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## Strasburg teen killed in dirt bike accident



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Strasburg School and community members remember 16-year-old Gavin Fischer during a candlelight vigil in his memory at Winter Field Nov. 28. Fischer was killed after a dirt bike crash between Strasburg and Byers Nov. 26.

by **Steven Vetter**  
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**BYERS** — A Strasburg teenager died from injuries suffered while riding a dirt bike between Strasburg and Byers the afternoon of Nov. 26.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the south side of the low-water crossing/wash-out area in the 65100 block of County Road 2 on a report of a dirt bike crash involving injuries.

“Upon arrival, deputies learned that a 16-year-old male had been riding a dirt bike with a friend in a creek bed on private property when he attempted a small jump,” a sheriff's office spokesman said. “The front tire of the motorcycle he was operating dug into soft sand, causing him to be ejected forward.”

After initial indications that the ejected rider was OK, his condition quickly took a turn for the worse.

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## Thanksgiving Eve fire guts home south of Strasburg

by **Steven Vetter**  
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**STRASBURG** — A family was displaced from its home south of Strasburg because of a residential fire the evening before Thanksgiving.

Last week's blaze was the second structure fire responded to by the Strasburg Fire Rescue south of town within an eight-

day period. In both instances, while buildings were lost, no injuries or deaths were reported.

Most recently, at about 7:45 p.m. Nov. 26, Corridor firefighters were dispatched to June's Country Gardens mobile home park about two miles south of Strasburg on County Road 157 on report of an active fire.

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A fire-ravaged home in the June's Country Gardens mobile home park south of Strasburg sits vacant the morning of Nov. 28, two days after a house fire gutted the structure.

## Streak snapped: Denver's first snow 2nd latest ever on record

by **Steven Vetter**  
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While numerous I-70 Corridor reports indicated only a trace of snowfall overnight Nov. 28-29, Denver-based meteorologists reported that enough fell at the official weather reporting station to snap the area's second-longest snowless streak.

The National Weather Service's Boulder Office reported 0.2 inches of snow at DIA Saturday morning, which is double the minimum threshold of 0.1 inches for “measurable snowfall.”

In addition, Denver officially snapped its snowless streak at 224 days, the fourth-longest such stretch on record. Prior to

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The Byers Parks & Recreation District's Santa Claus figurine on the southeast corner of Highway 40 and Main Street intersection waves to commuters driving through town as the sun rises Thanksgiving morning.