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Missile silo skulkers receive stern warning

In addition to criminal charges, trespassers subject to new \$5,000 fee for being rescued

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

AURORA — Five missile silo rescues in central and eastern Arapahoe County over the past two years, including two within a week earlier this month, have led local rescue districts to levy financial penalties in addition to criminal charges against trespassers.

During a July 16 press conference at the Sable Altura Firehouse in the southwest corner of the Fox Ridge Farms mobile home park, officials with the Sable Altura and Deer Trail fire departments and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office said enough is enough.

"We need to share a message that is not being told enough or landing properly with the people that need to know — these underground complexes are inherently dangerous, not just structurally, but environmentally,"

said Sable Altura Fire Chief Rich Solomon Thursday afternoon. "Just extremely hazardous conditions and not just to [the trespassers] but it puts my rescue workers in danger. Leave these structures alone and let them be."

"If this remains going unabated it will end up one day being a recovery and not a rescue. Plus we're responding to trespassers on private property."

Last week's stern warning followed a pair of silo rescues at the same private property site on the north side of Quincy Avenue across from the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds overnight July 7-8 and July 13-14. The three teenagers — including an injured 18-year-old girl — from the earlier incident have already been charged with second-degree criminal trespass.

Charges were pending for

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The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Deer Trail and Sable Altura fire districts hosted a press conference on the rash of missile silo trespasses that have resulted in rescue efforts over the past two years at the Sable Altura Firehouse in the southwest corner of Fox Ridge Farms July 16. From left, Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless is joined by Sable Altura Lt. Tyler Loveless, Division Chief Tara Monks, and Fire Chief Rich Solomon with a rescue rig displayed nearby.



MARRAD JOB/For The Scout

I-70 Corridor Fourth of July Activities concluded with a Celebration of Our Freedom concert sponsored by the local Small Town Strong Foundation at Quint Valley in Byers. Above, headliner Joe Wren & the Roadies perform as the sun sets behind them. **SEE PAGE ??.**

AdCo, ArapCo boards approve 'Burg 2050 blueprint

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Adams and Arapahoe county commissioners both recently approved an updated framework for anticipated development and improvements in and around Strasburg over the next 25 years.

The Adams County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the Strasburg Subarea Plan during a July 7 public hearing with their colleagues in Arapahoe County following suit during their July 14

business meeting.

Strasburg is unincorporated with areas south of the eastbound lane of Colfax Avenue located in Arapahoe County and parts north of the westbound lane in Adams County. As a result, the two jurisdictions collaborated over the past two years to amend their vision for the community, including land use, particularly housing; Colfax Avenue design; transportation; economic development; and cultural and historical opportunities.

In the case of Adams County, the original plans for the area were writ-

ten in 2002, while Arapahoe County is updating previous Strasburg amendments from back in 2018.

The future planning road map was developed based on projections that population in the Strasburg area — roughly from Sixth Avenue to the south and 48th Avenue to the north and Yulle Road to the east to just past Headlight Road to the west — is expected to grow from approximately 4,700 people currently to a range of 7,000 to 7,800 residents by

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Deer Trail board OKs court freeze until end of year

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Disbanded through the end of the year — that was the final resolution from Deer Trail trustees July 14 when they voted 5-0 to approve Ordinance 316 formally suspending the municipal court through Dec. 31 and beginning fresh next year.

The vote on the ordinance appeared in jeopardy when trustee Robert Rhodes suggested voting no to see if the court could resume before the end of the year; however, Mayor Judd Behrens, a previously stated opponent of the ordinance, did an about-face.

"I've previously been against [the ordinance] but it's probably the end of the year before anything gets done anyway, so I say we just go ahead and make it formal," he said.

Rhodes' original concerns of not being able to transfer code enforcement or the municipal court to Arapahoe County were trumped by the timing of any potential changes.

"I think we're looking at five months from this meeting regardless," Behrens said.

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Strasburg science camps set for ages 0-12 at 'Burg park

STRASBURG — Science camps for youth are planned on Wednesday, July 29, at Community Park East in Strasburg.

“Veggie-saur or carnivore?” is the theme of the camp for ages 5 and under, which runs from 10:15-11 a.m. The children will learn about the differences between plant-eaters and meat-eaters and examine dinosaur teeth up close. They will also work as paleontologists at a mini dinosaur dig to unearth fun fossil facts and hone scientific skills.

Ages 6-12 will investigate the science of sound with the basics of vibration, frequency and pitch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will also discover how instruments make music and test their ability to feel sounds without using their ears.

Both camps, hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District, cost \$15 with a deadline of July 24.

Parks & Rec outing destined for metro butterfly sanctuary

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 30, for a senior excursion to the Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster.

The trip, which costs \$27, is intended for adults only without age restrictions. A minimum of 10 passengers is required or the trip will be canceled.

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

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

Back-To-School Shop slated for July 15 at Catholic church

BYERS — Our Lady of The Plains Catholic Church will host its annual Back-To-School Shop from 1-3 p.m., Friday, July 17, at the church hall at 186 N. McDonnell St., Byers.

All items are free. Supplies consist of pencils, pens, paper, crayons, spiral notebooks, glue, backpacks, other

school supplies, socks and underwear. For additional information, contact Alyson Meyer at (720)810-2790. 7/15

'Burg's railroad history topic of Hometown Days program

STRASBURG — A presentation about Strasburg's railroad history and the 156th anniversary of the joining of the rails event will open Hometown Days on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

The discussion will include photos and stories of the town's history.

Doors open at 5:30 with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Low reservoir levels capsize boating at Adams state park

BRIGHTON — Low reservoir levels forced the closure of the boat ramp through the the boating season at Barr Lake State Park near Brighton July 10.

While the lake began the season at near-full capacity, depleted run-off and usage by water rights holders have reduced levels to the point where boats cannot launch. The ramps typically close in fall.

Vessels such as kayaks and paddleboards are still allowed. Wading and swimming are not permitted. Officials are evaluating options for ranger boats and water rescue crafts, and visitors should expect extended response times to water rescues.

The 1,950-acre reservoir at Barr Lake State Park is fed by the South Platte River. The water rights are owned and allocated by the Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company.

Strasburg Parks & Rec wins \$63K in open space grants

LITTLETON — Two Strasburg projects were included in approximately \$4.5 million in Arapahoe County Open Space grant awards for 2026.

During their July 14 business meeting, Arapahoe County Commissioners approved the Open Space & Trails Advisory Board recommendations to fund 12 grant requests countywide, including two from the Strasburg

Metro Parks & Recreation District.

Under the small grant category, commissioners OK'd \$22,500 for Comanche Crossing Museum site amenities — benches, trash receptacles, planters and a flagpole.

The Strasburg rec district was also awarded a planning grant of \$40,941 to help update its Strategic Plan, which was last amended in 2014.

The dozen approved projects fell within the \$5.5 million grant budget approved by the board of county commissioners last year.

DT FPD defers conversation on contract with Sable Altura

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors recently tabled discussion on a proposed three-year service contract with Sable Altura Fire District.

Two members were absent during the July 13 board meeting, so no action was taken.

On the table is a proposed \$400,000 annual agreement with Sable Altura to stage two emergency responders at the Deer Trail Firehouse for weekday call response.

Under the contract, Deer Trail apparatus would be used by Sable personnel and Deer Trail volunteers would still respond to calls when available, particularly outside of weekday business hours and weekends.

The board next meets at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10, at the firehouse, 488 First Ave.

Ladies tea party scheduled by Calgary Chapel Bennett

BENNETT — Calvary Chapel Bennett will host a ladies' summer tea party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

Local women ages 10 and up are invited for a light lunch at an afternoon of fellowship, friendship and tea as they make new connections with other women in the community. Each participant should bring a wrapped box of their favorite tea to exchange.

Registration is required by Saturday, Aug. 8. To RSVP, call (303)261-8853.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

POLICE REPORTS

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- Julie Annette Alvarez, 32, a homeless person, was arrested at East 88th Avenue and Manila Road, **Bennett**, on a misdemeanor failure-to-appear warrant from the Arvada Police Department.
- Carrie Pelletier, 50, of Glenwood Springs, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of Arapahoe County in the 40000 block of East 88th Avenue, **Bennett**.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- Deputies assisted with a drunk driver who had crashed into a shed in the 42000 block of East 144th Avenue, **Keenesburg**.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- Domestic violence and felony menacing involving a firearm were reported in the 56600 block of East 39th Avenue, **Strasburg**. The incidents also occurred in Greeley, Garden City and Hudson.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 56600 block East 22nd Place, **Strasburg**. According to the report, the window of a Ford F-250 worth roughly \$800 was smashed by trespassers.
- Carsyn Lee Vialpando, 21, of Strasburg, was later cited for DUI, driving an unsafe or defective vehicle, and violation of the compulsory insurance law at Highway 36 and Monroe Street, **Strasburg**. According to the report, Vialpando was driving his 2019 Ford F-350 with just three tires after his front passenger tire went flat near Lady Bird Hill about five miles west of Strasburg.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- Timothy Francisco Martinez, 38, of Aurora, was arrested on three felony warrants; two misdemeanors warrants; possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia; theft from a motor vehicle; criminal possession of a financial device; obstruction of a peace officer; and false reporting in the 1600 block of Watkins Road, **Watkins**.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- A suicide attempt occurred on the eastbound I-70 exit, **Bennett**.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- An injury traffic accident occurred on North Main Street, **Byers**.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

South State Bank's Strasburg branch recently donated \$4,000 for the annual Saturday hamburger fry at the Strasburg High School outdoor commons area during Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 6-9. Pictured are South State Strasburg branch employees Melissa Monarez, left, Stefanie Kadinger, Sarah DeWindt, Celia Myrick and Jordyn Joyce.

