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Bennett says wait-and-see on H₂O stricture

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — As ongoing drought conditions have led to numerous Front Range and other Colorado municipalities/jurisdictions implement-

ing outdoor watering restrictions, Bennett trustees voted earlier this month to give that duty to the town administrator if the time arises.

During their June 9 meeting, trustees unanimously approved a resolution giving discretion to Town Ad-

ministrator Trish Stiles to determine if and when to restrict outdoor watering throughout town after consulting with utility and engineering departments.

According to Capital Projects and Utilities Director Daniel Pershing, the

town's water system remains strong enough that immediate watering restrictions aren't required and that allowing Stiles and other town officials make the call when conditions dictate

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1st East AdCo road project starts this week

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

The first of three summer asphalt road improvement projects in eastern unincorporated Adams County is slated to start this week about 14 miles north of Bennett with the other two in and around Strasburg expected to commence middle of next month.

According to a last-minute June 18 announcement from Adams County Communications, improvements in Area 1 — a nine-mile stretch of 144th Avenue (Bromley Lane) between the 152nd Avenue curve and Highway 79 — start June 22 and will run through mid-July.

Among the work to be done by construction contractor Brannan Sand & Gravel is asphalt milling and overlay, patching, striping, shouldering operations and intermittent speed-table installations.

As that work concludes, similar activity is slated to run from mid-July to mid-August



MAP COURTESY OF ADAMS COUNTY

A nine-mile stretch of 144th Avenue north of Bennett will receive asphalt improvements starting this week.

in two other local areas.

Area 2 is immediately west of Strasburg along Piggott Road between Highway 36 (Colfax Avenue) and north to East 29th Avenue and the adjacent Wolf Creek Run neighborhoods.

Area 3 covers Strasburg Road from Highway 36 and goes north about three miles up to East 48th Avenue.

"Work in Areas 2 and 3 will place concurrently," the coun-

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Splish Splash!



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Above, a fast-moving Autumn Juarez, 4, tries her best to prepare herself for a splash landing on the inflatable water slide during the Strasburg Park & Recreation District's annual Foam Day at Community Park West June 13. **SEE PAGE 14.**

ArapCo Commissioners tout '25 achievements, upcoming plans



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Arapahoe County Commissioners Carrie Warren-Gully, left, Jessica Campbell, Jeff Baker, Leslie Summey, and Rhonda Fields speak to almost 300 county and regional dignitaries during their State of the County address June 16 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

AURORA — While Arapahoe County Commissioners spent most of their State of the County address last week espousing about their handling of last year's \$571 million budget, two projects from Watkins Road and further east were mentioned.

During their June 16 event at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, commissioners called the installation of a floodwater notification system on Watkins Road near Sixth Avenue and the purchase completion and preliminary planning of the 3,100-acre Bijou Basin Open Space about five miles south of Byers key accomplishments in 2025.

The flood warning notification system immediately south of Watkins was completed in April 2025 in partnership with the Mile High Flood District after a female Watkins resident was killed in June 2023 after her car was swept away by heavy floodwaters in the area.

The water-monitoring system was successfully triggered over Memorial Day weekend last year after three days of heavy rain.

When activated, the solar/battery powered system triggers a beacon that warns commuters at

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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.

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.

The Strasburg American Legion Hall is located at 56423 Westview Ave.

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.

‘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



Strasburg’s new Community Park East in Strasburg, including splash pad and outdoor amphitheater, has become of hub of summer activity since having its ribbon-cutting in early June. The newest jewel in the Strasburg Park & Recreation District’s crown is located at 1866 Wagner St.

density jars.

The fee is \$20. The registration deadline is Friday, July 3. Visit strasburgparks.org to sign up.

Declaration of Independence topic of Strasburg discussion

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society and Museum will host a presentation on the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence.

The lecture is the third part of a three-part series. It will run from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at the TBK Bank Community Room. The presentation will address how America has celebrated Independence Day over the past 250 years.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for light snacks and conversation. Free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more information, call (303)622-4322. 4/15

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Corridor residents invited to rock out at new ‘Burg stage

STRASBURG — Local 70s, 80s and 90s music aficionados are invited to a free Red, White & Rock Concert at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at the FNB Bank Ampitheater in Strasburg’s new

Community Park East.

The outdoor concert event will feature regional cover band Hot Tub Time Machine.

Concert-goers are urged to bring their blanket or lawn chairs.

Concessions will be available for sale, along with a beer garden for guests ages 21 and older.

The park is located at 1866 Wagner St., across from Community Park West and softball field.

Introduction to sewing focus of Strasburg summer camp

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a Beginner Sewing Camp Monday through Wednesday, July 14-16 at the American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Participants will learn the basic skills of sewing and the fun it can provide.

The fundamentals of hand and machine sewing will both be taught. Students can select from creating a: pillow, pillow case, pencil case, tote bag, simple purse, animal/monster stuffie, key chain stuffie, pin cushion, or water bottle holder. Participants are also urged to bring an old T-shirt or set of pants to “Upcycle” into something new.

The registration fee of \$110 includes

all sewing supplies. Registration deadline is Friday, July 10.

For additional information, visit strasburgparks.org.

Youth actors in training set to perform on stage July 12

STRASBURG — Participants in the Strasburg Arts Council (SAC) Youth Acting Workshop will show off their talents at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 12, in the new library auditorium of Hemphill Middle School.

The event has been moved from the outdoor amphitheater of Community Park East.

Performances will include a mix of local favorites, youth performers, and specialty bands showing off under the stars.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

For additional information, visit the Strasburg Arts Council page on Facebook.

Bennett firefighters union schedules clay shoot \$ raiser

BENNETT — Bennett Firefighters Local 5090 invites residents to participate in a clay shoot fundraiser at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 18, at Kiowa Creek Sporting Club south of town.

All monies raised will go towards the Colorado Professional Fire Fighters Foundation.

For additional information, visit <https://bennettfirefighters.org> and click on the News/Events tab.

The sporting club is located at 46700 E. County Road 30 (Quincy Avenue), Bennett.

Strasburg artist workshop to highlight beach scenery

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a Beach Scenes Summer Art Workshop from 10-11:30 a.m., Sunday, July 12 at the Strasburg Community Center.

Registration is \$20.

For more information, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

The community center, formerly the Strasburg American Legion, is located at 56423 Westview Ave.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane, (303)644-3717, for meeting ID.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Adams County Walk at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. 9-10 a.m., 6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City. Visit adamscountyco.gov to register.

MONDAY, JUNE 29
Agate School Board. 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
Byers Park & Recreation District Board. 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

THURSDAY, JULY 2
Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

SATURDAY, JULY 4
Free admission from 1-4 p.m. to Comanche Crossing Museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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Preschool story time: Children ages 3-6

can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and other fun activities. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

Preschool story time: Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com.

EVERY SUNDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous. 9 a.m. in Byers. For information, call (303)903-6734.

EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicedirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.

AA open meeting. 7 p.m., white historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

EVERY TUESDAY
Family story time. 10:30-11 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

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In addition to enjoying their children and grandchildren in retirement, the couple also works in their garden and travel, having visited all 50 states and many national parks.

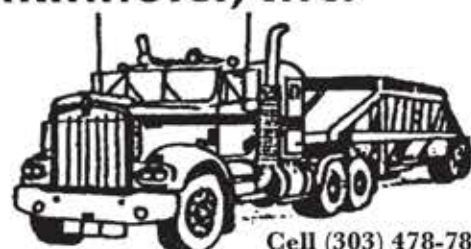
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it is more prudent.

