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A June 9 grass fire that ignited at High Plains Raceway on Highway 36 northeast of Deer Trail got into the stacked tire barrier, left photo, resulting in billowing black smoke that was reportedly seen from Strasburg to the west, Last Chance to the east, and Deer Trail to the south. Right photo, a Douglas County fire attack helicopter drops a water barrier on the west side of the track.

## Car track dodges catastrophic fire damage

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — While about 20 acres were charred and a portion of its tire barrier melted, the region's auto racing track northeast of Deer Trail avoided significant damage to its track, facilities

and employees during a June 9 grass fire. "Could have been so much worse but, because of excellent fire mitigation efforts by the track manager, damage was really limited compared to what it could have been," said Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless following Tuesday afternoon's blaze at High Plains Raceway. "Even with 45 mph winds,

since things were mowed so low, fire crews were able to stop the fire at the asphalt. Otherwise, it could have jumped the track and been on the north side and who knows what the damage could have been. It's something other [property owners] can

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The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District hosted the formal grand opening of Community Park East June 3. The new facility on the east side of Wagner Street across from the existing park and softball field features a water park, sports courts, pavilion with concessions, a new amphitheater with a grass seating area, and an outdoor classroom. Above, Garrett Martin, 10, enjoys one of the waterfalls in the new splash pad.

## 1 last DT court date approved

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — The anticipated suspension of Deer Trail Municipal Court through the end of the year won't happen until one more session is held later this month.

During their June 9 meeting, town trustees voted unanimously to table Ordinance 316, formalizing the suspension of the court, until

three pending trials occur. The board also approved the appointment of the current municipal judge for \$500 for one more session before suspending proceedings for the the rest of the year.

While it's widely anticipated that the three outstanding cases might be dismissed, one set of plaintiffs attending last week's board

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## Colorado wheat crop pessimism abounds

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

ROGGEN — There seems to be little doubt that this summer's Colorado wheat harvest will be the most meager in five decades but fears are that it could fall well below the last estimate from state ag prognosticators.

Most recent projections from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Ag Statistics Service reiterated an estimated Colorado wheat crop of 33.6 million bushels, the lowest on record since 1965. But state wheat industry officials are nervous the harvest won't be that good.

"I don't think they understand how much freeze damage there is out there," said Colorado Wheat Executive Director Brad Erker during one of the 12 annual statewide wheat field days at Cooksey Farms near Roggen June 12. "We started with such a great crop in the ground last fall and it even looked pretty good in March, but this tour has been pretty enlightening. When you add the freeze to everything else that's happened, it's more devastating than I previously thought."

In most cases, the field portion of this year's field days were canceled because of



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Ava, 8, and Brock Sirios, 4, of Roggen track down ladybugs from a neighboring Cooksey Farms field that was supposed to be part of Colorado State University's annual wheat variety trials. The actual field portions of this year's dozen stops were canceled because of the poor condition of the 2026 crop.

poor quality and earlier than normal plant maturity.

"Not really much to look at," said Colorado State University Wheat Breeder Esten Mason. "Not a lot of differences to look at between trial varieties because of the conditions."

The May 1 and June 1 yield estimates from NASS were

both 21 bushels per acre, down from actual yields of 38 bushels per acre last year. For 2025, Colorado wheat production totaled 71.06 million bushels.

An abnormally hot, dry and windy winter; significant

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Strasburg American Legion plans open house on July 4

STRASBURG — Jess-Yaich American Legion Post 183 in Strasburg plans an open house to help celebrate America’s 250th year starting at 12 p.m., Saturday, July 4, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

The post plans a flag retirement ceremony and flag folding demonstration. The post commander will explain the meaning of the Empty Chair, an American Legion tradition.

Light snacks will be served. All veterans and their families are welcome.

Extended drought, gardening focus of CSU Extension class

CENTENNIAL — With areas of Arapahoe County currently in severe to extreme drought, water will be precious this season. But residents can learn to keep their landscapes healthy during extended drought and water restrictions.

Colorado State University Master Gardeners will host “Dealing with Drought” from 4-5 p.m., Thursday, June 25, in the Central Large Community Room at Aurora Central Library. Master Gardener Debbie Moody will provide tips for keeping landscapes healthy during extended drought, along with cultural practices and drought tolerant plant choices to help conserve water.

The program is designed for adults. To register, visit [auroraco.libnet.info](http://auroraco.libnet.info).

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](http://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

Folk rock band for Stars & Stripes fest named

BRIGHTON — Franklin Jonas & the Byzantines will bring its signature blend of Americana, folk rock, and modern storytelling to the stage at Adams County’s annual pre-Independence Day celebration.

Stars & Stripes will run from 4-10 p.m., Friday, July 3, at Riverdale Regional Park in Brighton. The free, family-friendly event is packed with live music, food and beverage vendors, and a spectacular fireworks display to end the evening.

Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of food vendors at the event, including long-time favorites and exciting

new cuisines from local businesses.

Guests are asked to leave pets at home, as fireworks and large crowds can be distressing to animals. Personal fireworks are not allowed, and outside alcohol and glass bottles are prohibited.

**Road closure:** 124th Avenue will be closed from Brighton Road to Riverdale Road beginning at 12 p.m., Friday, July 3. Visitors should access Riverdale Regional Park via Park Boulevard off 120th Avenue.

For more information, visit [adamscountyco.gov](http://adamscountyco.gov) or call (303)637-8000.

Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Mountain View Fellowship.

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](mailto:byerschurch@gmail.com) with Music Camp in the subject line.

Lt. gov. promotes new judge to 17th Judicial District Court

DENVER — As acting governor, Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera June 8 appointed a new judge to the 17th Judicial District Court.

Primavera named Meghan P. Saleebey to the seat effective immediately. The district encompasses Adams and Broomfield counties.

Saleebey is now a chief deputy district attorney in the 17th Judicial District, a position she has held since 2024. Her practice focuses on criminal matters. She previously worked in

the 19th Judicial District Court Judge in the 19th Judicial District (2018-24); the Denver District Attorney’s Office (2009-18); and Colorado Office for Victims Programs (2004-09).

Saleebey earned her Bachelor’s of Fine Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1991 and her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2007.

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, featuring a bluegrass band called Haverstraw Hill starts at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 20. Concessions will be available. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

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](http://www.elbertcounty-co.gov).

