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Drought: Gov. announces Phase 3 response

Prospects for summer wheat harvest, grazing conditions less than optimistic

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Despite near-normal May moisture and spring storms last week across much of the state, it hasn't been enough to override excessively dry conditions over the previous months and, as a result, concerns continue to ratchet.

On June 4, Gov. Jared Polis activated Phase 3 of Colorado's Drought Response Plan and issued a statewide Drought Emergency declaration in response to worsening drought conditions driven by record-low snowpack and prolonged warm temperatures across Colorado.

"With every county in the state experiencing drought conditions, activating Phase 3 of our Drought Response Plan allows us to better coordinate agencies, prepare for wors-

ening conditions, and support Colorado communities, agriculture, water users, and our environment," Polis' statement said. "State agencies will do their part to reduce water usage at state facilities and I strongly encourage every Coloradan to use water wisely."

The declaration follows recommendations from the Colorado Drought Task Force and the Water Conditions Monitoring Committee after months of monitoring water and worsening drought conditions statewide.

Last week's declaration followed March's activation of Phase 2 of Colorado's Drought Response Plan, which formally convened the statewide Drought Task Force. Phase 3 activation includes possible responses in the form of potential emergency

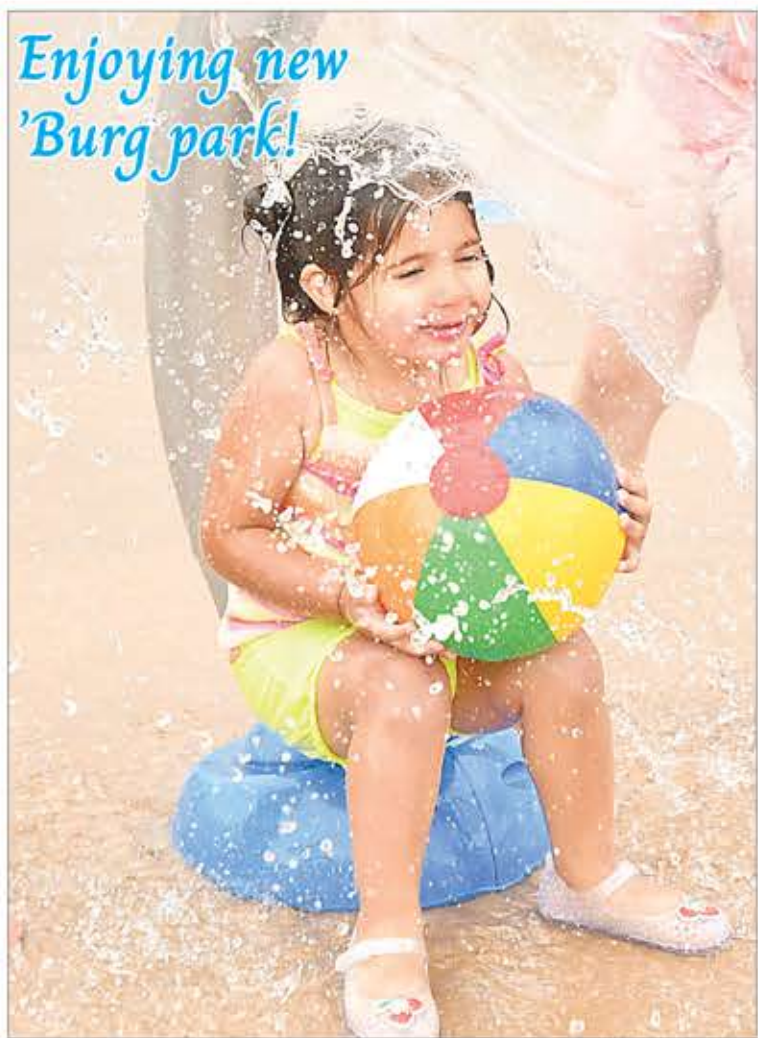
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Even near-normal moisture along the I-70 Corridor last month hasn't been enough to pull a struggling wheat crop out of a funk that could result in the state's poorest harvest since 1965.

Enjoying new
'Burg park!



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Young Jireh Juarez finds a little solace under a water fountain during the grand opening celebration for Strasburg Parks & Recreation District's new Community Park East June 3. **SEE PAGE 12.**

Corridor avoids widespread hail damage

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Despite reports of golf- and tennis-ball size stones, the I-70 Corridor appeared to miss out on widespread severe damage from its first hailstorm of the season June 1 that wreaked more havoc further west along the Front Range.

While areas closer to Highway 36 (Colfax Avenue) in and around Watkins, Bennett and Strasburg received hail between nickel-size to three- or four-inches in diameter, other areas received softer versions of the white stuff.

"Looked really bad when it first started coming down and expecting the worse but a lot of the big stuff was splatting and disintegrating once it reached the ground or whatever surface it hit," said a Bennett caller to *The I-70 Scout* Monday night. "Also had a stretch along the highway of just really fine stuff coming down fast and starting to run down the street and gutters. A



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Above, pea-size hail accumulates along eastbound I-70 before the Bennett exit between 2:30-3 p.m. June 1. Below, stones collected around Bennett and surrounding communities included golf-ball size and bigger but widespread damage across the I-70 Corridor was avoided.

few dummies stopped under the overpasses between Bennett and Strasburg, but we avoided any major catastrophes."

Neither Adams nor Arapahoe County sheriff's offices or local fire districts reported any significant impacts from the storm.

While a tornado warning was issued around 3 p.m., including activation of the Strasburg emergency sirens,

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Gubernatorial candidate visits old stomping grounds prior to ballot release

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — When Colorado voters receive their primary election ballots starting this week, among their decisions will be whether to cast a Democrat or Republican ballot for the race for governor.

If selecting on the Republican side, one of the three candidates has ties to the I-70 Corridor,

which he revisited recently for a campaign stop.

On May 29, current state representative from Colorado Springs and former pastor with Journey Church in Strasburg Scott Bottoms visited with old acquaintances and campaign supporters during a speaking engagement at the Bennett Community Center May 29.

Bottoms, who led the Journey Church congregation for about 12 years before moving out of the

area, said his primary focus as governor would be ridding the legislature of corruption and of an alleged pedophilia ring.

"Four years in the legislature, I feel it's closer than ever this coming year," said Bottoms, referring to ongoing investigations that he has spearheaded. "It's been 2½-years with this pedophile investiga-

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

CSU Wheat Field Days slated across East Colorado plains

FORT COLLINS — Colorado State University's Crops Testing Program will host Wheat Field Days at 4 p.m., Friday, June 12, at Cooksey Family Farms, Roggen.

The day will include a walk-through of official CSU Wheat Variety Trial entries with wheat breeder Dr. Esten Mason, Crops Testing Program Director Sally Jones-Diamond, and seed company representatives. CSU faculty and experts will share the latest research on wheat entomology, pathology and Colorado seed programs.

The site is eight miles east of Prospect Valley on Highway 52, north one mile on Weld County Road 85, and east 0.25 miles on County Road 14 to the field on the north side of the road.

Wheat Field Days will be held across Eastern Colorado from June 10-12 and June 16, including Burlington, Hoyt, Orchard, Akron and Yuma. For more information, visit www.colorado-wheat.org.

Biz organization plans lunch with Bennett representatives

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

Representatives from the town of Bennett will speak and sponsor lunch. The public is welcome to attend the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, June 12, to offici-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

Parks & Rec outing destined for performing arts complex

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Monday, June 22, for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

The trip, which costs \$20, is intended for adults only without age restrictions. A minimum of 10 passengers is required or the trip will be canceled.

Lunch is additional. Advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, visit www.strasburgparks.org or call (303)622-4260.

The bus will depart from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. The excursion is hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Mountain View Fellowship.

Music spanning 8 decades set for concert band performance

BENNETT — The High Plains Music Ensemble will feature selections from the 1940s to the present at its summer concert, "Dazzling Decades," starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at Mountain View Fellowship in Strasburg.

After opening with Glenn Miller's "In the Mood," the band will perform music representing each 10-year period from the 1950s through the 2020s. Featured artists will include Bill Haley and His Comets ("Rock Around the Clock"), The Mamas and the Papas, Stevie Wonder, A-ha ("Take On Me"), Coldplay, and Bruno Mars ("Uptown Funk").

In addition, a medley of 18 songs from the 1990s as well as music from the movies "Golden" and "K-Pop Demon Hunters" will be performed.

Admission is free. A reception follows.

Byers church seeks students for King's Kids Music Camp

BYERS — King's Kids Music Camp is back for another summer at a local church.

The camp will run from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 22-25, at Byers Community Church, 135 S. Sherman St.

Elementary-age kids (entering kindergarten through the sixth grade) can spend four days engaged in singing, making music, crafting instruments, playing games, and moving to the beat.

Registration is free; space is limited! To sign up, visit the Byers Community Church Facebook page or send an e-mail to byerschurch@gmail.com with Music Camp in the subject line.

Library reps presentation set for Strasburg seniors group

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday,

June 16, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Representatives from Anythink Bennett library will speak on programs for seniors offered by the library offers.