"It allows mandatory restrictions be declared on a live-time basis," Pershing said, "more on a basis when water system conditions dictate such a need. Water system conditions often require timely responses that may not align with regularly scheduled board meetings."

Pershing added that water system stress to start June hadn't eclipsed

what the town had endured at the heaviest usage times last month.

One of the factors keeping the town afloat with its water supply is the fact it is currently pumping from ground-water supplies and not relying on surface water resources.

"A little more reliability when it comes to where we're pumping from right now," he said "No reason for extreme restrictions at the moment."

The approved water restriction resolution also allows Stiles or town staff to modify, suspend or terminate implementation of any water restrictions without board action.

"It does not establish permanent restrictions," Pershing said. "Instead, it's an administrative framework allowing town staff to implement restrictions when necessary and remove them when condition improve."

In the case of any water restrictions being implemented, residents will be informed through public notices, including in utility bills.

When restrictions are in place, Pershing said there could be exemptions allowed for new sod or grass seeding in new construction areas.

According to the approved resolution, when water restrictions are in place, residents will receive a warning for the first violation with the following fine schedule for subsequent violations in the same calendar year:

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STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Riders on the Plains motorcycle poker run on Saturday, July 25. Day-of registration runs from 9-10:30 a.m. at Colorado Air & Space Port. The ride begins at 10:30 a.m. with stops at Launchpad Brewery in Bennett, Rookies in Strasburg, Shoot-ers Bar & Grill in Byers, the Deer Trail Jockey Club Rodeo Grounds, and ending at May Farms in Byers. The event benefits Combat Hero Bike Build, a nonprofit that modifies motorcycles to accommodate disabled veterans. More information and pre-registration is available at www.i70ccoc.com.

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In addition to remembering the 135 U.S. military veterans at Byers Community Cemetery this past Memorial Day, American Legion Alton Franz Post 160 recently donated a bench that is located at the cemetery's main flagpole. Above, Ray Gunther and Post Cmdr. Dale Ness sit on the donated bench surrounded by other local Legion members Teresa Seggerman, left, Chuck Wamsley, Kirk "Sarge" Russell, Kagen Kitzman, Glenn Merritt, Kenny McDonald and Matt Newton. That donation joined two other benches, below photo, that were awarded to the cemetery by decking supply company TREX for community involvement with plastic recycling. Donors to the recycling drive included O'Malley's Mercantile, Maverick Mercantile, Byers General Store, May Farms, Byers Post Office and the Bennett Parks & Recreation District. The cemetery was founded in 1896 with the Byers Community Cemetery Association formed in 1956. The cemetery is solely operated by volunteers with funding collected through donations only.



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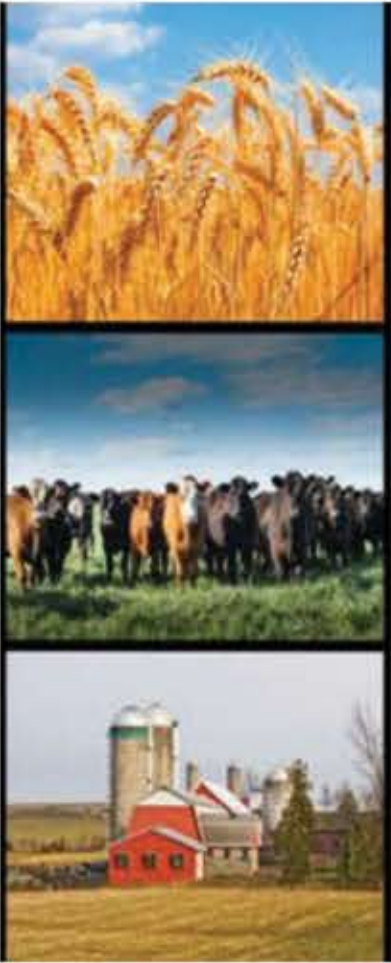
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Noted country band caps three-day Byers 4th fest

BYERS — The nonprofit Small Town Strong Foundation in Strasburg will benefit from a concert headlined by the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame's 2025 Best Country Single Artist of the Year at Byers Fourth of July festivities this year.

Joe Wren & The Roadies will showcase the Small Town Strong Freedom Fest at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 4, at the Quint Valley Fairgrounds. Wren, 19, will be joined by Grammy-nominated songwriter and vocalist and worship pastor Biff Gore. Ronnie Davis & the Rocky Mountain Outlaws wraps up the line-up.

Tickets are \$25 each online or at Smoke-show Meats and Beans Place at 56761 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg. Children ages 5 and under are free.





PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Comanche Crossing Historical Society hosted a local history lesson June 11 when museum curator and I-70 Corridor history aficionado Cliff Smith led a Walking Tour of Old Strasburg. A group of about 30 history buffs walked from the new historical sign at Lyons Park, down Railroad Avenue to Main Street and along Colfax Avenue. Above, Smith talks about the old Strasburg movie theatre on the east side of Main Street, three doors south of Colfax Ave. The theatre still opens up to locals for special events, including Halloween and Christmas.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 14, 2026, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the calendar of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners permits, a public hearing will be held; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. PM23-002, Rattle Stitch Ranch Filing No. 1 / Minor Subdivision. The public hearing will be held at Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S Prince St., East Hearing Room, Littleton, CO 80120, with the option to participate remotely. The agenda will typically be posted by the 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, by calling 720-874-6650 or by emailing 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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Daniel Alvarez from the Butterfly Pavilion in Denver made the trek to Anythink Bennett library for a pair of MySummer: Itsy Bitsy Bugs presentations June 8-9. Monday's presentation was in Spanish with the following day in English. In addition to a display of butterflies, Alvarez's show-and-tell included multiple other insects that are beneficial to a summer garden ecosystem. Left to right shows, Evelyn Rogers, 3, gets a look at a cricket; Alvarez shows off a display of preserved butterflies; and Makayla Porter, 3, gets a real up-close view of a beetle

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LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY
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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.

Adult book club: "Atalanta" by Jennifer Saint. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, June 26.

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 to sign up. 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27.

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 to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 29 (bilingual), and Tuesday, June 30 (English).

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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 25.

'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.

Tea at 2: Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 1.

DAVIES LIBRARY
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Mario Party: Teens ages 12-18 are invited to a Mario Party gaming bash to battle each other at Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. and more. Snacks provided. 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, July 8.



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Davies Library in Deer Trail hosted Denver-based Heroes Destiny for a medieval role playing activity as part of Arapahoe Libraries Once Upon a Summer program June 9. Above, Ayden Schwartz, 8, left, and Finn Williams, 7, do battle with their swords.



4-Legged Friends

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Anythink Bennett library hosted Watkins-based Spurs Academy, aka Big Iron Ranch, for a bilingual petting zoo session with farm animals June 15. Clockwise from above left, Juniper Burton-Armstrong, 1, get greeted by one of the four-legged critters; Romina Rodriguez, 1, gets coaxed by mother to give Buddy some scratches; and Rio Rodriguez gives Gigi the pygmy goat a couple of pats on the back.