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While the I-70 Corridor has mostly escaped the direct impacts of Colorado’s summer wildfire season, it has received significant smoke from wildfires both on the Western Slope and other Rocky Mountain states. This smoky sunset was taken from near the Chaparral subdivision in eastern Elbert County last week.



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Don Neece



Donald Howard Neece, 76, devoted Christian, husband, father and grandfather, went to his Heavenly home on July 8, 2026. Donald was born in Fairfield, Calif., on Jan. 15, 1950.

His childhood youth was spent in may locations due to his father’s military career. He completed college programs in geology, aviation management, nuclear medicine, and computer science. He married Kristi Colvin in 1978 in Boulder, Colo. Don worked as a computer systems administrator for 25 years at Buckley AFB until his retirement in 2008. Always a passionate Denver Broncos fan, wearing the orange and blue was a must on any game day. He was an avid train and model railroad fan and Lego builder.

Donald is survived by his wife, Kristi (Colvin); daughters Katy (Anthony) Taylor and Molly (Daniel) Echevarria; eight grandchildren: Wesley Siegman, Kallie Taylor Dunn, Laine Taylor, Edward Siegman, Adam Taylor, and Phoenix, Joshua, and Dinah Echevarria; brother Anthony Neece; and sister-in-law Olivia Neece.

Donald was preceded in death by brother Robert Neece.

A graveside service was held July 14 at Fort Logan National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



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Case Number: PRC2026-00003

Planning Commission Hearing Date: 7/23/2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: 8/25/2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Hearings Location: Adams County Government Center, 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton, CO 80601

Requests: 1. Conditional Use Permit to request an 8-inch gathering crude oil pipeline 2. Conditional Use Permit to request a 10-inch natural gas gathering pipeline connecting Petro Operating, LLC’s Conner pad site and Petro Operating, LLC’s Wakeman pad site into Rocky Mountain Midstream’s existing pipeline network.

Location: Vicinity of the intersection of East 136th Avenue and Harvest Road.

Parcel Numbers: 0156700000062, 0156700000066, 0156719300004, 0156719400001, 0156719400002 , 0156720300003, 0156720300004, 0156720300005, 0156720300006, 0156720400003, 0156721100001

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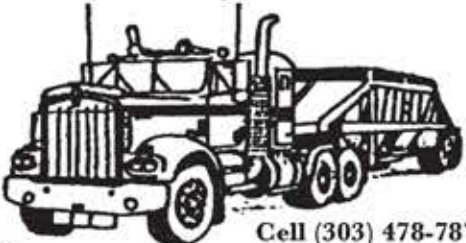
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Chris Alan Nielsen
July 13, 1960 — May 27, 2026

Chris Alan Nielsen, born in Denver, Colo., on July 13, 1960, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:13 a.m., surrounded by loved ones in Denver. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, he has now found peace.

Chris was a gifted mechanic and a hardworking man who loved using his hands. He found his greatest joy in his family and in the simple things he loved most: hunting, fishing, spending time in his shop, and working on projects. Recently, he had been rebuilding a 1966 Chevy truck and finishing work on a boat in anticipation of taking it out to his favorite lake.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered with love by his family and all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents Eleanor and Verne, and his sister Sandy.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sue Brewer; her daughter Courtney (Lars) Luhrs and their children Belle and Lane; his daughter Rachelle (Greg) Picarello and children Graeme and Owen; his son Chris; his son Chevy (fiancée Viola) and children Madison and Zachary; and his son Cory (Sarah) and children Preston, Savannah, Eden, and Ezekiel; and his sister Patty (John) Blankley and family.



BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA!

Community Celebration

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 4

Students from all grades of Strasburg Schools are welcome to kick off the fun inside their school — drop off supplies, get schedules, and meet teachers. Festivities follow on the football practice field with tours of new outdoor learning space, complimentary hot dog dinner, music, and networking with other district families. Nearby visitors are urged to walk to the event to help ease parking stress. Help US celebrate the new school year!

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL:
1st thru 12th — Thurs., Aug. 6
Pre-K & K — Thurs., Aug. 13

Please watch for kids walking to and from school. Watch your speed and please be aware of crosswalks and buses stopping!



15 vying for 'Burg fire chief

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — The national search for a new Strasburg fire chief has turned into exactly that as 15 applicants come from a wide variety of locales across the nation.

“We had only seven applications up to the day of deadline and then 10 dropped on the day of,” said Strasburg Fire Protection District Board Vice President Tim Phillips during the July 16 directors meeting. “And they are from all over the country — South Carolina, California, Wyoming, Nevada, even Mystic, Conn. A lot of resumés with impressive lists of accomplishments and certifications, so pleased with what we have to look through.”

Two applicants pulled their names from consideration after receiving job offers elsewhere.

The new chief will replace Scott Smith, who formally tendered his resignation May 1, two weeks short of serving a full year in the position.

Until a new chief is hired, which is expected later this year, a combination of Assistant Chief Pat Conroy, EMS Division Chief Mackenzie Scheldorn-Rudden, and Lts. Lance Shore and Ryan Ricciardi are splitting up fire chief duties.

Because Smith was in the position for under a year, headhunting firm CPS HR Consulting is covering this year’s search expense minus pass-through costs such as advertising and background checks. Last year’s search budget was \$30,000 but, this year, the cost is estimated around \$5,000.

Fire board meetings will now start at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month.

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Rhodes added that he has already looked into the notification process for municipal citations and that he has talked to Deer Trail Post Office staff and looked into the process of sending notices directly from town hall.

Town staff continues to collect all previous court documentation for storage at town hall, a primary sticking point leading to the suspension.

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

“If the state would actually come down on us, I think we would suffer some very dire consequences,” he added.

ARAPCO SHERIFF UPDATE

Arapahoe County Sheriff Deputy John Bartmann, who is stationed at the Bennett Public Safety Building, reported that stepped-up patrol efforts have been implemented across the I-70 Corridor after four new deputies were hired for the area.

“And that’s in addition to our collaboration with the Adams County Sheriff’s Office and the State Patrol,” Bartmann said. “Right now, two cars on day shift, two on swing shift.”

Arapahoe County responses for the first half (second quarter) of the year included:

- 567 total service calls (274);
- 56 crime reports (24);
- eight accident reports (6);
- two DUI arrests (1);
- eight traffic stops (4); and
- 10 citizen assists (6).

“Seeing a spike in traffic stuff all along the Corridor,” Bartmann said, “especially narcotics stuff.”

Bartmann said the sheriff’s office will continue to file its tickets with the county court.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Last month’s water usage was 3,279 million gallons with 137,000 gallons lost. Town staff indicated outdoor irrigation picked up at the cemetery, parks and school football field. The sub-5% loss rate is still considered satisfactory.
- The town’s wastewater improvement project remains in a holding pattern as a Rural Development grant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and permit applications are in process.
- The board next meets at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, at Deer Trail Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 23
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane, (303)644-3717, for meeting ID.

FRIDAY, JULY 24
Outdoor movie fundraiser to benefit Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg with showing of “The Goonies. Free admission, donations appreciated. Seating opens one hour prior to dusk. Community Park East, 1866 Wagner St., Strasburg.

SATURDAY, JULY 25
Blanket Bingo. 4-8 p.m., games start at 5 p.m. Community Park East, Strasburg. \$10 per book of 10 games, additional games and daubers \$1 each. Blankets and lawn chairs suggested.

MONDAY, JULY 27
Union Pacific Railroad Big Boy Locomotive 4014 stop in Strasburg. 3:45-4:15 p.m. West Arapahoe Conservation District Board.

5 p.m. Virtual meeting information at westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 28
Ag Behavioral Health Work Group virtual meeting. 1 p.m. Visit ag.colorado.gov to register.
Senior citizen game day. 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Young at Heart Seniors in Bennett. 12-4 p.m., Bennett Community Center.
Mid-Week Service & Study with worship and Communion. All ages welcome. 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Livin’, call (303)622-4648 to RSVP.

Colorado prepares overhaul of semiautomatic gun sales

by Sara Wilson
Colorado Newswire

In one of the largest shifts to gun purchasing laws in Colorado, residents who want to buy the most popular semi-automatic firearms will soon need to complete training through a new permit-to-purchase program.

State officials say they are nearly ready to implement the new law. Starting Aug. 1, purchasers must undergo a multi-step process to buy many semiautomatic firearms that accept magazines — such as AR- and AK-style rifles and pistols. It will include an eligibility review by a county sheriff, lengthy safety training with a firearm instructor, and a written exam. Today someone can walk into a gun shop and buy the guns covered by the law without any training.

The law is a massive overhaul of how Coloradans purchase common firearms with

few similarities elsewhere. Seven states currently have safety training requirements to buy or own some types of guns, according to a 2025 report from Johns Hopkins University.

“We looked at other states and some of the laws that they had,” said Dan Coil, Colorado Parks & Wildlife firearms safety project manager. “Some of it was kind of parallel, but nothing really mirrored it. We were really on our own for this.”