‘Radical Rainbows’ the theme of Strasburg Rec District class

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a summer art class called Radical Rainbows for children ages 5-12 from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

During the class, participants will explore the physics of beautiful rainbows — an engaging way to learn about optics, light behavior and atmospheric phenomena. They will also use different objects to create rainbows and make take-home rainbow density jars.

The fee is \$20. The registration deadline is Friday, July 3. Visit [strasburgparks.org](http://strasburgparks.org) to sign up.

Big address signs offered at cost by Strasburg FPD

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Fire Protection District is offering address signs at cost.

The price is \$40 for each reflective 6- by 30-inch sign. The signs are available in green or blue with 4-inch white numbers.

According to a release, the signs help the emergency crews find addresses in a faster and safer manner, especially at night when the addresses on the front of a house are unlit.

To have a sign made, contact the district at (303)622-4444, ext. 1. Credit cards are not accepted.



Earlier this spring, the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Arapahoe County Environmental Health Department and Adams County Stormwater Division to host a rain barrel workshop at the Strasburg firehouse. In addition to taking home a rain barrel, approximately 50 attendees learned the rules about rainwater and household runoff and the installation and construction of their own collection device. Above, Arapahoe County Environmental Manager Lisa Knerr talks to the group while displaying an example of a rain barrel nearby.

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# Adams County appoints new public works chief

BRIGHTON — Adams County recently announced the appointment of a new Public Works Director.

Janet Lundquist is an accomplished public works executive with more than two decades of experience leading complex infrastructure programs, advancing organizational performance, and aligning public investment with community outcomes.

Lundquist's appointment comes after several months of service as interim director and previous service as deputy director, providing leadership across transportation, stormwater, capital improvement, operations functions, and executive advisement on policy and funding strategy for one of Colorado's fastest-growing counties.



Lundquist

"Janet always has a clear understanding of how all the pieces fit together, from planning to engineering to day-to-day operations," said Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "She's helped move major projects forward, strengthened how we manage our assets, and brought a smart, data-driven approach that sets our county and our community members up for long-term success."

Lundquist previously held leadership roles with the city of Englewood and Weld County, where she managed teams spanning engineering, maintenance and operations. She is known for her ability to translate complex technical and policy challenges into practical, implementable solutions.

Lundquist's focus on people and performance has contributed to improved staff retention, stronger organizational culture, and more consistent service delivery, according to a release. During her career, she has remained focused on the place where infrastructure and community meet, ensuring that public works systems are resilient, equitable and responsive to the evolving needs of residents.

"My focus has always been on supporting our people, staying accountable, and making sure what we deliver truly meets the needs of our residents, both now and in the future," Lundquist said.

After work, Lundquist enjoys spending time with her husband, two daughters, dog and six cats — four found at the Public Works Building in Commerce City.

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# Short-term rentals: Legacy exemption apps for existing operators due 8-23

LITTLETON — Existing short-term rental operators in unincorporated Arapahoe County must apply for a license between June 20 and Aug. 23 to benefit from legacy exemptions under new regulations.

Legacy applicants can apply for a short-term rental (STR) license at [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov).

The new regulations, approved earlier this year, aim to ensure that short-term rentals in unincorporated Arapahoe County operate safely, responsibly, and in harmony with surrounding neighborhoods, while protecting long-term housing availability county-wide.

The regulations directly address common neighborhood concerns. The guidelines require property owners to carry proof of insurance, limit large gatherings during rental periods, and allow only one rental group at a time.

**KEY REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

- Only a property owner or long-term lessee may apply for a STR license, and the property must serve as the applicant's primary residence, unless it qualifies for a legacy exemption.
- Applicants must provide proof of primary residence, such as a Colorado driver's license, vehicle or voter registration, tax return, or utility bill.

- A 500-foot separation requirement prevents new short-term rentals from operating within 500 feet of an existing licensed rental, with an exemption for legacy-qualified properties.
- Multifamily structures, including apartments and condominiums, face a 100-license cap, with a waitlist created once that limit is reached.
- Each license requires a designated local responsible agent, available by phone within 15 minutes and able to arrive on-site within 60 minutes to address tenant or neighbor concerns.
- The regulations set enforceable standards for noise, parking and occupancy limits.
- All short-term rentals must meet building, fire and health codes, including working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and safe structural components.
- Fees include an initial \$200 application fee and a \$350 annual license.

Once the legacy application window closes and those applications are processed, the county will begin accepting applications for new STRs.

For more information, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov); submit questions to [STR@arapahoegov.com](mailto:STR@arapahoegov.com); or call (720)874-6711.

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meeting said that is not necessarily the case. If any cases are further continued, another judge will be appointed for a new court date and Ordinance 316 would again be delayed.

The board also received a letter of resignation from current contracted code enforcement officer Susie Ellis with Community Preservation Specialists, which was read into the record Tuesday night.

The board voted 4-1 April 14 to suspend its municipal court operations through the rest of 2026.

"Under Colorado Statute we have a kangaroo court," said Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Buss prior to making a motion to "suspend our court until the first of (next) year until we can work out our own damn paperwork so that our court is in compliance with state statute and, if that includes firing our attorney, that's what we should do because our attorney is who has gotten us into this mess."

Buss added that additional efforts must be made to collect what court documentation has been misplaced or inappropriately handled.

"I still want to know where the court records are and who has the current court records," he added. "How are they being stored? How are they being looked after? There is no ordinance that defines [the court]."

During a May 20 special meeting, trustees unanimously voted to table the suspension of the court until the existing cases were addressed.

The board also gave direction to Town Clerk Beth Inman-Daniel to dedicate at least five hours per week to collecting all court records and other town policy documentation to gather them into one known location and stored digitally.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- The board unanimously approved the purchase of up to 15 loads of recycled asphalt for street filling and replacement.
- A paving contract of up to \$13,000 was awarded to Colorado Asphalt Services for specific stretches of town. The winning bid was about half of what Martin Marietta had bid. Hopes that Martin Marietta would not charge a staging fee because of its ongoing work for the new Maverik gas station did not come to fruition.
- May water usage included about 130,000 gallons of loss, but reasons behind that loss were uncertain. Two leaks that accounted for about 39,000 gallons were noted. Overall 2026 water usage remains mostly in line with last year.
- Recent videoing of water lines showed no issues.
- The board next meets in regular session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, at town hall, 555 Second Ave.

