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Town of Bennett cans Public Works Director

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Alleged bullying and intimidation by town of Bennett officials has reportedly migrated from residents to at least one recently ex-

cused employee.

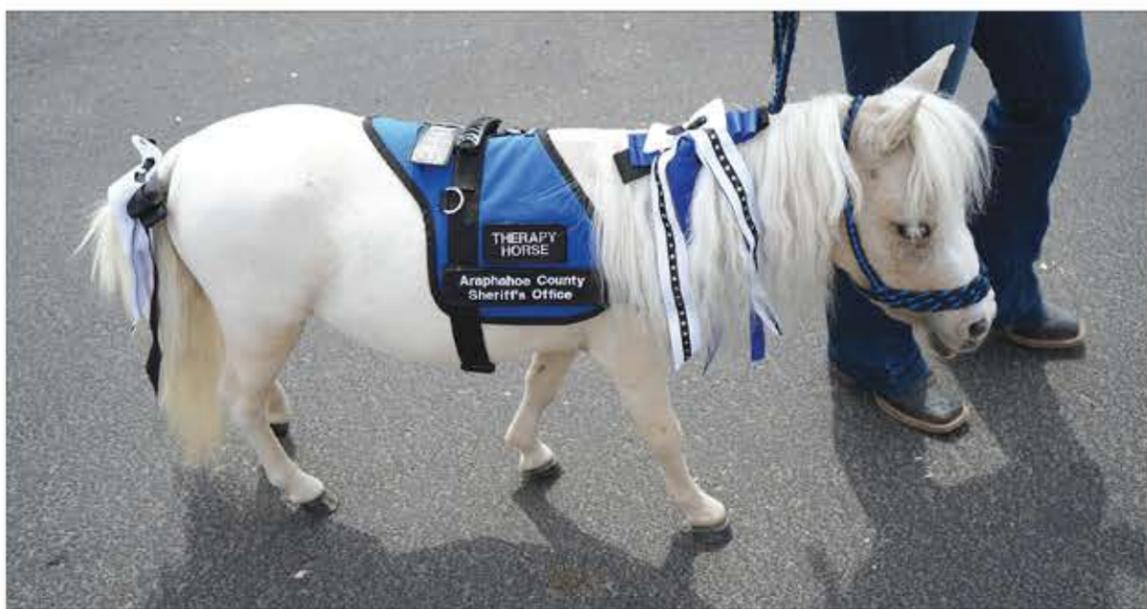
During the Aug. 26 board of trustees meeting, former Bennett Public Works Director Robin Price took time during public comment to address her sudden firing Aug. 14, two days after the previous board meeting.

“It’s difficult for me to say this, but I was completely blindsided. When I was let go, there was no due process, no explanation grounded in fact or fairness,” Price commented. “In my entire career, I’ve never experienced something so unprofessional and dis-

heartening.”

Price also alleged that the process was not systematic, stating her release “was orchestrated solely by one person.” While no name was

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hunny B, the newest member of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, struts her stuff after taking the oath of office Aug. 26..

New mini therapy horse sworn in

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

CENTENNIAL — A happy occasion turned melancholy when a new miniature therapy horse was sworn into the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office mounted patrol unit hours before another miniature therapy horse on the team died.

Hunny B, a 3-year-old mare, was deputized by Sheriff Tyler Brown at an Aug. 26 ceremony outside the outside the sheriff's headquarters in Centennial.

“We love these mini horses because they make community connections for us and they bring joy to us every day. The work they do with our mount-

ed patrol unit is tremendous, and we're honored to have them as part of our team,” Brown said at the ceremony.

For a few hours that day the mounted patrol unit had three miniature horses which included Love Bug and Happy Times, also both mares, ages 8 and 10 respectively. But that night Love Bug passed away from internal bleeding, according to the Sheriff's Office.

According to her human family at McNicholas Miniatures Therapy Horses, Love Bug was “sweet, gentle, sensitive and incredibly intelligent.”

She was born on May 4, 2017, with sorrel pinto coloring.

The mounted patrol unit's miniature horses often accompany the large police horses to community events, bringing joy and smiles to children and adults. The minis are trained to visit schools, libraries, hospitals, retirement communities, nursing care facilities, and more. They offer therapeutic benefits resulting in improved mental, physical, and emotional well-being.

They are part of the mounted patrol unit's Reading to Horses program, launched in 2020 with a goal of visiting elementary schools and allowing children to increase their literary skills by reading

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aspen and Brecklyn Lilly, ages 9 and 7, respectively, pose with their favorite singer/songwriter Lainey Wilson during a meet-and-greet at the country star's Aug. 16 Whirlwind World Tour concert stop at Ball Arena in Denver. Their parents, Stephany and Patrick Lilly of Strasburg, were the lucky winners of a contest sponsored by Coors to meet Wilson and receive concert tickets. One of the contest locations was Jun's Liquor in Strasburg. “Aspen asked me every day after signing up, ‘Mom, did we win? When do we find out?’” Stephany said. “My girls were so lucky and in shock their dreams of meeting their idol came true!” Aspen and Brecklyn attend Strasburg Elementary School.

Deer Trail woman selected for leadership fellowship

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

DEER TRAIL — A Deer Trail woman was selected for a Boettcher Foundation Fellowship for those who are making a difference in their communities.

Ginger Williams is one of 15 chosen from more than 90 applicants for the 2025 Doers & Difference Makers Fellowship program. Williams and her family have lived in Deer

Trail since June 2024. They moved after 13 years in Wray when her husband, Riley, was hired to teach high school social studies at Deer Trail School. Riley Williams is now the junior/senior high school principal. The couple has two sons who attend Deer Trail Elementary School.

According to the Boettcher Foundation's press release, the fellowship was created to support and strengthen the work of community cham-

pions, particularly those in rural areas, who are known for bringing people together, bridging divides, and driving positive change. Williams checks all those boxes. *The I-70 Scout* interviewed her via e-mail Aug. 25.

Williams works from home and travels across Colorado as the Colorado State University Extension State Healthy Aging Specialist and an extension assistant professor.

“My role focuses on increas-

ing access to evidence-based education, research and initiatives that help promote healthy aging, increase positive beliefs of aging, and improve the health and well-being of older adults in Colorado,” she said.

Williams cited research by Dr. Becca Levy, a professor of psychology at Yale University and a leading researcher in the fields of social gerontology

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•Ginger Williams•

COMMUNITY CORRAL

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.

Arapahoe Community College is located at 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton. For more information, e-mail tojsorrells@codal18.gov.

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 throughout the fall.

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.

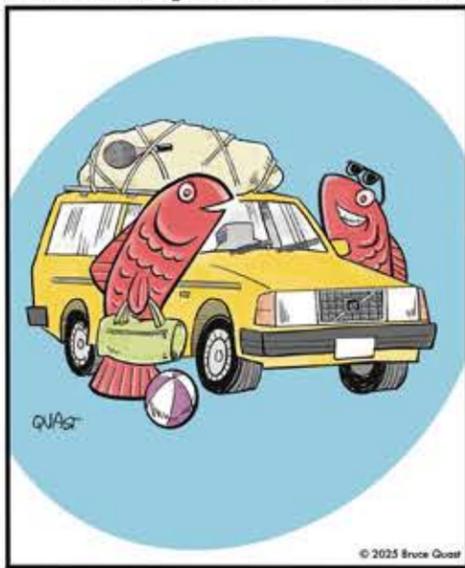
Cottage food safety focus of CSU Extension courses

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 earn food safety certification and gain the knowledge needed to successfully

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



Swedish fish on vacation

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 Extension offices in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties.

For more information and to register, visit arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu.

Wednesday after-school hour set for local Lutheran church

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

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

Space limited; registration required. Sign up at CORLCMS.org.

Rural energy program starts taking grant requests Oct. 1

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

Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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

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

Bennett veterans group sets Sept. 6 parking lot fundraiser

BENNETT — The Bennett VFW is seeking vendors to participate during its parking lot flea market fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Set-up runs from 7-8 a.m. with the event scheduled to run most of the day. Vendor spaces can be reserved for \$20 each.

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

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

'Burg Comanche VIP Seniors plan monthly lunch Sept. 16

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.

Showing of 'Twister' slated for Strasburg ball diamond

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

Seating for "Twister" opens one hour before dusk, Friday, Sept. 5, at

the district's South Baseball Field, 56401 Sunset Ave.

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

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

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 office170ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Sept. 12. Space is limited.

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 in the fall.

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

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Bennett School eyes purchase of baseball field from town

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — The Bennett School Board approved a notice to purchase Joe Stemo Ball Field Aug. 19.

The baseball diamond facility and park located at 1051 Washington Way is owned by the town of Bennett and leased to the school district for \$10 annually, per a 2011 agreement.

Bennett School Superintendent Robin Purdy told the school board a letter had been prepared to send to Town Manager Trish Stiles, Mayor Whitney Oakley, and the Bennett Board of Trustees with the district's proposed terms and conditions of the ownership transfer.

"We'd like to own the field so we can have a little more control of it and make it more secure and safe and utilize it better," Purdy said.

Purdy said the town and school district have worked together well on maintaining the field over the years.

"They've written grants and fixed the dugouts; we put the lights up," she said, adding that the town sponsored a grant for the scoreboard.

The school pays the water and electric bills.

Board president Kyle Meyer said the sale would reduce scheduling confusion and



FILE PHOTO BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Bennett baseball field was formally dedicated in the name of long time Bennett Schools coach and teacher Joe Stemo during a dedication ceremony Jan. 23, 2024. Event attendees included public works employees Manuel Castillo, left, and Robert Sherer, then public works director Robin Price, Bennett School Superintendent Robin Purdy, former Mayor and current trustee Royce Pindell, Stemo, town trustee Steve Dambroski, Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles, public works employee Nate Peters, now Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden, public works members Marc Wilson, Ricky Martinez, Mark Cowlshaw, Seth Sherer, and Bennett Deputy Administrator Rachel Summers.

increase oversight, citing instances when the lights were left on overnight or the water left running.