Democrats in the Legislature passed Senate Bill 25-3 last year as one of the most restrictive gun regulations adopted in the state, following years of new laws regarding waiting periods, age restrictions, and state licensing requirements for gun shops. The legislation was introduced as an outright ban on semiautomatic firearms with detachable magazines to further enforce the state’s prohibition on large-capacity magazines. But it was amended to allow people to purchase those guns if they complete the permit-to-purchase process. If someone does not undergo the training and testing, they could buy a gun covered by the law if it has a permanently attached magazine that meets the state’s 15-round maximum, though that style of gun is less common. The law does not affect possession.

It also bans so-called rapid-fire trigger devices that can make a semiautomatic weapon fire at a rate similar to an automatic gun.

After Gov. Jared Polis signed the law, the implementation process was kicked down to state agencies. Much of the planning fell on Colorado Parks & Wildlife, which worked with other state industries, firearm instructors, and gun store owners to map out the customer process and

develop the safety course curriculum. Coil said the department started planning in November — when everything went into “fast forward” — and is set to launch the program when the law goes into effect.

“I’m cautiously optimistic, though, because there’s



Firearms for sale are displayed at the Centennial Gun Club June 12 in Centennial.

always going to be issues. Something will come up, I just don’t know what,” he said.

Coil has spent most of this year on a public information blitz about the new law, hosting more than a dozen

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AMENDMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MANUAL (DAM) TO ADDRESS COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE (CMRS) A/K/A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (WCF) (CASE NO. LDC26-002)

PROPOSAL: The Planning Division proposes amending the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) requirements as contained 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 WCF, sets new review deadlines based on federal timing, and updates the EFR process to include fees, streamlined requirements, and a final determination letter.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 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. LDC26-002. The public hearing will be held at 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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Drowning occurs at Cherry Creek State Park

AURORA — An adult male drowning victim was recovered from Cherry Creek Reservoir July 14. Around 4:50 p.m., according to a release, witnesses reported seeing an inflatable raft carrying three adults overturn in the water off the Cherry Creek swim beach. One adult was rescued by a nearby paddle boarder. A second adult swam to shore. South Metro Fire Rescue Dive Team, West Metro Fire Dive Team and Colorado Parks & Wildlife personnel recovered the missing third adult around 6:35 p.m. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted in the response and will lead the investigation.

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meetings statewide outlining the requirements and speaking in person at any firearm store or shooting association that asks. He believes face-to-face interactions can be more effective. "The biggest struggle is getting the correct information out there," he said. "I need to be able to get out there and answer questions, talk to people about their concerns, about what this is and what this isn't. We're trying to reach all avenues we can." Much of his work, he said, is combating persistent misinformation about the law, such as that CPW helped develop the list of guns affected, that it is an outright ban, or that people will need to go through the permitting process to buy ammunition. That misinformation can be compounded by the highly political nature of gun regulations and the intense pushback it faced while it moved through the Legislature. The law is the subject of ongoing litigation. "Whether you like this or not, it doesn't matter, but the truth of it is that it's a process before acquiring them. It's not an outright ban. That's just not true," he said.

THE NEW PROCESS

The Firearms Dealer Division within the state's Department of Revenue July 1 released a list of guns that fall under the law. After feedback on a draft list the agency released in May, it removed 33 firearms from the initial list. That includes the Mauser M1916 model and the Fix Series from Q Firearms, both bolt-action rifles. It also took off the Ruger 10/22 I-Tac Series, which had a "?????" note on the May draft. "The Division also recognizes that the Specified Semiautomatic Firearms Guidance provided in this document is not all-inclusive of firearms currently available, or that will be available in the future. As a result, the guidance document will be reviewed on an ongoing basis," the division wrote in a letter to the firearms industry. Prospective buyers must first need to submit an online application, which will go live at cpw.state.co.us July 20. That application heads to the buyer's local sheriff's office, but CPW advises checking with the sheriff to ensure they are accepting and processing applications. San Miguel County Sheriff

Dan Covault wrote in an email that his office is planning to process only county residents' applications, since they will have "institutional knowledge of the people applying," which will help maintain accountability. At the sheriff's office, a buyer will need to provide a name-based background check and identification card to process that application. The sheriff will collect a \$52 fee for Parks & Wildlife and any additional fee for administrative costs, depending on the county. Weld County, for example, decided not to impose a sheriff's fee, while Adams County plans to charge \$50 for county residents and \$100 for people outside the county. "Our demand is probably going to go be pretty high, but we don't know what that looks like, if it's going to be a couple weeks (after Aug. 1), six months, or if it's going to be in flux since these cards are good for five years," Adams County Sgt. Shea Haney said. "We have no idea, so we're preparing for a large influx when this happens, and we're just going to be flexible in that process."

Sheriff offices will then issue the buyer an eligibility card and enter that information into an online database that different entities can check throughout the process. The database will show whether someone gets an eligibility card and completed a course and will be accessible by sheriffs, course instructors and firearms dealers. It won't track or show any purchasing data. Once someone gets an eligibility card, they can find an approved course. The process splits here: people who have taken a hunter education course certified by Parks & Wildlife will be eligible for a four-hour, basic firearm safety course. People without that safety class will need to enroll in a 12-hour extended course. The law requires the extended class be taught over two or more days. Hunter education numbers have remained relatively steady since the law passed and no rush has occurred to complete that training to avoid the extended class. So far this year, 7,019 people passed hunter education, according to CPW numbers. During the same time frame in 2024 and 2025, 7,941 and 6,732 people passed, respectively.

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Early bird registration deadlines near for plethora of youth sports programs

STRASBURG — Registration deadlines for multiple youth sports activities through the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will close in the coming days.

Registration costs range from \$60 to \$150 as specified below. For additional information and to register for all activities, visit www.strasburg-parks.org.

FLAG FOOTBALL GRADES 1-3

Flag football for grades 1-3 will run from mid-August through Oct. 10.

The league includes two practices per week with games on Saturdays. Practice times, days, and fields will be selected by the coaches, and games will be played at Wolf Creek Run West at Strasburg.

The registration fee (\$60 in-district residents, \$65 non-residents) includes a jersey, and the registration deadline is Sunday, July 26. Each player must provide their own soft shell helmet.

PEEWEE FLAG FOOTBALL

Peewee flag football for preschool and kindergarten students (ages 2-4) will run for four weeks starting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, in Strasburg.

The program consists of multiple skill stations and concludes with a scrimmage each week.

The registration fee (\$45 in-district residents, \$50 for non-residents) includes a jersey, and the registration deadline is Sunday, July 26.

PEEWEE T-BALL

Registration for peewee T-ball for ages 2-4 ends on Sunday, Aug. 9, with the four-week season starting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the north T-ball field in Strasburg.

The program introduces little ones to team play, sharing and physical activity. Parental involvement is highly encouraged. No practices will occur and game time is strictly fun time.

The registration fee (\$45 in-district, \$50 out-of-district) includes a T-shirt and award. All teams are coed.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Registration for youth volleyball leagues runs through Sunday, Aug. 9. The leagues are administered by the Strasburg High School Volleyball.

A jersey is included in the registration fee. Players must provide their own kneepads and black shorts.

EASTERN PLAINS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Eastern Plains Youth Volleyball program for grades 3-6 includes two or more games each Sunday over six weeks plus a tournament weekend from mid-August through Oct. 18.

The registration fee is \$80.

Practices will occur in Strasburg. Games will be played locally and at other Eastern Colorado locations.

NECO VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Northeast Colorado Volleyball League for grades 5-6 entails practice in Strasburg and games at Brush, Fort Morgan and Wiggins. Teams play 14 games over six weeks plus two tournament dates on Saturdays from mid-August through Oct. 18.

Practices will occur in Strasburg. The registration fee is \$160.

Poker run fundraiser set for Corridor on Saturday

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, Shooters 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. This year's motorcycle donation and recipient will be unveiled at 3:30 p.m. at May Farms.

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Above, among the acts performing as part of the Small Town Strong Foundation's A Celebration of our Freedom concert and festival at Quint Valley July 4 is Grammy-nominated songwriter and singer Biff Gore. Below, a large crowd of Corridor and Front Range music enthusiasts start filling the hill at Quint Valley for a birds-eye view of the evening's concert activity.



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Families collaborated on their own Watch Me Grow Chart during a MySummer Reading event at Anythink Bennett library June 30. Participants received the human size ruler for measuring heights through various stages of kids' development and decorated them as they saw fit. From left, Maggie Cichos, 5, admires her paint-dabbling work as brother Weston looks on, and Briley Upton, 8, takes a break to pose for the camera.

LIBRARY NEWS

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Magic in Bloom with Erica Sodos: This interactive magic show will help families with members of all ages step into a world where nature's wonders become a mirror for each person's inner magic. Through amazing illusions, audience participation, and magical stories they will create magic — not just watch it. 1-2 p.m., Friday, July 24.

Artist meet-up: Adults can join the Corridor Creative Arts League for inspiration by a variety of artists and works from around the world. 2-4 p.m., Saturday, July 18.

Adult book club: "Isaac's Storm" by Erik Larson. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, July 24.

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. Appropriate for all ages. English only. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 27.

Splash & Dash: Water Obstacle Course: Kids ages 5-11 can jump, run and cool off in this outdoor water obstacle course! Kids will splash through fun challenges using pool noodles, balance beams, soft balls and more, with sprinklers and water balloon target games along the way. Come ready to move, get wet and have fun!

Dress appropriately and bring your own towel. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, July 29.

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Teen Volunteer Drop-in: Teens in grades 7-12 can earn volunteer hours by assisting with light tasks around the library for all or part of the session. Volunteer paperwork required. The library cannot approve hours for court-ordered service, 12-2 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.