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 Iris Salladay Sirois at (303)822-5262.

Worship in the Park planned by Byers Community Church

BYERS — Byers Community Church will host Worship in the Park every third Sunday at 10 a.m. June thru September at Byers Park.

Those Sundays are June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. Worshipers should bring a lawn chair or sit at the picnic tables under the pavilion as the congregation gathers to reflect on God's word.

Byers Community Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Summer performances slated for new 'Burg amphitheater

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Arts Council Concert will host free open-air performances this summer at the FNB Bank Amphitheater at Community Park East.

The shows will feature a mix of local favorites, youth performers, and specialty bands — performances that promise enjoyable music, great talent, good vibes, and memorable nights under the stars.

The first concert starts at ?? p.m., Saturday, June 20. Concessions will be available. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Pioneer School registration opens at Strasburg Museum

STRASBURG — Pioneer School sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, and July 27-31, at the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg.

During the educational event, children ages 6-12 play games, learn history, take lessons on a slate, do

chores, and make crafts, all consistent with the settlement of the West. Pioneer-era clothing is welcomed but optional.

In-person registration begins at the museum Saturday, June 6, and continues thereafter from 1-4 p.m. daily.

Registration is complete once the \$50 per child fee is paid in full and all forms are completed — no reservation without fee and forms. Class sizes are limited.

Patriotic STEM party planned by 'Burg Parks & Rec District

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District plans a patriotic rocket STEM party for ages 5-12 from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 17, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

The event will combine hands-on engineering with high-energy fun. Participants will design their own rockets using straws and tape, engaging in a stunning art activity using table salt and watercolors.

The cost is \$20 per child. To register, visit strasburgparks.org by June 12.

Elbert Co. seeks participants for well monitoring program

KIOWA — Participants are wanted for the expansion of the Elbert County Water Well Monitoring Program.

Volunteers can play an important role in the county's reliable and sustainable water future. They will help build on more than a decade of groundwater well monitoring by broadening geographic coverage; strengthening groundwater tracking; and helping to power the county's volunteer monitoring network.

In return for access to their wells for monitoring, participants will receive free water level measurements every two months (February, April, June, August, October, December).

County staff will reach out to participating property owners to schedule the visit in advance, and manual measurements will be taken quickly with standard groundwater monitoring tools.

For more information, visit www.elbertcounty-co.gov.



Dates on the Deer Trail Jockey Club grandstands for this year's version of the World's First Rodeo were changed last week. The 2026 rodeo is earlier than previous years to accommodate the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association's schedule. Both nights of rodeo will start with junior events at 4:30 p.m. and CPRA performances at 6 p.m. Concerts end both days. The annual parade is scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday with a theme of "Boots, Broncs & Birthday Bash" to celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday and the country's 250th anniversary.

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Senator denied access to Hudson ICE facility

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper was denied access to a new ICE detention center in Hudson as he attempted to conduct an oversight visit.

“Congress has a responsibility to know what’s happening inside these facilities, and you deserve to know as well,” Hickenlooper said. “We tried to conduct Congressional oversight — they said no. When we showed up anyway, they refused to let us in. The facility is not open yet, but if it does, we will be back. We won’t stop demanding answers and fighting to hold ICE accountable.”

After the May 29 denial, Hickenlooper released a video raising concerns about the detention center.

“ICE gave a \$39 million no-bid contract to a private prison company at a time when ICE agents were killing U.S. citizens, terrorizing communities, and operating with total impunity,” Hickenlooper says in the video. “The last thing we need is another detention center right here in our own backyard.”

Hickenlooper said his office notified ICE about the congressional oversight visit, ICE said not to come, but his contingent showed up anyway.

“They refused to let us in,” he said. “If everything here is above board, why are they so afraid of basic oversight?”



Hickenlooper

Adams Co. courthouse bomb threat suspect sentenced to 3 years

BRIGHTON — A man convicted of calling in a bomb threat to the Adams County courthouse earlier this year was sentenced June 4 to three years in prison.

Steven Sandoval, 47, pleaded guilty to False Report of Explosives, a fifth-degree felony, May 19 in Adams County District Court.

According to a release, the county received a bomb threat directed at the courthouse from Sandoval at 8 a.m. Feb. 4.

The call originated from a pay phone at the King Soopers gas pumps on East Bromley Lane.

The courthouse was evacuated, and operations were paused for approximately four hours while the building was cleared.

Approximately 1,000 people were evacuated from the courthouse and an additional 100 from the King Soopers store.

Also on Feb. 4, Sandoval was scheduled for a sentencing hearing in Adams County District Court on a felony Identity Theft charge.

He was sentenced to two years in prison.

The sentences will run consecutively.

“Threats of violence — whether real or implied — disrupt essential public services and put our community at risk,” said Adams County District Attorney Brian Mason. “This sentence sends a clear message that such actions will be prosecuted and those who make them held accountable.”

POLICE REPORTS

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- Harassment was reported in the 28200 block of East Eighth Place, Sky Ranch, **Watkins**.
- A traffic arrest was made on South First Street, **Bennett**.

MONDAY, MAY 25

- A loud noise complaint was made in the 26900 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Aurora**.
- A vehicle was repossessed in the 73400 block of East County Road 38, **Byers**.
- Harassment was reported in the 47300 block of Lilac Avenue, **Bennett**.
- A vehicle was repossessed in the 600 block of Washington Avenue, **Bennett**.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- A restraining order violation was reported on westbound I-70 about two miles west of the **Strasburg** interchange.
- A missing person was found in the 100 block of Centennial Drive, **Bennett**.
- Theft from a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Fox Street, **Bennett**.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in the 900 block of View Ridge Road, **Bennett**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- A DUI bust was made on East Colfax Avenue, **Bennett**.
- A burglary was reported in the 500 block of First Street, **Bennett**.

ADAMS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- Michelle Renee Minella, 53, of Arvada was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant as well as second-degree motor vehicle theft in the 40000 block of East 88th Avenue, **Bennett**. According to the report, two stolen vehicles — a 2010 semi tractor and a 2008 Ford F-250 pickup — were found on the property, in addition to a Vanguard semi-tractor worth an estimated \$35,000. An unidentified male was arrested with Minella.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- Richard Anthony Schwahn, 52, of Bennett, was arrested on two warrants, both for failure-to-appear on traffic charges, from the Denver Marshal's Office and the Adams County Sheriff's Office in the 40000 block of East 88th Avenue, **Bennett**.

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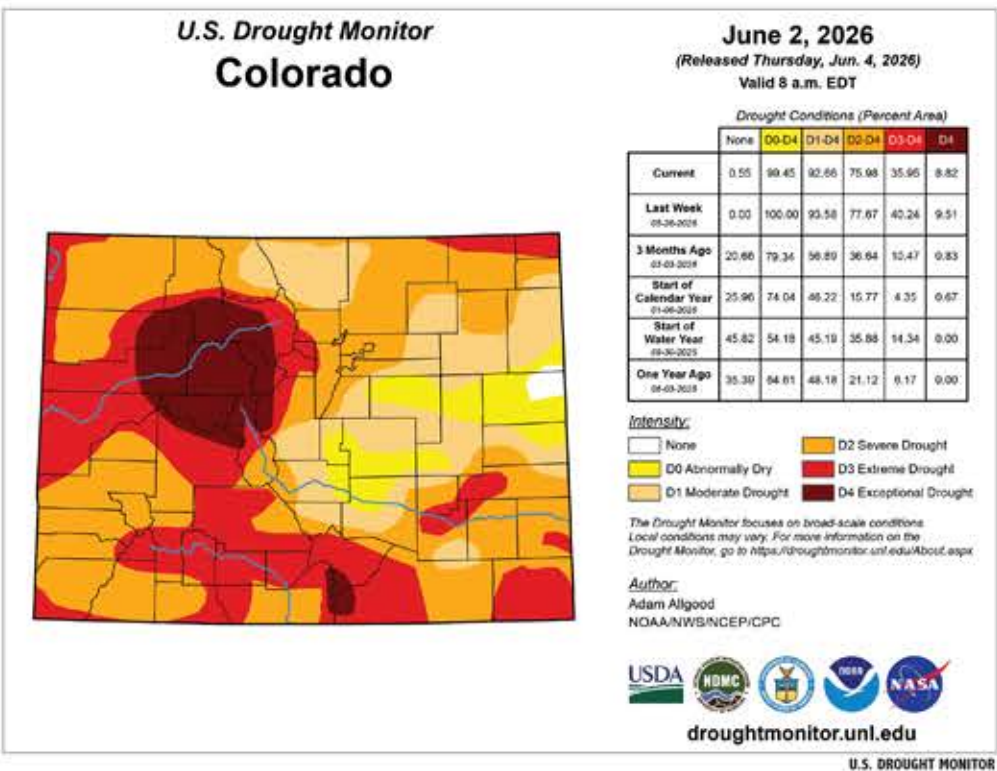
funding for unmet response needs, a potential request for a federal disaster declaration, and statewide reductions in outdoor water usage at Colorado facilities. Any Phase 3 requests for additional funding must be tied to specific needs and documented response actions and will be evaluated by the Drought Task Force and elevated to the governor if necessary.

