, to Walter P. Dixon and Sue (McVoy) Dixon. Richard had one older brother and two older sisters. He went to military schools in Alabama and Mississippi from age 7-15. In 1958, his mom and dad had an opportunity to move to Hawaii or Alaska with the Corp of Engineers. Richard was told he could choose. He chose Alaska. The first time he went to a public school was in Anchorage, Alaska; he was a junior and

attended West High School. He was there during the time that Alaska became the 49th state. Richard then attended Alaska Methodist University, acquiring many friends and becoming involved with stage theater. He went to Eugene, Ore., for one post graduate semester studying literature and creative writing, but returned to Anchorage. There he worked in credit collection. He also met Donna Strane, an RN new to Alaska. They did not let grass grow under their feet and were married March 22, 1968.

Richard went back to school and received his teaching certificate. He taught two years at West High School. Their daughter, Erin, was born in 1972 at Anchorage Community Hospital. They moved to Homer, and Richard bought a 20-foot double-ender boat and commercially fished for halibut during the summer. When Richard sold his boat, they traveled to Japan, Hong Kong, and Guam, and met his parents in Hawaii.

Richard and Donna also lived in China Poot Bay and were lodge managers for Mike McBride. Richard then taught at Homer High School for 3 years; and his son, Jed was born Feb. 4, 1976, at the rural six bed Homer Hospital. The Homer High School principal drove him wild, so they moved to Kenai and Richard began working in the insurance business. They stayed there for 5 years, then moved to Anchorage, and continued in the insurance business. Richard received a free trip to the North Slope during his time working in insurance. The family saw Mt. McKinley, Brooks Range, tundra, and stood on the edge of the Arctic Ocean.

After completing his work with insurance, Richard did contract work with the same company and flew to many of the Arctic villages, meeting with school boards which were insured by the company. Richard loved that. Before leaving Alaska, Jed was married to Katie. Because his children had completed high school and Donna's mother in Montana needed help, Richard and Donna moved to Missoula and later found out that their first grandchild had been born back in Anchorage.

Richard started an Allstate Insurance Agency there, but this did not survive, and Richard became the manager of the Eastgate Mall in Missoula. When her mother passed away, Richard asked Donna where she wanted to live. She chose Denver as both children lived there, so Englewood it was. They lived there for 3 years. After they arrived, Jed went through a divorce and remarriage. Jed and Stephanie's daughter, Olivia was born in 2007. Erin had Isabella Paige six months later, and lived with Richard and Donna until Isabella was 4 1/2. During this time, Richard wrote three novels and self-published them.

Richard worked with several insurance agencies, then DTC security. At the age of 62, he had had enough of work and retired. Later, when Donna retired, they knew they could not afford to live in Denver. After looking around, they found a place in Deer Trail that they could buy outright. Richard often longed to return to Alaska, but it had changed and so had he. Richard and Donna made three wonderful trips to New Mexico to meet with Alaska friends. While living in Deer Trail, Richard became a member of the Fraternal Elks, Lodge 2307.

Richard and Donna began attending church in Agate, Colo., making their relationship with God and Jesus stronger and making marvelous friends. Richard had a rough time the last seven years. Memory loss became more severe, and confusion, anger and frustration were very hard. He was aware of what was happening to his mind. He was ready to shake the dust from his sandals and move on. He passed away on Aug. 15, 2025 at Highland Park, Aurora.

Richard is survived by his wife, Donna of 57 years; his son, Jed (Stephanie); his grandchildren, Emma Dixon, "Katt" Olivia, "Isa" Isabella, and Jaxon Dixon; two great grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Julia Dixon.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Sue Dixon; his daughter, Erin; his two sisters; and one brother.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at Agate Community Church. Memorial contributions can be made to Agate Community Church, 41078 1st Ave., Agate, CO 80101.

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This October 2021 photo shows a deceased Eastern cottontail infected with Shope papillomavirus.

'Frankenstein bunnies' found in CO

by Ben Finley
Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A group of rabbits in Colorado with grotesque, hornlike growths may seem straight out of a low-budget horror film, but scientists say there's no reason to be spooked — the furry creatures merely have a relatively common virus.

The cottontails spotted in Fort Collins earlier this summer are infected with the mostly harmless Shope papillomavirus, which causes wart-like growths that protrude from their faces like metastasizing horns.

Viral photos have inspired a fluffle of unflattering nicknames, including "Frankenstein bunnies," "demon rabbits" and "zombie rabbits." But their affliction is nothing new, with the virus inspiring ancient folklore and fueling scientific research nearly 100 years ago.

The virus likely influenced the centuries-old jackalope myth in North America, which told of a rabbit with antlers or horns, among other animal variations. The disease in rabbits also contributed to scientists' knowledge about the connection between viruses

and cancer, such as the human papillomavirus that causes cervical cancer.

The virus in rabbits was named after Dr. Richard E Shope, a professor at The Rockefeller University who discovered the disease in cottontails in the 1930s.

News about the rabbit sightings in Fort Collins started getting attention after residents started spotting them around town and posting pictures.

Kara Van Hoose, a spokesperson for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, told The Associated Press Aug. 13 that the agency has been getting calls about the rabbits seen in Fort Collins.

But she said that it's not uncommon to see infected rabbits, especially in the summer, when the fleas and ticks that spread the virus are most active. The virus can spread from rabbit to rabbit but not to other species, including humans and pets, she said.

The growths resemble warts but can look like horns if they grow longer, Van Hoose said. The growths don't harm rabbits unless they grow on their eyes or mouths and interfere with eating. Rabbits' immune systems are able to fight the virus and, once they do, the growths will disappear, she said.

TOWN OF DEER TRAIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT (REZONING) OF 515 3rd AVENUE, DEER TRAIL, COLORADO

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Deer Trail Planning Commission and Board of Trustees, respectively, shall hold public hearings concerning an amendment (rezoning) of the zoning for the property located at 515 3rd Avenue, Deer Trail, CO 80105 (EXHIBIT A), and generally located at Cedar Street and 3rd Avenue, pursuant to the Town of Deer Trail Zoning Ordinance Section 5-90(c)(1). The proposed amendment will change the zoning of the property from Residential to Main Street Mixed Use.