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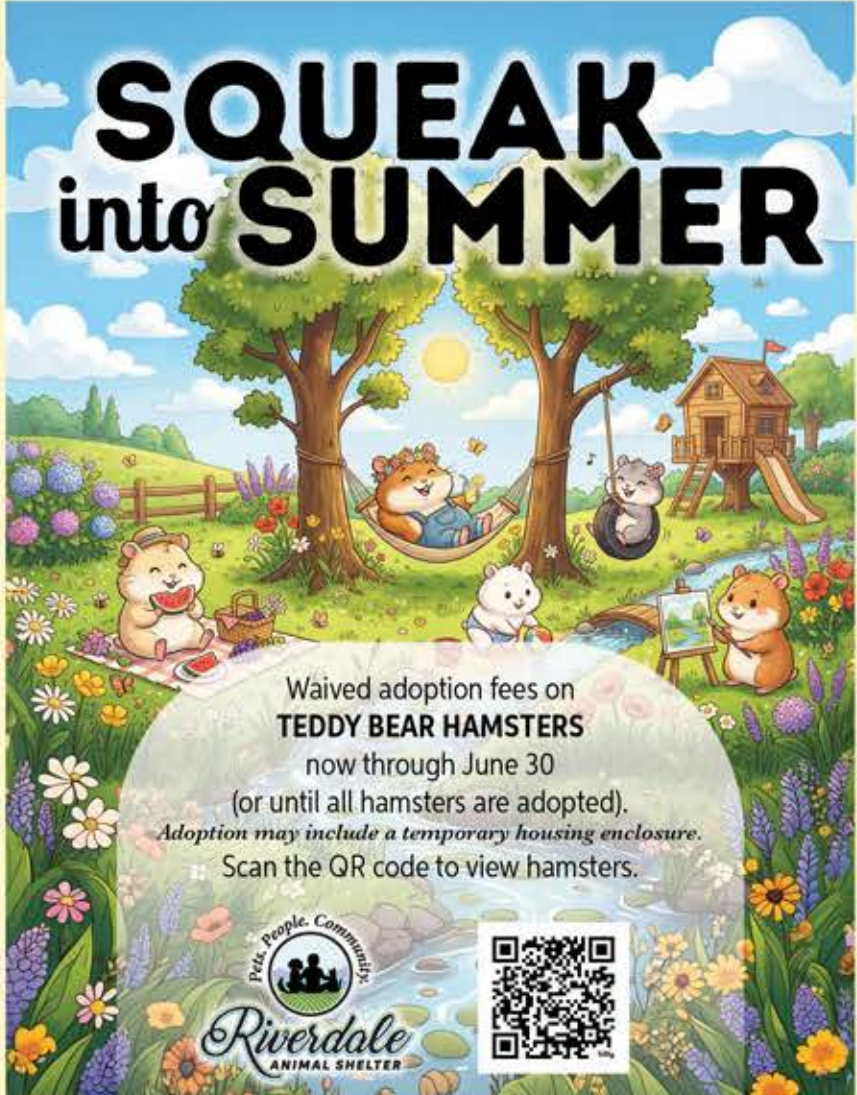
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1776-type muskets mostly exempt from modern gun laws

by Allen G. Breed
AP National Writer

HALIFAX, N.C. (AP) — With 165 grains of black powder in the barrel, a 0.75-caliber Brown Bess flintlock musket like the ones the redcoats carried in 1776 can hurl a lead ball at a velocity of around 1,000 feet per second.

Imagine what that can do to a human body. Now imagine that it's almost completely exempt from gun regulations.

How can that be? Well, under federal and most state laws, many antique or replica guns aren't technically considered firearms. In most places, even convicted felons can own them.

"I suspect the average judge would be surprised to find that out," says Second Amendment scholar and gun-rights attorney Dave Hardy, himself the proud owner of two Civil War-era long guns.

During a National Rifle Association event back in 2000, the late ac-



PHOTOS BY ALLEN G. BREED/AP Photo

Re-enactors fire a volley with their flintlock muskets during a Revolutionary War event in Halifax, N.C., April 11.

tor Charlton Heston famously hoisted a flintlock — the single-shot weapon that won the Revolution and was still in wide use a half century after Congress debated the Second Amendment — into the air and said the Democrats would have to take it "from my cold, dead hands."

He needn't have worried.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

During debate over the Gun Control Act of 1968, Sen. John Goodwin Tower argued that flintlocks and many other antique or replica guns should be exempt from regulation.

The Texas Republican said the exemption was needed "to relieve an unnecessarily burdensome problem for serious collectors of antique firearms and for historians and museums." Treating all weapons the same, he argued, would unfairly target collector items "which have little, if any, practical use as a firearm in the modern connotation."

The provision defines an antique as any weapon "with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system" manufactured "in or before 1898" — as long as it hasn't been modified to fire modern ammunition. This generally means muzzle-loaders that use black powder or a black powder substitute, though some early cartridge guns are included.

You can even own and fire a cannon.

DON'T GO OFF HALF COCKED

Most states have adopted that language either verbatim or by direct

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 A/K/A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
 (WCF) (CASE NO. LDC26-002)**

PROPOSAL: The Planning Division proposes amending the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) requirements in the Development Application Manual (DAM). The DAM amendment is required to align with the newly adopted Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment to Wireless Communications (WCF). It redefines the CMRS application as a WCF, sets new review deadlines aligned with federal timelines, and updates the EFR process to include fees, streamlined requirements, and a final determination letter.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 07, 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 St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described case number, Case No. LDC26-002. 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, by calling 720-874-6650 or by emailing 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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PHOTOS BY ALLEN G. BREED/AP Photo

A.J. Drake, a historic interpreter, aims his Brown Bess flintlock replica musket during a Revolutionary War event in Halifax, N.C., April 10.

MUSKETS 1776

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reference to the federal provision. But, as military historian Patrick Luther says, "It's a patchwork."

"I live in N.Y. (New York) and bought a civil war musket," Luther, a Marine veteran with the website milsurpia.com, said in an e-mail. "It was very similar to buying a regular firearm. Buying the black powder for the rifle felt not much different than buying a T-shirt."

At least three states — Hawaii, Ohio and North Dakota — treat a smooth-bore musket the same as an AK-47 or AR-15. Reenactor Jason Monhollen, an officer in the U.S. Army, says that's "comparing apples and oranges."

"It seems silly to put restriction on something that would be such a terrible weapon if you wanted to, you know, kill people," says Monhollen, who portrays a private and carries a French Charleville musket in the 2nd North Carolina Regiment. "There's just much better things. You can kill more people quickly with a car than you can with a musket."

But these weapons are still deadly.

NOT JUST A TOY

Maryland changed its law after a convicted sex offender killed his ex-girlfriend with a six-shot, .44-caliber cap and ball revolver purchased on the internet.

"It may have loaded like an 1851 weapon, but it fired like a 2017 manufactured modern handgun that was capable of lethal force," Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy told reporters at the time.

Shadé's Law, passed in 2019, now prohibits people convicted of certain violent crimes from buying or possessing such weapons. But many states allow convicted felons to have them; West Virginia makes an exception for people under an active protective order.

Some states' laws are confusing or vague.

Montana law mentions "antique or replica arms" in a code regulating firearms and ammunition manufactured in the state. But nowhere in the code are those weapons defined.

Wisconsin uses the federal definition, but the only reference comes in a law regarding "look-alike" firearms.

And, of course, many local ordinances, like the one in Wake County, N.C., prohibit the firing of any "bar-

reled weapon capable of discharging projectiles." In many jurisdictions, it's illegal to brandish even a toy gun at someone.

"Federal law does not exclude antique firearms from location-based restrictions," said Austin Gunderson, counsel for the North Dakota Legislative Council, in an e-mail.

STRAY BULLETS

Sometimes, attempts to strengthen gun laws have had unintended consequences.

The attorney general of New Jersey, one of the 13 original states, recently had to offer guidance when a new law targeting ghost guns seemed to require all firearms — including antiques and even air guns — to have serial numbers.

When New York toughened its gun laws in 2022, it required background checks for transfers and purchases of antique guns, and barred firearms of any kind from certain "sensitive places" like parks and museum sites

— just the kinds of places re-enactors appear most.