According to the June 2 U.S. Drought Monitor map, which was also released June 4, 0.55% of the state is drought free, 7% of the state is abnormally dry, and the remaining 93% is between the four stages of drought. More than 75% of the state is in the three worst drought stages — 40% severe drought (D2), 27% extreme drought (D3), and almost 9% exceptional drought (D4). Only a small pocket in the far north-eastern corner of Kit Carson County at the Kansas state line is currently considered drought-free.

Along the I-70 Corridor, the western 60% of Arapahoe and Adams counties are D2 with the eastern 40% in moderate drought (D1). Elbert County has a wide eastern band of abnormally dry with the southern portions called D1.

“Stormy weather brought soaking rains across much of the High Plains [but], while beneficial, this precipitation competed during the week with much above-normal temperatures, which maintained high evapo-transpirative demands,” the June 4 Drought Monitor narrative for the High Plains said. “Not a lot of help in those areas.”

The most recent drought disaster declaration follows the lowest snowpack accumulation season on record, including May 1 streamflow/runoff forecasts project runoff ranging from only 21% to 37% of median across all Colorado river basins. Additionally, the ongoing water year, which started in October has been the warmest



Strasburg walking tour set by historical society

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society will host a Walking Tour of Old Strasburg starting at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 11. Participants will meet for light refreshments at 6 p.m. at Lyons Park. Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum, will lead attendees through the areas where Strasburg began, where significant locations were, and what is on these places today. Water will be provided. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more information, call (303)622-4322. Lyons Park is located at 1409 Railroad St., Strasburg.

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Community Garden Kids Club: June 14, 10–11 a.m.

Common Weeds in Your Garden: June 13 from 10–11 a.m.
Weeds don't stand a chance! Learn to identify and tackle the most common garden weeds at the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Park Community Garden. This is a free event. Register at bit.ly/CAP_Weeds
Community Garden Kids Club: June 14, 10–11 a.m.
Join Arapahoe County Master Gardeners at Cheyenne-Arapahoe Park as they introduce kids to the fascinating world of pollinators and beneficial insects working hard to keep our gardens healthy. Register at bit.ly/CSU_KidsClub

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In observance of the State's Juneteenth holiday, all Arapahoe County offices will be closed Friday, June 19.

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WEEK OF JUNE 8

LIBRARY NEWS

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Mexico vs. South Africa watch party: Adults will watch the exciting match between Mexico and South Africa. A variety of snacks and drinks provided. The game begins at 1 p.m. The game will be broadcast in English with Spanish subtitles. 12:30-3 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

Let's Play Football! 26 Tournament: Football fans of all ages can brush off their virtual cleats and kick their way to the top of the Let's Play Football tournament. All players welcome. Snacks provided. Prizes will be awarded to the final two challengers. The program will be hosted in English and Spanish. No registration required; participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The game will begin with 10 starting slots. 1-4 p.m., Friday, June 12.

Meet animals with Spurs Academy: Toddlers and children up to age 6 can say "Hello" to adorable farm animals from Spurs Academy. Little ones will meet a variety of animals — sometimes bigger friends like donkeys and sometimes smaller ones like guinea pigs and rabbits. This outdoor program may be canceled due to inclement weather. Closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water are

advised. Space limited; registration required. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 15 (Spanish).

Children Grow through Yoga: Children ages 0-5 will move, stretch and breathe in a family-friendly yoga experience. Through simple poses, mindfulness, breathing exercises, stories and songs, children and caregivers will practice slowing down, tuning in, and growing together. They can bring their own yoga mat or borrow one from the library. Parents and caregivers should attend. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 16.

Sticky seeds, happy fowers: Children ages 5-11 can create colorful flowers from a variety of seeds in a hands-on art activity. Participants will design their own seed mosaic flowers while exploring creativity, texture and growth. The event is perfect for curious hands and happy imaginations. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 17.

Teen Advisory Board: Kids ages 12-17 can attend regular meetings to take an active leadership role in planning and implementing library programming. They can also use their voices to advocate for youth services in Bennett. 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday, June 17.

Open Hours with CSU Extension: Colorado State University Extension in Adams County will provide garden-

ing tips, farming guidance or youth development opportunities through 4-H — including animal care, STEM, health and life skills. Appropriate for all ages. English only. 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

Taxidermy stuffed animals: Teens 11 and up can give a small recycled plushie new life as a taxidermied display. They will use a variety of tools and techniques to mount and decorate an adorable stuffed animal "specimen." Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-3 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

Cultivating mindfulness: Adult can learn techniques on cultivating mindfulness to be more present in day-to-day life. A variety of resources and techniques will be shared to help participants get started or continue on a mindfulness journey. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 11 a.m., to 12 p.m., Saturday, June 20.

Colors grow with Lauren Fine: Children up to age 6 will splash, mix and create as colors come to life. They will explore how colors grow, blend and transform through music, movement and messy art-making. Together, the kids will sing and dance through the rainbow, mix primary colors to discover new shades, and paint with brushes, fingers and unexpected tools. Through storytelling and sensory play, the children will watch colors "grow" as creativity blooms. Each child will have time to experiment, express and explore while building confidence and curiosity. Parents and caregivers should attend. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 23.

Crazy Hair Potatoes using Seeds, Sprouts & Silly Faces: Kids ages 6-12 will turn ordinary potatoes into wacky characters with a face and grow real, "crazy hair" using fast-sprouting seeds. They will decorate their potato pal and learn what plants need to grow while taking home a living project they can watch change all summer long. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 24.

Baby Birds Grow with the Bird Conservatory: Children ages 0-5 will tweet, build and imagine with the Bird Conservatory of the Rockies. Children will explore real nests and replica bird eggs, enjoy a read-aloud story, and

act out the life cycle of a bird. Participants will also create a nest to take home. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 25 (Spanish).

Butterfly Pinning: Kids ages 11 and up will examine the structures and functions of butterflies up close and learn how to pin and display their own specimen. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-3 p.m., Thursday, June 25.

I-70 Corridor Business Connect: Adults can join I-70 Business Connect for presentations, resources and conversation to help grow, expand and increase relationships between I-70 Corridor businesses. Light refreshments and door prizes provided. 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 25.

Watch Me Grow Chart with Board & Brush: Children will participate in a hands-on MiniThinkers workshop where parents and children will create a custom wooden growth chart. Design, paint and personalize a meaningful keepsake while making memories. Space limited; registration required. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 29 (bilingual), and Tuesday, June 30 (English).

Living moss pictures with Sacred Science Collective: Library fans ages 18 and up will learn about breath work and meditation with the Sacred Science Collective. The program is an introduction to breath work and grounding meditation techniques designed to help one settle into their body and sense of self. It will include a crafting session to help clear the mind and enhance creativity by making a living moss picture with natural elements. This project will teach participants to connect with nature and find resilience, strength and growth. Space limited; registration required. 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27.

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Family Bingo: Free refreshments and prizes. 4-5 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their families will participate in activities working on motor skills, literacy and counting. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and goodie bag provided. 10-11 a.m., Friday, June 12.

Teen Volunteer Drop-in: Teens in grades 7-12 can earn volunteer hours by assisting with light prep tasks. Volunteer paperwork required. The library cannot approve hours for court-ordered service, 12-2 p.m., Monday, June 12.

'Weird Denver': Adults can learn about fascinating events and lesser-known stories of Colorado's bizarre history in a presentation by Treasure Box Tours. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, June 17.

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Once Upon A Time: Drop in for a special storytime celebrating the magic of fairy tales. Storytime will begin every half hour, followed by themed activities and a photo opportunity. Costumes are optional. Appropriate for children ages 0-5. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

Adult book club: "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. 6-7 p.m., Monday, June 15.