The public hearing shall be held before the Planning Commission on Saturday, September 13th, 2025 @ 10:00 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, Colorado 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

The Board of Trustees hearing shall be held on Tuesday, September 16th, 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, Colorado 80105, or at a place otherwise specified by the Town Clerk.

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

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- CRAB- Prairie/Red... 6-8' #5 cont.
- CRAB- Spring Snow Fruitless
- HONEYLOCUST- Imperial... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Shademaster... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Skyline... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Sunburst... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- LINDEN- Greenspire... 8' x 1" #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Hot Wings... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Sienna Glen... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- MOUNTAIN ASH- European... 7-8' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Bur... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Crimson Spire... 5-6' #5 cont.
- OAK- Red... 6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Regal Prince Columnar... 5-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Scarlet Letter... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Swamp White... 6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- White... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
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- CHERRY- Canada Red/Clump... 3-4' clump #5 cont.
- COTTONWOOD- Plains Straight... 4-6' #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Blue Arrow... 3 1/2-4' #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Colorado Green... 36" #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Green Column... 42" #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Skyrocket... 3-4' #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Skyrocket... #5 cont. 3-4'
- JUNIPER- Spartan... #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Taylor... 4-5' #5 cont.
- JUNIPER- Wichita Blue... #5 cont. 36-42"
- JUNIPER- Wichita Blue... #5 cont. 42"
- PINE- Austrian... 30-36" #5 cont.
- PLUM- Ostera... 3-4' shrub #10 cont.
- SERVICEBERRY- Autumn Brilliance... 3-4' Clump #5 cont.
- SPRUCE- Alberta Dwarf... #5 cont.

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- CHERRY- Canada Red... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- CRAB- Prairie/Red... 6-8' #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Imperial... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Shademaster... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Skyline... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- HONEYLOCUST- Sunburst... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- LINDEN- Greenspire... 8' x 1" #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Hot Wings... 8-10x1" #5 cont.
- MAPLE- Sienna Glen... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- MOUNTAIN ASH- European... 7-8' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Bur... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Crimson Spire... 5-6' #5 cont.
- OAK- Red... 6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Regal Prince Columnar... 5-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- Scarlet Letter... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- OAK- Swamp White... 6-8' #5 cont.
- OAK- White... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- PEAR- Chanticleer... 8-10' x 1" #5 cont.
- PINE- Mugho/Big Tuna... #5 cont.
- SPRUCE- Colorado/Glacier Blue... 30-36" #6 cont.
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- PINE- Southwestern White... 4-5' 10 Gal. Grow Bag

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- HONEYLOCUST- Sunburst... 6-8' #7 cont.
- JUNIPER- Spartan... 4-5' #7 cont.
- JUNIPER- Tolson's Weeping... 5' #5 cont.
- PINE- Mugho/Big Tuna... 21" B&B
- PINE- Southwestern White... 5-6' 10 Gal. Grow Bag
- PRIVET- Chryseum... 4-5' heavy branched #20c
- REDBUD- Eastern... 6-7' #7c Single Stems
- SERVICEBERRY- Allegheny/Clump... 4-5' clump #15 cont.
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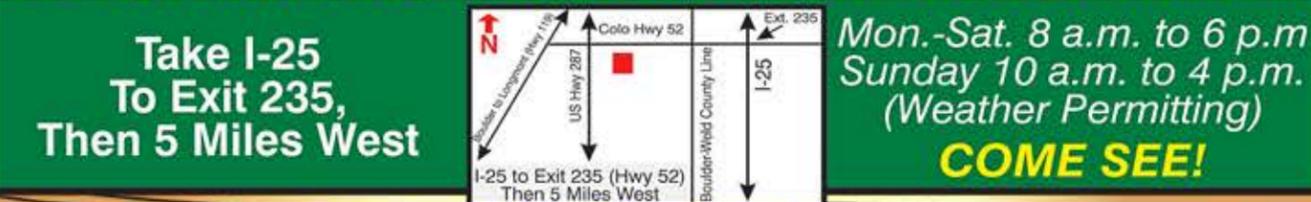
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- MAPLE- Hot Wings... 6-8' #7 cont.
- MAPLE- Sugar Fall Fiesta... 8-10' x 1 1/4" #7 cont.
- PINE- Aust/Winter Jade... 3-4' B&B
- PINE- Limber/Vanderwolf Pyramid... 4-5' 10 Gal. Grow Bag
- PINE- Ponderosa... 4-5-5' 10 gal. Grow Bag
- SPRUCE- Serbian... 3-4' 10Gal Grow Bag

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- CHERRY- Canada Red... 10-12x 1 1/4" #10 cont.
- CHERRY- Canada Red... 10-12x 1.25" #15cont.
- COFFEETREE- Espresso... 6' x 1" #10 cont.
- COTTONWOOD- Robusta... 10-12" #30 cont.
- CRAB- Gladiator... 8-10' x 1 1/4" #15cont.
- CRAB- Indian Magic/Pink... 10-12' x 1 1/4" #15c
- CRAB- Radiant/Pink... 8-10x1 1/4" #15 cont.
- CRAB- Ruby Tears Weeping... 5-6x 1 1/4" #10 cont.
- CRAB- Spring Snow... 7-8' x 1 1/4" #10 cont.
- HAWTHORNE- Russian... 8-10' x 1 1/4" #15cont.
- JUNIPER- Blue Arrow... 4-5-5' #10 cont. Monrovia
- MAPLE- Silver... 10-12x 1 1/4" #15cont.
- PEAR- Chanticleer... 8-10x 1 1/4" #10c
- PINE- Aust/Arnold's Sentinel... 4-5' B&B
- PINE- Austrian... 5-6' #10 cont.
- PINE- Limber/Vanderwolf Pyramid... 4-5' B&B hand dug ball
- PINE- Limber/Vanderwolf Pyramid... 5-6' 15Gal Grow Bag
- PINE- Ponderosa... 5-6' 15Gal Grow Bag
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residents. One factor is that water demand has skyrocketed due to more manufacturing in border cities in Mexico.