Books and Beyond: Kids ages 5-12 can drop in for themed games and crafts to discover new books and celebrate their favorite characters. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 28.

DAVIES LIBRARY
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Once Upon An Enchanted Ocean: Children and their caregivers will participate in a magical, undersea adventure with ocean-themed activities at this drop-in event. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, July 23.

Fairy Tale Fun Lab: Kids and parents step into a world of imagination with fairy tale-inspired games and creative activities. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 28.

Family Place Play & Learn: Toddlers ages 1-3 are invited to play, craft and learn in this four-part program. Each week, early childhood professionals (such as a child behavior specialist, music teacher, nutritionist or speech therapist) will answer questions in an informal setting. Drop-ins welcome as space allows. 10:45-11:45 p.m., every Thursday, Aug. 6 through 27.

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Local teens and tweens learned outdoor survival skills from members of the Colorado Mountain Club July 2 at Anythink Bennett library. Participants learned to build a tent, prepare a campfire, and other wilderness skills. Above, Ashton Penk, 15, takes refuge under his group's temporary structure. Below, Bailee Angelo, 11, utilizes a rock to pound a makeshift stabilization stake.



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Kansas City-based children's educator and entertainer Dino O'Dell visited Kelter Library in Byers for the first time July 9 for his "Unearth a Story" program, educating youngsters about 550 million years of the past and looking into future. In addition to teaching kids about evolution of animals throughout the Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras, O'Dell introduced his audience to Zar, an alien who needs help repairing his broken spaceship. Youth also make their own pre-historic terrariums. Clockwise from top left, "Grandpa" O'Dell spins a fishing yarn; Izzidora Kee, 6, works on coloring her owl project; and Scarlett Johnson, 7, plants foliage in her terrarium.

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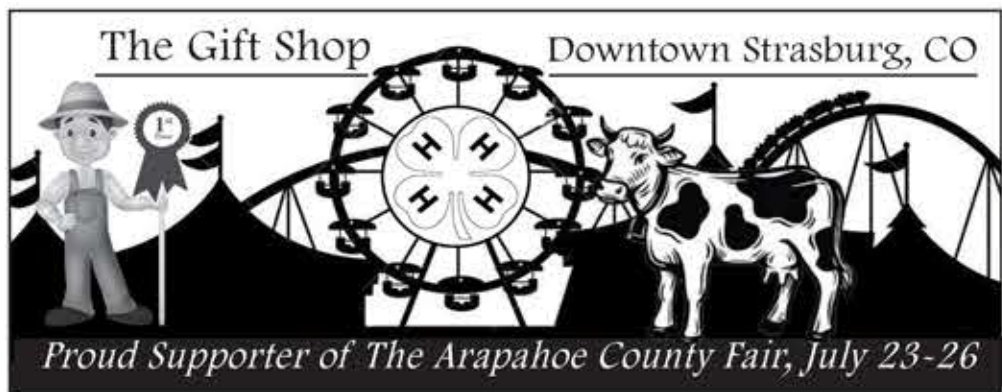
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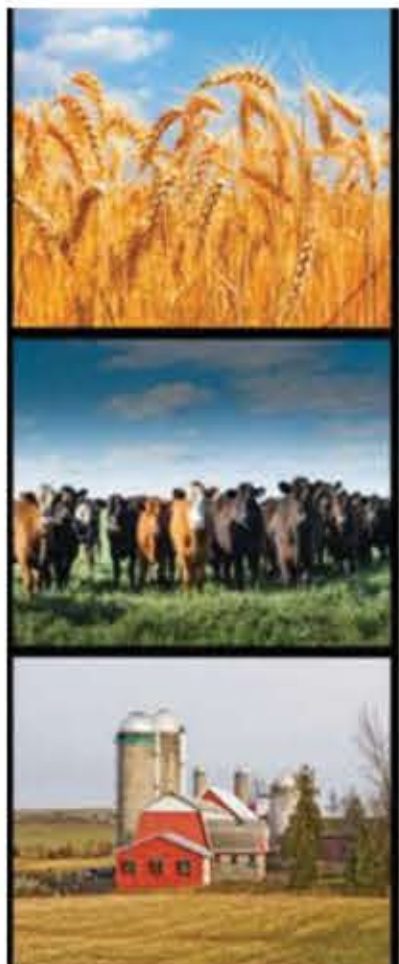
Byers celebrates Independence Day



I-70 Corridor quilters entered a variety of their creations during the annual Byers Quilt Show July 4 at the Byers American Legion Hall. From left, winners are Brenda Woodward of Strasburg, first with her floral design; Carol Kitzman of Deer Trail, second place with a John Deere themed creation; and Caroline Nordyke from Bennett, third with her outdoor scene featuring bears.



From left photo, patriotism abounds during the Byers Fourth of July parade July 4; the Partrick family — parents Stephanie and Jon, 4-year-old Natalie, and 3-month old Hunter — pose for a caricature during July Fourth activities at Byers Park; and the Trinity Acres Pumpkin Patch T-shirt cannon fires off prizes to waiting recipients around the park.



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- Immunization records, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and proof residency are necessary to register.*

Elementary Registration:

- New elementary students can register in the elementary office with Nikki beginning Monday, Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.
- Immunization records, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and proof of residency are necessary to register.
- School supply lists will be available in the elementary office.

Back to School Night:
5-6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10

First Day of School:
K-12: Wednesday, Aug. 12; Pre-K: Monday, Aug. 17

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Ribbons cut at Shops At Civic businesses



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The Town of Bennett and the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a pair of ribbon-cuttings at the new Shops at Civic development at 110 Centennial Drive June 30. Above, Bennett Family Pharmacy & Gifts proprietors Shawn Robbins and Tom Gierwatoski, holding scissors, are joined by employees Bailey Mckenner and Paige Chapman and town officials. The new business opened its doors during the opening week of July. Below, Anytime Fitness owner Carrie Ladd, cutting the ribbon, is joined by her family, staff and town and chamber officials. The new fitness facility opened in January.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO UASI25-003, REMORA CONNECTIONS / USE BY SPECIAL REVIEW WITH 1041 PERMIT

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 Manilla 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. Both pipelines will be entirely underground within easements on private property.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2026, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the calendar of the Arapahoe 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. UASI25-003. The public hearing will be held at 5334 S. Prince St., East Hearing Room, Littleton, CO 80120, with the option to participate remotely. 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@arapahoe.gov 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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'All roads lead to Rome'

and they were far longer than previously thought, study shows

by Christina Larson
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — As the saying went, all roads once led to Rome — and those roads stretched 50% longer than previously known, according to a new digital atlas published late last year.

The last major atlas of ancient Roman road networks was published 25 years ago. Since then, advances in technology and other newly accessible sources have greatly expanded researchers' ability to locate ancient roadways.

Over five years, a team of archaeologists combed through historical records, ancient journals, locations of milestones, and other archival data. Scientists then looked for clues in satellite imagery and aerial photography, including recently digitized photos taken from planes during World War II.

When ancient accounts hinted at lost roads in a certain area, researchers analyzed the terrain from above to spot subtle traces — faint differences in vegetation, soil variations or shifts in elevation, as well as traces of ancient engineering like raised mounds or cut hillsides — that revealed where Roman lanes once ran.

"It becomes a massive game of connecting the dots on a continental scale," said Tom Brughmans, an archaeologist and co-author of the study published in *Scientific Data*.

The data and an interactive digital map are also available online for scholars, history teachers or anyone with an interest in ancient Roman history.

Earlier research had focused on "the highways of the Roman Empire" — the large thoroughfares most often mentioned in familiar historical accounts, Brughmans said.

The updated map fills in more obscure details about "secondary roads, like the country lanes, that connected villas and farms" and other locations, said Brughmans, who's based at Aarhus University in Denmark.

Researchers previously tallied the extent of Roman roads as covering around 117,163 miles. The new work shows nearly 186,000 miles of roads across the extent of the Roman Empire, allowing travel from Spain to Syria.

The study added greatly to archae-



This fragment of a Roman milestone was erected along the road Via Nova Traiana in Jordan.

ologists' knowledge of ancient roads in North Africa, the plains of France, and in the Peloponnese peninsula of Greece.

"This will be a very foundational work for a lot of other research," said archaeologist Benjamin Duche of the German Archaeological Institute in Berlin, who was not involved in the project.

But one caveat, he said, is that it's still not clear if all the roads were ever open and active at the same time.

Being able to visualize the ancient routes that Roman farmers, soldiers, diplomats and other travelers took will provide a better understanding of key historical trends that depended on the movement of people during Roman times, said Brughmans, including the rise of Christianity across the region and the spread of ancient outbreaks.

"The Romans left a huge impact with this road network," which created the blueprint for many roads still in use today, said study co-author and archaeologist Adam Pažout of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Roman engineering feats to build and maintain roads — including arched stone bridges and tunnels through hillsides — still shape the geography and economy of the Mediterranean region and beyond, he said.

ArapaGO Transit Plan input deadline nears

LITTLETON — As the ArapaGO: Transit Connections Plan hits the home stretch, the public has final chances to learn about the study and provide feedback on how to improve transit through the urban areas of the County.

The ArapaGO: Transit Connections Plan is a countywide effort to plan for future microtransit and micromobility options (e.g. on-demand transit, bikes, e-bikes, scooters). This fall the project team will finalize the plan with a pilot program for these options.

In the interim, a virtual meeting and several presentations will occur.

The hour-long virtual meeting is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1. Participants will learn about pilot project recommendations. To receive the meeting link or to access a recording of the meeting after it occurs, visit www.arapahoeco.gov.

