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Corridor receives much needed gulp of H₂O



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A pair of young ladies enjoy one of the multiple snowplow piles along Colfax Avenue in Strasburg the morning of March 7, the day after much of the region received at least 5 inches of snow.

by Steven Vetter
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Last Friday's snowstorm along the Front Range and neighboring Eastern Plains was not only the first major precipitation event of the year but it brought the region back to or ahead of its average year-to-date moisture total.

According to various weather station reports, between 5-9 inches of snow fell, resulting in at least a half-inch of moisture March 6 and, in many cases, one- or two-tenths more.

The official National Weather Service reporting station at Denver International Airport showed 8.5 inches of snow containing 0.6 inches of precipitation. Along the I-70 Corridor, reports ranged from 4.5 to 8 inches of snow and at least a half-inch or more in resulting precipitation.

In many cases, last Friday tripled, or more, the moisture total for the year. After the first two months, DIA had recorded under a quarter-inch of precipitation, but recent snowfall raised year-to-date totals to around 0.75 inches.

"Far more impressive performance than forecasts first suggested," said an NWS report following the midafternoon snow deadline not coming to fruition. "What started as a modest, fast-moving system — out by 2 or 3 p.m. — slowed down and dumped a surprisingly heavier swath of spring-like wet snow. A rare over-performance at the airport for this time the season. A classic Colorado messy, slow spring snow with full of surprises."

Friday's squall interrupted an ex-
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Bennett murder suspect delivered to ArapCo jail

by Steven Vetter
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CENTENNIAL — The suspect in a 2-year-old Bennett murder case appears will be in Arapahoe County in time for his next court date later this week.

Online searches of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the 18th Judicial District indicate that Ronald Lowry, 52, is now housed in the Arapahoe County Detention Facility without bond as he awaits a status conference on Friday, March 13, in Courtroom 402 of the Arapahoe County Justice Center.

The 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office announced Feb. 27 that Lowry has been charged with a half-dozen felony counts, including first-degree murder, in the Oct. 26, 2023, death of his estranged wife Richelle "Chelle" Lowry. The charges were announced following a grand jury indictment in the case.

"The return of this indictment marks an important step in the pursuit of justice for Richelle Lowry,"

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Reporter Phineous Trout (Avianna Brunsvold), left, interviews Golden Ticket winner Augustus Gloop (Lucas Urban) and Mrs. Gloop (Lyra Beals) during one of the Strasburg Elementary Singers' three performances of "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR" Feb. 27-28 at the Bennett High School auditorium. **SEE PAGE 7.**

Arapahoe County surveying most dangerous roadways

by Steven Vetter
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BYERS — Arapahoe County is in the process of earmarking its most pressing roadway improvement projects, including some of the most treacherous stretches of roadways east of Gun Club Road to the county's eastern boundary.

Part of the Public Works & Development Transportation Department's Comprehensive

Safety Action Plan was a public comment period, which ended March 1, and an open house at Kelter Library in Byers in early February.

"We're taking crash data from the past seven years on county-owned, maintained roads and streets to determine which stretches require the most immediate action," said transportation division engineer Steven Buckley. "It's matter of ID-ing projects to put on a capital improvement

list, particularly addressing causes of serious injury and fatal crashes and where those occur the most."

While the list of most dangerous areas to be addressed won't be finalized until later this year, Buckley and Transportation Manager James Katzer indicated that several stretches of Quincy Avenue east of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds will likely be among some of areas for immediate improvements.

"According to some of the preliminary data, Quincy has been one of the more recent hot spots for crashes and a lot of traffic situations," said Katzer, noting that public reports of traffic hot spots are being collected. "Public feedback will play a key role in refining the plan and helping us prioritize strategies and projects that matter most. The input received will directly inform next steps and support future funding applica-

tions. Hopefully, we can turn these ideas into real safety improvements on our roads."

When it comes to the type of improvements to anticipate, Buckley said that problem areas in eastern rural areas will be different than many of the remedies in the more urban, western areas of the county.

"A lot more single-vehicle accidents when you get further east. Not to say there ar-

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