While increased manufacturing poses one problem, an even bigger problem lies with agriculture, and the types of plants being planted, as well as the way they have traditionally been watered. For example, avocados require 91 liters a day — four times more water than the production of oranges, and 10 times more than the production of tomatoes.

Alfalfa is another thirsty crop produced in drought-prone states, such as Texas, California and even Arizona.

As much as 80% of the Colorado River basin's water is used for agriculture and about half of that goes towards the production of alfalfa. Even more concerning is that most of the water is going to feed these thirsty crops. And, in the dry Southwest states of the U.S., half of its water goes to towards the production of beef and dairy cattle.

This has an impact on cities who are completely dependent on the Colorado River. In the case of Tijuana in Mexico, the Colorado River supplies 90% of its water, while U.S. cities such as Los Angeles and Las Vegas receive 50% and 90% of their water supplies from the Colorado River and basin, respectively.

This is a major concern as both the Colorado River and the Rio Grande are experiencing record low levels of water. And getting more water from Mexico is not a long-term solution.

Though the Biden administration was criticized by farmers for not threatening Mexico, by withholding water, its approach largely focused more on the long-term challenges.

For the previous U.S. administration, the solution was to invest more in the Colorado River basin, incentivizing California, Arizona and Colorado to conserve 3 million acre-feet of water through 2026 in return for \$1 billion in federal funding.

WHAT DRIVES THIS CONFLICT?

But under Trump, federal funding for tackling climate change is being slashed. Increased polarization in U.S. domestic politics and growing tensions with Mexico will make resolving this crisis all the more difficult.

This is a missed opportunity. Even though conflicts over water are becoming more frequent, water scarcity can also be a potential driver of cooperation.

Meanwhile, the U.S.'s relationship with Mexico continues to be rocky. Trump has threatened to put new 30% tariffs on Mexico from Aug. 1, after he claimed it hadn't done enough to tackle drug cartels.

Mexico's president, Claudia Sheinbaum, has said her government was destroying drug laboratories every day, and that the U.S. must control weapons traveling over its border into Mexico, which were being used for criminal purposes. Meanwhile, high tariffs on Mexican goods are likely to affect U.S. consumers as Mexico is currently the nation's biggest trading partner.

Cooperation, and acknowledging the role played by climate change, and unsustainable forms of development in both agriculture and manufacturing are key to resolving this cross-border water crisis — but the Trump administration is unlikely to acknowledge or address them.

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she said. As a cooperative, CORE is independent of state and federal oversight — not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

“We have an autonomous rate setting authority — our board of directors, which is very focused on making sure to only raise rates when absolutely necessary,” Bedolla said.

Extra dollars above operating expenses are invested in infrastructure, which is constantly expanding. Co-op members also receive capital credit checks. Bedolla noted that the board does its due diligence to determine how much money is required and what can go back to owners.

Kiess said CORE has relationships with other co-ops and other utilities through the Association of Large Distribution Co-ops.

“We do lean on each other as technology advances, things change, and legislation happens,” he said. “We meet with them, and we’re all learning from each other on best practices, and we’re all trying to be better than everybody. We measure our reliability versus our neighbors.”

Reliability is the key focus for operations.

“To keep the lights on and keep them on consistently — reliability — has a lot of components, including system improvements and proactive maintenance,” he said.

Kiess said line is rebuilt every year. “We identify areas of most need based on pole condition (and) age ... and we look at where growth is coming in to make changes.”

Battery storage areas are planned. “We have our solar that obviously produces during the day. We want to be able to store some of that energy, to be able to use during peak times, to kind of shift some of that peak load around,” he said.

Kiess said the Deer Trail substation is the oldest in the territory.

“We’re going to rebuild that and improve the transmission line to it,” he said. “It’s an older line. It’s 44kV line built 70-something-plus years ago, so

it’s been around a while.” Kiess said the new line and substation should be complete by 2028. The process will include establishing rights of way, talking with landowners, and holding community meetings to come to agreement on the best path. The rebuilt Deer Trail substation will be called Rattlesnake Creek substation.

Another current project is a 154 megawatt gas generation facility at Quincy and Brick Center roads.

Proactive maintenance includes pole inspection, which has occurred with drones since 2022, greatly increasing the efficiency and expediency of the process.

“They take high resolution pictures and have thermal cameras to look for any hot spots,” Kiess said. “They document what needs to be repaired and we fix them.”

Kiess added that they notify CORE members when drones are going to fly in their area.

Ground level pole inspection occurs on a 12-year cycle.

“Ground level is where you’re going to get your rot,” Kiess said, adding that, if decay is present, they insert an anti-fungal agent or other mitigation material. “We can extend these poles from the expected 30 to 40 years to a 50- to 70-year lifespan.”

Vegetation management is also a big issue.

“We may not have the same number of trees out here as they have up in the mountains, but we have cottonwoods, a lot of which are growing right underneath power lines,” Kiess said.

Inspection and vegetation pruning is done on a six-year cycle. A satellite imagery program called Overstory can identify issues including trees in decline and vegetation encroaching on the lines — new technology that has been embraced by the industry, according to Kiess.

CORE uses protective devices that interrupt faults to limit the size or scale of an outage. Most faults are

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What to expect in a power outage?

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — Even in these days of advanced technology, power outages are inevitable. CORE Electric Cooperative District Manager Robert Kiess can recite a litany of causes, and he’s seen them all.

“Animals, birds, weather — 90% of our service lines are overhead out in this area, so lightning is an issue. And wind. We get strong winds out here and, as strong as our poles are, Mother Nature is stronger,” he said, speaking to the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Aug. 20. “And I don’t know what it is with drunk drivers. This past year, we’ve had numerous vehicles crash into poles.”

Kiess admitted he is impressed by the quality of some of the vehicles involved in those crashes.

“We’ll find fenders, plastic everywhere, and no vehicle. They took a pole out and yet they made it home, or at least down the road, and we don’t know who to send the bill to.”

Kiess cited a wind-related outage that happened Aug. 18.

“A thunderstorm rolled through and we lost 12 poles on Piggott Road. One goes down, and then, like a domino effect, each one just yanked the next pole down,” he said, adding that around 50 meters were affected. “That started at about 3:30 we had it all back on by 11:30, so an eight-hour outage.”