"We can finish the fencing, which has gaps in it — different things like that," he said. "This (purchase) has probably been at least 20 years overdue."

Because a land purchase between two governmental entities cannot be made without a vote of residents, if the town agrees, it will be responsible for submitting a question concerning the sale of the property to voters.

According to Purdy's letter,

the school district will reimburse the town for election costs.

The letter sets the purchase price as \$1,500.

Director Alyssa Pae emphasized that the action must be explained to residents.

"I think this is another situation where people might ask, 'Why is this on the ballot? What are they doing?' I've been out here for awhile and I didn't know the school didn't own that field, and most other people probably don't, either."

Pae also said the purchase price must be transparent.

"Otherwise, people could start talking about how we want money for a bond and then purchase this land," she said.

Meyer agreed. "The fact that for 1,500 bucks we're going to get two or three acres should be communicated."

The letter was reviewed by the town board Aug. 26. It released an online update stating, "the Town of Bennett is committed to collaborating with the School District and will evaluate next steps, including the potential election process related to the property's sale."

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Lengthy discussion was held on the traffic issues that occur during drop-off and pick up times. The district had all hands on deck on the first day of school, with staff members directing traffic and holding signs. Two district vehicles were equipped with blue lights, and cones were used to direct primary school traffic to Washington Way via Greg's Place. The Bennett fire chief objected to the blocking off of streets and so did the town of Bennett.

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Rocky Mountain Rail Park, Lot 11 Replat Case Number: PRC2025-00008

Planning Commission Hearing Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Location of Hearings: 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy, Brighton, CO 80601

Requests:

1. Subdivision Replat to create three new lots within the Rocky Mountain Rail Park Planned Unit Development;
2. Waiver from Subdivision Design Standards to allow lots served by private streets.

Location of Development: Southwest of the intersection of E. Colfax Avenue and Petterson Rd.

Parcel Numbers: 0181726402007

Legal Description: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL PARK FLG 1 LOT 11 THAT PORT OF LOT 11 DESC AS NORTH PARCEL (LOT 11A) ACCORDING TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL PARK PUD AMND 1 COM AT SD CEN4 COR SEC 35 TH ALG THE W LN OF THE NE4 OF SD SEC 35 N 00D 25M 10S W A DIST OF 2630/77 FT TO THE S4 COR OF SEC 26 TH ALG THE S LN OF THE SE4 OF SD SEC 26 S 89D 44M 01S E A DIST OF 68 FT TO THE POB TH ALG THE W LN OF SD LOT 11 SD LN BEING CONTIGUOUS WITH TRACT K OF SD ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL PARK FILING NO 1 N 00D 25M 10S W A DIST OF 832/42 FT TO A PT ON THE S LN OF THAT PARC OF LAND DESC IN DEED RECORDED JULY 10 1995 BK 4569 PG 482 REC NO 50721 TH ALG SD S LN N 87D 55M 30S E A DIST OF 68/03 FT TO THE NW COR OF TRACT I OF SD ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL PARK FILING NO 1 TH ALG THE W AND S LN OF SD TRACT I THE FOL TWO COURSES S 02D 19M 47S E A DIST OF 89/98 FT TH N 87D 14M 41S E A DIST OF 2048/28 FT TO A PT ON THE WLY LN OF TRACT J OF SD ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL PARK FILING NO 1 TH ALG SD WLY LN S 01D 04M 32S E A DIST OF 853/46 FT TO A PT ON THE SD S LN OF THE SE4 OF SEC 26 TH ALG SD S LN N 89D 44M 01S W A DIST OF 2127/49 FT EXC PARC (2022000071942) EXC PARC (2022000071943) 37/6787A



Adams County Case Manager: Greg Barnes
Applicant: Rail Land Company, LLC

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Fred Hall



On Aug. 22, 2025, Frederick Lee Hall passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus after a short battle with cancer. He was born on July 11, 1941, in Horton, Kan., to Norman Lee Hall and Martha Elise (Boss) Hall of Powhattan, Kan. Martha passed away on May 28, 1943, and "Freddie" lived with his grandparents John and Sylvie in their Powhattan home until Norman remarried Dorothy Lucille (Riley) Hall on May 25, 1947. Fred graduated from Powhattan High School in May 1959 and continued to work with his dad on the family farm. On Sept. 1, 1963, he married Judy Lee Daniels. They made their home on John and Sylvie's homestead. To this union three children were born: Janelle Lee, Lance Wayne, and LaNay Gail.

Fred farmed and operated a dairy farm, tending the land with his father and brothers. In May 1979, Fred moved his family to Byers, Colo., to help his Uncle Albert Boss on an eastern Colorado wheat farm. He also operated a small farrow-to-finish hog operation and raised Holstein bucket calves. Farming was not just a livelihood for Fred — it was part of his identity and something he shared with his family.

After years of farming, Fred began driving the local fuel delivery truck for Tri Valley Gas Company in Byers. Just as he had been on the farm, he was dependable and steady, making his rounds to ensure friends and neighbors had what they needed. Some of his favorite times came during wheat harvest in Colorado, when he delivered fuel to all the custom harvesters. He loved being part of that busy season, keeping the combines rolling and sharing in the spirit of harvest. The mountains of Colorado were always the first choice for family vacations for Fred and Judy. After their move, fishing trips and ski adventures became more frequent. Once grandchildren came into the picture, many hours were spent together on bleacher seats cheering them on. Their 43 years of marriage spanned two states and were filled with countless memories, shared adventures and a great deal of love.

After the passing of his beloved wife, Judy, on Oct. 15, 2006, Fred returned home to northeast Kansas. After some matchmaking by his good friend Rosie Hinkle, he met Charlott Blanton, and on April 10, 2010, she became his loving wife and companion. Fred shared his values of life, hard work, and family with Charlott's children — Angela, Robin, Mandy, and Peter — welcoming them and their families into his heart as his own. Fred and Charlott found that they loved traveling in their motor home. Between trips to Branson, local camp outings with their small RV group and visits to see family, they found great enjoyment in their time together on the road. Fred loved spending time again with his brothers, Bob Hall and Jim Hall, and the rest of the family and friends he had left behind in 1979. Every Thursday was "brother's day," and many deer hunting seasons were spent by the three brothers in a deer blind, where jerky snacks and napping happened on a regular basis. Sister Judy would supply a gooseberry pie at the slightest request. The fields he worked, the roads he traveled, and the friendships he built will long stand as reminders of the kind of man Fred was.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Judy, and his son Lance.

He is survived by Charlott at their home in Robinson, Kan.; daughters Janelle (David) Turecek of Deer Trail, Colo., and LaNay (David) Arcady of Grand Junction, Colo.; and nine grandchildren: Matthew (Yolanda) Turecek and Renae (Lucas) Koch, all of Valley Falls, Kan., Preston (MaKaila) Turecek of Hamilton, Kan., Austin (Lauren) Arcady of Commerce City, Colo., and Brooke (Tristan) Brown of Grand Junction, Colo.; nine great-grandchildren; stepchildren Angela (Allen) Cooper of Wichita, Kan., Robin (Craig) Gilbert of Robinson, Kan., Mandy (Bryan) Rockey, of Hiawatha, Kan., and Peter (Chris) Blanton of Greensburg, Kan.; 11 step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; two brothers, Robert (Paula) Hall of Effingham, Kan., and James (Carla) Hall of Powhattan, Kan.; sister Judy Hall of Hiawatha, Kan.; and brother-in-law Terry (Cheryl) Daniels and sister-in-law Donna (Gerald) Krebs, both of Hiawatha, Kan.

Fred loved quietly and had a peaceful acceptance of every curveball life threw at him. His great faith in our Lord and Savior was seen in every aspect of his life and his family has no doubt that wife Judy and son Lance met him at the Eastern Gate of Heaven. May we find peace in knowing that Fred's work is done, his burdens are lifted, and his spirit rests in eternal peace.

A celebration of Fred's Eternal Life was held Aug. 26 at Zion Methodist Church, northeast of Robinson, with Pastor Rick Forthman officiating. Graveside services were held Aug. 30, at Byers Cemetery, Byers, Colo.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Zion Methodist Church or NEK Hospice which may be sent in care of the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

BENNETT BOE

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Operations Director Nick Ophaug noted that two of the school's vehicles are registered with Adams County and allowed to have lights and provide traffic control. Vehicle counts were made to provide data to inform the fine-tuning of traffic control plans. Ophaug said that six full bus routes are running now, with 466 registered riders.

"Right now, two of them are going out to make a second run because they got too full to make one single run," he added.

Traffic control continues to be a work in progress.

STRATEGIC GOALS

The board discussed updating its strategic goals for the near future.

Pae noted that clear, transparent communication should continue to be a high priority.

"I think as we look at the board changing in November, something that continues to ring true in my mind is the importance of communication and the partnership for a growing community," she said. "... You don't ever want to be a school board where people are questioning the decisions that are being made. ... For me it's never been that decisions are being made without integrity, but it's more of the fact that it's not being communicated transparently and proactively."

Expanding trust and partnership within the community was also slated as a high-level aspiration.

"That's a huge thing," said director Brennan Westendorf. "We have to figure out a way to get administrators, the town board, the school board, and the fire board, to mesh. ... One doesn't work without the other one."