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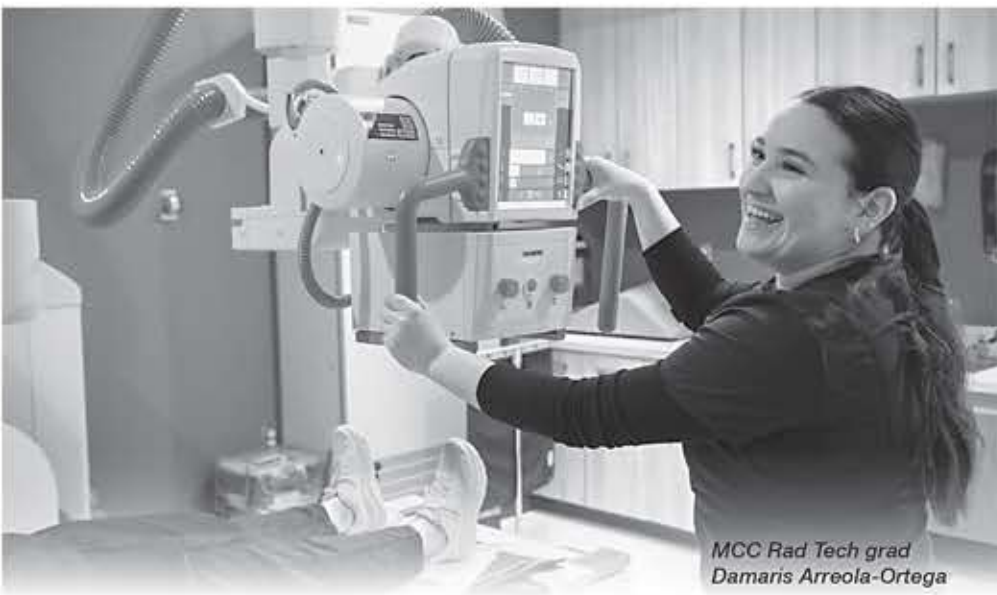


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Davies Library hosts local Mad Hatters



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout
Davies Library in Deer Trail hosted its first of two summer reading program Mad Hatter Tea Parties June 3. Youth showed off their skills at adorning a variety of types of head wear. Above, Valentyna Lopez, 11, works on her flowery adornment. Below, Gunnar Jones, 9, learns the ins and outs of a crafting necessity — the glue gun.



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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET
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Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Agate School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and has been filed in the superintendent's office where it is available for inspection. The proposed budget was approved for adoption at a regular board meeting of the Board of Education at 41032 2nd Ave. in the Agate school cafeteria on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time, prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register their objections thereof.

Board of Education
Agate School District #300
Dated: May 27, 2026
Shelia Mikita, Office Clerk

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Arapahoe County officials: \$46.4M jail expansion is paying dividends

CENTENNIAL — A major expansion and renovation of the Arapahoe County Detention Center is delivering critical upgrades to medical and behavioral health spaces as part of its broader commitment to the county's Investing in Arapahoe strategy.

Originally built in 1986 to house a maximum of 386 people, the facility now serves a much larger population. It currently averages 850-950 inmates per day, placing strain on medical, behavioral health, and operational systems. The \$46.4 million project modernizes those critical areas while improving safety, efficiency and care for both staff and inmates.

"This project is a clear example of

what it means to invest in Arapahoe," said Commissioner Leslie Summey, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "We couldn't replace the facility entirely, so we took a thoughtful, creative approach to make the most of what we have and make it more effective."

The expansion adds approximately 12,000 square feet of new medical space and significantly increases medical and behavioral health capacity, allowing staff to better support individuals with complex health needs.

New features include improved medical exam rooms with direct access to the ambulance bay, enhanced observation areas, and safety-focused

design elements such as self-harm-resistant fixtures and advanced monitoring systems. The space was also designed to support health and dignity, with natural light incorporated throughout, ADA-compliant cells and bathrooms, and in-cell features such as controllable lighting and power outlets to support medical equipment like CPAP machines.

The project also builds on a recently completed 22,000-square-foot kitchen and laundry facility, which replaced systems originally designed for a much smaller population.

Together the improvements support more efficient operations and better day-to-day conditions for both staff and inmates, according to a release.

Sheriff Tyler Brown said the investment reflects a balanced approach to public safety, accountability and care.

"Our goal is compassionate accountability," Brown said. "We are responsible for maintaining safety and order, but we also recognize that many people in our care have medical and behavioral health needs. This expansion allows us to provide a higher

level of service while helping individuals address the issues that brought them here."

Approximately 90 percent of individuals in custody have a medical or mental health condition, and only 15 percent are actively participating in treatment programs. The expanded space will allow staff to better monitor, treat and support those individuals in a safer, more appropriate environment.

The improvements are also expected to enhance safety and efficiency for deputies and staff working in the facility.

"This is a purpose-built space designed for the realities we face today," Brown said. "It helps our team do their jobs more effectively and ensures they can go home safely at the end of each day."

Construction began in 2023 and was completed in phases to keep the facility fully operational. The project was funded in part through one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act resources.

County officials emphasized that investing in essential, behind-the-scenes infrastructure like the detention center is critical to maintaining a safe and healthy community.

"It says to the folks who find themselves here, 'You are still OK,'" Summey said. "Arapahoe County cares for its residents. We care for everybody."

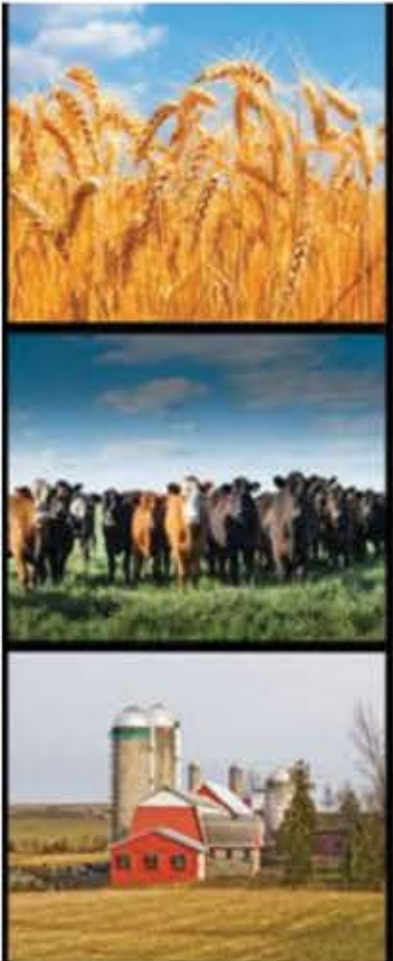
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Adams Co. Pride slated for June 13

BRIGHTON — Adams County Pride returns to Riverdale Regional Park at 12 p.m., Saturday, June 13.

"Pride has always made room for both protest and celebration, for reflection and hope," said District 3 Commissioner Emma Pinter, the first openly queer person elected to the Board of Commissioners. "That balance of making space for both joy and justice is part of what makes it so powerful."

Activities will include art installations, live music and entertainment from local artists, and a drag show guaranteed to dazzle. Attendees can also experience joy in motion through art, live DJs, and rollerskating with Denver's own Rainbow Dome.

That afternoon, couples can tie the knot at MarriagePalooza. Stella Diver, a force in Denver's nightlife scene, a fierce performer, and a dynamic host, will officiate for her final year. All couples are welcome but must register and obtain a marriage or civil union license by Friday, June 12, to participate.

"Pride is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of our LGBTQ+ community and reaffirm that Adams County is a place where everyone belongs," said Julie Duran Mullica, Chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners. Visitors should note that areas of the park are under construction, and a detour is in place for entry and exit. For more information, visit adamscountyco.gov.

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Horses and deputies from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol recently receive training on crowd control before going to Kansas City to help keep the peace during the World Cup soccer tournament.

ArapCo Mounted Patrol arrives at '26 World Cup

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

CENTENNIAL — A lieutenant from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol Unit traveled to Kansas City, Mo., June 9 to assist with security and crowd control at the 2026 FIFA World Cup International Men's Soccer Tournament.

The team will join a multi-agency mounted unit task force made up of law enforcement officers from Arkansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio and Colorado. Arapahoe County is sending the only mounted unit from Colorado.

Three deputies and four horses will provide support outside Arrowhead Stadium during four preliminary matches from June 16-27, a playoff game on July 3, and a quarterfinal contest on July 11. The

horses will help maintain order and public safety outside the stadium and at the FIFA Fan Festival.

"Our mounted unit will serve as a highly visible law enforcement presence during the World Cup," says Lt. Rich Anselmi. "Mounted deputies have an elevated vantage point that allows them to monitor large crowds and quickly identify potential security concerns. Our horses are highly trained and can move effectively through congested areas, help guide large groups of enthusiastic fans, and serve as friendly community ambassadors."

To prepare, the horses have undergone extensive training designed to simulate the conditions they may encounter during the tournament. Training exercises included exposure to smoke bombs, fireworks, and flares, and other loud noises to help desensitize the animals to high-stress environments.

Deputies also practiced guiding their horses calmly through thick smoke while maintaining control and confidence. This preparation helps ensure the horses remain steady, effective, and safe in volatile crowd-control situations.

"Our horses truly enjoy this type of work, Anselmi said. "By nature, horses like having a job, and we can see how much they enjoy the teamwork and interacting with people."

Anselmi arrived in Kansas City with two horses Tuesday. Deputies Crystal Essman and Alex Wildee arrive with one horse each June 23 and July 7, respectively.

The Kansas City Police Department asked the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. A federal grant will cover the cost.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The town of Bennett, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue and Colorado Parks & Wildlife hosted a free youth fishing day, including a fishing derby, at the Bennett Regional Park & Open Space fishing pond in Antelope Hills June 5. The family fun day included a morning full of opportunity to reel in trout, channel cats and red-eared blue gills as well as win prizes for their catches and register for door-prize giveaways. Above, with some help from her dad, 4-year-old Kaylannie Tommasino reels in about a 12-inch rainbow trout.

CORRECTION

The top sports story on page 11 of the April 29 edition of *The I-70 Scout* incorrectly stated that Deer Trail Superintendent/Athletic Director Mike Jobman has been the only I-70 Corridor school administrator to be chairman of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).