An exemption was later carved out for people "lawfully engaged in historical reenactments, educational programming involving historical weapons of warfare, or

motion picture or theatrical productions." But that hasn't stopped out-of-state re-enactors from worrying their muskets will be confiscated at the George Washington Bridge, says Justin Costantino, adjutant of the Long Island Companies of the 3rd New York Regiment.

"If the New York State Police department wants to charge me with weapons possession while I'm wearing a cocked hat and carrying around a Charleville '66," says Costantino, a graduate student in history, "then please, don't call my lawyer. Call the *New York Post*!"

Then again, Costantino hates to hear a mother at a reenactment tell her child, "Oh, no. Don't worry, sweetie. It's not real."

"It's not really loaded, but it is really a weapon," he says. "It's really gunpowder. And if you stand close to it, you'll feel the kind of breath of hot air ... They're still things that we have to take very seriously, and you have to be safe with."



SPORTS BRIEFS

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.

Local MLB skills competition slated for Strasburg July 12

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District South Softball Field will host an MLB Pitch, Hit & Run local qualifying event at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 12. The annual skills competition allows boys and girls ages 7-14 the opportunity to show off their baseball abilities with the opportunity to advance to other competitions, including team championship events at all 30 Major League Baseball ballparks. Check-in is at 3:30 p.m., but free registration must be done online prior to the event. For more information, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Registration open for youth tackle football competition

STRASBURG — Registration is now open through July 12 for Strasburg third- through sixth-graders interested in playing youth tackle football. Strasburg competes in the Colorado Prairie League with games to also be played in Bennett, Byers, Limon, Calhan, Simla, and Peyton. Players must provide own pads, black pants, white helmet, and cleats. Practice begins Aug. 3 with location and times to be determined by respective coaches. A six-week regular-season schedule starts Aug. 29, with the playoffs to begin Oct. 17 and the championship games on Oct. 31. Registration is \$115 and includes one jersey. For more information, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Strasburg youth boys hoops camps slated for mid-July

STRASBURG — Strasburg elementary and junior high boys are invited to learn basketball fundamentals July 13-15 at the Hemphill Middle School Gym. The camps will be administered by Strasburg High School coaches and players. Times are based on grade levels as of the 2026-27 school year: kindergarten through second grade from 4:30-5:15 p.m.; third through fifth grade from 5:15-6:15 p.m.; and sixth through eighth from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Registration costs \$60 and includes a drawstring bag. Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 9, and can be done at www.strasburgparks.org.

Hemphill volleyball camp scheduled for July 20-22

STRASBURG — Incoming seventh-

and eighth-graders at Hemphill Middle School for 2026-27 are invited to participate in volleyball camp July 20-22. Camp is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. all three days in the high school gym and will be administered by Strasburg High School coaches and players. Registration is \$80 with a deadline of July 12. For more information or to register, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Horse racing season opens at Arapahoe County track

Aurora — The Colorado Department of Revenue's Division of Racing Events recently 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, through Aug. 16, at Bally's Arapahoe Park, 26,000 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, which is next door to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

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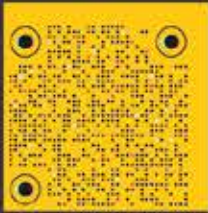
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The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Strasburg Fire Protection District combined efforts during their annual Foam Day at Community Park West June 13. From left photo, Strasburg Fire Rescue Lt. Lance Shore sprays the foam; Emmaline Craig, 1½, tries to escape her father's efforts to wash away the suds from her face; and Colton Boyd, 7, hides amongst a pile of bubbles.

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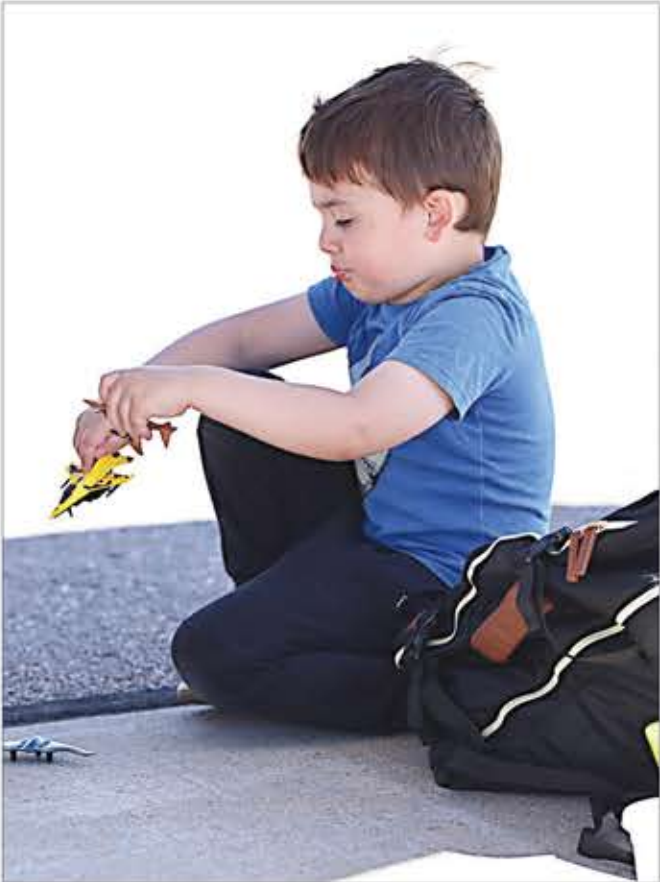
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Colorado Air & Space Port hosted its annual Fly-In the morning of May 30, including a pancake breakfast and aircraft show, including military planes and vehicles and vendors. Above left, 2026 Adams County Fair Queen Jordynnn Kellogg, left, and Lady-in Waiting Kylie Ricards speak with fly-in attendees about this coming summer's county fair activities. Above right, military aircraft and vehicles were among the bevy of attractions on the tarmac. Bottom row, in addition to getting to see planes, youngsters took the opportunity to play with their own toy aircrafts, including a young lady pondering whether to take a ride in a pedal-powered vintage military reproduction.



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20 YEARS AGO
JUNE 27, 2006
The I-70 Corridor Relay for Life June 16-17 at the Bennett High School track and football field raised \$42,000 to go towards cancer research.
Event organizers said that 225 Corridor residents participated in the relay, with another 50 local cancer survivors walking Friday evening.
Relay chairman Dan Kline said the event was kicked off with a \$35,000 check presentation to the American Cancer Society, and that an additional \$7,000 was raised during the event, which ran from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
"This was an absolutely awesome event with overwhelming support, and we are already looking forward to next year's race," Kline said. "We do this during the night because it's symbolic of fighting cancer, which is a disease that never sleeps."
"We fought a good battle that night and will continue to do so."
Next year's event is already in the planning stages. In fact, Kline said it will be held the third Friday and Saturday of June 2007; however, the location of the event is unknown.
"Everybody's excited to get going on next year's event and make it an even better effort to fight cancer," Kline said. "We will work through the night again in 2007. If cancer doesn't sleep, we won't either."