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# As rural hospital talks proceed, Lincoln Health administrator appointed to key state committee

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

HUGO — The CEO of a local health care provider was recently appointed to the Colorado Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Committee.

Lincoln Health announced May 5 that CEO Kevin Stansbury was named to the post while also contributing to ongoing federal discussions aimed at strengthening rural hospitals nationwide.

He attended the committee's April 24 meeting.

"Kevin has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the challenges facing rural hospitals," said Lorie Coonts, chair of the Lincoln Health Board of Trustees. "He has not only identified the issues but has worked to advance solutions."

The Rural Health Transformation Program is a federal initiative that will invest \$50 billion nationally over five years to support innovation, workforce development, and expanded access to care in rural communities. Colorado's share is expected to total approximately \$2 million annually to be distributed throughout the state.

The advisory committee helps guide prioritize and implement the funds within Colorado, making representation from Eastern Colorado critical.

"Rural hospitals operate under very different realities than urban systems," Stansbury said.

The Rural Health Transformation Program is only one piece of a much larger challenge facing rural hospitals.

In March, the Rural Hospital Revitalization Act of 2026 was also introduced at the federal level, focusing on long-term sustainability by addressing barriers to infrastructure investment in rural hospitals. The proposed legislation includes tools such as zero-interest financing options to support construction and renovation projects to help hospitals modernize aging facilities and maintain access to care.

Stansbury spent time in Washington, D.C., in April, meeting with policymakers and sharing the realities faced by rural hospitals to ensure those experiences inform national conversations on the topic.

He said that the Rural Health Transformation Program are important.

"But they are focused on innovation," he added. "For many rural hospitals, the larger challenge is sustaining and modernizing the foundation of care. Both efforts are necessary."

Lincoln Health leaders emphasize that the efforts — state-level implementation and federal policy development — are complementary and critical to the future of rural health care. Participation in the advisory committee ensures that Eastern Colorado communities have a voice in how near-term resources are used within Colorado, while federal discussions aim to address the long-term financial and infrastructure challenges that rural hospitals face nationwide.

"Rural hospitals are the backbone of their communities," Stansbury concluded. "If we want rural communities to thrive, we have to continue pushing for solutions that match the scale of the challenges."

## CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, JUNE 18**  
**Strasburg American Legion Post 183.** 6:30 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.  
**Byers School Board.** 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit Board of Education at byers32j.k12.co.us for a link to a live meeting via Zoom.  
**Strasburg Fire Protection District Board.** 7 p.m., firehouse.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 20**  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 9-11 a.m., Deer Trail School bus barn, 370 Aspen St.  
**Bennett Arts Council Knitting & Crocheting Club.** 10 a.m., Bennett Town Hall Community Room.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21**  
Registration deadline for **Twisters Athletics** gymnastics, cheer and dance classes. Classes run from June 29 through Aug. 12. To sign up, visit [www.strasburg-parks.org](http://www.strasburg-parks.org).
- MONDAY, JUNE 22**  
**West Arapahoe Conservation District Board.** 5 p.m. Virtual meeting info at [westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com](http://westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com).
- TUESDAY, JUNE 23**  
**Senior citizen game day.** 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.  
**Ag Behavioral Health Work Group** virtual meeting. 1 p.m. Visit [ag.colorado.gov](http://ag.colorado.gov) to register.  
**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.** "Building Brain-Healthy Habits." 5-6 p.m. To register, visit [www.alz.org](http://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](http://bennettco.gov).
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**  
**Bennett Municipal Court.** 6 p.m., Town Hall.
- EVERY THURSDAY**  
**Play & Learn** for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelter Library, Byers.  
**Family story time.** 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.  
**Coffee, Cookies & Chat** for all I-70 Corridor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.  
**Gaming Club:** Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.  
**Patriot meeting** of like-minded individuals to learn about the nation's history, constitution and rights. 6 p.m., call (303)622-4648 to RSVP.



*Matthew Reay*

Matthew Reay, 79, former Strasburg resident, passed away June 5, 2026. A graduate of the Colorado School of Mines and a registered Professional Engineer, his working career included 29 years with the Colorado Department of Transportation, 4 years as Bennett Town Administrator, and 10 years in both corporate and private practice as a consultant. He served on the boards of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission, the Plains & Peak Vista medical centers, the Strasburg Fire Protection District, and the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership.

Matt is survived by his wife Dolora (Fischer) of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and by his daughter Kirsten Reay, also of Sierra Vista, Ariz.

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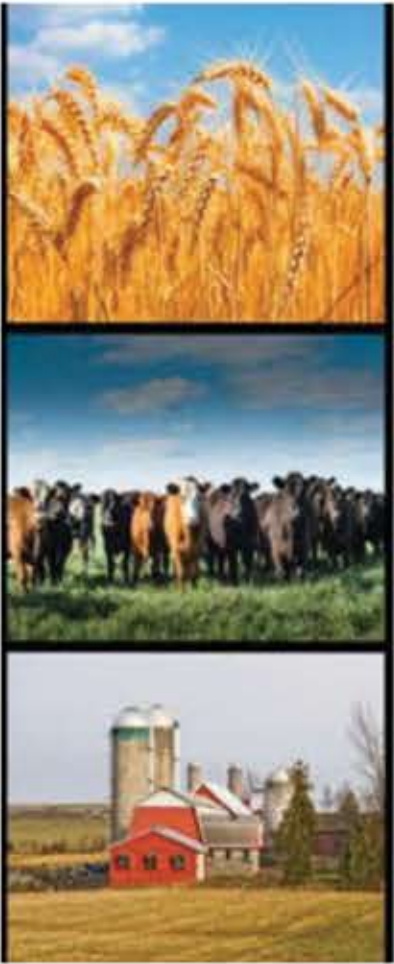
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Colorado Wheat Executive Director Brad Erker, left, and Colorado State University wheat breeder Esten Mason speak during the annual wheat field day at Cooksey Farms near Roggen June 12.

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"Maybe within the week, unless there are more pockets of green than we can see from a distant," a Strasburg farmer told *The I-70 Scout* at Friday's field day. "Hopefully it's worth the fuel and wear-and-tear to pull out the combines, but it doesn't look too promising."