In addition, the project team will be host four presentations across the county at:

- 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25, Centennial Senior Commission, YMCA Center of Generations, 6972 S. Vine St., Suite 366;
- 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27, Littleton Transportation & Mobility Board, 2255 W. Berry Ave.;
- 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee, Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway; and
- 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, Aurora Commission for Older Adults, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

The project is led by Arapahoe County in partnership with Aurora, Englewood, Centennial, Littleton, Denver South, RTD, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

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Arlene Monnahan



Arlene Monnahan, 88, of Deer Trail, Colo., went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 10, 2026.

Arlene was born on Jan. 19, 1938, in Kiowa, Colo., to Roy "Bud" Woodard and Catherine (Wall) Woodard. She was the oldest of three daughters, and was raised on the family farm near Agate, Colo. She graduated from Agate High School in 1956.

Music was an important part of Arlene's early life. Along with her father and two sisters, she was a gifted musician who played at dances and community gatherings throughout eastern Colorado, bringing joy to many through their talent and love of music.

On April 4, 1959, Arlene married John Monnahan. Together they built a life centered on family and ranching. Side by side, they worked tirelessly to build their cattle operation, with Arlene putting in countless long days alongside John until retiring in 2016. They were blessed with four daughters, Sandra Lynn, Brenda Arlene, Glenda Kay, and Trenda Marie.

Arlene was known for her servant's heart and her remarkable gift of hospitality. Whether it was feeding hired hands during branding season, preparing holiday meals, or gathering family around the table for special occasions, she expressed her love through her cooking and baking. No one ever left her home hungry, and her meals will be remembered as much for the love that went into them as for their wonderful flavor.

She was a past member of the Deer Trail Jockeyettes and the Deer Trail Music Club. She treasured the friendships she made through the years. Above all, Arlene's greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose quiet strength, kindness, and unwavering love touched generations.

Arlene is survived by her husband of 67 years, John Monnahan; daughters Brenda (Mike) Geesen of Deer Trail, Kay (Joe) Lindsay of Deer Trail, and Trenda Monnahan of Jones, Okla.; grandchildren Dean (Heidi) Geesen, Donna (Cody) Charmasson, Kelsey (Matt) Owens, and Clayton (Elizabeth) Lindsay; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Sharon (Larry) Shorey; brother-in-law Bill Gilbert; sister-in-law Rosemary (Bob) King; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by parents Bud and Catherine Woodard; daughter Sandra Monnahan; sister Roberta Gilbert; and in-laws Paul and Irene Monnahan.

Arlene's legacy of hard work, generosity, and unconditional love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled at 11 a.m., Friday, July 31, at the Love Funeral Homes' Limon Chapel, 225 F Ave. For additional information, visit lovefuneralhomes.com.

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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
JULY 25, 2006
Its town attorney served a full plate of legal advice to the Bennett Town Board at its July 18 work-study session.

Deanne Durfee opened the session with a video, then spoke for 45 minutes on liability issues for public employees.

She outlined five main areas of potential liability: tort actions, breaches of contract, statutory violations, civil rights actions, and Rule 106 appeals from quasi-judicial decisions such as land use, variances, and license-granting. Though legal action is most often brought against an agency, officials can be sued in either their official or individual capacities.

The Colorado Government Immunity Act imposes a 180-day notice of claim requirement and limits monetary payment of settlement to \$150,000 per person and \$600,000 per occurrence, but excludes acts when a public official is acting outside the public realm or when committing a flagrantly willful act.

"If you're going to violate an individual's rights," Durfee said, "you'd better keep your checkbook handy. As a rule of thumb, call an attorney — and that would be me — before taking any questionable actions."

15 YEARS AGO
JULY 26, 2011
Municipal water providers along the I-70 Corridor could see themselves hamstrung if a state plan to roll back well allocations to lower production levels of over three decades ago is implemented.

Byers Water & Sanitation, Strasburg Sanitation & Water, the town of Bennett, and the town of Kiowa have joined forces to fight a proposal from the state engineer's office, setting final water well permits to agriculture levels from the early 1970s.

The proposed rule would not impact all wells in those communities but would negatively harm their abilities to meet growth expectations in the future. The wells in question include the Roberts site in Strasburg, well Nos. 6 and 7 in Bennett and most in Byers.

The state's stance is that the municipalities aren't close to meeting current allocations and that the water could be used elsewhere.

Area water officials say the plan doesn't allow them to provide ap-

propriate amounts of water when residential populations increase and new businesses move into the area. In addition, some fear that the state will undercut the 1970s levels further because of a lack of records from that time.

During its July 12 meeting, the Strasburg Sanitation & Water District indicated that records would have to be calculated using Inter-mountain-REA bills and determining the pumping capacity of pumps in the wells at that time.

10 YEARS AGO
JULY 26, 2016
DEER TRAIL — Conservation efforts practiced on a 20-acre farm established by the Deer Trail FFA chapter heave earned the group the "Small Acreage Operator of the Year" award from the local watershed district.

The Deer Trail Conservation District nominated the FFA chapter and action at the Upper South Platte Watershed meeting last month secured the honor.

The farm was established in 2014 after the Deer Trail School District provided the FFA chapter with 20 acres of land when a previous lease ended and upon the suggestion of the farmer who had the land in wheat production at the time. The purpose of the farm is to be an agriculture educational lab for Deer Trail FFA members and all students. The farm provides a place for students to raise animals for the FFA supervised agriculture experience program, gives hands-on experience for the realities of farm life, teaches agribusiness practices through profit and loss statements, and promotes agriculture as a viable industry and career.

The work on the farm began with the partnership between the Deer Trail, East Adams and West Arapahoe conservation districts which donated trees, surveying services, weed barrier and irrigation line. Other donors provided gravel and equipment to create a driveway and a barn.

Now, two years later, the farm has a four-stall open face barn with corrals; a hog hut; a community garden; a four-acre plot of sainfoin — a legume that can be used as hay or grazed; 16 acres of planted grass; a greenhouse; and a garden for pumpkins, corn and flowers.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is July 22, the 203rd day of 2026; 162 days are left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On July 22, 1933, pilot Wiley Post landed at Floyd Bennett Field in New York City, completing the first solo flight around the world in 7 days, 18 hours and 49 minutes.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln

presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1937, the U.S. Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Su-

preme Court.

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee ar-

rested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to killing 17 men and boys. (Dahmer was sentenced to life in prison and was killed by another inmate in 1994).

In 2011, Anders Breivik, a self-described "militant nationalist," massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Singer George Clinton is 85. Actor Danny Glover is 80. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 80. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 79. Rock singer Don Henley is 79. Actor Willem Dafoe is 71. Actor John Leguizamo is 66. R&B singer Keith Sweat is 65. Actor-comedian David Spade is 62. Actor/singer Jaime Camil is 53. Actor Selena Gomez is 34.

— Associated Press

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At the Turn of the Season

The season of the crab cast illumination inward to ask: How do I protect and nourish life? Leo season says: Great. Now what are you going to do with that life? Today begins in Cancer and ends in Leo, with the tone change to prove it. It's as though the cosmic lighting cue was: **BLACKOUT. LIGHTS UP ON A NEW SET.** So what does the switch mean for you?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instead of "I wonder whether I'm qualified," it's "I have something to offer." Generosity creates confidence. Focus on helping, entertaining, teaching, building or improving. Contribution shifts attention away from self-consciousness and toward the people who benefit from your gifts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Instead of "How do I pay my dues?" it's "How do I create my own niche?" You're building something that reflects your originality and voice -- your unmistakable point of view. There's much less competition because no one else sounds like you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of "I wear a lot of hats to keep this show running," it's "I'm known for this one thing I do like nobody else can." General competence is good, but distinction is what grows your reputation and brings in stellar opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of "I'm waiting for confidence," it's "I'll gain confidence by doing it." Confidence grows from experience, not contemplation. Every attempt teaches something useful. You earn your swagger through participation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of "I hope someone notices," it's "I'll make it easy to find." Share the work. Send the invitation. Wear the outfit. Tell the story. Visibility is how opportunities, collaborators, customers and friends discover what you have to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Instead of "I'll blend in," it's "I'll bring my flavor." Every group benefits from people who contribute something distinct. There's value in your perspective, humor, taste and style. Communities become more interesting when people stop sanding down their most recognizable edges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of "I need more information," it's "I know enough to begin." Action generates questions that study alone cannot. The path reveals itself with each step. Experience teaches lessons no amount of preparation can replace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Instead of "I should be realistic," it's "I should dream wholeheartedly." Realism has its place, but most of the world was created by people who were at least a little delusional. The projects, relationships and adventures that shape us often start with unreasonable expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Instead of "What if I fail?" it's "What if I become excellent?" Success depends on spending less time evaluating possibilities and more time practicing the thing. With repetition, you become masterful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Instead of "I'm playing it cool," it's "I'm obsessed!" Even before you share your excitement, people feel its power. Enthusiasm is the ambrosia of the gods, with sweetness that fuels creativity and attracts support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead of "I don't know," it's "I love this." A clear preference saves time and points you toward opportunities that fit. You don't need a complete plan before expressing what delights you. Passion often provides the first clue and the next step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of "I'm secretly working on this," it's "I'll show you the process." When you let people see the sketches, drafts, experiments and revisions, they feel invested. The audience becomes part of the story, cheering progress and celebrating milestones.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). It's your Year of Forgotten Longings Met, in which things you once wished for now show up as daily events and familiar pleasures. What was once the dream becomes the backdrop. More highlights: The acknowledgment and compensation your work deserves. Healthy choices that add up to greater vitality and confidence. Relationships that feel less like negotiation and more like belonging. Gemini and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 38, 20, 22 and 17.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

THESE DUSTY PAGES

Barley Seriously Diseased

Reports received by the Colorado Agricultural College indicate that a serious disease of barley is becoming very prevalent in Colorado. This disease is known as Barley Stripe and is caused by a fungus which lives over the winter on the seed. The plants may be effected at any stage of their growth from the young seedling to the almost mature plant. Affected leaves show yellowish to straw colored longitudinal stripes. The stems are also usually affected. The tissues in the stripe soon die frequently resulting in the lengthwise splitting of the plants. Later the stripes commonly have brown margins. At or just following heading time entire affected plants may die and following a shower of heavy dew may become dark ashy gray from the abundance of spore produced over the surface. Often as high as 25 per cent of the plants in a field may be killed by this disease.