15 YEARS AGO
JUNE 28, 2011
Mountain pine beetles have been migrating into Eastern Colorado, including the I-70 Corridor, the past few years, but the infestation is increasing at a rapid pace.
"We have seen them out here since 2009," said arborist Derek Stroden with Ironwood Earthcare. "Last year the numbers about quadrupled and it looks like it is quadrupling again this year."
Westerly winds coming out of the mountains and transportation of beetle-killed wood to local mills have been cited as causes.
"It's another summer and we've had mountain pine beetles migrating out from the mountains every summer for a number of years," said district forester Norland Hall with the Colorado State

Forest Service's Fort Morgan office. "There are also trees that were infested in the area last year and those beetles are hatching out this year and they will be moving to other trees and doing their thing. Personally, I didn't see a lot last year, but there were a lot the year before. And the last few weeks I have been receiving several calls from that area. But they may have just not been noticed last year."
The beetles burrow underneath the bark of trees in the summer and, in addition to laying eggs, deposit spores of a fungus, which clogs pores and "girdles" a tree, causing it to die. Larvae develop over the winter and, the next spring and summer, the adult bugs will leave their host and find other tree trunks to infest.
10 YEARS AGO
JUNE 28, 2016
DEER TRAIL — Deer Trail appears one trustee meeting away from growing by another 30 acres and 25 homes.
The July 5 board meeting is expected to include a vote on whether to annex East Bijou Ranch Estates into the town. While approval is not a done deal, there appear to be few qualms with the request from developer Glenn Kunkel.
Most concerns were addressed during a June 21 public hearing and a special meeting between the board and Kunkel two days later.
Among the issues hashed out between the two parties were drainage, utilities and street lighting. Runoff will be directed to a detention pond on the back side of the property; a bridge structure in the form of a box culvert will be installed in the drainage ditch traversing the almost 30-acre property; and low-level columnar solar lights will be used instead of traditional overhead street lights.
Residents' sentiments from the public hearing were that overhead street lighting was too intrusive and that it would take away enjoyment of the open night sky.
"I like being able to look up at the stars," one female resident said. "That's one of the reasons we moved out here."

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 18

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2026. There are 190 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On June 24, 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.
In 1939, the Southeast Asian country of Siam changed its name to Thailand. (It reverted to Siam in 1945, then became Thailand once again in 1949.)
In 1948, Communist forces cut off

all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the Western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.
In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Roth v. United States, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.
In 1973, President Richard Nixon concluded a summit with the visiting leader of the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, who hailed the talks in an address on American television.
In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.
In 2015, a federal judge formally sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to death for the

2013 terror attacks. (A federal appeals court later threw out the sentence; the Supreme Court reinstated it.)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Musician Mick Fleetwood is 79. Actor Peter Weller is 79. Golf Hall of Famer Juli Inkster is 66. Musician Curt Smith (Tears for Fears) is 65. Soccer player Lionel Messi is 39.
— Associated Press

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: THE 4TH OF JULY

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- 1. Dagger's partner
 - 6. Elephant party, acr.
 - 9. Do like volcano
 - 13. Fire (2 words)
 - 14. Pro football org.
 - 15. Jonas Salk's conquest
 - 16. Like a Harvard building?
 - 17. ET carrier
 - 18. Bedeck
 - 19. *Tasty Fourth of July outings
 - 21. *Float processions
 - 23. Black gunk
 - 24. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
 - 25. The Jackson 5's 1970 hit
 - 28. Caffeine source
 - 30. TV classic "___ Heroes"
 - 35. Folio page
 - 37. Abel's big brother
 - 39. Fortune teller's card
 - 40. Rank in British peerage
 - 41. Archipelago parts
 - 43. Head for (2 words)
 - 44. Beseech
 - 46. Impermanent employee
 - 47. Prayer's end
 - 48. Gardener's trimmer
 - 50. Part of speech
 - 52. Am is to I as ___ is to we
 - 53. Calista Flockhart's husband
 - 55. Likewise
 - 57. *Salad tuber
 - 60. * ___ Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest
 - 64. Nonsense
 - 65. Female gametes
 - 67. "A Doll's House" playwright
 - 68. Cuckoo
 - 69. Opposite of guzzle
 - 70. Cuckoo for what puffs?
 - 71. Eyelid affliction
 - 72. Driver's aid
 - 73. Giving a once-over

- DOWN
- 1. Hair holder
 - 2. First name in jeans
 - 3. Auricular
 - 4. ___ provocateur
 - 5. Island off Alaskan coast
 - 6. Wildebeests
 - 7. *For most, the 4th is a day ___
 - 8. Onomatopoeia for splash
 - 9. *Drink at a barbecue
 - 10. Weary walk
 - 11. Ireland, once
 - 12. *Patriots ___ over Loyalists
 - 15. Long John Silver's pet

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- 20. Crocus, pl.
 - 22. Ooh partner
 - 24. Last part (2 words)
 - 25. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
 - 26. Famous Memphis street
 - 27. Felt concern
 - 29. *"...twilight's ___ gleaming"
 - 31. Lady of "A Star is Born"
 - 32. Smell
 - 33. Post-it user
 - 34. *"Born on the Fourth of July" director
 - 36. *Popular July 4th decoration
 - 38. Captain of Nautilus
 - 42. Phlegms
 - 45. Sully one's reputation
 - 49. Go bad
 - 51. Public announcement
 - 54. Fowl perch
 - 56. Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
 - 57. Bridge, in Paris
 - 58. Colloquial approval
 - 59. Ditty
 - 60. Back of neck
 - 61. Ascus, pl.
 - 62. Ne
 - 63. Glitch
 - 64. Part of O.H.M.S.
 - 66. Strive

ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

Lunar Fascination

The Scorpio moon puts a fine point on how attraction tends to sharpen the senses. In a state of fascination, music sounds richer, messages feel important and ordinary moments glow with strange significance. Whether or not the object of your attention remains in orbit, this experience reminds us how awake and emotionally responsive we are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wins and losses are just temporary circumstances, but character is the thread through all of it. The moves you make today are for the win, not because they will strategically guarantee a prize but because they reflect your stellar soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not arrogant to recognize what makes you special. Because you understand your own uniqueness, you're able to see and acknowledge the uniqueness in others. Today, you're careful to see people as individuals instead of lumping them into categories or types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe there are no past mistakes, only past ways of doing things that turned out to be suboptimal. You're doing it better because you know better, and tomorrow you'll know even more, thanks to your stellar attitude and forward motion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Considering the daily bombardment of messages telling us what we should want, it's easy to give into societies strong suggestions. For your true wants, turn inward, noticing what fascinates, delights, intrigues and satisfies you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Around certain people, you hardly have to explain yourself. This easy compatibility is among your favorite blessings. You've been around enough difficult people to realize the value and possibility that comes from relationships that fit your life well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pause, reassess and reorder priorities. It's all part of setting yourself up for success. It takes time but doesn't waste time. Every preparation, each rehearsal and all the reps you do to practice will pay off when it's go time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your imagi-

nation is always collaborating with reality. Today, your creative gears will lock in and turn an ordinary event into something much more promising — maybe even epic. At the very least, you'll create a compelling story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're starting with the end in mind today. You'll make sure you have the resources and permissions needed to finish a project before you ever start it. Much of the project's success will depend on assigning well-defined roles to the right people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a cost to every relationship. There are also things to ignore, points to focus on, elements to be believed even though they are not objectively believable — the things you do for love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've traversed this territory long enough to understand two things at once: Having goals and direction is helpful, but obsessing over the result can make you miss the enjoyment and the opportunity to learn from what's happening along the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the same way a certain smell can unlock a forgotten room in your memory, today's encounter will reconnect you to a part of yourself you have not visited in years. All that you carry inside you has a purpose and a reason.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll experience a relationship with unusual magnetism. Attraction thrives in mystery. Enjoy the electricity without rushing to conclusions. This one needs time to develop. Time will tell what's real and what stays in the realm of fantasy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). It's your Year of the Divine Instrument. You'll discover or go deeper into learning a favorite tool and use it to create much success, harmony, refinement and beauty. More highlights: You'll often be in good company. Lifestyle changes become permanent and healthy fixtures. By year's end, you'll look back and be astonished by how much love transformed your priorities, identity and inner life. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 37, 2, 20 and 15.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

THESE DUSTY PAGES

IRRIGATION CREATES
LAND VALUES OF MANY
MILLIONS IN COLORADO

THREE-FOURTHS OF COLORADO
CROPS GROWN ON LAND
THAT IS IRRIGATED

Irrigation has created land values amounting to millions of dollars in Colorado and the west, says G. S. Klemmedson, associate economist at Colorado State College.