"Sawfly this year is very much more localized, a field-by-field basis, and might be down statewide this year, but we won't know until we start collecting them post-harvest," said CSU wheat entomology research associate Adam Osterholzer. "Aphids and mites have caused widespread damage in recent years [and] high populations of these pests were observed during the 2025 growing season, and n. Infestations have intensified further in 2026. Many growers are reporting

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Davies Library in Deer Trail hosted Denver-based Heroes Destiny for medieval role-playing as part of Arapahoe Libraries' Once Upon a Summer reading program June 9. Above, Asher Schwartz, 10, left, and Ayden Schwartz, 8, joust.



Zoey Johnson, 10, ponders the best location for her hat's decorations at the first of two Mad Hatter Tea Parties June 3 at Davies Library in Deer Trail. Youth showed off their skills at adorning a variety of headwear.

**ARAPAHOE COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CASE NO UASI23-002, REMORA CONNECTIONS /  
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PROPOSAL: CR Land Services, on behalf of DJ South Gathering LLC & Rocky Mountain Midstream LLC, proposes a joint pipeline connection project. The project consists of laying approximately 2 miles of natural gas and crude oil pipelines across six parcels. A 6-inch crude oil pipeline and a 10-inch natural gas pipeline will be constructed starting at the Remora Well Pad, near the intersection of Interstate Highway 70 and North Manila Road (located on Parcel 1981-00-0-00 244, Section 06, Township 4 South, Range 67 West, in Arapahoe County). The pipeline will proceed northwest to the Rocky Mountain Midstream Compressor Station at 2150 Manilla Road in Adams County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2026, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter. At 6954 S Lima Street, Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. UASI25-003. The agenda will typically be posted by Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press \*3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial, CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing [planning@arapahoegov.com](mailto:planning@arapahoegov.com) during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board  
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**ARAPAHOE COUNTY**

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



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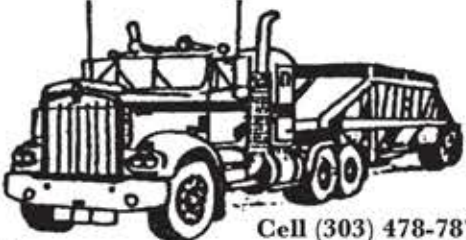
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LIBRARY NEWS

**ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY**  
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**Open Hours with CSU Extension:** Colorado State University Extension in Adams County will provide gardening tips, farming guidance or youth development opportunities through 4-H — including animal care, STEM, health and life skills. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 their children will create a custom wooden growth chart to treasure for years to come. Design, paint and personalize a meaningful keepsake while making memories.

Space limited; registration required. Visit [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org) to sign up. 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. Visit [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org) to sign up. 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27.

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**'Books & Beyond':** Kids ages 5-12 can drop in for themed games and crafts and to discover new books and celebrate their favorite characters. 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23.

**'Once Upon A Story':** Children ages 0-5 can drop in for a special storytime session celebrating the magic of fairy tales.

Storytime will begin every half hour, followed by themed activities and a photo opportunity. Costumes optional. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, June 24.

**'Once Upon an Enchanted Ocean':** Children up to age 5 and their caregivers can drop in for a magical, undersea adventure with ocean-themed activities to spark imagination. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 1.

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**'Jedi School':** Left photo, Lucas Kalcevic, 11, right, and Jackson Kalcevic, 13, both of Agate, cross lightsabers during Jedi School at Kelter Library in Byers June 2. At the event, youth ages 9-18 trained with Brian Connolly and Chrissy Miller with Knights of the Tempest to learn fight choreography worthy of the big screen. Center, Connolly and Miller demonstrate a defensive move. Right, the class of approximately 20 students practice what they've learned.



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Anythink Bennett library hosted a kickoff event for its MySummer reading program May 28. In addition to reading and outdoor activities, the festivities included nutrition education from the Ag & Food Lab based in Bennett and Denver. Above, Jackson Colombo, 7, aims for the dunk tank target.

**ARAPAHOE COUNTY  
NOTICE OF HEARINGS  
COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

PURSUANT TO COLORADO REVISED STATUTES § 39-8-104, Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, Colorado and/or its designated referees, will sit as the County Board of Equalization ("CBOE") to review the assessment roll of all taxable property located in Arapahoe County, as prepared by the County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor. Said hearings will be held via video and/or telephone conferencing commencing on or after July 1, 2026 and concluding by the close of business on July 31, 2026. All decisions of the County Board of Equalization will be rendered by August 4, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board  
By: Karen Thompsen, Deputy Clerk

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Estate of **Barbara L. Treman**, Deceased  
Case Number **2026 PR 197**

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to

District Court of Adams, County, Colorado

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BENNETT  
ORDINANCE NO. 817-26

An Ordinance of the Town of Bennett, Colorado, Authorizing the Issuance of the Town's Sales Tax Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Street Improvements and to Refund the Town's Outstanding Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds from a Pledge of a Portion of the Town's Sales Tax Revenues or Other Legally Available Moneys of the Town; Creating Certain Funds and Accounts; Providing the Details and Approving Documents in Connection with the Bonds

By Order of Christina Hart, CMC / Town Clerk, Town of Bennett Published by Title Only on the 17th Day of June 2026 in *The I-70 Scout*.

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About 20 acres of grassland was charred during a grass fire at High Plains Raceway along Highway 36 northeast of Deer Trail June 9.

RACE TRACK FIRE FROM PAGE 1

take a lesson from.”

At approximately 3:30 p.m., the Deer Trail Rural Fire Department was initially dispatched to the 93300 block of westbound Highway 36 on reports of flames alongside the thoroughfare and rushing north towards the asphalt race track. As part of an auto aid agreement between I-70 Corridor departments, firefighters from Byers, Strasburg, Bennett-Watkins and Sable Altura were immediately dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the fire had reached a pile of tires around the road track and additional personnel and apparatus were requested from Agate, the North Central and Southwest Washington fire departments, and a firefighting helicopter from Douglas County.

“Originally had reports of three burn victims, but that turned out to not be the case,” Loveless said. “When you hear that possibility, we err on the side of precaution, so they can receive the most immediate treatment possible. There were three people on site but no injuries, thankfully.”

The track was closed to racing activity.

Track-side surveillance cameras indicate that the fire started within less than a minute of a semi and trailer passing the site on Highway 36.

