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Town of Bennett cans Public Works Director

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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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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**
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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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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**
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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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