Kiess said that, while every outage is different, CORE’s response is always the same.

“We have on-call linemen we track in our office from the time they get that phone call to when they get in their vehicle. The lineman on call takes a truck home so he doesn’t have to come here first to get a vehicle and can go straight to where the outage is,” he said.

“Our average response time is six minutes from the time they get that notification to where that truck is fired up. They take their job very seriously, and they do a great job of that.”

More crews are called in for larger outages. Kiess said it was all hands on deck during the bomb cyclone that hit Colorado in March 2019 that caused blizzard conditions and winds up to 100 miles an hour. The Aug. 18 event also called for extra linemen.

“Last Monday, we called (CORE headquarters in) Sedalia, because we had all of our guys tied up with it, so we needed additional help,” he said, adding that contractors are leaned upon during major events.

When an outage occurs, the affected meters are flagged in the office, “but feel free to go ahead and let us know yourself. You can call it in and just to make sure that we’re aware of it,” Kiess said.

Members can sign up for outage alerts via the CORE website, where outages can also be tracked so people can see whether or not they’re part of a known outage.

“We encourage people to be prepared. Some outages are only going to last a couple hours, but a major event like the bomb cyclone calls for preparation,” Kiess said. “If you’re without power for a day or two, are you ready? Do you have blankets? Do you have flashlights? You have food? People on wells will need to have a supply of water. You know, you may be stuck in your house because you can’t get out, because there’s four feet of snow.”

The CORE website, www.CORE.coop, has a link to preparedness tips.

“I do encourage everybody to check that out,” Kiess concluded.



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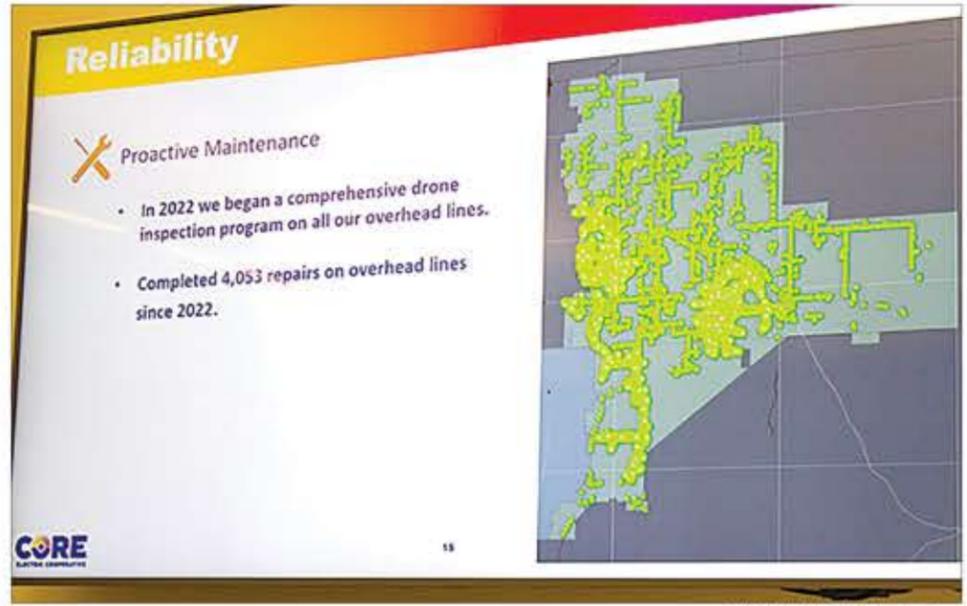
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CORE Electric Cooperative hosted last month's I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting at its Bennett branch office Aug. 20. Among the speakers was CORE's Local Government and Business Relations Manager Angie Bedolla, who spoke about the benefits of the cooperative's business model and its increased reliability rate over the past few years.

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transient — the cause of the fault condition is temporary or momentary. "A transient fault could be a lightning strike, a tree branch that hits the line and clears, or a bird that makes contact with a line and then clears," Kiess said.

Breakers and reclosers are designed to safely interrupt the fault by opening the circuit momentarily and then attempt to reclose to restore power. People served by the line will experience a blink. After three attempts to safely close,

the recloser will "lock-out" if the fault condition is still present. The line downstream of the recloser will be without power while the line upstream stays energized.

CORE has fuses on some lines. Fuses are an economical way to safely interrupt a fault but require a lineman to restore the power.

"If you hear a loud bang, some people think a transformer just exploded, but usually it's the fuse. They sound like a gunshot, very loud; they'll blow, drop open, and you're out of power until we get there," Kiess said, adding that CORE has replaced many fuses with recloser devices.

With so many devices on power lines, CORE uses different settings or fault ratings so that the closest device to the fault is the one that opens the line, a process known as sequence coordination.

Wildfire mitigation is crucial and, for the past two years, CORE has used Alternate Relay Settings when the risk of wildfire is elevated, making the system more sensitive to faults. Alternate Relay Settings are engaged only when fire danger is very high. CORE uses a variety of tools to determine these risk factors.

During normal conditions, CORE allows the reclosing device to operate using normal sequence coordination to limit the outage size and duration. But when Alternate Relay Settings are engaged, a fault will shut off power to

the line in less than a second to limit the amount and duration of fault current at the site of the fault. CORE crews then patrol the de-energized circuit to find and fix the cause and ensure safety before they re-energize the line.

"These protocols help mitigate the risk of ignition," Kiess said, adding that the alternate settings are used as much as once or twice a week in the summer when the temperature is in the 90s and hasn't rained for a long period of time.

When Alternate Relay Settings are activated, CORE shares the affected areas on its website, www.CORE.coop, and social media.

Bedolla emphasized CORE's efforts to transform their energy supply to meet state government policies. Clean energy legislation passed in 2019 calls for an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a push away from coal — which supplies most of CORE's energy supply — to focus on renewable energy.

"However, we do live in the state of Colorado, where the sun's not always shining and the wind's not always blowing," she said. "So we have diversified our outlook on bringing on natural gas resources, which is a project we just got approved down in Arapahoe County, south of Bennett. Our renewables include the Pioneer and Victory solar plants just north of Bennett here, and we also have the Hunter solar plant south of Bennett."