“It doesn’t look like anyone or anything is to blame, except maybe the give or flex in that part of the roadway,” Loveless said. “The camera showed nobody did anything wrong. The trailer appeared to be bouncing

when it passed the track and, about 20 seconds later, you see flames.”

The quick movement of the fire to southern and western boundaries of the track was blamed on the underlying tinder dry fuel and shifting winds.

“Entirely the cheat grass underneath, that was the reason behind the spread,” Loveless said. “Mowing of the weeds and stuff around really helped slow things down. We had the wildland portion of the fire contained in less than an hour.”

The track employees also were lauded for their efforts in cutting a fire boundary with their equipment before firefighters arrived on scene.

“They were really distraught when we got there, but they really did a good job in terms of fire mitigation beforehand and responding to the situation,” Loveless said.

The scene itself wasn’t released until about 10 p.m. because of the smoldering tires.

“My guesstimate is about 1,000 tires but could have been more,” Loveless said. “It was basically babysitting them most of the night. We went back out the next morning to make sure things didn’t stoke back up.”

The Colorado State Patrol, Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office, and Colorado Department of Transportation all assisted with traffic control. South Metro and Aurora fire departments were dispatched but canceled en route. A Life Guard medical chopper arrived on scene but its services were not required.

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SPORTS



Against all odds, 3,400-year-old ballgame survives in Mexico

by Maria Verza  
Associated Press

LOS LLANITOS, México (AP) — On a dirt field on Mexico's Pacific coast, five cousins between the ages of 8 and 13 strip down and kick off their shoes. Nearby, adults help them fasten the pre-Hispanic-style "fajado," securing loincloths and leather belts that wrap around their hips.

The Osuna children grab the rubber ball, all 7 pounds of it — or seven times heavier than a soccer ball — and begin playing. Only the hips may touch it, forcing players to leap through the air or dive low when it skims the ground.

As Mexico prepares to co-host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the nation is looking back 3,400 years to one of the oldest team sports: the ancient ballgame known as ulama, a ritual practice nearly erased during the Spanish conquest that survived only in the remote pockets of northwestern Mexico before its late 20th-century rebirth. Today, author-

ities and its modern players are leveraging the momentum of international soccer to shine a spotlight on the ancient sport once again.

While players acknowledge that tourism fueled the sport's revival, many worry that projecting an "exotic" image undermines a tradition central to their identity.

"We must rid the game of the notion that it is a living fossil," said Emilie Carreón, a researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM, and director of a project aimed at studying and practicing the sport.

That's exactly what the Osuna family is trying to do. After ulama player Aurelio Osuna died, his widow, María Herrera, 53, continued his legacy, teaching the ballgame to their grandchildren in their small village in Sinaloa, 620 miles northwest of Mexico City.

"This seed will bear fruit someday," she said.

SEE ULAMA  
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Marco Ugarte/AP Photo  
Iker Salgueido plays ulama, a traditional Mesoamerican ballgame dating to pre-Hispanic times, in Los Llanitos on the outskirts of Mazatlan, Mexico, April 25.



PHOTOS BY 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 at Antelope Hills June 5. Participants enjoyed reeling in trout, channel cats, and red-eared blue gills and win prizes for their catches. From left photo, Edwin Cardenas, 10, baits a hook; mama mallard and her nine little ones aren't afraid of the extra activity; and Nick Porter shows the ropes to daughters Katie, 1, and Kayla, 3.

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### Notice: 8th Street Road Repairs

The Town of Bennett will begin a full reconstruction project on 8th Street from Palmer Avenue to Washington Way beginning Monday, June 15, 2026, continuing through August, 2026. Residents, business owners and visitors should expect partial road closures throughout the project area during construction activities.

**The project will include:**

- Extensive street demolition work, including removal of one ADA ramp at Shari's Court.
- Replacement of damaged curb and gutter.
- Installation of a new fire hydrant for the Upper Elementary School.
- Construction of a west-side sidewalk connection.
- Installation of four new ADA ramps crossing 8th Street and related sidewalk improvements.
- Reconstruction of the school bus depot driveway for ADA compliance.
- Repaving of 8th Street, including new striping and updated No Parking and Fire Lane signage.

**Access Information:**

- Access to Shari's Court will be maintained throughout the project whenever possible.
- Very short-term full closures (less than one-half day) may be necessary during final paving operations.
- Any temporary full closures will be coordinated directly with affected business owners and property owners in advance, with detailed notice provided.
- Washington Way, including the intersection at 8th Street, will remain open throughout the project to maintain school campus access via Morgan Way.



Learn more about this project here. →

# Bennett celebrates small town businesses with small town former Denver Bronco



The town of Bennett hosted its Business Appreciation event May 29 with Wiggins native and former Denver Bronco offensive lineman Dalton Risner as keynote speaker. Burroughs Service, F&M Bank in Colorado and Anytime Fitness were honored for their contributions to the community. From left photo, Bennett Special Projects Coordinator Brenda Kroh introduces Risner, now with the Cincinnati Bengals, and Risner is all smiles after signing one of his old #66 Broncos jersey.



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Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles, surrounded by town trustees and staff, presents the award to Carrie Ladd and family — daughters Jordan and Josie, far left, and husband Lloyd, accept their award for Anytime Fitness, which opened around the first of the year.



Three businesses received plaques for their contributions to the community. Left photo, F&M Bank is represented by Bennett Vice President Michael Collitt and President/CEO of Farmers & Merchants Bank Brent Wiedeman. Right, the father-son duo of Marvin and Mike Burroughs accept the honor on behalf of their longtime family-owned auto repair shop.

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### 5K run backs preservation of High Line Canal

**CENTENNIAL** — Registration is underway for the fourth annual High Line Canal Conservancy Summer Scamper 5K for All starting with family-friendly activities starting at 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, along the canal at Bible Park in Denver.

Pre-race yoga and a free 200-meter Ditch Dash for kids 8 and under (no registration required).

The 5K run and walk follows at 6:30 p.m. After the race, participants can celebrate at the Canal Summer Fest with food, drinks and live music. Summer nature-themed activities are also planned for all ages.

Registration costs \$45 per adult and \$35 per youth. It includes a uni-sex event shirt, a custom bib with chip timing, event photos, one meal ticket (gluten free and vegan options available); and one complimentary drink ticket (non-alcoholic drinks and beer available for ages 21+).