Teacher retention and teacher housing were flagged as goals. The board discussed the fact that staff retention is improving. Purdy said that, while numerous retirements have occurred, the turnover percentage is 8%.

"That's a crazy number," Meyer enthused. "We were at 35% at one point. I think that's a testament to the principals and how they are running their buildings."

Pae agreed.

"The community should know that," she said. "An 8% turnover rate for school districts or companies as a whole is very minimal. I think that's where we need the community to understand the effort that the principals, that the board, that the superintendent are putting into these goals."

Other goals included fiscal responsibility and increased budgeting for career and technical education. The goals will be added to the Board of Education page on the district website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In her superintendent's report, Purdy discussed enrollment numbers and building and grounds maintenance.

Purdy said 426 students were enrolled in the high school and 269 in the middle school as of the meet-

ing date — both numbers down slightly from last year at this time. Intermediate school, primary and preschool enrollment all saw increases from last year, however. Two hundred seventy-five students, up from 250 last year, are enrolled in the intermediate school and 254 students in primary school, up from 251 last year at this time. Ninety-one preschoolers are in attendance this year — 17 three-year-olds and 74 four-year olds are learning their colors and ABCs in Bennett this year, compared to 83 in total last year.

568 students were enrolled in Sky Ranch — the district's charter school in Watkins — as of the meeting date. Purdy said Sky Ranch's budget is based on an expectation of 605 students.

"I know they're still pushing their enrollment. I see it going out on social media and Facebook," she said. "This might affect our funded count number overall from the state, because Sky Ranch is included in that."

Purdy discussed ongoing issues with aging air conditioning units, particularly two serving the weight room and locker rooms that went down in July. Replacement compressors for the older models, which were likely installed in 2006, are hard to find. Two compressors were eventually located. One has been installed, and the other is in Houston. It is expected to arrive by the end of the month.

Motors in two other units were replaced in-house by district safety officer and part-time maintenance tech Sam Cavender.

"Sam is an expert on working on HVAC — that's his forte," Purdy noted.

Purdy ordered a unit for the kitchen, which had been cooled by the unit in the multi-purpose room and was very hot at the beginning of the school. The air conditioner in the district offices has been down for some time. It was repaired the morning of the board meeting and worked two hours before going out again. Purdy said the units in other areas of the school are higher on the priority list.

"We just open the windows and spend time in air-conditioned rooms when our thermometer says 91 degrees," she said. "But that's kind of what we're doing, trying to just keep these aging units up."

The grass on the baseball and football fields is looking brown in some places because of water restrictions and the lack of rain earlier in August.

"We can only water so many zones every night," Purdy said.

Purple pipe — which provides reuse water — was mostly installed in early June but it can't be completed until necessary paperwork from the state is received.

"The connections are all ready to be made," Ophaug said. "It's all dependent on one permit from the state that we understand had been submitted by the town that's missing at the moment. So that's been redone and resubmitted and, as soon as that comes in, it's just one connection to connect all the sprinklers into those areas and we can start

running those. We can run those a little more often overnight, and then some of those during the day, when we don't have kids on campus."

Required signage is ready for installation and staff will be trained as soon as the permission from the state arrives.

The School Safe radio system funded by a grant written by Ophaug two years ago is progressing. The town of Bennett's change from Adams County Sheriff's services to Arapahoe County required equipment changes and new training. Purdy said an Aug. 19 meeting with Bennett's School Safe representatives Ophaug and Britt Travis, members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, a representative of Arapahoe County dispatch, and a fire department employee helped clarify next steps.

"If you recall, our staff was trained by School Safe on the radios last fall, and we all have radios. We originally started working with Adams County on that but, when the town changed to Arapahoe County, we had to move and get antennas on each building so we could communicate with their command center," Purdy said. "The town generously donated the money to pay for that."

School Safe training will occur on Wednesdays with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department and school employees, and the group will meet again at the end of September to talk about next steps.

"We're excited to get moving forward on that, because it was a mess there for a while," Purdy said. "It's just one more tool in our toolbox to keep kids safe."

Purdy announced a partnership with Dickey's Barbecue Pit and the owner, Chris Clemens, who will provide a barbecue trailer at home football games, and possibly a couple of softball double-headers. A portion of his sales will come back to the school district.

Purdy said the new food services director Ben Price is putting his own spin on menu offerings. Price replaced Amy Kirkwood, who retired after 20 years in various roles in the district.

"Mr. Price brought back a la carte and salad bars, as well as choices in the buildings for lunch and breakfast for both the little guys and big kids," Purdy said. "Parents will start to notice that elementary menus will be a little different than the secondary menus, because he believes that kids eat differently, depending on what their age is, and he wants to make sure he's serving food that they'll eat. He's trying to be cost-effective by serving a rotating menu."

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Purdy's contract was extended through the 2027-28 school year. The vote was unanimous, and no discussion was required.

Bennett School Board meeting dates were changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; the next meeting is Sept. 10.

Paul Richard White



Paul Richard White was born on Oct. 18, 1957, in Phillipsburg, Kan., the youngest child of Warren and Jean White. On Aug. 6, 2025, at the age of 67, Paul was called home to his Lord and Savior, passing unexpectedly in Pueblo West, Colo.

Paul grew up in rural Kansas, spending his childhood in Phillipsburg, Goodland, and Norton. He graduated from Norton High School in 1976 and went on to study accounting at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Neb.

In 1978, Paul married the love of his life, Barbara. Together, they built a home filled with love and laughter in North Platte, where they welcomed their son, Daniel. During this time, Paul began his career with Nebraska Machinery, selling Caterpillar parts and forming lifelong friendships while working in a field he truly enjoyed.

In 1992, Paul and his family relocated to Denver, Colo., where he continued his career with Wagner Equipment Company in Aurora. Four years later, they moved to Byers, Colo., a place that became their cherished home for the next 25 years. Paul became an integral part of the Byers community and faithfully served his church family as both deacon and treasurer. His quiet leadership, steadfast faith, and humble spirit left a lasting mark on all who worshiped alongside him.

After retiring from Wagner in 2021, Paul and Barbara settled in Pueblo West to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. Retirement allowed Paul to spend his days embracing the things he loved most—his family, his faith, and the simple joys of life. He found joy in cars, racing, woodworking, traveling, and, most of all, making memories with those he held dear.

Paul will be remembered as a kind, humble, and faithful man. He was a devoted husband of 46 years, a loving father, a proud and adoring grandfather, a loyal brother, and a trusted friend. His life was a testament to his unwavering faith and generous heart.

Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara, and his son, Daniel (Susann) and their five children — Hailey, Caylin, Alena, Finley, and Ethan. He is also survived by his siblings: Eileen (Robert) Jesse of Kansas City, Warren (Candace) White of Kansas City, and Beverly (Mark) Funke of Oklahoma City, along with many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, three aunts, and one uncle.

Paul's presence was a blessing to every life he touched, and his absence will be deeply felt. His legacy of faith, love, and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

A memorial service was held Sept. 2, 2025, at Majestic Baptist Church in Pueblo West.

Those who desire may make memorials to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences can be posted to www.MontgomerySteward.com.

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

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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Sewing Drop-In: A sewing teacher will help out participants of all ages with everyday projects. Sewing machines and some supplies provided. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4.

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.

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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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their families are invited for activities celebrating grandparents. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks and a goody bag to take home will be provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5.

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.

DIY keychains: Kids ages 9-12 will create custom keychains using charms, Perler beads and other supplies for a personalized touch to backpacks or keyrings. All supplies provided. 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Adult book club: "The Townsend Family Recipe for Disaster" by Shauna Robinson. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9.

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Tea at 2: Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5.

Tie-dye party: Kids ages 12-18 can create colorful, tie-dyed accessories. The library will provide supplies like baseball caps, scarves, socks, scrunchies and headbands, or the participants can bring their own items. Snacks provided. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10.

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.



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Among the dignitaries present at the outdoor deputizing ceremony of new Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office therapy horse Hunny B Aug. 26 at the sheriff's headquarters in Centennial are: front row from left, Audra McNicholas, Hunny B's owner and operator of McNicholas Miniatures, volunteers Kris Anselmi and Amy Galan, and Sheriff Tyler Brown; and, back row, volunteer Jeanne McCaslin and Lt. Richard Anselmi with two equine members of the department's mounted patrol unit.

MINI HORSE DEPUTIZED FROM PAGE 1

aloud to the horses. The miniature horses undergo initial training and continued and ongoing maintenance training at McNicholas Miniatures. They work with their handlers in various situations and locations to ensure they are prepared to meet new friends of all ability levels in any setting.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

They also receive monthly training exercises with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office officers, horses and dogs for desensitization and reaction work for chaotic, dangerous, loud and crowded interactions. They become comfortable around humans of all ages and abilities and remain calm and focused around large crowds, loud noises, wheelchairs, walkers, cars and other animals.

Those are big achievements for little horses. Congratulations, Hunny B, and rest in peace, sweet Love Bug.

Hunny B, the new Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office miniature therapy horse, provides an up close and personal opportunity for photographers during her Aug. 26 deputizing ceremony.

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SPORTS



'Burg 9 edges Delta with help of 'free run'

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg softball team won four of its first five contests, including a 9-8 victory over Delta in what could go down in history as the "free run game," during the Eaton Tournament Aug. 22-23.

The Lady Indians swept their games at Eaton, topping Lamar 12-10, on Saturday, and Rocky Ford 11-10 and Fort Lupton 22-4 on Friday.

Strasburg's only loss was at home at the hands of Elizabeth by a 12-0 score in the season opener Aug. 19.

The contests underscored two simple facts: Strasburg can score runs, and Strasburg can give up runs.