There is no remedy for this disease after the seeds have been planted, but experiments have shown that the disease may be largely prevented by treating the seed with formaldehyde solution of one pint to forty gallons. The seed should be soaked in this solution for two hours and then allowed to dry. The seed should be planted as soon as sufficiently dry to pass thru the drill. Specimens should be sent to A.E. Peterson of the Colorado Agricultural College for identification.

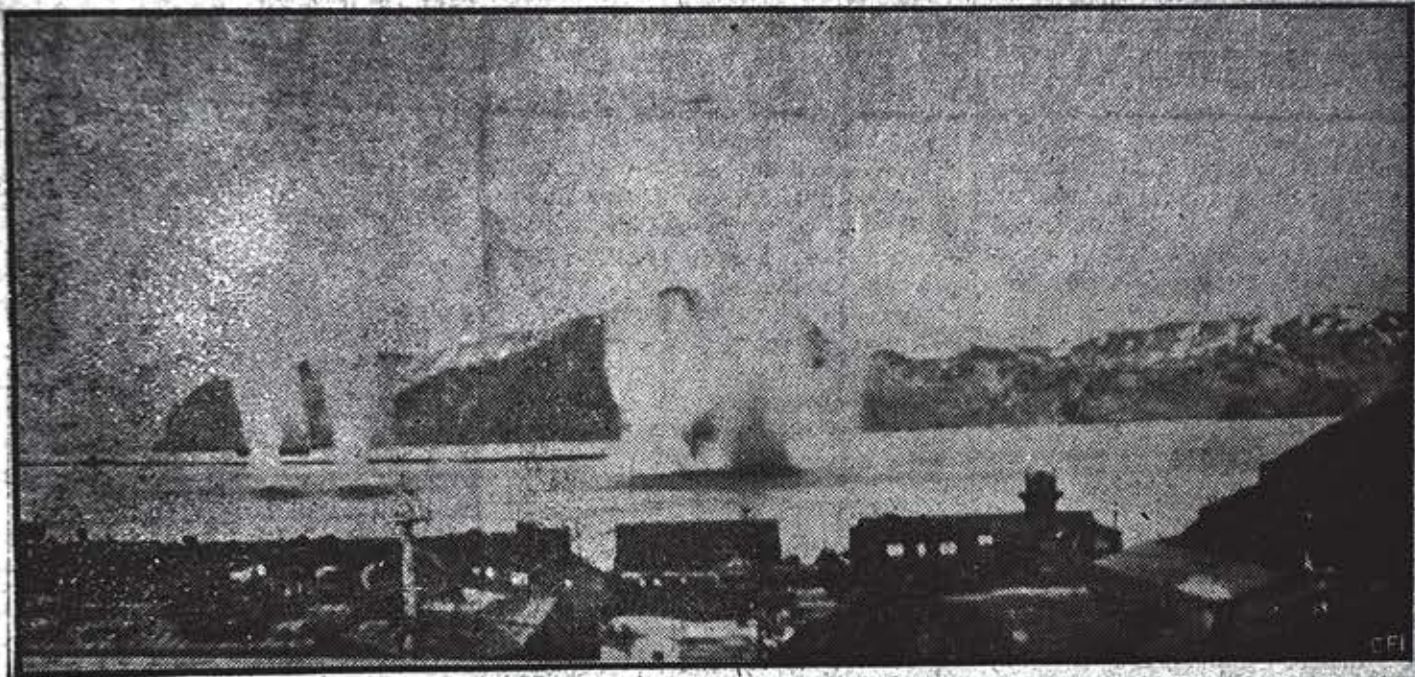
The Strasburg News
July 23, 1920

Falls From Water Wagon

Fred Roll certainly fell off the water wagon Monday morning. While driving down Colfax avenue with a load of water, the axle broke completely off, dropping the heavy tank wagon to the ground and pitching Fred off without warning. That he was not more seriously hurt is a miracle.

The Strasburg News
July 22, 1916

First Photo of Jap Attack on Dutch Harbor



Soundphoto—First official United States Navy photo of Japanese attack on Dutch Harbor, June 3 and 4th. Showing bombs that fell harmlessly into the bay, this was an attempt to silence machine gun emplacements. Ship in background staved off enemy attack with continued machine gun fire.

Eastern Colorado News
July 23, 1942

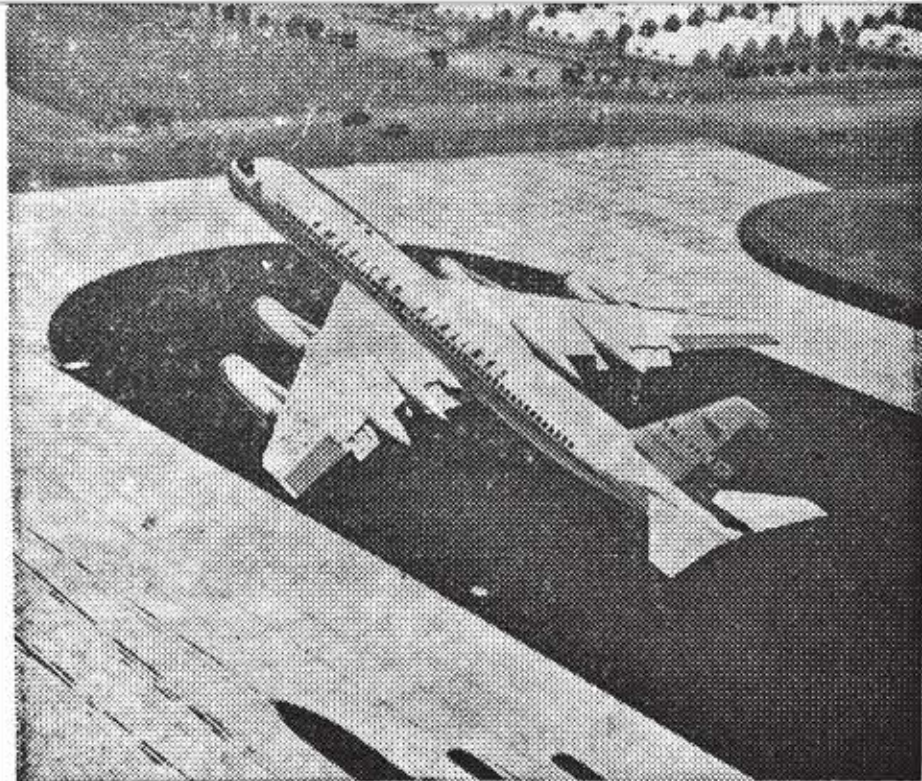
DERAILED RAILROAD CARS DAMAGE TRACK AT 'BURG

During the past week two railroad freight cars have become derailed at Strasburg. Last week a car in a fast freight, east-bound jumped the rails and a mile and a half of track was damaged. The train crossed two bridges before being halted. Some damage was done to the car.

Saturday, a car loaded with wheat became derailed and several yards of track were torn up trying to get the car back on. The section crew worked all night and thru Sunday repairing the track.

Causes of the derailments were not given.

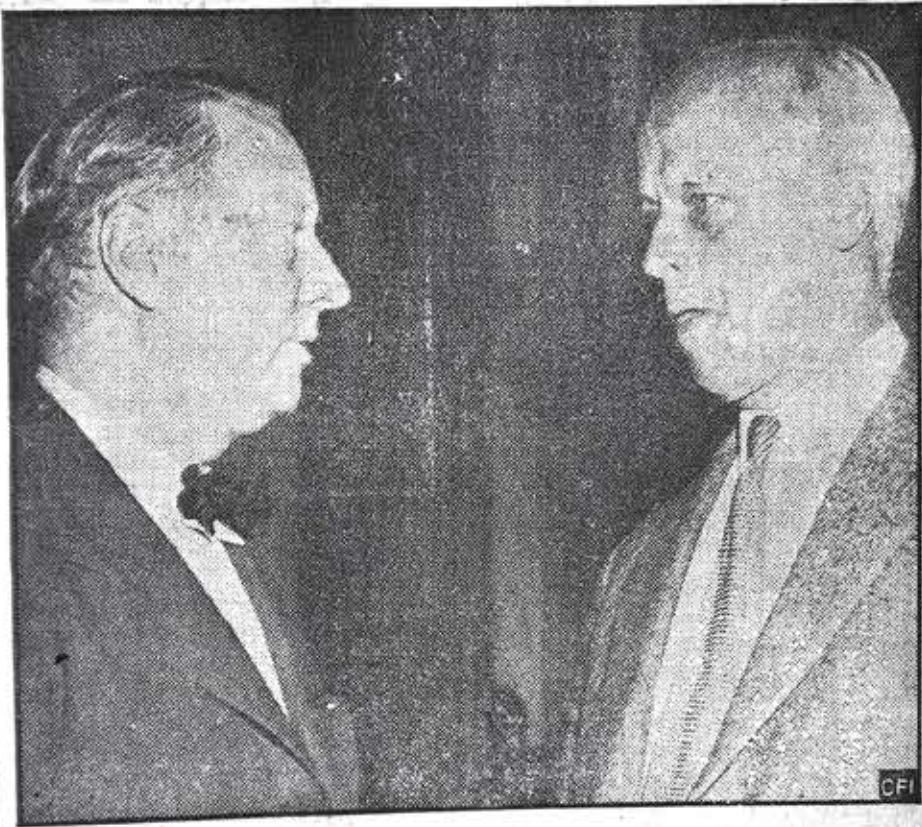
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Eastern Colorado News
July 20, 1961

Oppose Time Extension for Draftees



Washington—Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, testified before the Senate Military Affairs committee in opposition to the proposal to extend the service of selectees beyond one year. Left to right: Senator Robert P. Reynolds, Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Thomas. It might also be interesting to note here that the German press Tuesday took a violent stand in opposition to the continuation beyond one year of service for U. S. selectees.