As a steward of 45 miles of the 71-mile High Line Canal, Arapahoe County is supporting the celebration.

For additional information and to register, visit [summerscamper5k.com](http://summerscamper5k.com).

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### ArapCo mounted police: Trip to FIFA World Cup in KC nixed

**CENTENNIAL** — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit will no longer assist with security operations during the FIFA World Cup after KC2026, the coordinator of World Cup events in Kansas City, Mo., withdrew its request.

According to a release, the Kansas City Police Department first approached Arapahoe County in January regarding the assistance, and the two agencies had coordinated and planned the deployment for more than six months.

The release adds that the sheriff's office is disappointed in the cancellation appreciates the partnership developed with KCPD through the planning process. Questions regarding the withdrawal of the request should be directed to the KC2026.

#### 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.strasburgparks.org](http://www.strasburgparks.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](http://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 are designed to introduce little ones to team play, sharing and physical activity. Parental involvement is encouraged.

No practices are held for the league and game time is strictly fun time! The registration fee, \$45 for residents of the district and \$50 for non-residents, includes T-shirt and award. All teams are coed.

Games start at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday for four weeks starting July 23. Location varies by sport.

For more information, visit [strasburgparks.org](http://strasburgparks.org).

#### HS coaches, players will lead baseball camp for grades 3-8

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a youth baseball camp Monday through Wednesday, July 6-8, for players in the third through eighth grades.

Grades 3-5 will take the field from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each day followed by sixth- through eighth-grades from 5:30-7 p.m. on the North Baseball Field.

The camp is administered by Strasburg High School coaches and players to help young athletes improve their skills and learn about the high school sports programs.

The cost is \$60, which includes a drawstring bag). The deadline is Wednesday, July 1.

### Bennett soccer team plans summer workouts July 6-31

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Horse racing season opens at Arapahoe Park

DENVER — The Colorado Department of Revenue's Division of Racing Events June 11 announced the return of live horse racing in Colorado. The 2026 summer racing season broke from the starting gate June 12 and continues with post times at 1 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16, at Bally's Arapahoe Park in Aurora. The season will offer fans a 30-day mixed meet featuring thoroughbred and quarter horses. "With our regulatory team focused on ensuring the highest standards of equine safety and wagering integrity, we are looking forward to a successful 2026 season," said Chris Schroder, Division of Racing Events director.

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**20 YEARS AGO**  
**JUNE 20 2006**  
BENNETT — The Bennett Board of Trustees awarded bids for Phase II Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades and work on a new Antelope Hills vertical well at its June 13 meeting.  
Four contractors submitted bids for the wastewater treatment upgrades, with three proposals being fairly competitive with each other. The fourth bid was \$98,000 higher than the lowest bid.  
The bid was awarded to Fischer Construction of Niwot. Fischer's bid of \$214,619 was below the engineer's estimate of \$226,300.  
According to Kevin Tone, P.E. and Vice President of JVA, Inc., the town's wastewater consulting firm, the project should be done before the end of the year, once the appropriate paperwork is concluded and funding received.  
"The turnaround for materials on the project should only be around 90 days. That's a lot less than many projects," Tone said. "Once [Fischer] gets the go ahead and the materials are procured, the project should take about three months."  
Tone said his estimate took into account a little higher cost to procure a couple hundred feet of extra pip that would move effluent from Pond No. 2 to an over flow area.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
**JUNE 21, 2011**  
BENNETT — A Corridor school district has given the go ahead to further investigate a potential mill levy override question on this year's ballot.  
Michael Persichitte with George K. Baum Company told Bennett School Board members June 16 that moving forward with collecting public input and a feasibility study must happen immediately if the subject is to be part of the Nov. 1 election.  
"It's already June and we are talking about July 22 for a preliminary ballot decision being made to the county," Persichitte said.  
Persichitte indicated the district could pull the question off the ballot by Aug. 22.  
Persichitte said the first order of business is to get a survey mailed out to district voters in the next couple of weeks to get their opinions on what priorities they have for school district spending and to measure the amount of supports for certain funding options. In

addition, public meetings on the issue would be scheduled.  
No dollar figures were confirmed as the board would figure out the as part of the actual ballot question to be voted on.  
Persichitte and district finance director Keith Yaich suggested formulating the question to bring in an extra \$750,000 per year to the district's general fund, but school board members thought a lower amount would be better.  
"I'm coming at it from the taxpayers side," said board treasurer Del Moler.  
"If we can make it work at \$400,000 instead of \$750,000, I say, that's what is better. The lower we can make it, the better of a chance it has [of getting passed]."

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**JUNE 21, 2016**  
DENVER - A request is currently in front of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission for what could be the state's largest wind farm, consisting of 300 turbines over five eastern Colorado counties, including part of the I-70 Corridor.  
The proposed Rush Creek Wind Project will stretch across parts of Lincoln, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Elbert and Arapahoe counties, but according to Mark Stutz of Xcel Energy, only a tiny portion of the land will actually be devoted to the turbines.  
"We will be on a 90,000 acre profile, but we will probably only use about one or two percent of that actual land for facilities," Stutz said. "So owners can continue to use the land as they have previously for grazing, ranching, whatever the case may be."  
With 300 turbines creating 600 megawatts of energy, 300,000 residential homes could be served by the project.  
Xcel has purchased 2,600 megawatts of power from other Colorado wind farms under power purchase agreements in the past, meaning other companies build the wind farm, and Xcel bought their electrical output over a longterm contract. Stutz says the contract is critical to wind farms because companies building the farms need a place to sell their power output. However, Xcel is going to take a different route with Rush creek by funding the project itself.  
"In the case of the Rush Creek Wind Project, we have decide to essentially build, own and operate this one ourselves," Stutz said.

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**SOLUTION ON PAGE 17**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 17, the 168th day of 2026. There are 197 days left in the year.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**  
On June 17, 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was acquitted in 1995, but held liable in a 1997 civil lawsuit.)

**ALSO ON THIS DATE**  
In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.  
In 1885, the Statue of Liberty, packed into 214 separate crates, arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French frigate Isère.  
In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.  
In 1972, President Richard Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s, Watergate complex.  
In 2008, hundreds of same-sex couples got married across California on the first full day that same-sex marriage became legal by order of the state's highest court; an estimated 11,000 same-sex couples would be married under the California law in its first three months.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**  
Musician Barry Manilow is 83. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 75. Actor Thomas Haden Church is 66. Actor Greg Kinnear is 63. Olympic speed skating gold medalist Dan Jansen is 61. Actor Jason Patric is 60. Actor-comedian Will Forte is 56. Tennis star Venus Williams is 46. Rapper Kendrick Lamar is 39.