Not only did another local superintendent serve in that capacity almost 30 years ago, it was longtime Deer Trail Superintendent Steve Beaber.

Beaber, who was Deer Trail superintendent from 1984-2001, served as CHSAA president from 1994-96.

Beaber's influence continued several years after, including getting a group of state school administrators recognized as policy creators.

"Clearly, there is a new player in the game of influencing how the state's high school athletics and activities bylaws are ruled and regulated. The body is called the state's superintendents," said a Jan. 21, 2001, story in *The Denver Post*. "Steve Beaber, the state's superintendent committee representative to the board of control, make the wishes of his constituents felt."

In his statement to *The Post*, Beaber said, "We have made more suggestions before and have been turned down. For some reason today, we had more support."

The staff of *The I-70 Scout* apologizes for the oversight in the original story in April.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bennett soccer team plans summer workouts July 6-31

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor high-schoolers interested in playing soccer at Bennett for the 2026-27 season are urged to attend summer training in July.
Boys and girls entering ninth through 12th grade next school year are invited to participate in summer workouts and technical skill development from 4:45-6:30 p.m., Monday through Fridays, July 6-31.
Students from Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail are invited to participate. Freshman and other first-year players are urged to attend.
For additional information, including QR access codes for both boys and girls team, visit the Bennett High School Soccer page on Facebook.

Enrollment period ends soon for adaptive baseball league

STRASBURG — Registration for Big D's Warriors Adaptive Baseball League for special education students in grades K-12 ends Sunday, June 14.
Games will be played from 5:30-6:30 p.m., every Sunday from July 12 through Aug. 9, at the Strasburg South Field.
The adaptive baseball league gives children with physical and intellectual challenges the chance to play and compete.
Participation is free. The program is hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

5 gymnastics camps slated for 'Burg Recreation Center

STRASBURG — Five three-day gymnastics camps, all focusing on development of core skills, for children

ages 5 and up are coming to the Strasburg Recreation Center this summer.
Each week centers on basic skills, including flexibility, balance and safe landing techniques, while incorporating a unique theme or area of focus.
The first camp will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Tuesday, June 30, through Thursday, July 2, at the Strasburg Recreation Center. Participants will practice balance beam and floor fundamentals.
To register, visit www.strasburg-parks.org by Tuesday, June 23. The cost is \$125 per camp or \$500 to attend all five.
Additional camps will run from July 7-9, July 14-16, July 21-23 and July 28-30. For more information, visit strasburgparks.org.
Campers should bring a water bottle and sack lunch.

'Burg Rec District announces peewee sports camp details

STRASBURG — Registration ends Sunday, June 21, for a four-week peewee sports camp for children ages 2-4 at the Strasburg Recreation Center.
Preschool peewee sports programs are designed to introduce little ones to team play, sharing and physical activity. Parental involvement is encouraged so the children can participate apprehension.
No practices are held for the league and game time is strictly fun time! The registration fee, which is \$45 for residents of the district and \$50 for non-residents, includes T-shirt and award.
All teams are coed.
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Pikes Peak: Tall tale of deadly rat attack spread worldwide

Hoax traveled from Colorado Springs to Pueblo, where the *Chieftain* published first account on May 27, 1876

by Chase Woodruff
Colorado Newsline

“ATTACKED BY RATS,” read the headline.

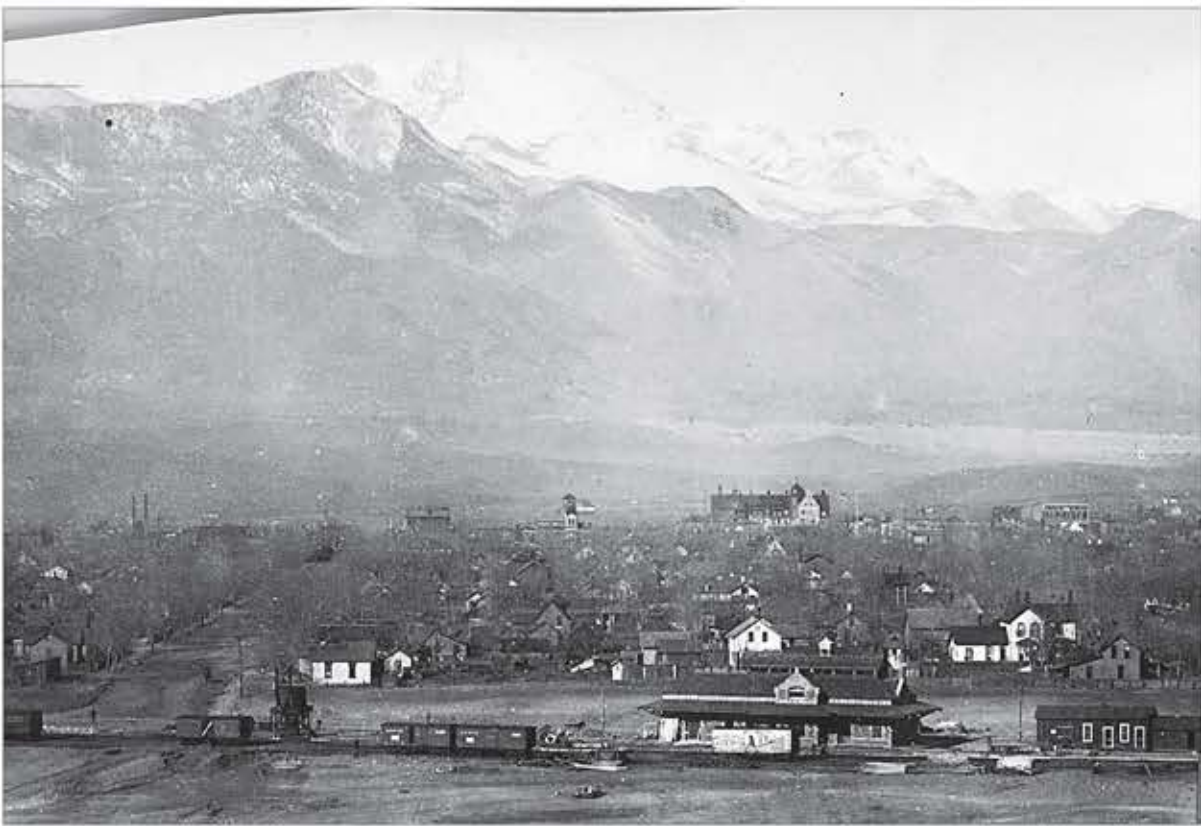
The *Rocky Mountain News*, which picked up the story in Denver the next day, opted for “RODENTS ON THE RAMPAGE.”

From there, the tale spread like wildfire to newspapers in the east and overseas, where it would eventually be translated into at least five different foreign languages. Years later, the *Chieftain* would still proudly refer to the “famous Pikes Peak rat story” — despite the fact that it was, from beginning to end, a hoax.

“The vast number of rats inhabiting the rocky crevices and cavernous passages at the summit of Pike’s Peak, have recently become formidable and dangerous,” the story began. “These animals have acquired a voracious appetite for raw meat, the scent of which seems to impart to them a ferocity rivaling the starved Siberian wolf.”

Though several other pioneers of the Pikes Peak region would later be credited with having helped originate the tall tale, its popularization in spring 1876 came about thanks to two men: Sgt. John T. O’Keefe, a U.S. Signal Corps officer posted to an Army weather station atop Pikes Peak, and Judge Eliphaz Price, a former Iowa state legislator who served as the *Chieftain*’s Colorado Springs correspondent under the pen name “Mucilage.”

Attempting to channel



Pikes Peak and Colorado Springs are pictured in this 1880s photograph by William Henry Jackson.

Mark Twain and other American humorists who mined life in the wild West for similarly outrageous material, Price claimed O’Keefe and his family suffered a horrific nighttime attack by a horde of the carnivorous rats, which had been lured by the scent of a quarter of bee stored at the station. Price’s madcap, gruesome story ended with Sgt. O’Keefe badly maimed, his infant daughter killed, and Mrs. O’Keefe having narrowly escaped with her life by

electrocuting hundreds of the rodents with a coil of wire attached to a battery.

In fact, the 19-year-old O’Keefe was unmarried and childless at the time. Though it’s unclear how much of Price’s story came from O’Keefe himself, he certainly played along with the hoax; for years afterwards, he showed visitors to the summit of Pikes Peak the grave supposedly belonging to his daughter, whose name variously appeared in written accounts at the time as Erin, Norah or Daisy. It

was later reported that the grave, in fact, belonged to a burro.

The *Colorado Springs Gazette* — which, despite lying in the shadow of Pikes Peak, had played no role in disseminating the story — was soon forced to comment on its “palpable absurdity.”

“Strangely enough the ingenious fiction, copied into Eastern papers, is obtaining credence as a true narrative,” the *Gazette* said. “We have received from New York one letter of inquiry, and from another source have been requested to contradict the story.”

“There was a grain or two of truth in the narrative. ...