"Everybody in the country knows that the pitching needs to come around," said Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill. "What's keeping us alive is great defense and scoring runs. Thank God our hitters are pretty hot."

The Indians lost two good pitchers to graduation from last year's team — Kailey Rushman and Anna Vetter. Junior Phebe Johnson is Strasburg's main hurler this

year, but she has little varsity experience, and her backups are freshmen.

But the pitching situation might have turned a corner Aug. 30, as Johnson allowed just 3 runs over two games.

Strasburg defeated Gunnison 16-1 and Rocky Ford 3-2 in a triangular hosted by the Meloneers, raising their record to an impressive 6-1. Watch the *Eastern Colorado News* for complete coverage.

"The girls, they are a great family. They cheer each other on. They're always talking," Madrill said. "It's probably one of the best bunch of girls I've had as far as camaraderie. And I think that contributes to [our] success."

The Indians batted as the home team against Delta and Rocky Ford and as the visitors versus Lamar and Fort Lupton.

'FREE RUN GAME'

The game against the Lady Panthers was a seesaw battle.

Strasburg came back to win despite trailing 8-1 in the third and entered the bottom of the fifth inning with Delta leading 8-6.

Strasburg had already

scored 1 run in the fifth when junior Addi Kent hit what seemed to be a sacrifice fly to score senior Rachel Ruppel from third base and tie the score 8-8, but Delta protested. Upon appeal, the umpires ruled that Ruppel had left the bag early and was out.

But the official scorekeeper apparently failed to take the run off the books — the Indians entered the bottom of the seventh believing they were down 8-7 but the umpires believing the score was tied.

So it was quite the surprise when the officials called the game 9-8 for Strasburg after freshman left fielder Morgan Sharff doubled to score sophomore courtesy runner Calleygh Hougland.

Strasburg fans, players and coaches were disregarded when they yelled at the umpires to correct the situation; however, the matter was likely moot because the Indians had runners on second and third with no outs anyway.

The Panthers said nothing about the controversy and just walked off, Madrill noted.

"Nobody even knew it," he said. "The only ones that knew it was basically us."

The Indians trailed 8-1 but rallied with 1 run in the third, 4 in the fourth, 2 in the fifth, and the winning run in the seventh.

Junior Payton Weaver had the most hits with three singles for 2 RBIs, but Kent had the most devastating blows with a double and a triple. Sharff added a single, a double and 2 RBIs, and Ruppel and senior Savannah Bradley both singled twice. Junior Wynne Winter was hitless in two at-bats but led the team with 3 RBIs on two sacrifice flies and a walk that forced in a run.

Ruppel and Weaver each stole two bases.

Johnson went the distance to earn the win for the Indians. She gave up 10 hits and 7 earned runs over seven innings, striking out three and walking five.

@ LAMAR

The early part of the game was a slugfest and the latter half a nip-and-tuck affair. The Indians led 7-2 after one inning, 9-8 after two, and 11-8 after three before the action settled. The Lady Thunder cut the score to 11-9 after four.

Strasburg added an insurance run in the top of the fifth, but Lamar could muster only 1 in the bottom of the frame to account for the final margin.

Strasburg appeared poised to blow out the Lady Thunder early as Weaver hit a 2-run single, Ruppel had an RBI double, sophomore Paisley Selle walked with the bases loaded, and Kent blasted a 3-run double for a 7-0 advantage after the top half of the first inning.

They led 9-2 before Lamar made a game of it with a 6-run second inning.

Both teams had nine hits. Kent and Winter both doubled twice with Kent driving in 3 runs and Winter 1. Ruppel also doubled to score 2 runs, and junior Madi Olsen singled twice. Weaver singled and laid down a sacrifice bunt for 2 RBIs and stole two bases.

Freshman Kynzie Kirby started in the circle for Strasburg. The pitcher allowed two hits and 5 runs over one inning, striking out one and walking five. In relief, Johnson, who got the win, allowed

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ALYSSA STEMO/For The Scout

Strasburg and Bennett opened up their fall 2025 volleyball schedules against each other Aug. 28 with the host Indians getting the three-game sweep. Above, Strasburg's Laci Zimmerman hits past the block of Lady Tiger Kaurlie Voorhies. For full coverage of the match, see the Sept. 5 issue of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



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SB STRASBURG

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seven hits and 2 earned runs over four innings, striking out three and walking four.

Lamar was the last game for Strasburg at the Eaton tournament, and Madrill noted that his team had committed just 12 errors in five games.

"We played some stellar ball," he said.

Madrill said Lamar lost its pitching from its team that reached the Elite Eight last year.

"They're not going to be a force this year," he said.

ROCKY FORD

Three times Strasburg took the lead. Three times the Meloneers knotted it back up.

The Indians scored 2 in the bottom of the first inning, but the Lady Meloneers tied it with 2 in the top of the second. The Indians scored 4 in the bottom of both the second and third innings, Rocky Ford replied with 4 in the top of both the third and fourth innings.

"Rocky Ford was pretty tough. They can hit the ball, Madrill said. "They're scrappy. They've always been scrappy."

Strasburg entered the bottom of the fourth and final inning tied at 10-all. It won the game when Olsen scored on a sacrifice fly by Bradley.

Strasburg got on the board in the

bottom of the first inning when Kent tripled, Weaver grounded into a fielder's choice to score her. Johnson later tripled down the left field line to score another run.

In the second, junior courtesy runner Analeah Loya scored on a wild pitch, and Weaver followed with a 3-run dinger to give Strasburg a 6-2 lead after two innings.

In the bottom of the third, Strasburg broke the tie when Ruppel singled, scoring one run. Then a 3-run homer to center field by Kent followed to extend the lead to 10-6.

"We really depended on our offense," Madrill said. "Our offense came through."

Kent and Weaver paced the team with 3 RBIs each. Seven Lady Indians had one hit and three had 1 RBI each.

"We hit the ball well against Rocky Ford," Madrill added.

Winter and Olsen each stole one base.

While the Indians were the recipients of six walks, they handed eight back to the Meloneers.

"Don't even talk to me about how many walks we had in that game," Madrill said. "We walked the bases loaded. We walked a run in."

The Indians turned a double play when a base runner failed to tag up on a fly ball to Ruppel, Strasburg's center fielder. Ruppel threw it to Johnson at

second base for the second out.

"The defense came through with a couple good plays at the end that sealed the deal for us," he said.

Madrill noted that his team built significant leads against Rocky Ford and Lamar but gave them back.

"We had to pray that, when they hit the ball, they hit it to our fielders so we could make a play because we had too many walks," he said.

Johnson was again the winning pitcher. She yielded seven hits and 9 earned runs with eight walks and three strikeouts over four innings.

@ FORT LUPTON

Strasburg scored 11 runs in the second inning and 9 in the fourth to blow out the Lady Bluedevils by the 12-run mercy rule.

Fort Lupton actually led 3-2 after the first inning; then the floodgates opened.

Big blows included home runs by Kent in the second (3 RBIs) and fourth innings (2), respectively; she also tripled (1) to finish with 6 RBIs.

The biggest blow in the inning was a home run to center field by Kent on an 0-2 count that drove in three.

Winter and Ruppel also enjoyed three-hit games with Winter recording a single, a double and a triple. Weaver, Bradley and Olsen all had two hits with Weaver's line including

a double, and Winter, Ruppel, Weaver and Bradley drove in 2 RBIs apiece. Sharff hit a 2-run double and Selle added a two-run single.

Johnson yielded 3 earned runs on three singles and five walks with seven strikeouts.

Ruppel and Selle each stole two bases while the team stole 10 as a whole.

ELIZABETH

The only game where Strasburg didn't score but still gave up runs was against Elizabeth.

The Lady Cardinals scored 2, 3, 5 and 2 runs over four innings to win by the 10-run mercy rule.

Strasburg eked out just two singles, one each for Kent and Olsen.

Johnson took the loss, yielding 12 runs on 11 hits and six walks while striking out one in four innings.

"They got some girls that can hit the ball," Madrill said.

The Indians also committed three errors.

COMING UP

- Sept. 5-6: NCS Tournament @ Greeley.
- Sept. 9: Resurrection Christian.
- 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.

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First loss for Bennett Tigers

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

FEDERAL HEIGHTS — Bennett's boys soccer team suffered the first defeat of its season at The Pinnacle Aug. 27.

The Timberwolves beat the Tigers 6-3 in a game that was closer than the score might indicate.

The Pinnacle led 2-0 early, but Bennett scored three of the next four goals to knot the score at 3-3 by the half.

"We started off the game down and we were able to claw back and tie it for halftime," said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson. "That showed a lot of great determination by the team."

The second half was a different story.

Torgerson thinks that the Tigers are on par with the Timberwolves in terms of skill.

"We let them get into our heads and we lost our composure, and I think that that's what led to the loss," Torgerson added. "As one of my coaches put it, 'We played one of our best games and one of our worst games.'"

Bennett was led by senior Jesus Santoyo with two goals.

"He was the one who really started the comeback," Torgerson continued.

"He put the team on his back to get us back into the game."

Junior Aron Funez added one goal. Time in goal was evenly split between junior Isaac Hernandez and sophomore Enzo Lomri, who surrendered three goals apiece. Hernandez had six saves while Lomri added five.

"I don't know if we're going to split the entire season," Torgerson said. "That wouldn't be my preference to be honest, but I'm still waiting for one of them to step up and be the goalie."

Despite the loss, the head coach remains upbeat about his team's prospects.

"I think we're all really positive on the season and are still expecting big things," Torgerson concluded.