With Bedolla noted that the energy transformation correlates to rate increases.

"CORE is doing it slow and steady, but you will see them," she said. "We had a rate increase in March and we will be having another 5% increase [in September]."

Bedolla said that, over the course of the next five years, rates will increase by around 20%.

"We're trying to do our very best to keep it at the very lowest that we possibly can. Again, if there's extra, you get that money back in your capital credits."

Bedolla urged CORE members to visit the Smart Hub online.

"This is where all your statements are," she noted. "You can review your usage. You can look at how much your bill has fluctuated. You have access to data to see how much energy you're using from an interval standpoint."

Bedolla said that most electric companies charge customers to access such information, but CORE offers it free to members. Visit CORE.SmartHub.coop.



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20 YEARS AGO SEPT. 13, 2005

The Deer Trail Board of Trustees chose its new mayor and discussed a myriad of other issues at their monthly meeting Sept. 6 at the Deer Trail Town Hall.

James "Pickle" Johnson, who became a trustee just last month, will serve as the town's new mayor after the death of former mayor "Tink" Rector.

The board also filled its final trustee position. Cody Stoumbaugh was approved, sworn in and took his seat amongst the other trustees.

Deer Trail's ongoing wastewater project, which started five months ago, continues. The boards approved the paying of the project's most recent bill in the amount of \$206,080.45. This number brings the total spent on the project to \$1,200,000. Approximately \$500,000 remains to be paid. The project involves the replacement of the town's sewer lines and the building of a wastewater treatment facility in the town.

The board approved a bid for street preparation from Colorado Asphalt Service in the amount of \$8,836. It received a \$97,000 Community Development Block Grant from Arapahoe County for street preparation and paving costs.

15 YEARS AGO SEPT. 14, 2010

BENNETT — A fight during an evening pickup basketball game at the Bennett Recreation Center last month resulted in at least two injured victims, one seriously.

According to an Adams County Sheriff's report, released the last week of August, deputies and Bennett Fire Rescue responders were called to the rec center at 8:06 p.m. Aug. 12, on report of an assault.

Upon arrival, deputy William Conter found a 20-year-old

Bennett man in the commons area with cuts over and under his right eye.

In addition, an adult male from Denver was found in the gym lying on his side with a cut under his lip. According to Conter, witnesses said the second person went into a seizure during the melee.

Witnesses said that an acquaintance of the seizure victim instigated the fight by "sucker punching" the other man. The second man and a group with him exited the gym, but came back in and reportedly started picking up the other person's possessions, which led to the two punching each other.

10 YEARS AGO SEPT. 15, 2015

BENNETT — Bennett trustees Sept. 8 unanimously approved the service plan for three metropolitan districts to fund the installation of infrastructure for a long-standing proposed mixed-use development in the south area of town.

Developer Larry Gayeski and counsel Matthew Rutland of Miller & Associates Law Offices asked the board to approve two metro districts for residential and a third for commercial areas of the Bennett Crossing subdivision along northbound Highway 79 between I-70 and Bennett Avenue. The 292-acre site has been through several owners and names, including the original Banner Farms more than 20 years ago and, more recently, Village Homes.

The two separate residential metro districts would accommodate the developer's plan to develop "phases" of the property while the commercial districts would remain separate from residential builders and owners. The cost of infrastructure — streets, sidewalks, water and wastewater, parks and open space, drainage and other community improvements — is projected between \$25 million and \$28 million.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 2

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2025. There are 112 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 10, 1991, the Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. The proceedings would become a watershed moment in the discus-

sion of sexual harassment when Anita Hill, a law professor who had previously worked under Thomas, came forward with allegations against him.

ON THIS DATE

In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846, Elias Howe received a

patent for his sewing machine.

In 1960, running barefoot, Abebe Bikila of Ethiopia won the Olympic marathon in Rome, becoming the first Black African to win Olympic gold.

In 1960, Hurricane Donna, a dangerous Category 4 storm blamed for 364 deaths, struck the Florida Keys.

In 1963, 20 Black students en-

tered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a 1950 attempted killing of President Harry S. Truman were freed from prison after being granted clemency by President Jimmy

Carter.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Singer José Feliciano is 80. Former Canadian first lady Margaret Trudeau is 77. Political commentator Bill O'Reilly is 76. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 75. Actor Amy Irving is 72. Baseball Hall of Famer Randy Johnson is 62.

—Associated Press

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 - Type of word
 - Kent State state
 - Oohed partner
 - "Sleeping in a very fancy tent"
 - Board game of diplomacy
 - Canada's favorite tree?
 - Long time
 - Asian wild sheep
 - Galilei's first name
 - Ever, to a poet
 - Lease giver
 - Hokkaido native
 - Sends unwanted emails
 - Charlotte's creation
 - "Bravo! Bravo!"
 - Roughly (2 words)
 - Common spa treatment
 - Gobbled up
 - "Movie theater snack"
 - Infer using data
 - Entrepreneur Mary Ash's middle name
 - Wiser
 - Decomposes
 - "Communication device"
 - Veranda, in Honolulu
 - Rum-soaked cake
 - Shades of color
 - Those against
 - Tehran location
 - Small island
 - Violin's Renaissance predecessor
 - Cloud's domain
 - Left after deductions, in U.K.

- DOWN
- Escaped
 - Bug-eyed
 - Synagogue
 - Wide-brimmed straw hat
 - Nothing, in Latin
 - Skirt shape
 - "Online journal"
 - "Exceptionally intelligent one"
 - Aahs' partners
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 - He had
 - Small hill rising up from veld



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 - Jasmine's kin
 - Related on mother's side
 - Revealed
 - Zeus in disguise
 - Not min or hr
 - "Nonalcoholic drink"
 - LDS missionary
 - Cook in a skillet
 - Sea in the Mediterranean
 - Desert mirage
 - Prickly marine invertebrate
 - "Scornful remark"
 - Keep someone ____, or away from causing harm
 - Indian princess
 - On top of
 - Wading bird
 - Yorkshire river
 - Patty follower
 - Abbreviation on a bathroom door
 - Part of tennis match

ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

HOROSCOPE

The Faces of Pride

Pride has two faces. Positive pride is the healthy self-esteem you feel when you've worked hard, achieved something or are living in line with your values. Negative pride is the inflated ego or sense of superiority that can disconnect you from others or blind you to your own flaws. Under Aries moon, stay aware of how pride shows up. Lean toward the kind that inspires rather than alienates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The things that get the most use are also the most likely to break. It happens whether or not you take precautions, but regular maintenance does help. Apply the principle to a relationship. What maintenance can be done to keep it strong?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not angling for anyone's approval. You'll be the one people cross the room to meet because you're bringing the one thing money and connections can't produce — the kind of originality that changes the landscape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Getting people on board with your plans won't happen instantly. You'll need to repeat your message and show up in the same way, over and over, so they start to recognize and trust your pattern.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Check in with your internal environment just as you do when you're checking the weather to prepare for the day. What's going on inside you will color everything else. Outcomes will be reflections of your inner climate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today you're fluent in the unspoken, reading tone, gesture and pause like text on a page, and knowing exactly when to "reply" and when to let it land. A shared glance will carry more meaning than a paragraph.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's charm in not over-rehearsing. Your natural rhythm today has a freshness that pulls people in. You could walk into a room with no plan and still leave having made an impression, and possibly a few allies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A small exchange with a stranger will brighten your whole afternoon. It's not the words so much as the acknowledgment — the reminder that even in a crowd, we can still find moments that feel personal and kind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The way your mind plays with risk, creativity and "what ifs" is incredibly magnetic. While you think boldly, you don't always follow through, and that's wiser than recklessly acting on every impulse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll step into something unfamiliar and fun. It adds a value to your day that's not monetary, reminding you that every experience builds a kind of wealth, often in currencies like humility, wisdom, resilience or perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Usually you can tell from the storefront what the shop is all about. This is not the case today, as all the metaphoric window displays are either cryptic or misleading. You really must go in and feel the vibes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll suddenly feel inspired to help someone and to make it special too. To honor a specific preference or give help in a way that is tailored — this is what makes your people feel so seen and cared for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no stopping the storms of life, but your approach doesn't have to be one of cowering. You've been known to sing in the rain and change the heart and spirit of the weather. In some ways you're doing it right now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 10). Welcome to your Year of Steadfast Ascent. You'll find the training process that's perfect for your thriving. You'll decide your path and commit deeply. Big results from simple actions on repeat. More highlights: A special relationship becomes a gem in your life, but not without work. Keep going until the friction points wear smooth. Investments outperform expectations. Your living space transforms into a true reflection of you. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 25, 17 and 16.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

We're going to ask Mom or Dad to...



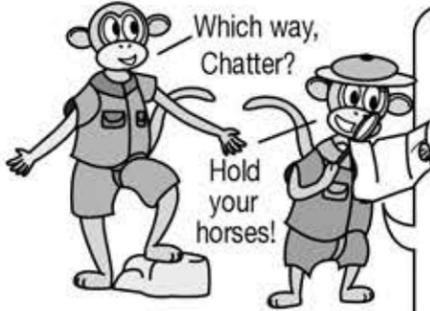
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Kids: color stuff in!



Which way, Chatter?

Hold your horses!

Read the clues about kinds of hunts to fill in the crossword:

- fun, modern treasure hunt, using GPS tracker, longitude, latitude
- combing sandy beaches with this tool, searching for hidden metal items
- treasures hidden on _____ ships in ocean
- a _____ hunt will have you looking everywhere for objects on a list
- make a rubber stamp; follow clues to find a special box; upon discovery stamp log book
- precious stones of many colors

Mining

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

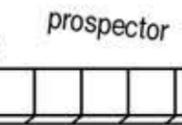
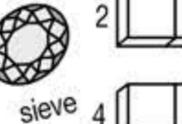
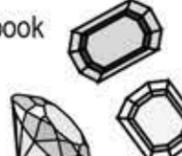
- concentration of minerals with the right conditions to make gems
- thin mesh that lets water pass through, but catches stones
- tool that allows you to dig up dirt, move it
- person who searches for mineral deposits
- small chunk of a precious substance
- area of Earth rich in minerals

Treasure hunting is exciting! It can be a formal process, as when archaeologists carefully dig for historical items. It can be life-changing – as it was for people who rushed across the country to California in the 1800s to search for gold and stake their claims. It may involve people hunting for something of value – or just to have some fun!

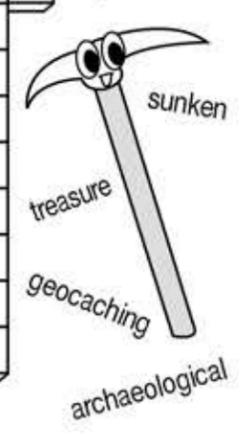
Treasure Hunt!

Digging, Diving, Discovering

4 Kinds of Hunts



- search for treasure
- shiny yellow metal, very valuable; made into coins or jewelry
- plunders and hides treasure
- reason for a hunt; chest filled with gold, gems
- scientists plan _____ digs where they search for a different kind of treasure... clues to our past!
- treasure hunters look for these on maps, in research or in diaries or journals

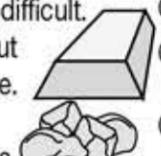


California and Klondike Gold Rushes!

Two of the world's most famous gold rushes were the "California gold rush" in the late 1840s and the "Klondike gold rush" in northwest Canada in the late 1890s. Three hundred thousand people traveled to "gold country," many by sea. To get to the Klondike region, people traveled through ice and snow. Only 30,000 of the 100,000 who tried to make the trip were able to finish it. Places for prospectors to gather and buy or sell supplies sprang up so quickly that they were called *boom towns*. Some of the boom towns of California became cities that still thrive today, but the boomtowns of the Klondike gold rush were short-lived, since gold was found in places that were easier and safer to reach.

Read each clue. Circle the letter "C" if you think it was part of the California gold rush, and "K" if you think it happened during the Klondike gold rush.