We understand the locality is not free from the common vermin, rats,” the paper continued. “But the legs of the valiant O’Keefe encased in stove-pipe — Mrs. O’Keefe with the scroll of zinc round her body — her baby devoured by rats — the throwing of the electric wire over her husband — all the details of the fight, are inventions of the author’s imagination.”

The stir caused by the rat story inspired O’Keefe to continue inventing tall tales in the years to come, including an 1880 account of a supposed volcanic eruption of Pikes Peak.

This time, the *Gazette* fell for it, or perhaps was in on the joke: “It is evident that the eruption has but just begun and should it continue any length of time there is no doubt but that Colorado Springs will meet the same fate as that which destroyed the flourishing cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum,” the paper reported.

When O’Keefe was transferred away from the Pikes Peak weather station the following year, *Gazette* editor H.P. Scott and other leading citizens of Colorado Springs held a banquet in honor of the “well known prevaricator of Pikes Peak,” drinking toasts to his “mendacious genius.”

O’Keefe later became a firefighter in Denver and died there in 1895, leaving behind a wife and son.

This story was made available via the *Colorado News Collaborative*. Learn more at colabnews.co.



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PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

A large group of people, including children and adults, are gathered in a large, open hall for a community event. Many people are holding colorful beach balls. The room has a high ceiling with exposed ductwork and a large screen on the right wall.



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Bennett officials, dignitaries and youth players and their families helped cut the ribbon on the phase I ball field complex of Civic Center Park June 2. Clockwise from above, Mayor Whitney Oakley cuts the ribbon alongside town staff and baseball/softball enthusiasts as Town Administrator Trish Stiles helps toss the cut ribbon into the air; among the dignitaries on hand is Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown; and the complex, immediately west of the Bennett Rec Center and town hall, includes a pair of baseball/softball fields, playground with splash pad, a covered outdoor picnic area, and concessions/restroom facility.



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General Information

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

Contaminant Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time.

You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly.

Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact KAGEN KITZMAN at 303-822-5384. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Service Line Inventory

New state and federal laws require us to inventory all water service lines in our service area to classify the material. A service line is the underground pipe that carries water from the water main, likely in the street, into your home or building. If you would like to view a copy of our service line inventory or have questions about the material of your service line, contact KAGEN KITZMAN at 303-822-5384.

Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit wqcdcompliance.com/ccr. The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using our system name or ID, or by contacting KAGEN KITZMAN at 303-822-5384. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has or will occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed below. Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day. Our groundwater drinking water sources, if any, are located in ARAPAHOE county near our water system.

Our Water Sources

Sources (Water Type - Source Type)	Potential Source(s) of Contamination
WELL NO 5 (Groundwater-Well) WELL NO 1 (Groundwater-Well) WELL NO 2 (Groundwater-Well) WELL NO 3 (Groundwater-Well) WELL NO 4 (Groundwater-Well)	EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, Low Intensity Residential, Fallow, Small Grains, Road Miles

- Terms and Abbreviations**
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
 - **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
 - **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
 - **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
 - **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
 - **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
 - **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 - **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
 - **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
 - **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
 - **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
 - **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
 - **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
 - **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
 - **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
 - **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
 - **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
 - **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
 - **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Detected Contaminants

BYERS WSD routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

Note: Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section, then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System

TT Requirement: At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm
OR

If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm

Typical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2025	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	1	Yes	4.0 ppm

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Time Period	Tap Sample Range Low - High	90 th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	09/05/2024 to 09/05/2024	0.021 to 0.078	0.06	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	09/05/2024 to 09/05/2024	0 to 3.0	1	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL G	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	6.16	6.06 to 6.27	2	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	47.13	43.42 to 50.83	2	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL G	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Combined Radium	2025	0.5	0.5 to 0.5	1	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL G	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Arsenic	2025	2	2 to 2	1	ppb	10	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

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BYERS WSD 2026 Drinking Water Quality Report

Covering Data For Calendar Year 2025 (Public Water System ID: CO0103010)

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL G	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2025	0.02	0.02 to 0.02	1	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2025	7	7 to 7	1	ppb	100	100	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2025	0.88	0.88 to 0.88	1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Secondary Contaminants

Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2025	161.5	161.5 to 161.5	1	ppm	N/A

Violations

Health-Based Violations

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations: Test results for this contaminant show that the level was too high for the time period shown. Please read the information shown below about potential health effects for vulnerable populations. This is likely the same violation that we told you about in a past notice. We are evaluating, or we already completed an evaluation, to find the best way to reduce or remove the contaminant. If the solution will take an extended period of time, we will keep you updated with quarterly notices.

Treatment technique (TT) violations: We failed to complete an action that could affect water quality. Please read the information shown below about potential health effects for vulnerable populations. This is likely the same violation that we told you about in a past notice. We were required to meet a minimum operation/treatment standard, we were required to make upgrades to our system, or we were required to evaluate our system for potential sanitary defects, and we failed to do so in the time period shown below. If the solution will take an extended period of time, we will keep you updated with quarterly notices.

Additional violation information: Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Name	Description	Time Period	Health Effects	Compliance Value	TT Level or MCL	Describe the steps taken to resolve and the anticipated resolution date:
CROSS CONNECTION RULE	FAILURE TO MEET CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND/OR BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS - M619	12/06/2025 - 12/31/2025	Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.	N/A	N/A	All backflow devices within the Town were certified in 2025 and a completed 2025 BPCCC annual report has been submitted to the department and has been submitted to CDPHE. CDPHE has considered this violation resolved.
CHLORINE	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM DISINFECTION IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - R525	12/06/2025 - 01/16/2026	Disinfectant residual serves as one of the final barriers to protect public health. Lack of an adequate disinfectant residual may increase the likelihood that disease-causing organisms are present.	MG/L	MG/L	Staff were retrained on the regulatory requirements and reporting procedures associated with the delegation of duties for entry point chlorine monitoring. CDPHE has considered this violation resolved.

Non-Health-Based Violations

These violations do not usually mean that there was a problem with the water quality. If there had been, we would have notified you immediately. We missed collecting a sample (water quality is unknown), we reported the sample result after the due date, or we did not complete a report/notice by the required date. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Name	Description	Time Period	Describe the steps taken to resolve and the anticipated resolution date:
LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS	NOTIFICATION, KNOWN OR POTENTIAL LSL	07/02/2025 - 10/10/2025	This violation was closed in 2025. It is showing again on this year's CCR because the violation was open for part of the calendar year of 2025

Backflow and Cross-Connection Required Language

Backflow and Cross-Connection Language
We have an inadequate backflow prevention and cross-connection control program. Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to inadvertent contamination of the drinking water.
If applicable, we either have installed or permitted an uncontrolled cross-connection or we experienced a backflow contamination event. An Annual Backflow Report was submitted to CDPHE in response to the drinking water inspection that took place on 11/6/2025.

Public Water System ID: CO0103010

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.



The inaugural year of Adams County Walks, a series of outdoor activities throughout the county, included a Walk with Goats June 3 at Trupp Park on the west side of Bennett. The event included numerous Adams County 4-H members and their families traipsing around the Bennett park with their favorite caprines, including some that wanted to show off their rock-scaling abilities.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
JUNE 13, 2006
STRASBURG — Approximately 250 acres of rangeland north of Strasburg was charred from a lighting-induced wildfire June 7. Strasburg Fire & Rescue received the preliminary call around 6 p.m. reporting heavy smoke on Piggott Road between 72nd and 80th Avenues.
The land is owned by Comanche Livestock.
The fire was to the west of Comanche's hog farm and did not threaten any houses or outbuildings. Some farm equipment was threatened but moved before the blaze consumed it.
Strasburg Fire and Rescue used one engine, two brush trucks, and two water tankers to help table the blaze and also utilized a Colorado Department of Transportation road grader to build a boundary the fire couldn't jump. It took three hours to contain the blaze.
A Strasburg resident said she was on her way home north of Strasburg on Strasburg Mile Road when she saw several lighting bolts hit ground Wednesday evening.
"Most of the lighting was cloud-to-cloud," said Georgia Hamilton. "But all at once, three bolts hit the ground. I was wondering if anything might have been ignited but didn't see any fire immediately."
Strasburg Fire & Rescue officials said the blaze was difficult to contain because of the timer-dry conditions and gusty winds.
"Conditions were just right for the fire to spread very quickly," a spokeswoman said. "There was a little bit of rain that fell for a very short time, but the winds kept the fire stoked."

15 YEARS AGO
JUNE 14, 2011
AURORA - Three Corridor entities received 2011 Arapahoe County Open Space funds as part of a \$11.6 million distribution of open space sales tax revenues during an awards ceremony at Aurora Reservoir June 9.
The town of Bennett, Byers Park & Recreation District and the town of Deer Trail were each awarded funds and were congratulated by the Board of County Commissioners. Other invited

dignitaries included state Sens. Navy Spence and Suzanne Williams, state Rep. Nancy Todd, members of the Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails advisory board, and mayors or other representatives from other Arapahoe County municipalities and recreation districts.
In November 2003, Arapahoe County voters approved a countywide quarter-cent sales and use tax for the preservation of open space, equal to 25 cents on every \$100 purchase. Tax collection began Jan. 1, 2004, and is set to expire December 2013 unless citizens vote "yes" to continue the program on a future ballot question toward reauthorization.