Eastern Colorado News
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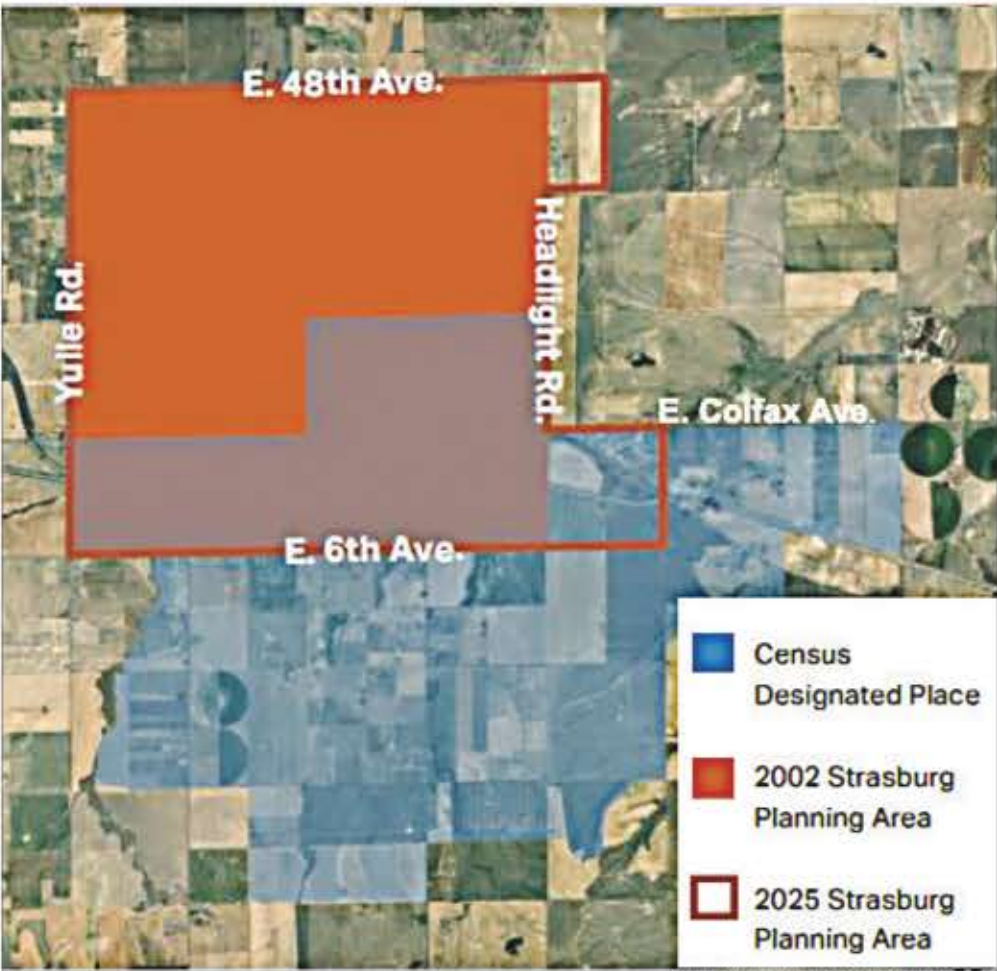
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MAPS COURTESY OF ADAMS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTIES

Above, the recently updated Strasburg Subarea Plan includes expanded boundaries to the south and east within the 80136 ZIP code. Below, the Arapahoe County side of the updated Strasburg map added residential and railroad property on the far east edge of the planning area in between County Road 2 to the north and including the south side of Colfax Avenue (Highway 36) to the south.



STRASBURG PLAN FROM PAGE 1

2050.

The updated plan added property on the Arapahoe County side between County Road 2 and Colfax Avenue, including the Schmitt Estates residential subdivision and a strip of railroad property along the eastbound lane of Colfax.

"Strasburg residents were clear that they want to retain the community's small-town character while preparing responsibly for future growth. This plan reflects that vision," said District 3 Commissioner Jeff Baker, who represents eastern Arapahoe County. "The fact that this collaboration with Adams County has staff from both counties satisfied with the direction Strasburg should be headed, I'm happy moving forward."

"Strasburg is poised for some tremendous opportunities over the next few years, and we want to make sure we manage growth through a thoughtful and deliberate process," said Adams County Board Chair Julie Duran Mullica. "This plan puts us in position to do that while ensuring the residents who live in the area can maintain the rural lifestyle that makes Strasburg such a great place to be."

Amongst the most pressing priorities is a shift in zoning or permitted land uses in downtown Strasburg along both sides of Colfax from primarily commercial to mixed-use. While the plan's future land use map concentrates most anticipated residential growth in Adams County and updates Arapahoe County land use classifications, specific development projects or improvements must still go through the proper review and permitting procedures from the respective county.

"[The subarea plan] adoption does not rezone individual properties, authorize specific development projects or commit funding to the improvements it identifies," the Arapahoe County staff report said.

"The typical mixed-use designation was modified to limit density to no more than 14 dwelling units per acre and to require a commercial component in any mixed-use development on a single property. This future land use was applied to parcels bordering East Colfax Avenue from Piggott Road to Monroe Street," Adams County staff reported. "The typical 'residential low designation' was modified to limit density to no more than one dwelling unit per acre — meant to preserve the rural, large lot development type typical to Strasburg."

"It's a macro roadmap providing direction. The specific details of a project or request will be handled once an application or proposal is received."

The subarea plan amendment process began in 2024 and included a residential survey that resulted in 262 responses from the counties combined.

A second survey gathered feedback from 14 local business owners.

Both county planning commissions unanimously recommended the revised subarea plan for approval earlier this summer.

The full plan with recent amendments is available for online review at publicinput.com/strasburg.



Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

You can't buy fresher fruits and vegetables than those at the farm or the farmers' market! I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

Oooooooo...*pie!*

Have you ever been to a farmers' market? It's where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and baked goods.

Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots. Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

There are many sights at the farm market. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

1. green and yellow _____ piled
2. home-baked _____
3. _____ for weighing food



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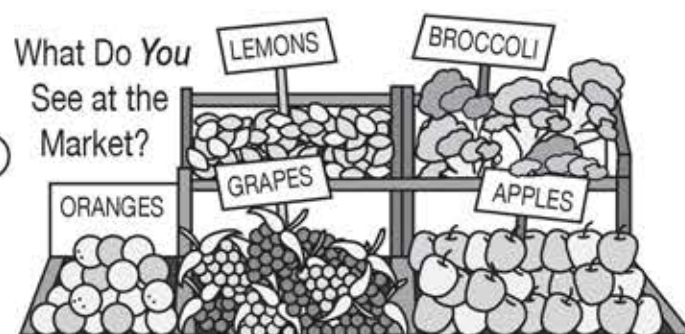
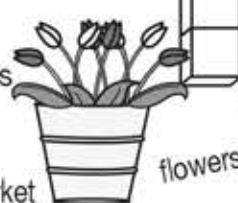
1. green and yellow _____ piled high
2. home-baked _____
3. _____ for weighing food
4. straw _____ for cooling heads
5. _____ giving shade
6. _____ talking and selling
7. freshly cut _____
8. samples of juicy _____ to try

As Fresh As Fresh Can Be!

1. while some products are available all year round, in some areas, foods from the farms follow the _____
2. in the _____: lettuce, radishes, asparagus...
3. in the _____: corn, cucumbers, tomatoes...
4. in the _____: squash, broccoli, potatoes...
5. in the _____: turnips, kale, brussels sprouts...