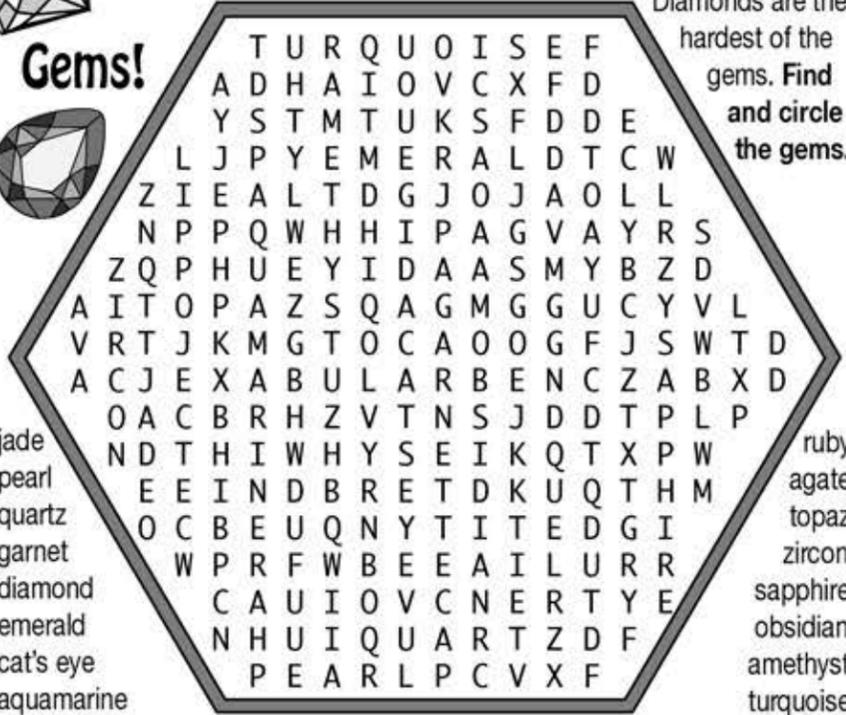
- Gold seekers were known as 49ers. C K
- Only 30% of prospectors who started their journey finished it! C K
- Many prospectors came by boat from other countries. C K
- The ground was often frozen, making mining very difficult. C K
- Upon arriving, many prospectors made shelters out of wood from the ships that had carried them there. C K
- Gold was found in a city called Nome, Alaska and people left their homes to try to find gold there. C K



Gems!

Mining for gems takes a lot of time and care. Did you know that rubies and topaz may form in gas bubbles inside of volcanic rocks?

Diamonds are the hardest of the gems. Find and circle the gems.



- jade
- pearl
- quartz
- garnet
- diamond
- emerald
- cat's eye
- aquamarine

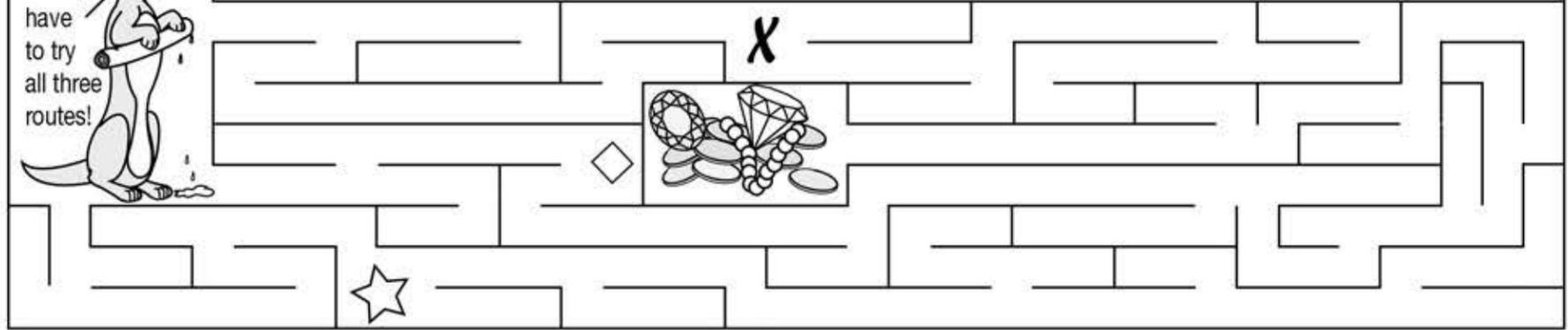
- ruby
- agate
- topaz
- zircon
- sapphire
- obsidian
- amethyst
- turquoise



sigh!
I may have to try all three routes!

Path to the Treasure

Little Meerkat dropped his treasure map into a stream and part of it got smeared. He can't remember if the "X", the star or the diamond marks the correct path to the treasure! Can you help him?



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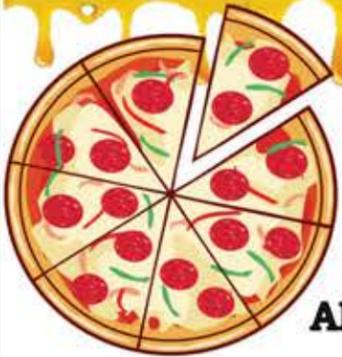
Autumn Squash Casserole

AUTUMN SQUASH CASSEROLE INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium acorn squash
- 1 medium butternut squash
- 1 medium spaghetti squash
- 1 pie-sized pumpkin
- ¼ cup olive oil
- kosher salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste
- 1½ cups heavy whipping cream
- 1½ cups Pecorino Romano cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- ¾ cup pecan pieces (not roasted)
- ½ cup dark brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees.
 2. Cut and seed pumpkin and all squash, rub both sides with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
 3. Place skin side up onto a cookie sheet and roast at 400 degrees for approximately 40 minutes or un-
 4. Remove from the oven and chill squash and pumpkin for about 30 minutes in the refrigerator.
 5. Skin the squash and pumpkin and put aside.
 6. Spray an 8- by 8-inch deep square cake pan or casserole dish with non-stick pan spray.
 7. Place the spaghetti squash on the bottom layer, alternately layering the remaining squash with the cream, pecorino cheese and Allspice. Reserving ½ cup of cream.
 8. On the top layer, top with pecans, ½ cup cream and brown sugar.
 9. Cover with foil and cook in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes, remove foil and cook for 5-7 minutes, or until pecans are browned.
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CARJACKING

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vehicular eluding. The younger suspect also had a pair of outstanding warrants for her arrest from the Denver Marshal's Office.