—Associated Press

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  - 17. Crime scene evidence, acr.
  - 18. Roast host
  - 19. "Unalienable ones in the Declaration of Independence"
  - 21. "Colony that originally abstained from voting on independence"
  - 23. Baba of "One Thousand and One Nights"
  - 24. Parsley or basil, e.g.
  - 25. Mountain peak
  - 28. "Four Declaration signers were alums of this CT Ivy Leaguer"
  - 30. Most mature, as in fruit
  - 35. It must go on?
  - 37. Small brook
  - 39. "..."to assume among the powers of the ..."
  - 40. Cap and gown accessory
  - 41. Where there's trouble
  - 43. Rani's dress
  - 44. Useful quality
  - 46. Volcano off Sicily coast
  - 47. State on Old Glory
  - 48. Dionysus' follower
  - 50. Dems' opponents
  - 52. Not divisible by two
  - 53. Like certain people's glasses
  - 55. Australia's flightless bird
  - 57. "First Declaration of Independence signer"
  - 61. "Self-evident ones"
  - 64. Not a minor
  - 65. "\_\_\_ it or lose it"
  - 67. Songs for two
  - 69. Formally surrenders land
  - 70. "Last name of the only brothers to both sign the Declaration"
  - 71. Last Supper cup
  - 72. "If you only \_\_\_"
  - 73. Boy
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- DOWN
- 1. "\_\_\_ men are created equal"
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  - 4. Opposite of alpha
  - 5. In a foolhardy manner
  - 6. Jar covers
  - 7. Long, long time
  - 8. Stupid or silly
  - 9. Risque
  - 10. Puerto \_\_\_
  - 11. \_\_\_ and anon
  - 12. 168 hours
  - 15. Rookie
  - 20. Beauty pageant winner's headgear
  - 22. Make a blunder
  - 24. Serfdom, archaically speaking
  - 25. Indian black tea
  - 26. Capital of Tibet
  - 27. One's entourage
  - 29. "Liberty's partner"
  - 31. Permission to leave
  - 32. Muse of love poetry
  - 33. Nickname for a certain violin
  - 34. "Certain George, with The
  - 36. "\_\_\_ in the course of human events..."
  - 38. Like TV's famous ranger
  - 42. Candle shape
  - 45. Fortune teller's deck, pl.
  - 49. Who is Bugs Bunny talking to?
  - 51. Blemish
  - 54. Cranial bones + facial bones
  - 56. Driver's 180
  - 57. Bypass firewall, illegally
  - 58. Yemeni port
  - 59. Classic art subject
  - 60. Ball of yarn
  - 61. Started during the Ryder Cup, e.g.
  - 62. Miami basketballer
  - 63. Cookbook direction
  - 66. Shining one in "America the Beautiful"
  - 68. Sylvester Stallone's nickname

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Blind Draw

It's a complex and fast-moving astral day ahead, a grab bag including a trine, a square, conjunctions and oppositions. As it goes with grab-bags, we may blindly stick our hand in, though our fingers seem to have a sense of their own, intuitively feeling for what's right to hold onto and pull out. Reach first, analyze later.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're the lantern. Your warmth draws people toward you, especially those wandering in the dark. Like travelers seeking light, they gratefully find you, follow your lead and lay their service and talents at your feet.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's all about mutual appreciation and connections. The best friendships are between people who don't need each other at all but simply like each other. Paper and pen will help you concentrate, comprehend and express your truest self.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Like a perfumer turning many flowers into a single beautiful scent, you take inspiration from different people, experiences and ideas, then blend and balance them all into an expression that is uniquely your own.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There's nobility in how you choose to place your focus. You have already decided what matters to you, and that's half the battle. Today, you'll tend to what matters and let nothing shake you from your purpose.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Friendship is a creative endeavor built by two. Each is aware of their own side of the build. Think of a way to learn more about what the other person is experiencing, and you'll work better together from here on out.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Someone who hates mornings may dream of becoming a 5 a.m. gym person, but if their natural rhythm is nighttime creativity, the habit won't stick. Work with the patterns that exist. What doesn't fit into the established order won't last.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The real reason people give you their attention

today? You've proven that you're respectful of it. You don't overpromise and you don't bore. You either sense what they are expecting or you find it out, then deliver with a twist.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You do not put your blanket trust in a person. Rather, you trust them to behave in the ways they've shown you are typical of them. Fundamentally, trust is a prediction. You're getting better at predicting.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** One way you show your love is to roll with the way the other person is feeling. You don't expect, demand or even want them to behave inauthentically. You're willing to take the high and low moods in stride.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll sail through the task that used to take you days and weeks. Why? You've learned what's unnecessary. You've cut out a lot of discussion, research and deliberation because experience has taught you what works. Stick with it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Shared humor creates intimacy faster than many serious conversations. You'll laugh with people and get to know them, because laughter has a way of inviting truth to the surface where it can be shared and accepted.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You may not always show up in bubbly ways, but people feel your positivity through your sense of humor -- especially the subtle or dry kind. The feeling people get around you: safe, comfortable, understood, relaxed.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17).** It's your Year of the Golden Fleece. Like Jason sailing toward the impossible prize, you will become fortune's favorite in ambitious pursuits. Ideas from heaven ignite your imagination and put fire in your belly. You've the quickness and strength to act on them. More highlights: Conversation changes your financial future. Loyal, sweet relationships grow. You'll protect your energy without hiding your warmth. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 22, 30 and 16.

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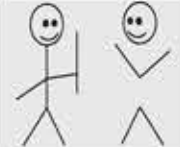
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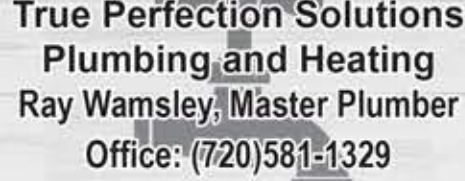
  
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After the man was found, a deputy removed him from the cell and administered Narcan, and contract medical staff and Brighton Fire Rescue continued life-saving measures, all to no avail. The man was transported to Platte Valley Medical Center where he was declared deceased.  
The Adams County Coroner's Office will release the man's identity pending notification of next of kin. The coroner's office will also determine the cause and manner of death.