COMING UP

- Sept. 4: Ellicott.
- Sept. 6: @ Lamar.
- Sept. 10: Weld Central.
- Sept. 13: Alameda.
- Sept. 17: @ Fort Lupton.
- Sept. 19: Jefferson.
- Sept. 24: @ Sheridan.
- Sept. 26: @ Arrupe Jesuit.
- Oct. 1: @ Middle Park.
- Oct. 8: Englewood (Homecoming).
- Oct. 13: Arvada.
- Oct. 21: Lake County.

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Let's Celebrate, Appreciate & Learn More About our Founding Fathers and Documents. And, with all that has been going on in our schools, both local and far, it is such a time as this, that we should all band together for our children and our families; get to know more about our ORIGINAL history and what was and is meant to be and band together to make a positive impact.

We've reached out to the local corridor schools to no avail to have some students come sing Patriotic songs, but have not heard back, so if you have the ability to make that happen, we'd love to hear from you! Or if you or someone you know would like to perform Patriotic songs, please let us know!

Speaking of schools — Did you know that, in 2004, Congress passed a Constitution Teaching Bill in H.R. 4818 that in order for schools to receive Federal funding that they have to teach our Constitution on Constitution Day? What is your child's school doing, please ask them and let us know! We'd love to hear or help them with ideas

Here's the schedule thus far — Be sure to keep an eye on next week's paper and also our website as the schedule is updated. Hope to see you there!

Fun note: on September 14th — the *Star Spangled Banner* was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.

Monday — TBD

Tuesday — 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Patriot Academy's *Finding Liberty* Intro

Wednesday — U.S. Constitution approved in 1787 — *Constitution and Citizenship Day*
6:00 p.m. Community Potluck — All are welcome
6:30 p.m. Patriot Academy's *Constitution Alive* Intro

Thursday — 6:00 Appetizers followed by — 6:30 p.m. Pastor Zac Sanger of Living Springs Cowboy Church speaking on God and Country

Friday — 4:00 p.m. Francine Wilson of Peyton, CO speaking on God's covenant with America
6:00 p.m. Community Potluck, followed by — 6:30 p.m. Kirk Cameron's documentary "Monumental"

Saturday — 6:00 p.m. Community Potluck followed by — 6:30 p.m. Patriot songs and a time of fellowship.

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ALYSSA STEMO/For The Scout

The Byers, Bennett and Strasburg cross country teams all got together Aug. 16 for a preseason 5K scrimmage at Mountain View Fellowship. Preseason previews for all three squads can be found in the Aug. 22 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

Corridor harriers off and running for fall 2025 season

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

DENVER — The cross country long distance running season commenced Aug. 23 with three local schools attending different meets.

The Strasburg boys cross country team took fifth with 152 team points and the girls 11th with 259 at the Washington Park Invitational Aug. 23 in Denver.

Three Indian seniors led the way in the 5,000-meter run: Dawit James placed ninth with a time of 17:06.70 followed by senior Jeremiah Redd, 22nd place with a time of 17:57.60; and Israel James, 32nd at 18:25.30.

Junior Noah Dobransky ran a 19:06.70 for 45th place and senior Will Hauser recorded a time of 20:19.70 for 61st to round out the Indians' five scoring runners. Freshman Jacob Breiding also competed, taking 95th at 22:50.80.

In the 5,000 meters for the Lady Indians, Maura Kramer was 30th with a time of 23:03.60. She was followed by Naomi Redd (62nd, 27:12.90), Megan Lay (68th, 27:27.50), Lacey Dittenhauser (82nd, 31:03.50), and Kasiana Christiansan (88th, 31:59.40).

The meet also featured a 3,200-meter run. For the boys, Miles Nel-

son and Nick Jimenez placed 69th (16:18.10) and 153rd (20:19.20), respectively. For the girls, Mikayla Friedrich was 152nd (25:11.40) and Leila Christopherson 156th (25:56.20).

TEAM STANDINGS

BOYS

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2. Columbine 68
3. Denver East 72
4. Doherty 83
5. Strasburg 152
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16. Manual 402

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2. Denver South 41
3. Kent Denver 117
4. Thomas Jefferson 126
5. Rampart 131
6. George Washington 189
7. Mountain Range 197
8. Doherty 226
9. Saint John Paul the Great Catholic 256

10. Eagle Ridge Academy 257
11. Strasburg 259
12. DSST Cedar 272
13. Englewood 303

COMING UP

Sept. 5: @ Mustang Invitational, Fort Morgan.

Sept. 8: @ Golddigger Dash, Evergreen.

Sept. 13: @ Liberty Bell Invitational, Littleton.

BYERS

Byers cross country teams competed at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede pre-state meet Aug. 23 in Colorado Springs, but neither qualified for team honors because the meet scores each school's top five runners and Byers had too few.

The Lady Bulldogs had three harriers attend. Senior Quincy Bowling placed 28th with a time of 23:09.20 followed by senior Michaela Casey (43rd, 24:30.00) and sophomore Caroline Casey (52nd, 25:36.20).

Four Byers boys participated at the meet. They were paced by senior Ben Gerhardt, who took 42nd place at 19:47.50. Senior Torin Wardall (113th, 22:44.90) was trailed by junior Skyler Walters (142nd, 24:39.60) and sophomore Matthew Wardall (167th, 26:40.80).

"At the pre-state meet, both our boys and girls drastically improved on their times from the same meet last year," said Byers head coach Kelci Crispe. "... They were able to shave off and we know it is due to the effort they put in to stay in shape throughout the summer months, as well as the consistent solid effort they put in

at practice on a daily basis.

"That course is a difficult one and we were very proud of how our runners managed it this early in the season. At the Rocky Ford meet we had two girls, Quincy Bowling and Michaela Casey place 2nd and 3rd. We were not able to run our full girls team as we are fighting off some injuries. Our boys team did well. They were all able to run very close to their PR times and we are excited to continue this path we are on. We hope to have everyone back and healthy in the near future."

COMING UP

Sept. 5: @ Fort Morgan Invitational.

Sept. 8: @ Gold Digger Dash, Evergreen.

Sept. 12: @ Lamar Invitational.

BENNETT

Like Byers, Bennett did not qualify for the team scoring at the Gator Invitational hosted by Standley Lake in Westminster Aug. 23 because it had less than five athletes on each squad.

Two Lady Tigers — sophomores Ashley Roman Silva and Mattie Robledo — competed; they placed 34th (28:52.13) and 41st (29:34.42), respectively.

Junior Larry Marr (94th, 26:05.65), freshman Joseph Harris (101st, 28:44.78), senior Chance Humiston (105th, 34:02.70) and freshman Benjamin Boice (62nd, 35:00.99) represented Bennett.

COMING UP

Sept. 6: @ Bernie Gay Invitational, Centaurus (Lafayette).

Sept. 13: @ Rough Rider Invitational, Roosevelt HS (Johnstown).

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 register 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 final deadline of Thursday, Sept. 18.

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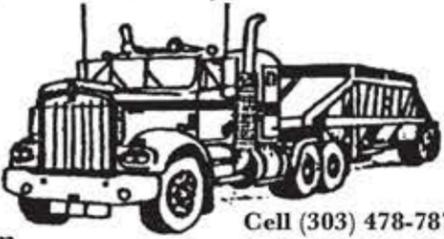
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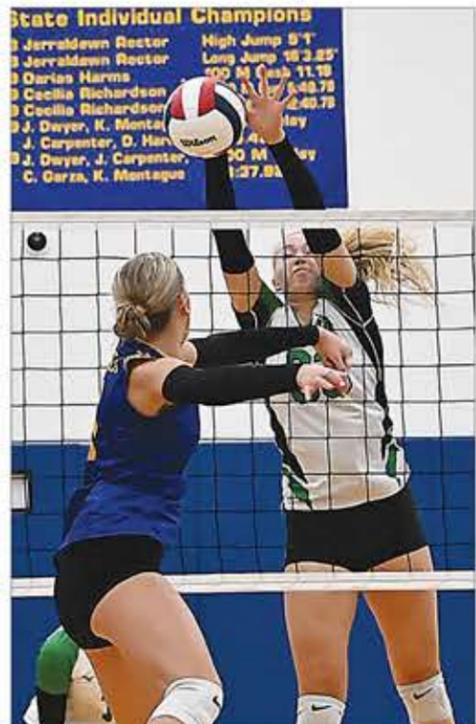
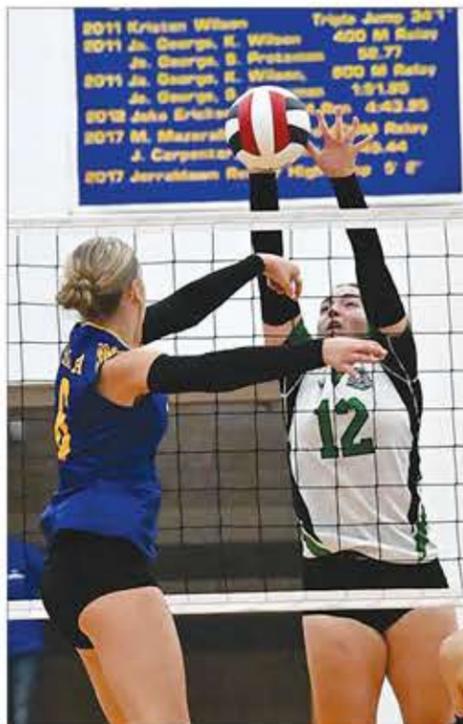
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The Byers Bulldogs started their fall 2025 volleyball season against two top-ranked preseason poll opponents. Above, Abi Green (left) and Karley Linnebur block spike attempts at Simla Aug. 28.

Tough start for the Lady Bulldogs

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Despite struggling in their opening two matches of the season, the Byers Lady Bulldogs should be better for it as the fall volleyball season progresses.