10 YEARS AGO
JUNE 14, 2016
STRASBURG — Whether Strasburg Schools will continue the longstanding practice of bussing students from home to classes and back on a daily basis for the 2016-17 school year is uncertain.
If morning and evening routes will continue in full, partially or not at all is expected to be decided at next month's Strasburg School Board meeting after results of a district-wide e-mail survey are received and reviewed.
Superintendent Monica Johnson and Transportation Director Lora Blake informed board members June 8 that a proposal to utilize "mud routes only" next school year would result in the loss of routes 53 and 54 impacting approximately 25 families with students too young to drive themselves to school. The plan would also shorten three other routes, forcing families to drive to designated drop/off pickup locations every morning and night.
When presented with the "mud route" option, at least on =e board member said he would rather district have no bus routes than "pick and choose" who gets bussed or not.
"I'd rather get rid of all routes than cut just two," said board member Keith Yaich. "What gives us the right to just cut certain people off while letting others to continue on. It just doesn't seem right."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 10, the 161st day of 2026. There are 204 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On June 10, 2018, NASA's rover Opportunity sent its last message from the surface of Mars. Originally expected to serve a three-month mission, Opportunity functioned for over 14 years, traveling over 28

miles across Mars and providing critical discoveries about the planet's geology.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1854, the U.S. Naval Academy held its first graduation ceremony.
In 1940, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini declared war on France and Great Britain, formally entering Italy into World War II.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.
In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Tennessee with six others. He was recaptured three days later.

In 1978, racehorse Affirmed, ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the 110th Belmont Stakes to claim the 11th Triple Crown. Alydar, ridden by Jorge Velasquez, finished a close second in all three races.
In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of Meyers, Calif., was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Dugard was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by

authorities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 75. Actor Gina Gershon is 64. Actor-model Elizabeth Hurley is 61. Comedian Bill Burr is 58. Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai is 54. Actor Hugh Dancy is 51. Country musician Lee Brice is 47. Model Kate Upton is 34.
— Associated Press

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- Emerald ___ borer
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- Overabundance, pl.
- *Mike Brady's sons in "The Brady Bunch"
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- Bob Marley, spiritually speaking
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- London native, e.g.
- *Danny Tanner's show
- Make awake
- Popular sandwich cookie
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- Loathing
- Hot rum drink
- Goodness gracious!
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The Glory of Good Systems

A good system works in the calm and protects in the storm. Get organized now so when life becomes demanding, emotional or unpredictable, you're golden. The Mercury square to Saturn is a reminder to use stable moments to build the structures that will continue supporting you. Prevent small problems from multiplying into what would require much more energy to resolve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your good taste is indisputable. Sometimes your style is unserious, playful or niche, and still it's stellar. You know what you like and you keep seeking it out, learning about it, perfecting it. Study can be a kind of worship.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Oscar Wilde said, "Morality is simply the attitude we adopt toward people we personally dislike." You challenge that idea by remaining fair even when emotions run hot. Anger would be easier and far more satisfying. But you choose integrity instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People are impressionable today. Moods, attitudes and behaviors are contagious. Your conduct affects others more than usual. When you behave thoughtfully and graciously, that's the tone that will spread.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because the same sentence that comforts one person might provoke another, you're mindful of the unique needs of each person you interact with. Your growing awareness leads you to communicate with more precision, warmth, timing and discernment each day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many encounter openings they never take. Not you. You see it and strike while the iron is hot, forming the opportunity to your specifications. That's what makes it a good fit — knowing yourself and your needs enough to shape it that way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Competition weakens each side. Connection strengthens the team. People who start trying to win and start trying to understand create connection instead of competition. Connection gives you more energy to complete the task at hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You handle crises with skill and endurance. But

that shouldn't define your life. Please, more pleasure. Buy the flowers, learn the recipe, frame the photograph, take the scenic route. Acts of devotion toward your joy are restorative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your environment trains your nervous system to expect chaos or harmony. That's why a room can change your thinking. Clearing clutter, repairing broken things and placing beauty where your eyes rest each day creates concentration and ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're becoming known for something specific. A signature look, favorite meal, trusted ritual or recognizable style helps people form a strong memory of you and keeps them coming back. So don't try to fit in. There's power in distinction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Opportunities will be disguised as extra work. Hosting dinners, tending gardens, mentoring or mastering skills may exhaust your schedule for a season, though these commitments are also among the richest parts of your life and strong sources of belonging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What some call luck is really the result of sensible choices, steady work and the willingness to act when opportunity appears. You have shown up time after time. Now opportunity comes knocking and you're so prepared.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Other people are experiencing something wonderful about you. Challenge yourself to see what they see. It's not in the mirror so much as in your deeds and how you show up time after time, ready to work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 10). It's your Year of Uncanny Companionship. Love appears in whimsical forms. A stranger understands you and offers lucky opportunity. Non-human companionship such as pets, immersive hobbies and mystic protectors and muses are sources of joy, fun, solace and protection. More highlights: You'll be lauded for your intelligent observations. You'll influence, invest and make a difference. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 30, 12 and 15.

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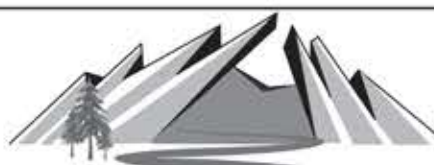
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Residents with expired plates should call the Adams County Motor Vehicle Office at (720)523-6010 or visit adamscountyco.gov to renew their registration online.

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"Summer meals programs help ensure Colorado children continue to have access to healthy food even when school is out of session," said Colorado Education Commissioner Susana Córdova.

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Among the areas of the I-70 Corridor hit by golf ball-size or larger hail June 1 was Highway 79 (Colfax Avenue) and Bennett Avenue in Bennett. Damage was not widespread but areas north of Watkins, Bennett and Strasburg were reportedly hardest hit.

HAILSTORM

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no funnel clouds or touch downs were reported. At least one weather aficionado was surprised a tornado warning was issued.

“To be honest — I’m putting my meteorology cap on — I’m not sure why this is a tornado warning,” said Kody the WX Guy on his Denver & Front Range Weather page on Facebook. “There’s no clear velocity couplet or indication of mid- or low-level rotation. If anything, this storm is what we call ‘outflow dominant,’ meaning strong straight line winds. Nonetheless, if you are in the path, seek shelter.”

While roofing companies were a common sight Tuesday morning, local insurance agents urge residents along the I-70 Corridor to not be in a hurry to file a claim. They say to:

- not trust door-to-door adjusters for sales representatives;
- take photos of any perceived damage; and
- unless damage is severe or compromises structural integrity, take

time to select the best repair/replacement options.

“We’re still looking at the peak hail season lasting through at least late-June if not mid-July, so there shouldn’t be a big hurry to get something done immediately unless the health and safety of you or your family is compromised,” a local insurance agent said. “Mid-May through mid-July is when about 70% of the damage from hail occurs, so there’s still a little bit of time to endure this hail season.”

Rain from last Monday’s storm was also wide-ranging but mostly light and sporadic.

According to I-70 Corridor weather reporters in the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow (CoCoRAHS) Network, between 0.1 and 0.2 inches of moisture was reported near or within Deer Trail, Byers and Strasburg, but 0.7 inches was collected in a gauge about three miles north of Strasburg and 1.11 inches was reported a few miles north of Watkins.

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Drama workshop registration ends 6/12

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will provide a comprehensive introduction to theater with a summer acting workshop, and the deadline to register is nearing quickly.

The class will focus on group exercises, games and ensemble work, culminating in a small-scale student showcase performance.

Each class is designed to enhance creativity, critical thinking, confidence, discipline, independence, emotional awareness, and cooperation — all through the art of performance.

It will be facilitated by theater

professional Eric Schulz, a member of Actors’ Equity Association, with more than 25 years of experience as a stage performer, director and coach, and district theater director and Strasburg School drama teacher Jenny Authier.

Students must sign up by Friday, June 12, to join the class, which will meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 17 through July 12 with a show on the weekend of July 12.

The workshop will run from 9:30-11 a.m. for grades 3-5; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 6-8; and 12:30-2 p.m. for grades 9-12. The fee is \$110 per student.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board.
5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center,
455 S. First St.

MONDAY, JUNE 8
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.
9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585
S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registra-
tion at newclient.link2feed.com.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg
High School Central Services building
board room. Zoom participation avail-
able. Visit strasburg311.com for link.

Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., Dorothy
Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library.
(Rescheduled from June 1)

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

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

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, JUNE 9
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8

p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High
School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Alzheimer’s webinar. “The Empowered
Caregiver: Responding to Dementia-Related
Behaviors.” 5-6 p.m. To register,
visit www.alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

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, JUNE 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.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Young at Heart Seniors in Bennett. 12-4
p.m., Bennett Community Center.