POLICE REPORTS

**ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**  
• Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol at the scene of a traffic accident involving a tractor-trailer and a Subaru SUV in the 10100 block of Imboden Road, **Watkins**.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
• A deputy assisted Sable Altura Fire Rescue with a schizophrenic man in the median of I-70 near the Airpark Road interchange, **Aurora**.  
• A vehicle was impounded at Kiowa Avenue and South Adams Street, **Bennett**.  
• Daniel Mendoza Lopez, 26, of Bennett, was ticketed for driving with a defective tail lamp and registration and compulsory insurance violations, at Highway 36 and Schumaker Road, **Bennett**.  
**ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
• A restraining order violation was reported on Seventh Avenue, **Deer Trail**.  
• Deputies responded to a death on Hank's Crossing Road at U.S. Highway 36, **Byers**.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
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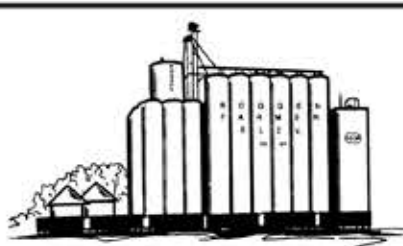
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**ULAMA**

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According to the Popol Vuh, the sacred Mayan book, the world was created from a ballgame, where light and darkness clashed to balance life and death and set the universe in motion.

Long before the Maya, the Olmecs — the earliest known Mesoamerican civilization — practiced the sport; the recreation of this clash of opposing forces was common in various pre-Hispanic cultures. The evidence is in millennial rubber balls unearthed in Mexico and in nearly 2,000 ball courts found from Nicaragua to Arizona.

The game, depicted in codices, stone carvings and sculptures, had many variations and meanings, from fertility or war ceremonies, to political acts and even sacrifices.

While some players — possibly the losers — were beheaded, Guatemalan archaeologist and anthropologist Carlos Navarrete explained this occurred only during specific periods and in certain regions. The physically demanding game was primarily a big social event, drawing crowds for fun and betting.

Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés was impressed by the spectacle presented by the Aztec emperor Moctezuma, but the Spanish ultimately banned ulama and ordered the destruction of its courts, likely viewing the tradition as a form of resistance to Christianity. For the Catholic Church, "the ball was the living devil," Carreón said.

The game — played by hitting the ball with the hip, the forearm or a mallet — survived only on the Mexican northern Pacific coast, where the colonial process led by Jesuit priests was less aggressive and ulama was accepted in Catholic festivities, said Manuel Aguilar Moreno, a professor of art history at California State University.

On the opening day of the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, spectators watched as burly men contorted their bodies in unexpected ways to keep the rubber ball moving for as long as possible. The exhibition sparked studies about the game and its preservation in the following decades.

**REVIVAL**

Luis Aurelio Osuna, 30, Herrera's eldest son, began playing hip ulama after school, just as his father did decades ago in Los Llanitos, a ranch next to the port city of Mazatlán. Now his three children also play.

Osuna and his mother teach the children how to hit the ball and guide them through the complicated rules, which include a scoring system with points that are won and lost.

They do it out of passion, but also out of pragmatism in a state where organized crime is pervasive.

"We need to find a way to keep them entertained with good things," Osuna said.

Hip ulama teams have up to six players and the Osuna family sometimes participates in tournaments or exhibitions.

Decades ago, matches were big events tied to religious feasts, sometimes stretching on for an entire week. But those days are gone, as interest waned and rubber balls became hard to get.

In the 1980s, filmmaker Roberto Rochín documented the work of perhaps the last rubber ball-maker in the mountains of Sinaloa. The artisan made them similar to the Olmecs, who discovered that mixing hot rub-

Juan Osuna plays ulama, a traditional Mesoamerican ballgame dating to pre-Hispanic times, in Los Llanitos on the outskirts of Mazatlan, Mexico, Saturday, April 25, 2026.

ber sap with a plant created a strong, elastic and durable material. This civilization made some of the oldest balls of the world.

**SPECTACLE SPARKING MIXED FEELINGS**

During the 1990s, staff from a resort in the Mexican Caribbean traveled across the country in search of Sinaloan families who could represent the ballgame as a tourist attraction in the Riviera Maya, where no one played it anymore.

"It's pure spectacle: they paint their faces and put on feathered costumes," Herrera said. Yet she acknowledges the value. "That's where the revival began."

The ballgame began to spread and to be known outside Mexico. Osuna, with the family team his father had formed, ended up playing hip ulama in a Roman amphitheater in Italy. It attracted so much attention that they were hired for a deodorant commercial, he said.

As the World Cup approaches, authorities and corporations are launching exhibitions in Mexico City and Guadalajara, and featuring ulama players in ad campaigns highlighting Mexican heritage — a move that has sparked mixed feelings.

"We're not circus monkeys," says Ángel Ortega, a 21-year-old ulama player from Mexico City who recently participated in a TV commercial alongside football players.

Ilse Sil, a player and member of the UNAM project led by Carreón, believes that institutional support will help to preserve ulama but officials need to promote the game in communities and schools to recruit more young players, as it remains a marginal sport with approximately 1,000 players mainly in México and Guatemala.

In Los Llanitos, Herrera's grandchildren love playing. They don't care where — in the dirt field, in a court or even in the house corridor — but always with the precious inheritance: a handmade decades-old rubber ball from the mountains of Sinaloa. They say it cushions the blows better.

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Dad and I are going to wash and wax the car.

I'm designing and sewing a new tie for my father.  

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2. Next, match each sentence s beginning to its ending.

3. Last, put each word in the crossword puzzle!

(Be a sport let Dad help you! The first one is done.)

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3. taking me to \_\_\_\_\_ at the lake
4. sledding in the \_\_\_\_\_
5. teaching me how to ride my \_\_\_\_\_
6. showing me how to \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool
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1. helping me to study my \_\_\_\_\_
2. playing a \_\_\_\_\_
3. setting up the family \_\_\_\_\_
4. telling me some of your favorite \_\_\_\_\_
5. taking me where I  
need to go in the \_\_\_\_\_
6. letting me stay up late to study the \_\_\_\_\_

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