The green-and-white was swept by the third- and second-ranked teams in the 2A preseason coaches poll to start its campaign — falling 25-12, 25-9, 25-17 at home to Wiggins Aug. 26 and 25-19, 25-20, 25-11 at Simla two days later. Wiggins and Simla played each other in the 2A state semifinals last year with the sixth-seeded Tigers upsetting the Cubs 3-1 to advance to the championship match, which was won by Sedgwick County.

“Tough schedule to start the season for sure,” said Byers head coach Jessica Fournier, who noted her team showed much improvement between the first and second matches to start this season.

In the season- and home-opener, Byers was dominated early before putting up a better fight in the third set.

“Wiggins is very good — very disciplined and well trained,” Fournier said. “We struggled on serve-receive

and blocking, which took us out of our rhythm and [caused] too many unforced errors. The positive of playing a team like Wiggins at the very beginning of the season is it allows us to see pretty quickly what we need to work on.”

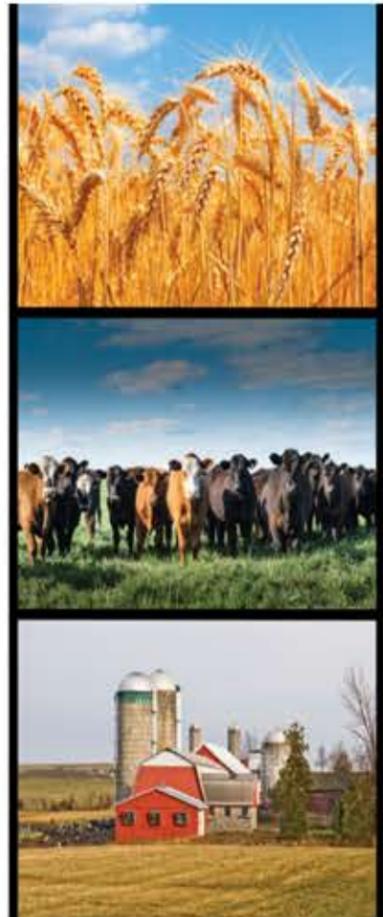
According to the head coach, sophomore Joclynn Rector had the best all-around game for the Bulldogs, with six kills, while classmate Leyla Sayler had a team-high 10 assists and eight digs. Sophomore Taiya Eymann recorded two aces from the service line.

Despite losing six consecutive sets to start, Fournier said the first two games against the host Cubs showed significant improvement from the previous match.

“I thought our energy and camaraderie was great and our defensive scrappiness much improved and more fun to watch,” she said. “Our blocking was much more of a presence and, although we struggled on serve-receive again at times, I’m happy with the modifications we made overall.”

While stats were unavailable at press time, Fournier noted the play of sophomore middle Karley Linnebur and senior libero Jenah Bequette.

The 0-2 green-and-white looked to get into the win column for the first time Sept. 2 at Clear Creek.



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ArapCo commissioners set hearing on affordable housing regulations

LITTLETON — The Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings on new regulations to encourage affordable housing and new wireless guidelines for unincorporated Arapahoe County.

If approved, the regulations will be added to the county's Land Development Code.

The hearings begin at 9:30 a.m. for Tuesday, Sept. 9, Administration Building East Hearing Room, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

To spur affordable housing, incentives for developers, the addition of new zones and the incorporation of rules for tiny and modular homes are proposed.

The proposed Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use zones are intended to encourage the development of higher-density multifamily housing near major transportation stops and business and retail centers.

Multi-family zoning density could range from 13-35 housing units per acre on land near major roadways to provide easy access to business centers and public transportation.

Minimum density in mixed-use zones is proposed at 35 housing units per acre.

Multi-family and live-work units would be allowed within buildings that also offer commercial uses. The maximum height for these structures

would be 75 feet. A quarter-mile radius from arterial streets and a half-mile radius from transit stops is under consideration.

In addition, manufactured home definitions to address modular and tiny homes would be updated and regulations for mobile home parks and subdivisions to reduce parking requirements would be revised. The proposal would also remove minimum parking regulations for multi-family developments.

The proposed amendments to the wireless regulations will rename the Commercial Mobile Radio Service to a more modern title, Wireless Communication Facilities.

The proposed amendments, which are designed to comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations by incorporating potential technological advances across all types of wireless communications, delineates the criteria for "eligible facilities" and promotes the collaborative use of both new and existing Wireless Communication Facilities locations.

A structured administrative process and standards for the location, design, maintenance, and removal of wireless communication facilities would be established.

It emphasizes that the applicant must demonstrate that other sites are not feasible for new towers.

New ElCo emergency mgmt boss named

A former Elizabeth firefighter and paramedic has returned to his Elbert County roots.

Jacob Love was recently named Elbert County's new emergency management director. He brings more than 17 years of experience as a flight, critical care, and hospital paramedic and emergency medicine educator. He also served seven years with the Elizabeth Fire Protection District.



Love

Love began his career in Elizabeth, was a flight paramedic with Flight for

Life Colorado; a UCHHealth Lifeline flight paramedic; and a firefighter/paramedic with Summit Fire & EMS. Most recently, he was the EMS coordinator for AdventHealth.

In addition to certifications as a paramedic, Love has a bachelor's degree in emergency management and fire science from Columbia Southern University and is currently pursuing his master's degree in executive leadership and emergency management.

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Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Virtual Metro Area Career Fair. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, visit www.adworks.org.

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

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

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services board room. Visit strasburg31j.com for Zoom link.

Deer Trail School Board. 6:30 p.m., Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library.

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

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

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Daughters of the American Revolution Silver Spike Chapter. 6:30 p.m., TBK Bank Committee Room, Strasburg.

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

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

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Bennett School Board. 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit bsd29j.com for a Zoom link.

EVERY THURSDAY

Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all local seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.

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

USGS: Federal lands under CO contain massive quantities of natural gas, oil

RESTON, Va. — The U.S. Geological Survey recently released a report on undiscovered oil and gas resources in formations under the federally managed public lands broken out by state.

The report estimates that Colorado has 60 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas, third in the United States, and 190.1 million barrels of undiscovered oil, ninth in the nation.

If produced, that would be enough natural gas to meet the nation's needs for 22 months, and enough oil to supply all the nation's needs for one week at the current rate of consumption.

The onshore public lands of the U.S. included in the report are administered by the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy and Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

For the nation's public lands, the report estimates a total of 29.4 billion barrels of oil, and 391.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The undiscovered oil and gas resource estimates are both significant increases from the most recent USGS estimates in 1998. These increases are due not to any change in the subsurface but to the revolution in energy production since the previous USGS estimates of undiscovered oil and gas resources on public lands in 1998, when the USGS estimated 7.86 billion barrels of oil and 201.1 trillion cubic feet of gas. Those estimates focused on conventional oil and gas accumulations, and did not include all unconventional resources such as shale oil, tight oil and tight gas (oil and gas trapped in impermeable rock), and coal-bed gas, which are routinely produced using fracking, and are now part of USGS oil and gas assessments.

The USGS Energy Resources Program assesses the potential for undiscovered oil and gas resources in priority geologic provinces in the U.S. and around the world. Two methodologies are used by the USGS: one for assessing conventional oil and gas resources and one for assessing unconvention-

al (continuous) oil and gas resources (such as shale gas and coalbed gas).

"USGS assessments of undiscovered resources are science-based estimates of what may be discovered in the future," said Ryker. "They are different from — and complementary to — industry production numbers, which focus on known or discovered resources. USGS research focuses on areas of uncertainty."

USGS oil and gas assessments began 50 years ago following an oil embargo against the U.S. that signaled a need to understand the occurrence, distribution and potential volumes of undiscovered resources. The embargo led to a mandate for the USGS to use geologic science and data to assess undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources to help meet the nation's needs. The work continues today — identifying new resources for domestic production as well as international resources that affect market conditions — an important part of the USGS mission to provide actionable insight to U.S. leaders, other federal agencies, industry and the public.

USGS energy resource assessments provide information to policy makers on resource potential in areas of the U.S. and the world. For land-management agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, the results of an energy resources assessment feed into land-use and resource management plans. For the private sector, USGS assessments of undiscovered energy resources provide context for planning detailed exploration.

The range of assessments produced has changed with the technology available to produce oil. In 1995, the USGS began conducting assessments of unconventional, technically recoverable resources. "The shift to horizontal drilling with fracking has revolutionized oil and gas production, and that is reflected in these estimates," said Christopher Schenk, USGS geologist.

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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.

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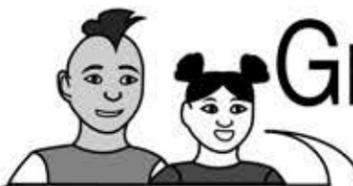
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Cars, planes, phones, computers and the mail help us keep in touch with grandparents. Holidays and vacations are wonderful times to get together, hear family stories, and share meals and fun times. Grandparents can teach us many things. They help to care for us. They take us places. I'll bet that your grandmother or grandfather often gives you treats or surprises when you visit!

Give us treats:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Study the clues to fill in the four puzzles about grandparents.

A. B. C. D.

Grandparents:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Teach us things:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Grandma and I like to play word games!

My grandfather tells very funny jokes and stories.

Knock! Knock!

Grandpa and I like action. We are going to race go-carts.

Take care of us:

- help to wash our _____
- mend our _____
- cook our _____
- bandage our _____
- read bedtime _____

clothes scrapes
meals hair stories

Bring us places:

- ir _ u _
- li _ ra _ y
- mu _ eu _ s
- s _ hoo _
- ea _ h

What's Cooking?