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and Communion. All ages welcome. 6:30
p.m., Holy Spirit Livin,’ call (303)622-
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THESE DUSTY PAGES

Good Breeding Pays



La Fayette, Ind.—According to breed records, this is the first time that a brother and sister, both became champions at he same National Congress. By one sire were both the grand champion bull and the junior champion female of the second National Polled Shorthorn Congress, held recently on the Purdue University campus. Collynie Goods, Jr. (left) was shown to the grand championship by Lynnwood Farm, Carmel, Ind., and sold in the sale at \$890 to Fred Johnson of Elm Creek, Nebr. Roan Lady Queen (right) won the junior championship for females. She was shown by Carl Cross and sold at \$235 to Marlowe Mitchell, Plain City, Ohio.

Eastern Colorado News
June 11, 1931

When Balances Are Hard to Strike



The Strasburg News
June 11, 1920

INDIAN GRAVE ROBBERS
FACE STIFF PENALTIES

Colorado state officials are cracking down on Indian grave robbers. They say a \$100 to \$500 fine can be meted out for persons who remove a body from an Indian tomb without consent from relatives on nearby reservations. Their interest was aroused recently when Mrs. Robert Ratcliff, of Craig, Colo., reported curio workers had taken at least two skeletons from graves of a Ute burial ground near Craig.

Eastern Colorado News
June 12, 1941

MAN KILLED; THREE
INJURED IN BATTLE
NEAR LIQUOR STILL

Four Denver men were shot, one fatally, in a battle near a huge liquor still south of Bennett late Monday night of this week. Denver officers got wise to the shooting and started investigation Tuesday. One of the injured men let the officers to the still which is located in Arapahoe 8 miles south of Bennett. It is supposed that the owners of the still did the shooting to prevent the four Denver men from stealing their liquor. The still was so cleverly concealed in three caves in the prairie and along the Kiowa creek that had it not been for the injured raider it would have been practically impossible for officers to have found the liquor manufacturing plant. A large amount of mesh and liquor as well as a business-like plant was found in the caves. This material and equipment was taken charge of by Sheriff Haynes of Arapahoe county. The men who did the shooting have not been found, but clues to their identity are believed to have been obtained.

The Strasburg News
June 3, 1926

BULL IS MOST IMPORTANT
ANIMAL IN DAIRY HERD

The most important animal in a dairy herd is the bull. As he is the sire of all the calves, he alone is responsible for half of the individuality and milking ability of the future dairy herd. The cow is important, but she can exert her influence on only one calf each year. This important animal at the head of a dairy herd should by all means be a purebred. It is not so much the registration papers that make the superior individual, but with the registration papers the owner knows exactly what breeding and performance records are behind his herd sire. A good purebred bull is one with high production among his ancestors. The dam of the bull and the dam of the bull's sire should both have records which are far above the average of the cows to which the bull will be mated. There is a type or conformation which is associated with dairy performance. The bull should be of a good type and conform to the characteristics of dairy conformation.—B. W. Fairbanks, Extension Livestock Specialist, C. A. C.

The Strasburg News
June 3, 1916

\$1,000,000 WORTH OF
PLANES AT AIR SHOW

DENVER—More than \$1,000,000 worth of airplanes will be on public display at Denver when famous fliers from all parts of the nation gather at Municipal Airport for the 1936 National Balloon Races and world championship Air Race meet July 3 to 5. The nation's leading speed pilots, headed by Lee Miles of Wichita, Kansas and Art Chester of Chicago will compete for more than \$10,000 in prize money in speed dashes around a five mile pylon course. Major Al Williams, America's foremost stunt flier, will be the feature attraction at the most spectacular aviation demonstration ever seen in the West. Williams, America's foremost stunt flier, will be here to perform his death-defying tricks at an altitude under 500 feet. He will attempt loops, snap rolls, falling leaf landing, power dives and upside down flying. Flanking Williams on the stunt program will be Milo Burcham, holder of the world's inverted flight record, and Dick Graners, famous Canadian war ace who will perform his "crazy airplane." Scores of parachute jumpers from all parts of the country are coming to Denver for the parachute jumping contest. A batwing jump will also be featured. A gigantic fireworks display will be seen after the balloon take-off the night of July 3. The air races will be held the afternoons of July 4 and 5.

Eastern Colorado News
June 11, 1936

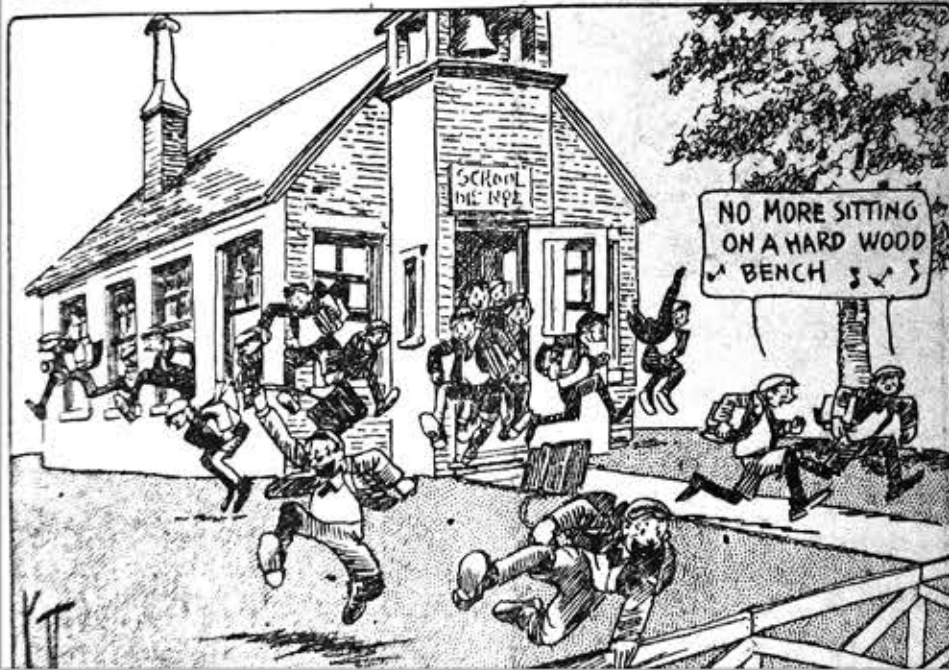
Reds Release Four American Airmen



Four American fliers released by the Red Chinese after two years imprisonment, arrive at Hickman Field in Honolulu. Top to bottom, descending the ramp, are: 1st Lt. Lyle W. Cantarus, Lincoln, Neb.; 1st Lt. Roland W. Parks, Omaha, Neb.; Capt. Harold Flusher, Sweet City, Ia.; and Col. Edwin L. Heller, Wynnewood, Pa. The fliers said they had been held in solitary confinement for months and that the Reds had tried to indoctrinate them with Communist theories.

Eastern Colorado News
June 9, 1955

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The Strasburg News
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Donald Charles McGrew, born May 25, 1969, passed away May 17, 2026.

Donnie was born and lived in Denver, Colo., until he was 10 years old when the family moved to Bennett. Donnie attended Bennett elementary, middle and high schools.

He passed away from complications associated with Parkinsons Disease.

He loved fishing, hunting and camping and spending time with good friends and his family.

He is survived by his parents, Bonnie and Dan McGrew; sisters Tamara McGrew, Tina (Jerry) Treloar, and Tawny Bordner; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and many good friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, June 20, at the Bennett VFW Post 8449, 115 Palmer Ave, Bennett, Colo.

Donations may be made in Donnie's name to the Parkinsons Association of the Rockies and/or Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue.



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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Colorado gubernatorial candidate, state representative and former pastor of Journey Church in Strasburg for about a dozen years Scott Bottoms addresses a crowd of local backers during a campaign stop at the Bennett Community Center May 29.

BOTTOMS

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tion. We're one of the worst states when it comes to pedophilia and human trafficking — sixth and seventh most in the nation. Second most corrupt state."

Bottoms added that he has refused to release names because law enforcement investigations are ongoing.

In terms of policy, Bottoms said one of his first pushes will be for elimination of property taxes.

associated with their affiliation, unaffiliated voters will receive a ballot for both the Democratic and Republican party primaries — but can only vote in one.

While the Republican and Democratic parties have a number of contested races, ballots for the Libertarian Party and the Unity Party primaries will contain only one race each — for secretary of state and governor, respectively.

In the race to replace Gov. Jared Polis, the Democrat ballot includes Sen. Michael Bennet and Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, while Bottoms is going up against fellow state legislator Barbara Kirkmeyer and Victor Marx. Unity Party candidates are Jeff Peckman and Paul Noël Fiorino.

Secretary of state primary races include Democrats Jessie Danielson and Amanda Gonzales and Libertarians Alex Astley and Sean Vadney.

Four Democrats are on the ballot for Weiser's attorney general's duties while two are on the Republican side.

For U.S. senator, Democrat incumbent John Hickenlooper is facing challenger Julie Gonzales. There is no Republican primary for senator.



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