"Before irrigation most of the land was in sagebrush and worth \$1 to \$5 an acre," he says, "and there is plenty of it remaining that still can be bought for those prices. Under normal conditions this land, when improved and irrigated, is worth about \$125 an acre, based on average values from 1909 to 1934.

"The difference represents the value added by irrigation, leveling, cultivation and improvements."

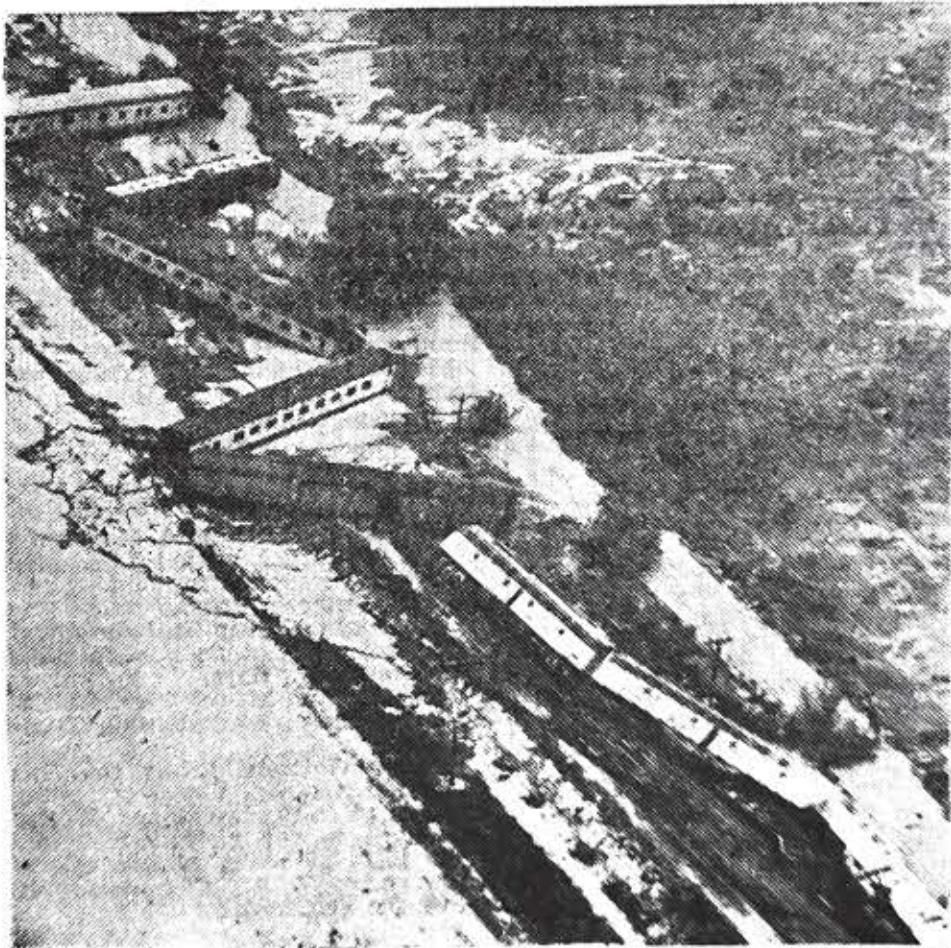
In 1930, Klemmedson points out, Colorado had 3,393,619 acres under irrigation. "If irrigated land is worth only \$50 an acre, there is an added value to this acreage of over 150 million dollars," he says. "If it is worth \$100 an acre the added value would amount to more than 300 million dollars."

Three-fourths of Colorado's crops are grown under irrigation. The value of all crops produced in the state in 1933 was about 65 million dollars, of which 48 million dollars worth were produced with irrigation, despite the drought.

The percentage of crops grown under irrigation in 1933 were: Corn, 8.4; oats, 50.1; barley, 33.8; potatoes, 84; dry beans, 11.7; winter wheat, 24.4; spring wheat, 73.1; sugar beets, 100; alfalfa, about 100, and tame hay, 100.

Eastern Colorado News
May 25, 1936

'Challenger' Wrecked Near Ft. Morgan



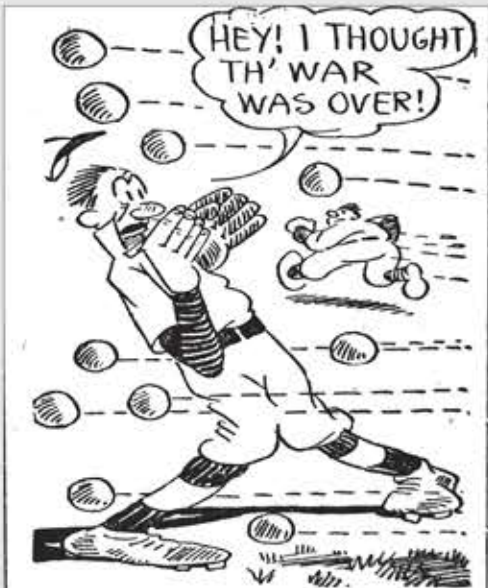
An aerial photo of the Union Pacific Railroad's train "Challenger" jack-knifed after derailment at a bridge washout near Fort Morgan last Wednesday. One crew member was killed and nine persons injured when the train, en route to Los Angeles from Chicago off the main line because of other washouts in Wyoming, derailed. The three-unit diesel locomotive overturned along with some of the Pullmans, landing in four feet of water.

The Home Censor



The Strasburg News
June 25, 1931

Eastern Colorado News
June 25, 1955



How it looked to the Byers bunch

The Strasburg News
June 25, 1920

Over \$100 Taken in
Strasburg Cafe Stickup
Last Thursday Night

Nita's Cafe in Strasburg had a thrill of the sort they could do without, at about eleven o'clock last Thursday night. Two neatly dressed youths, judged to be about 17 and 19, walked into the cafe, and one drew a very efficient looking automatic pistol, while demanding the cash from the cash register. Mrs. Bob Quickle, who, with her husband, are owners, was in the front part and told the 'kids' to help them selves as she had no intention to argue with a gun. Mrs. Quickle had to open the register for the stickup and he scooped up over \$110 in receipts. Bob was in the kitchen at the time the boys came in.

One of the men working here on the sewer lines, said he saw the holdups and had noticed an airforce sticker on the windshield of their car. As a result of this investigators from Lowry Field have been in the area trying to get a line on the boys. However, to date, no information has been revealed that could lead to an arrest.

The holdups were thought to be carrying .38 or .45 calibre automatics. Both were light complected, and well dressed.