INCIDENT BACKGROUND

At about 9:30 p.m. Aug 10, an Adams County Sheriff's deputy was originally dispatched to 6820 Highway 79 on report of a robbery carjacking. According to the sheriff's arrest report, the reporting party, a 66-year-old female from Arvada, told the responding deputy on the phone that her friend's white Ford F-150 pickup with a two-axle Tractor Supply trailer in tow was stolen and, when she tried to chase the vehicle down, "the driver of the truck pulled a black handgun on her and threatened to shoot her, [and she] felt in immediate fear for her life."

The responding deputy then reported that, while en route, he spotted the stolen vehicle heading southbound on Strasburg Road near 56th Avenue.

"I activated the emergency red and blue lighting on my marked patrol vehicle, along with the emergency siren, to indicate to the vehicle to stop. I heard the engine of the truck rev and watched the vehicle accelerate away from me," the first deputy reported. "The vehicle continued southbound on Strasburg Road towards East Colfax Avenue at approximately 80 miles per hour in a posted 30-mile-an-hour zone. The vehicle turned westbound on East Colfax Avenue ... at approximately 90 miles per hour in a posted 55-mile-per-hour zone."

The vehicle got onto westbound I-70 at Lady Bird Hill maintaining mostly 90 mph speeds when ad-

ditional law enforcement officers joined in the pursuit.

Colorado State Patrol troopers' attempt to use stop sticks near the Manila Road interchange proved unsuccessful and the vehicle maintained a speed of approximately 80 mph through a 65 mph construction zone between the E-470 and Colfax Avenue interchanges.

The vehicle finally exited the interstate at Peoria Street where it went south and, after a circuitous route, including speeds of 55 mph in a 25-mph zone and four-wheeling through a Starbucks drive-thru and parking lot, became incapacitated.

"The vehicle continued eastbound onto East 37th Avenue where the vehicle started to slow due to the use of tire deflation devices," the incident report said. "At approximately East 37th Avenue and Revere Street, the vehicle lost the front driver side tire and continued to slow. At the intersection of East 37th Avenue and Troy Street, the vehicle high-centered on road debris on the southeast corner of the intersection."

Upon the vehicle stopping, Brandi Hahn fled from the passenger side of the vehicle while Valentina Hahn ran from the driver's side. Upon their apprehension, both suspects were found to be in possession of gun ammunition with a weapon found in the vehicle.

"Valentina was asked where the gun was due to the interest of public safety. [She] said it was in a black bag that was in her possession prior to being knocked to the ground," the arrest report said. "Inside the bag was a fully loaded handgun magazine,

along with several loose pieces of 9mm ammunition. Located inside the truck was a black Beretta handgun, which was fully loaded with a round in the chamber."

Arresting officers also noted that a blue plaid shirt worn by Brandi Hahn was found with several pieces of 9mm ammunition inside.

During subsequent interviews following the theft, the victim said Brandi Hahn had been working for her to help around the property and that she gave permission for Hahn to use the pickup on the evening of Aug. 9 to move stuff to her mother's place under the understanding it would be returned the next morning. Following multiple phone conversations and verbal arguments at the mother's property in Denver, the Hahns finally returned with the vehicle and trailer the night of Aug. 10 when the carjacking occurred.

The incident report said that the victim and an eyewitness both recalled the Hahns staying in the pickup when the older suspect levied a violent threat holding a handgun while in the driver's seat.

"[The victim] saw down the barrel of the gun and heard Valentina say 'I'll shoot you,'" the report said. "At this moment, [the victim] became in immediate fear for her life and felt that Valentina was about to shoot her. Valentina sped away traveling eastbound down East 88th Avenue."

Both suspects were taken to the Adams County Jail on \$25,000 bond. An inmate search of the Adams County Sheriff's Office last week indicated both suspects were no longer in custody.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEER TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT 26J ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of Deer Trail School District 26J, in the County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, that the only matter before the electors at the regular biennial school election on November 4, 2025, is the election of three persons to fill three offices of school director and, at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for school director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the Board of Education, by recent polling, authorized Hayley Whitehead, the School District's Designated Election Official, to cancel the election and declare the candidates elected, as of November 4, 2025, in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute § 1-5-208(1.5).

The following candidates are hereby declared elected by acclamation:
 Patrick Duff, for a four-year term from 2025-2029;
 Reagan Hahn, for a four-year term from 2025-2029;
 Mike Cowell, for a four-year term from 2025-2029.

Hayley Whitehead
 Designated Election Official
 Deer Trail School District 26J

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"Efforts like this show youth across our county — and people of all ages, for that matter — that world-class career opportunities in aerospace, aviation, logistics, transportation, and more are happening right here in their own backyard," said Lynn Baca, chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners.

The lease marks a significant win in the proposed public-private partnership between Adams County, CASP, and AltitudeX, which was announced earlier this year.

DU will also support the ongoing Pre-Development Agreement with AltitudeX, helping drive CASP's vision to become a center of aviation, aerospace, logistics and economic excellence for the entire region.

With this new development, CASP will become one of only a handful of airports globally to formally deploy an official Six Sigma Center of Excellence, joining DIA and airports in Dallas-Fort Worth, Los Angeles and Singapore.

"Six Sigma is the gold standard for world-class practices, and this center can become a catalyst for economic growth in Adams County and across Colorado," said Jack Buffington, director of the Supply Chain Program at DU.

AltitudeX echoed the excitement about this collaborative milestone.

"These types of thoughtful, inventive projects are exactly what AltitudeX hopes to be involved with in the future at CASP. And this is just the beginning," said Chief Executive Officer Jon Roitman of AltitudeX. "By joining forces with partners who accelerate innovation and expand opportunity, we can truly achieve extraordinary outcomes."

Adams County and CASP are located at the nexus of Colorado's transportation network, with major interstates, freight and commuter rail, and DEN all in close proximity. These conditions offer CASP, AltitudeX, and DU the perfect opportunity to look to the skies, roads, and rails to create a national model for multimodal transportation and logistics excellence.

"This project is a perfect example of how the public and private sectors can work together to build something bigger than any of us could do alone," said CASP Director Jeff Kloska.



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