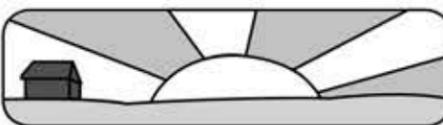
What do Grandpa and Grandma put in their famous soup? **Fill in the blanks below the pictures to see.**

What did they teach me to make for breakfast? **Use the color key to fill in the puzzle on the right to find out!**

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+ +

Y = yellow
L = light brown
B = brown
G = green
U = blue



At the beginning of a fun day, grandparents might take you for a sunrise...

Sunrise and Sunset With Grandparents!

At the end of a long, busy day, sometimes grandparents go to...

Y = yellow
B = blue

... on the couch or in their favorite chair!

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20 YEARS AGO SEPT. 6, 2005

The Watkins Board of Trustees approved four ballot issues in the span of a week and discussed comprehensive plans with residents in a very busy week of election preparation.

The board met for their regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 24 and unanimously voted to add sales and use tax proposals to the ballot, which residents will vote on Nov. 2. The 2% sale tax will be crucial to the town's comprehensive plan coming to fruition, mayor Russell Corona said. The use tax, also 2%, would encourage and assist future development if passes, he said.

"It was very important that we get them on the ballot. To be sustainable, the town needs a sales tax," he said. "If [developers] are building a house and have a large amount of materials delivered from outside of Watkins, they would not pay a sales tax for the materials. Instead they would pay the use tax — which is actually lower than sales tax in most places — and the taxes would come back to Watkins. It will help development pay for itself.

"All I can do is encourage people to vote for the sales and use tax. Will the taxes pay for the town next year? No. But it is crucial that we get it in place now so retailers can come in and start generating revenue."

15 YEARS AGO SEPT. 7, 2010

COLORADO — Special districts along the I-70 Corridor are sounding off on ballot measures 60 and 61, and Proposition 101 on the November Ballot.

Bennett School District Superintendent Richard Coleman foresees difficult times for local districts if the measures pass.

"All three are anti-tax measures," he stated. "I have some real concerns about the effect they will have on school budgets if

they pass."

Amendment 60 focuses on property taxes and cutting mill levies in half by 2020.

According to Coleman, if the amendment passes. It could cut local school property taxes by 50%.

"The state cannot backfill the loss in property taxes," he added, "this will likely lead to further cuts in school budgets."

Public services could be one, of many, budget cuts for the Byers School District.

"Impact on schools would change the face of education as we know it in rural Colorado," said Superintendent Tom Turrell. "If these ballot measures are passed, Byers is slated to lose \$536,000 per year in state funding."

10 YEARS AGO SEPT. 8, 2015

CENTENNIAL — The three Deer Trail School Board members targeted during a recent recall election all retained their seats after a vast majority of voters said "no" Sept. 1.

According to preliminary results from Arapahoe County, voters retained Mike Geesen 170-126; Luisa Lumbano 180-115; and Candice Reed 181-117. In all three cases, the successor candidate question became a moot point but John Dillingham received 121 votes to replace Geesen, if recalled; while James Johnson garnered 110 votes to replace Lumbano; and Guy Svec 111 votes to replace Reed.

In all three races, the number of votes to recall the candidate fell short of the number of signatures on petitions to get the questions put on the ballot. During the petitioning process, the county validated 149 signatures for the Geesen question, 150 for Lumbano and 155 for Reed. State regulations required at least 128 signatures be collected to initiate recall proceedings against Geesen and Reed while 90 were needed for Lumbano.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.
SOLUTION ON PAGE 22

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2025. There are 119 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 3, 1783, representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War and recog-

nized U.S. sovereignty.

ON THIS DATE

In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality in the conflict.

In 1894, the United States celebrated the first federal Labor

Day holiday.

In 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell became the first person to drive an automobile more than 300 mph (480 kph), speeding across the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after

the Nazi invasion of Poland; in a radio address, Britain's King George VI said, "With God's help, we shall prevail."

In 1943, Allied forces invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italian officials signed a secret armistice with the Allies.

In 1976, America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars

to take the first close-up, color photographs of the red planet's surface.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Steve Schirripa (TV: "The Sopranos") is 67. Actor Charlie Sheen is 60. Filmmaker Noah Baumbach is 56.

— Associated Press

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- ACROSS
- "Call of the Wild" dog
 - Lightning McQueen, e.g.
 - Island near Java
 - Popular hairdo in the 1960s and '70s
 - Governmental space agency, acr.
 - Meat in a casing
 - Larry Bird's target
 - Narrative poem
 - Richard Bachman to Stephen King
 - "Sherman's Mr. ____"
 - Fence plank
 - Small jar
 - FedEx competitor
 - "Tabaqui" of "The Jungle Book"
 - Most vital part
 - a.k.a. Home of the Brave
 - Bewilder
 - Y'all
 - Phonograph media
 - Williams sister's return
 - "Two mints in one" classic mints
 - Celt
 - Red carpet suit
 - Pirate's turf
 - Flag on a ship, pl.
 - Solar system model
 - Like a fiddle
 - Sweating room
 - Chesterfield, e.g.
 - "National Crime Prevention Council's mascot
 - "The Martian" (2015) actor Matt ____
- DOWN
- Scrooge's exclamation
 - E.T. transporter, e.g.
 - Photo editing option
 - 1/100th of a ruble
 - Mafia's top dogs
 - "All joking ____"
 - Risqu
 - "Target's mascot
 - "Si, mi chiamo Mimi" in La Boheme, e.g.
 - Law school test acronym
 - "____ a Wonderful Life"
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- Consume
- TV Judy's title
- Of the Orient
- Lawyers' loads
- Major European river
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Like a button, but more so
- English homework
- Swine and avian diseases
- "Maid Marian of Disney's "Robin Hood" movie (1973)
- "The Big Red Dog
- ____ copia
- Blast maker, acr.
- Sullenly
- James Dean's last movie (1956)
- Basket-making fiber
- Nut holder
- Tequila source
- "____ me a seat"
- Damien's prediction
- Lawn pest
- "Rubeus Hagrid's faithful boarhound
- Beaver's edifice
- Beehive State native
- Us, in Mexico

ANSWERS ON PAGE 22

HOROSCOPE

On a Day of Double Oppositions

When a lot of your time and energy is already being directed by outside forces such as caring for others, meeting deadlines and fulfilling obligations, it's only natural to feel compelled to rebel against your own goals or routines, just to feel like something is under your control. Who could blame you for trying to reclaim agency in a life that sometimes feels overly dictated? It's a very human move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're always game to challenge your assumptions, expand your perspective and become a more well-rounded person. That's why you're in a strong position today to see things clearly now. You'll spot opportunities, anomalies and the red flags that others miss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People state opinions like they're gospel, or latch onto the one part of the story that supports their view. Today hits at the core of selective truth and the way people build narratives out of fragments that flatter their beliefs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Complexity abounds. Even within a simple decision such as choosing to eat better, there are dozens of tiny, invisible decisions embedded — what to buy, when to prep, how to store it, etc. In all things, try to streamline the path forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want more freedom, but the key might be in giving it. Loosen your grip, release control, and let things breathe — a relationship, a process, a timeline. Your trust changes the dynamic. The results will pleasantly surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a lot coming at you, but it's not your style to just endure it. Decide what gets your attention and what doesn't. Protect your energy like it's an asset — because it is. The right boundary will be your best investment today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone's response (or lack of it) doesn't define you. You're offering something original, genuine, maybe even ahead of its time. Stay connected to your own values and vision. The right people will resonate — and they'll show up soon enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your imagina-

tion is a place where impractical things can and should happen. If it doesn't defy the rules of your current reality, it's not big enough. Try on different fantasies to see what fits. It's a way of shopping for your future with no obligation to buy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Left unchecked, your active mind can spiral into worry. The way to stay grounded isn't by trying to stop thinking, but by deliberately shifting your focus into visualizing what you want to happen and then staying there, mentally developing that dream.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today is a good day to stretch toward someone you don't "get" yet — an effort that also stretches your heart, humanity and ultimately your resources. The more you can know, understand and accept about people, the more capable you become.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "Drink coffee. Do stupid things faster," says the sign that's funny because it's true. Energy without direction is chaos. Before you rev the engine, chart the route. A solid plan turns momentum into progress instead of a mess.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A mural can turn a plain wall into a view. A book can turn an ordinary day into an adventure. When the excitement isn't occurring naturally, you add it, for instance, by talking with someone new, which is a window to another world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're leaning into your passions and interests with a fresh wave of enthusiasm. Collaborate with people who help you focus or spark ideas. Learn about other systems and methods. Eventually, you'll form a practice around these discoveries.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 3). Compassion, graciousness, social conscience, duty and love in many forms have fortified you. But it also has stretched you thin at times. This is a year when you finally return to feeling strongly rooted and at the center point of your own power, confidence and life. More highlights: You'll make three big sales. You'll learn a skill that pays off in surprising ways. You'll laugh with new friends. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 16, 27, 6 and 31.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

Jadeen Johnston
Jadeen LaVonne Johnston, 64, passed away on Aug. 18, 2025, in Bennett, Colo., after battling prolonged illness. Born on Dec. 11, 1960, in Cheyenne, Wyo., Jadeen was a caring individual known for her willingness to assist others whenever possible. She faithfully faced the challenges of raising her two daughters alone even while at times working two jobs.
 Jadeen is survived by her loving family, including her three siblings: Joe Magnuson, Jerry Weddle, and Julieann Skiver. She was a devoted mother to Misty Johnston and Kristal Millholland and a beloved Nana to Jordan Johnston, Annalisa Millholland, and Sissy Millholland and Aunt to several nieces and nephews.
 In her leisure time, Jadeen had a passion for crafting, particularly making wedding cakes and candy creations, which brought joy to many and added a touch of sweetness to every celebration.
 A service to honor Jadeen's life will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, at Springs Lighthouse Church, 4777 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Jadeen will be deeply missed by all who knew her, as she leaves behind a legacy of dedication to family.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

From left, trustee Denice Smith, town administrator Trish Stiles, trustee Steve Dambroski, mayor Whitney Oakley, and trustees Donna Sus, Royce Pindell and Larry Vittum pose for a photo following the town of Bennett's State of the Town luncheon at the Historic Muegge House July 18.