Eastern Colorado News
June 23, 1955

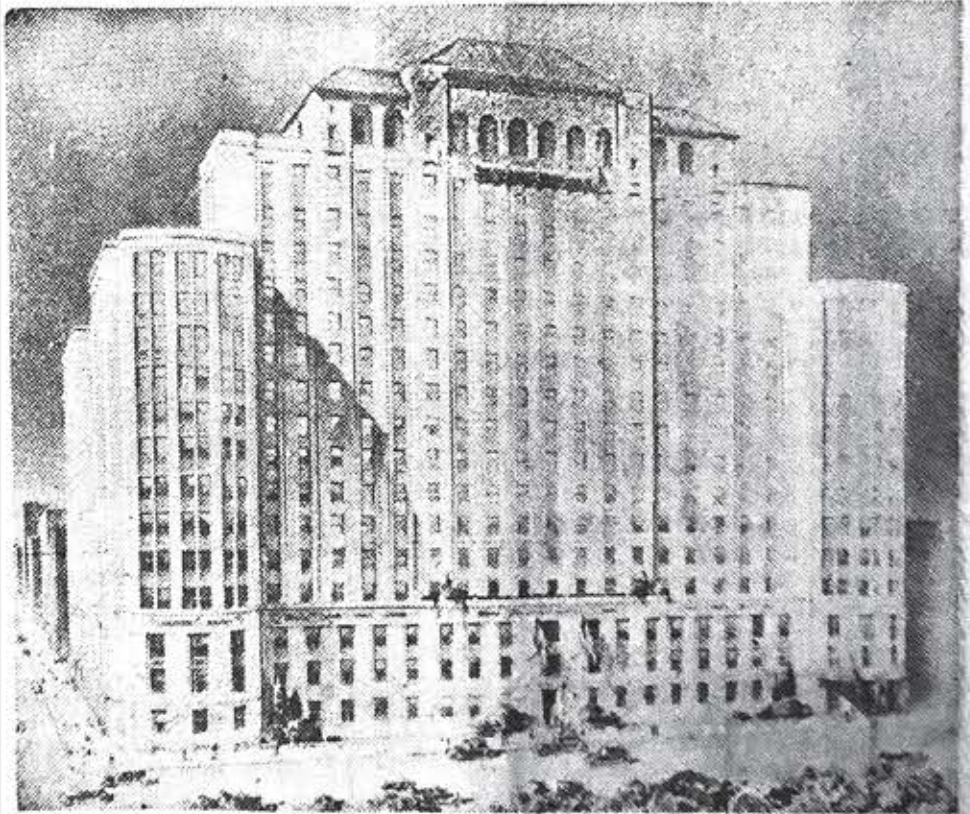
NO HOLIDAY FOR DEATH



Between 540 and 500 persons in the United States will meet violent death in auto accidents over the "4th" week-end this year, according to the research department of the Keeley Institute. James Oughton, director of the Institute, further predicts that one fifth of these accidents will involve alcohol, so issues a special appeal for a sober "4th".

Eastern Colorado News
June 25, 1941

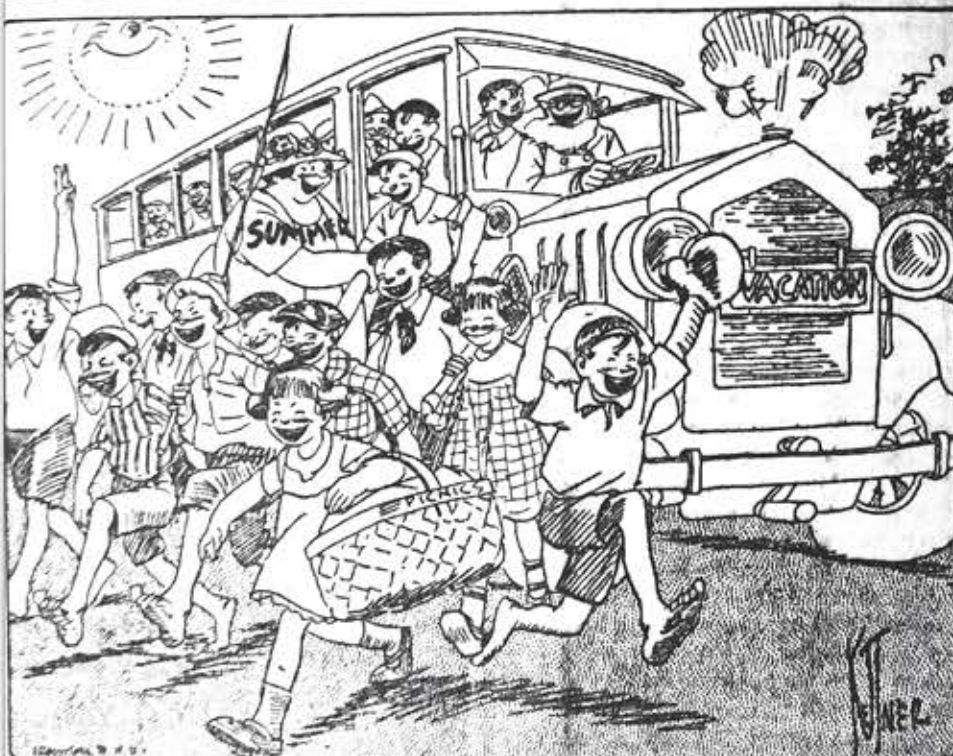
Plan for Pan-American Hospital



This is an architect's drawing of the proposed Pan-American Post-Graduate hospital which will be constructed in New York at a cost of about \$7,000,000 and which will be ready for occupancy in 1938. Similar structures will be built in Central and South America. The New York institution will be the first of its kind in this country and will have on its staff students, physicians and surgeons from Latin-American nations.

Eastern Colorado News
June 25, 1936

Summer Arrives



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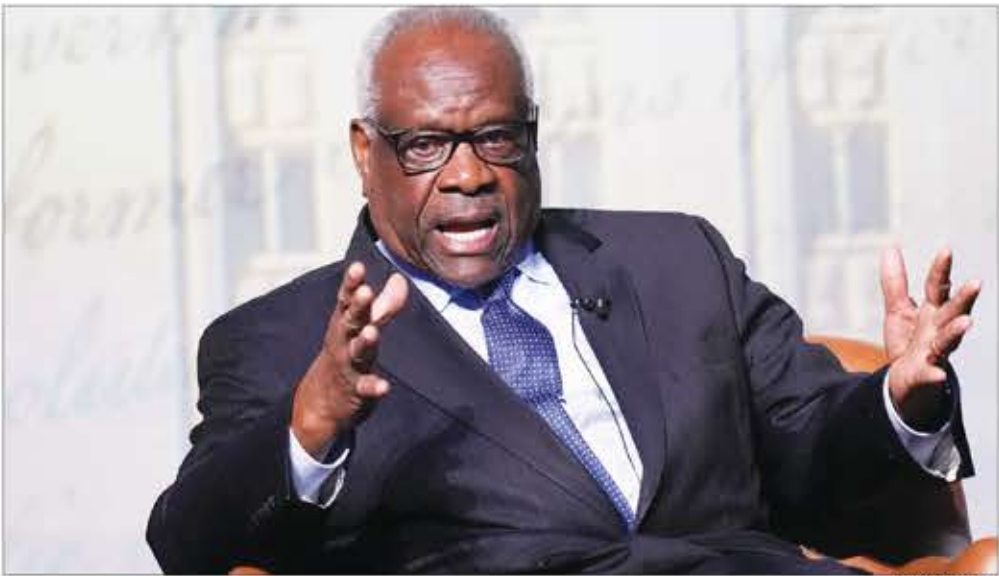
Justice Thomas hails Constitution as common bedrock in divided USA

by **Joshua Goodman**
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas urged Americans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of independence not with fireworks or empty platitudes, but by standing up for their deeply held beliefs, with the comforting knowledge that the U.S. Constitution protects free speech and serves as a common bedrock in a society otherwise beset by deep divisions.

“We can disagree on all sorts of things, but we’ve got to have something in common or we don’t have a country,” Thomas said May 14 at a judicial conference near Miami. “These documents, our founding documents, our founding history, whether we think it’s perfect or it shouldn’t be amended, or we might disagree about how far it goes, but we can say this is something that we all treasure.”