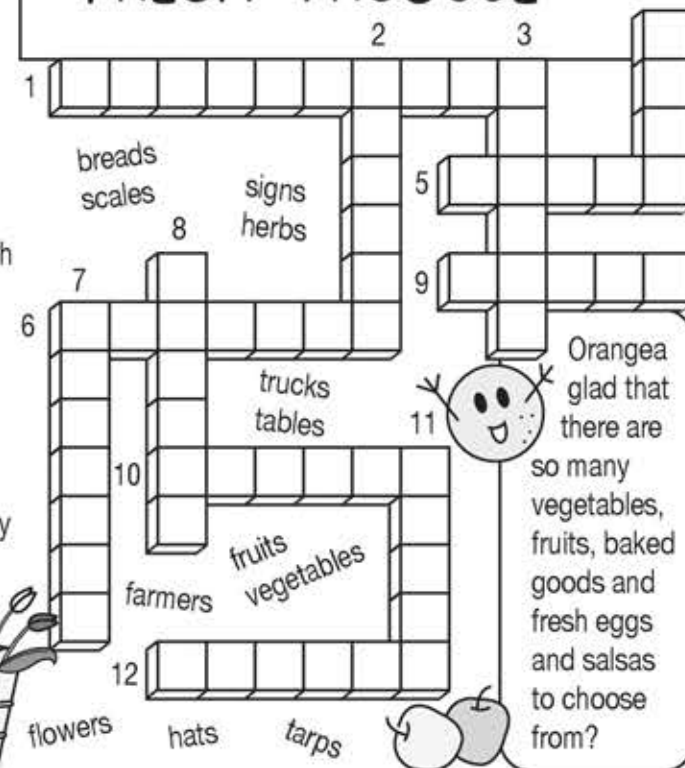


9. dried _____ hanging
10. _____ laden with
foods and potted plants
11. _____ listing prices
12. _____ to carry food
and supplies to the market

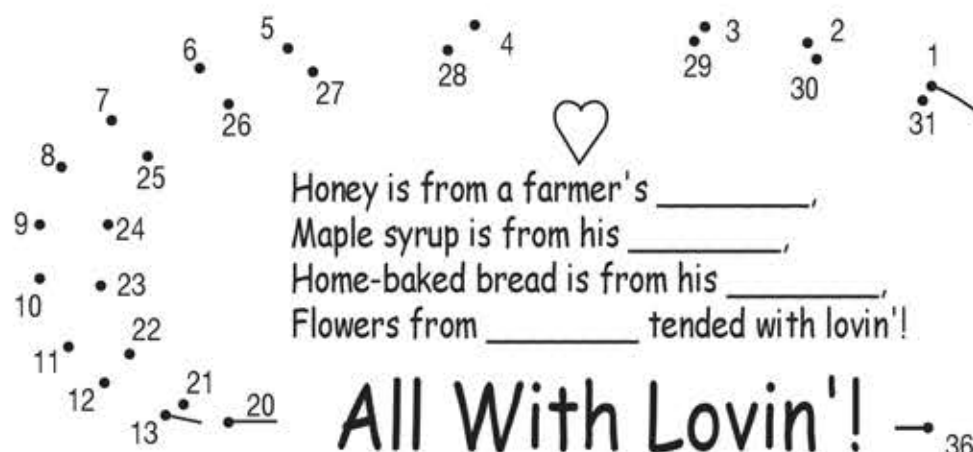


What Do You See at the Market?

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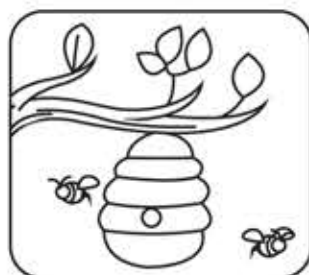
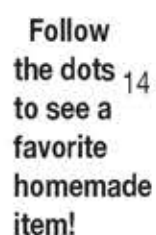


Orangea glad that there are so many vegetables, fruits, baked goods and fresh eggs and salsas to choose from?



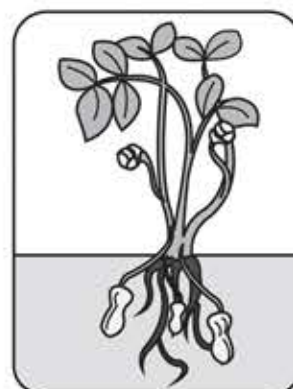
Honey is from a farmer's _____,
Maple syrup is from his _____,
Home-baked bread is from his _____,
Flowers from _____ tended with lovin'!

All With Lovin'! — 36



Fill in the poem with these words:

gardens oven • 37
trees bees



1. peanuts
2. pineapple
3. grapes
4. bananas
5. beets

Where Does It Grow?

How do foods grow? Where do you find the foods below when you want to harvest them? **Match these foods to where you find them:**

- A. under the ground
- B. trees
- C. vines
- D. plants (about 3 feet high)/vines
- E. bushes



- A. out of the ground on a plant with spiky leaves
- B. on woody vines
- C. flower above the ground, but grow below ground
- D. roots that grow in the ground
- E. grow on tall plants (not trees)

As Seasons Change!

As the seasons change, so do your choices at the farmers' market. Summer turns into autumn! The days have cooler temperatures and get shorter. At this time, the growing season ends in some areas of the country. They are the days when farmers will harvest and get ready for winter.

1. Draw a line through the 5 items that are "Disappearing" from the market in late summer!
2. Circle the 5 items that are at the market in the fall or are Appearing.
3. Mark an X on the 4 items that can be sold all year long.





Left photo, among the obstacles rescue workers have to overcome during missile silo rescues are pitch black tunnels and corridors, most of which are only navigable because of lights that responders bring with them. Right photo, area missile silo rescues, including the above photo taken July 8 along Quincy Avenue across from the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds require the efforts of multiple jurisdictions.

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the two suspects — a 19-year-old male and 28-year-old female — in last week’s rescue. In the second incident, the 19-year-old got out using a rope ladder but the woman was unable to escape, prompting assistance from Sable Altura and South Metro Fire to extricate her.

In addition to having to worry about trying to find and extricate victims, Solomon said rescuers have other obstacles to worry about, including deteriorating air quality the further down they go, unknown water levels and contaminants, and extreme darkness.

“Only the light we have bring with us is usually what we have to rely on,” Solomon said. “We also know radon in Colorado can be a problem. Just a lot of danger my rescue workers have put in front of them.”

During the investigations, deputies determined the suspects had ignored properly posted “No Trespassing” signs on the property, which is owned by the city of Denver and operated by Waste Management.

In Colorado, second-degree criminal trespass requires a court appearance; penalties can include up to 10 days in jail and a \$300 fine.

“It is a crime and everyone else gets put in harm’s way for these adventure seekers,” said sheriff spokeswoman Ginger Delgado. “Don’t go adventure seeking, especially in these places and on private property. These are preventable emergencies with unauthorized entry.”

Future trespassers will also face financial penalties. The Sable Altura Board of Directors voted July 15 to implement a \$5,000 per person fee for any person requiring rescue at a missile silo.

“Hopefully a deterrent in the future but, also, will help the cost of replacing equipment and for the manpower required at these calls,” Solomon said. “A significant pull on the district.”

Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless said that the rescue fee is under consideration by his board of directors as well.

According to Sable Altura Division Chief Tara Monks, an anchor and rope systems specialist and rescuer on all department silo responses, the cost for these kind of extraction activities are not only dangerous but extensive and expensive.

“A haul system, harness, helmet with gloves, a couple of different ropes, rope bag with some other equipment coming out,” she said with a sample rescue setup sitting nearby. “A couple thousand feet of rope in case we need to get to someone.”

When asked about any additional responsibility of owners of properties that contain missile silos, Solomon said preventative measures have been thwarted by trespassers.

“Let me try to personalize this. You lock your doors at night and are supposed to feel you are safe, but then you find someone crawling around the basement. I imagine you would feel violated and probably want that person charged,” he said. “That is what this is. I don’t know what part of a locked lock these people don’t get.”

The handful of silo trespasses and rescues cited by local law enforcement and emergency response districts began in early May 2024 when an 18-year-old male suffered severe injuries after falling approximately 30 feet down a shaft of a missile silo just north of Deer Trail. Seven others, including six juveniles, had also trespassed onto the privately owned property. The almost half-day rescue included about a 6½-hour search just to find the injured victim, who survived but suffered “life-changing” injuries.

“The kid is lucky, they all are. They and anyone else have no business down there,” Loveless said two years ago on scene, noting the dark underground maze full of rusted, jagged metal; steep drops, many masked by standing water; dangling wires; and numerous other navigation impediments. “You’re talking basically about a mini city that was one of the largest missile silos ever built. It’s no place for anyone.”



Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless, left, and Sable Altura Fire Chief Rich Solomon express concerns over five local missile silo rescues over the past two years during a July 16 press conference.

In the Deer Trail situation, charges included third-degree criminal trespass.

About eight months later, at 3:45 p.m. on New Year’s Day 2025, a teenager fell into an abandoned I-70 Corridor missile silo. Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue was dispatched to the 4500 block of South Imboden Road on the former Lowry Bombing & Gunnery Range owned by the Colorado State Land Board on request for a “confined space” rescue.

Upon arrival, rescuers from Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue and deputies from the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office discovered that one teen had broken through the cover of a ventilation shaft of one of the four decommissioned Titan Missile silo locations on the property and fell approximately 30 feet. The teen was among three trespassers — two juveniles and an adult — who stumbled onto the defunct missile silo hatches.

The response included Sable Altura and other neighboring emergency jurisdictions during the response.

“When these happen, it’s not just one department involved, it impacts our neighbors as well,” Solomon said. “Strains everyone’s resources for that time.”

Solomon added that a third call was responded to at the site of the most recent rescues.

“Just got done with the previous call and got a call from the sheriff’s office that they had found evidence of another possible trespass, but didn’t find anyone inside,” he said.

The abandoned facilities are part of the now-defunct Titan I Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) silo network, including six in Colorado, that were built in the 1950s and early 1960s under the President Eisenhower regime. All Colorado facilities were decommissioned in 1965 but their infrastructure remains underground.