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mentioned, it appears town manager Trish Stiles was where Price's comments were directed.

"I was given no severance, no information about insurance coverage, no time to prepare or seek new employment. To make matters worse, I wasn't even allowed to clean out my office to collect my personal belongings," Price said. "I was raised to treat people with respect and dignity, and that's how I've always approached my work."

During her comments, Price also implored the board to listen to the people that serve the town as well as residents.

"Leadership means standing up for people even when they aren't in the room," she said. "It means doing what you're saying you're going to do. It means leading with integrity."

During her town administrator's report, Stiles acknowledged Price's comments but said little in rebuttal.

"As a matter of policy and respect for our current and former employees, I will not discuss personnel matters ever in a public forum," Stiles said. "And, while I may understand that people leaving employment may have very strong feelings, it's important that the board knows as well as the public that I take my responsibility seriously and I do act with integrity, and my focus continues to remain serving this community and supporting the work that we do here with that."

Whether Price's job was the "personnel matter" discussed during an executive session at the end of the Aug. 12 board meeting was unknown.

Price's diatribe follows up a few months of residents stating their concerns with *The I-70 Scout* but not

wanting to have letters to the editor published or their names otherwise used in stories because of fear possible retribution from town officials.

"I wish you wouldn't at this time," a resident told *The Scout* via an e-mail the day her letter was slated to be placed into a late-June edition. "The town might retaliate and that's the last thing we need. That's not going to do anyone any good."

During comments at the annual State of Town luncheon July 18, Mayor Whitney Oakley stated a more "accessible and accountable" town government under her watch, but resident comments before and after the annual event indicate the opposite.

"They supposedly asked for us to send our questions in for them to answer but I don't think they ever followed through," another resident stated. "A lot of saying one thing and doing another."

A handful of other residents also noted that town officials are less than receptive to complaints about problems that have arisen because of the "rampant growth" that has occurred the past 5-10 years and what is on the immediate horizon.

"While the town claims not to function like an HOA, this certainly feels like one more way to impose unnecessary costs on us residents," said a longtime resident that is among the 882 homeowners impacted by mandatory pressure reducing valve installation. "Passing these infrastructure costs onto homeowners like me is unfair, [but] they don't like to hear that."

In some instances, residents reported increased code enforcement officer visibility after questioning a town decision and that many non-elected town officials show little empathy because they don't live in the town and experience the same problems.

"The people making decisions lately have made a lot of bad ones and seem to be more concerned with growth and filling the town coffers than what the town's residents really want. If these people do not live here, they get to leave and go home and we are left to deal with and pick up the pieces of bad decisions," one concerned resident said. "The town is taking away the small town feel and doing it without any of our say. These decisions warrant serious scrutiny. We deserve transparency, accountability, and a voice in decisions that directly impact our finances and quality of life."

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office told *The I-70 Scout* that residents on municipalities can file complaints of unfair treatment, intimidation or retaliation online at <https://coag.gov/file-complaint/>.

The I-70 Scout e-mailed Mayor Oakley for comments about complaints concerning town staff's interaction with residents but no reply was received as of press time.

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and the psychology of aging. "[Her] research has shown that people who have positive beliefs about aging live, on average, seven-and-a-half years longer than people who hold negative beliefs about aging," she said. "I'm especially committed to serving older adults in underserved and marginalized communities, including urban, rural and non-English speaking populations."

Last fall, Williams presented her first published work at the Gerontological Society of America's annual scientific meeting. "With my co-author, Sara Delgado of Logan County, ... we shared how uplifting local leaders with cultural context can improve mental health and healthy aging outcomes in diverse communities," she said.

Williams added that her work involves managing and teaching evidence-based programs in collaboration with extension offices, public health agencies, and libraries. "I also partner with local, regional and state officials to better understand community needs and ensure that all people can live, work and thrive at every age," she said.

Williams said working in and with communities has been a passion of hers since living in rural Colorado. "There's a special spark that comes from small towns; when resources are limited, people have to listen deeply, get creative, and work together to find solutions," she said, adding that solutions don't come easily because communities face complex issues without simple fixes. "But what I've learned across the state is this: the most resilient communities don't always have the most money, but they are rich in trust, transparency and deep relationships.

"Those relationships transcend differences and polarization, putting people first and facing adversity with curiosity and innovation."

Williams added that research at CSU has confirmed what she has seen firsthand. "Communities with strong collaboration [have] the best health outcomes and the greatest resilience," she said. "That belief guides my work."

Making a difference within the town of Deer Trail is also important to Williams. She serves on the board of Bijou Manor, a housing complex in the town providing low-cost accommodations for senior citizens and disabled residents. She also sits on the Deer Trail School District Accountability Committee.

Williams noted that, to qualify for

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the fellowship program, applicants must participate in the Boettcher Rural Leadership Collaborative, a state-wide network open to all Coloradans. The group meets quarterly via Zoom to share ideas, learn from speakers across diverse sectors, and strengthen rural leadership.

"It's a chance to build relationships and networks that help create stronger, more resilient communities," she added. "I've participated in this group for many years and have met incredible people I never would have connected with otherwise."

According to the fellowship's press release, during the nine-month long fellowship, "Fellows engage in a curriculum experience focused on both inner and outward-facing leadership, receive individualized coaching, and gain access to funding opportunities." "Authentic leadership begins within," said Vanessa Roman, director of scholarships and foundation programs in the release. "This fellowship provides space for Fellows to reflect, recalibrate, and reconnect with their values and purpose. Our aim is to nurture the whole person because that's what leads to sustained, meaningful impact in communities."

Williams said the fellowship starts the week of Sept. 5 when the Fellows and Boettcher staff come together for a retreat. "The fellowship brings together leaders actively working across many sectors in the state and has developed the program in a way that we can still work in our current roles," she added. "We'll come together in person for three weekend retreats throughout the program in locations across Colorado. We'll also meet virtually each month to learn and connect around leadership development."

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Williams said she is humbled by her selection as a member of the 2025 cohort of the highly-competitive Boettcher Foundation's Doers & Difference Makers Fellowship program. "I'm really looking forward to learning from the other fellows who have vastly different backgrounds and work in sectors very different from mine to network and dream up ideas to help better the communities we live and work in," Williams said. "I don't see myself as someone who needs awards or recognition, but rather as someone who brings skills, connections and experience to help communities reach their goals and look toward the future."

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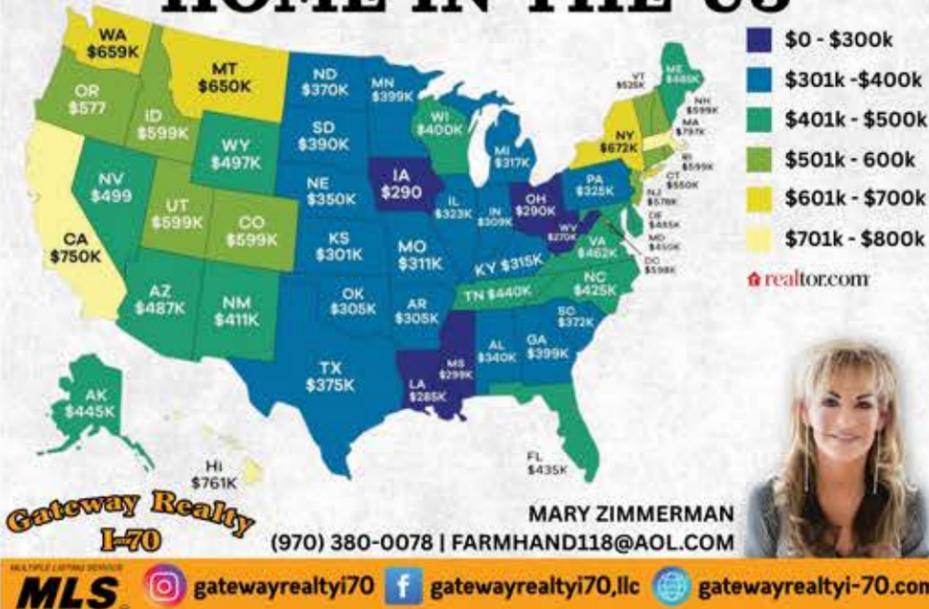
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Lazy Beef Lasagna

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ pounds ground beef (93% or leaner)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 (26-ounce) jar prepared pasta or marinara sauce
- 1½ cups water
- 1 package (20-25 ounces) refrigerated or frozen cheese ravioli
- 1 cup shredded Italian cheese blend

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot.

Add ground beef and garlic; cook 8-10 minutes, breaking into ¾-inch

crumbles and stirring occasionally. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; drain drippings and return beef to skillet.

Stir in salt, nutmeg and pepper; mix well. Stir in pasta sauce and water; bring to a boil. Cook 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Coat 9- by 13-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Layer half the ravioli, half the beef mixture and half the cheese. Repeat with remaining ravioli, beef mixture and cheese; cover with aluminum foil.

Bake at 400 degrees 15 minutes (20 minutes if using frozen ravioli).

Uncover; continue baking 15-20 minutes or until sauce is bubbly and pasta is tender.

Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

— Recipe courtesy Colorado Beef Council



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