Thomas’ remarks came in response to an interview with one of his former Supreme Court clerks, Kasdin Mitchell, who was nominated this month by President Donald Trump to serve on



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U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas answers questions during a visit to the University of Texas at Austin April 15.

the federal bench in Dallas.

Thomas — who recently became the second longest-serving justice in Supreme Court history — looked back on his upbringing in the segregated South and his more than three decades on the high court.

But he gave no indication that, at

age 77, he is looking to retire anytime soon and give President Trump the opportunity to further cement his influence on the Supreme Court and nominate his fourth justice, the most of any president in almost a century.

“Justice Marshall said you take a job for life, you do it for life,” refer-

ring to Thurgood Marshall, the Supreme Court’s first African American justice, who Thomas replaced on the high court.

But he said his long tenure had given him a unique perspective on the cynicism that pervades so much of society and contributes to Americans’ distrust in government.

He spoke about the example set by his grandfather, the son of a freed slave with barely any formal education, who nonetheless believed in America’s promise of a more perfect union, to describe his judicial philosophy in a limited form of government.

“One of the rods in this society versus so many of the others where the rights are parceled down by a government is that we were taught from the cradle that we were equal in God’s eyes, that was self-evident,” Thomas said. “If you look at Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King or Abraham Lincoln, they all speak in terms of these transcendent rights beyond the ability of man to take away even though man had the power to infringe upon them.”

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 32-1-204(1), C.R.S., that on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, a public hearing will be conducted. The hearing will be conducted at the Town of Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way, in Bennett, Colorado, or at such other time and place as this hearing may be continued. A public hearing will be heard upon the application on file with the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees, by the Petitioners for the proposed Prairie Grass West Metropolitan District Nos. 1 and 2 and Prairie Grass East Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (the "Districts"), for the formation of metropolitan districts. The affected property is generally located South of East Colfax Avenue and West of North Penrith Road, in Adams County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 32-1-203(3.5) and 32-1-204(1.5), C.R.S., the owner of real property within the proposed Districts may file a request with the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees, requesting that such real property be excluded from the proposed Districts. Such request may be filed any time after the Service Plans are filed with the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees, but no later than ten (10) days before the day fixed for the hearing on said Service Plans.

Reason:

Approval of proposed Title 32 Special Districts

Project Name:

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Case No.: PZ2025-0027 pertaining to the Kiowa Creek Preserve Metropolitan District No's 1-3 Service Plan Amendment. If approved, the Amended Service Plan would allow for an increase in the total debt limit and the amount of debt authorized for regional and public improvements.

The property is located east of State Highway 79, north of Old Victory Road, and west of Provost Road. The property is also known as the Kiowa Creek Preserve ODP.

Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the matters under consideration. Copies of the application are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado, 80102, during regular business hours.

TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO

Christina Hart
Town Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Bennett Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 at the Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, CO 80102

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Case No.: PZ2025-0011 pertaining to the Sunset Ridge Metropolitan District No's 1-7 Consolidated Service Plan. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the Consolidated Service Plan and to form a basis for adopting a resolution approving, conditionally approving or disapproving the Consolidated Service Plan.

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Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the matters under consideration. Copies of the application are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado, 80102, during regular business hours.

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The proposed Amended and Restated Service Plan for Muegge Farms Metropolitan District No. 7 may be examined at the Town Center Building. A public hearing will be heard upon the application on file with the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees, by the Board of Directors of Muegge Farms Metropolitan District No. 7, for approval of an Amended and Restated Service Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Amended and Restated Service Plan"). The affected property is generally located north of I-70 and southwest of Penrith Road, in the Town of Bennett in Adams County, Colorado.

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Reason:

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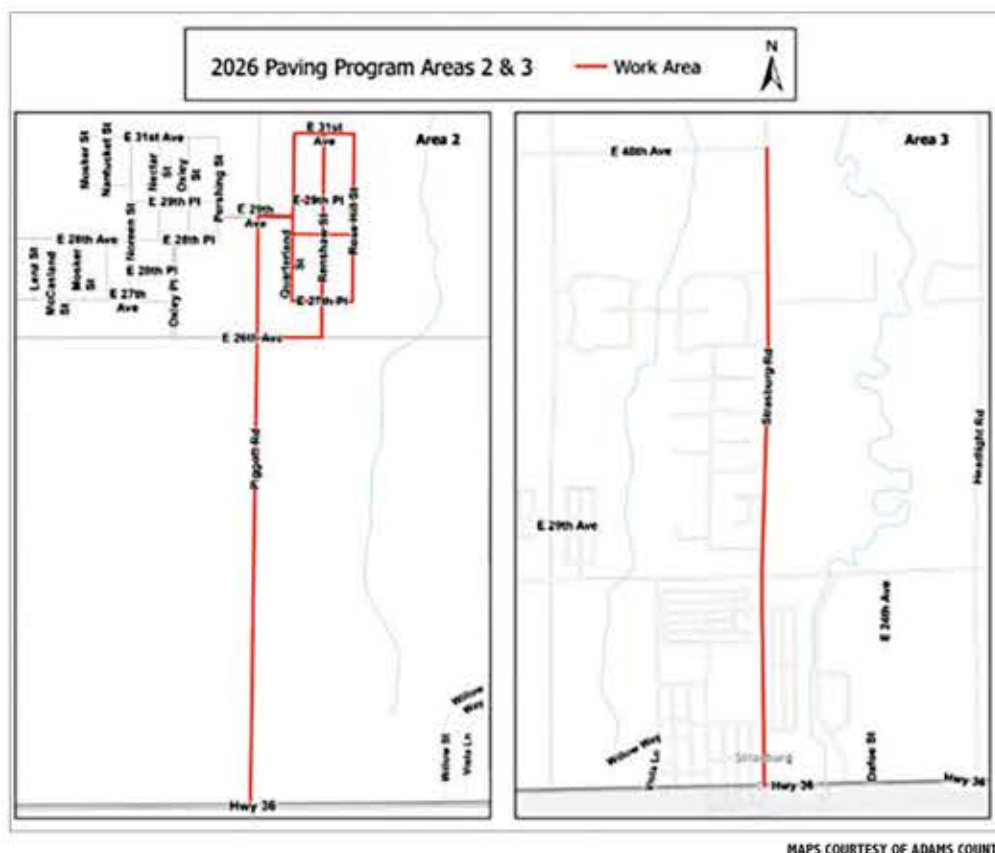
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ty announcement said. "The projects will improve roadways in <https://adamscountycogov> and click on the Public Works tab.

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Working hours our currently planned from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and commuters can expect single alternating-lane closures within each work area during hours of operation.

"Please adhere to the 'No Parking' signs when they are posted or your car will be towed to a nearby location," the county notice said. "The project team will work with property owners to help facilitate the safe entry and exit of vehicles out of residential and commercial properties."

Travel delays of at least 10 minutes should be expected through construction zones.

For more information, call the project hotline at 303.818.9854; e-mail to PublicinfoCO@gmail.com; or visit

<https://adamscountycogov> and click on the Public Works tab.

Two other asphalt road improvement projects are planned for unincorporated Adams County in the metro area from mid-August through September. Area 4's boundaries are East 75th Avenue to the east of Washington Street, East 77th Avenue to the west of York Street, and a section of York Street between East 58th and 66th avenues.

Area 5 includes West 66th Avenue between Knox Court and Clay Street; West 62nd Avenue between Federal Boulevard and north to West 64th Street; and West 64th Street from Pecos to Delaware streets, including a part of West 62nd Avenue that connects to I-76.

Weather pending, county officials have left open the possibility of additional patching road and speed table installation across the county during October and November.

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