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Bennett fire board, trustees in land debate

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — The definition of “nominal fee” seems to be the primary question under debate between the Bennett-Watkins Fire District and the town of Bennett regarding a proposed land transfer that would help the fire department expand its facilities with-

in municipal boundaries.

During the July 9 fire board meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Caleb Connor reported that the preliminary figure brought forward by Bennett staff for a town-owned parcel at 38th Avenue and Highway 79 on the north edge of town was more than a “nominal fee.”

“The indication from them was a start at about half of the fair market

value,” Connor said, noting that the approximately two acres is valued around \$341,000, or \$4 per square foot, on approximately 80,222 commercial square feet. “That would around \$170,000 or \$2 per square foot.”

When Connor formalized the land request during the April 14 town trustees meeting, it was framed as ei-

ther a donation or a transfer to occur at a “nominal fee.”

During the July fire board meeting, Connor said, “Our hopes were for much less [money] and, maybe, paying their attorney costs and permit fees. But board direction from the town was for that ‘nominal fee’ in-

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CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

County fair season along the I-70 Corridor opened with the Arapahoe County Fair July 23-26. Above, Athina Mangels puts a new spin on the term “hand feeding” as she supplies a show pig with some corn. **SEE PAGES 11-14.**



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies and Strasburg firefighters investigate the wreckage of a two-vehicle collision and rollover at County Road 157 and Quincy Avenue south of Strasburg July 23.

Drivers escape 2-car crash

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — A two-vehicle rollover crash about five miles south of Strasburg July 23 resulted in both drivers miraculously escaping life-threatening injuries.

At approximately 8:40 a.m. Thursday, state troopers, Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies and Strasburg Fire Rescue personnel were dispatched to the intersection of county roads 157 and 30 (aka Quincy Avenue) on report of a multiple-vehicle collision.

Upon arrival, responders found a black Toyota Tundra on its roof in a field on the southwest cor-

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Grass fires dot along I-70, Hwy 36 corridors July 20-23



PHOTO COURTESY OF BENNETT-WATKINS FIRE RESCUE

A local firefighter drags a hose into a heavily wooded areas at the July 23 fire scene near East Yale Avenue west of Watkins Road.

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

I-70 Corridor firefighters continue to respond to frequent small blazes this summer.

Last week, Highway 36 was closed temporarily for a blaze that kicked up northeast of Deer Trail on Monday while 25-30 acres were charred several miles south of Watkins Thursday afternoon.

The week started about 12:30 p.m. July 20 when Deer Trail, Byers and Agate fire departments responded to the area of Highway 36 and County Road 269, between the High Plains Raceway and Clean Harbors hazardous waste site.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BENNETT-WATKINS FIRE RESCUE

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A water tender blasts hot spots of a creek bed fire along East Yale Avenue west of Watkins Road July 23.

POLICE REPORTS

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
• A vehicle was repossessed in the 200 block of Cherry Street, **Bennett**.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
• Domestic violence was reported on East County Road 34 near South County Road 181, **Byers**.
• Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of the I-70 Frontage Road, **Bennett**.

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
• Three juvenile were cited for possession of alcohol and marijuana at Highway 36 and Piggott Road, **Strasburg**.
• A vehicle was impounded on eastbound I-70, no town provided.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30
• Juan Soto Reyes, 27, of Commerce City, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant from the Ault Police Department at East Colfax Avenue and Vista Lane, **Strasburg**.
• Edgar Adrian Enriquez, 44, of Aurora, was arrested on a felony warrant from the Department of Homeland Security at 19th Avenue and Gun Club Road, **Aurora**.

FRIDAY, MAY 1
• Fernando Aguirre Sanchez, 54, of Aurora, was cited for DUI, weaving, and violations of registration and compulsory insurance laws on Watkins Road at I-70, **Watkins**.

SATURDAY, MAY 2
• Deputies reported an incident of vehicular eluding on westbound I-70 that started at the **Watkins** interchange and called off at Picadilly Road. According to the report, the suspect vehicle, an Acura sedan from the 2010s, accelerated to speeds in excess of 110 mph in a 65-mph construction zone.
• Krystinne Jennifer Meade, 37, of Castle Rock, was arrested for drug-related DUI; possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia; and violations to registration and compulsory insurance laws on eastbound I-70 at Airpark Road, **Aurora**.
• The theft of a black 1990 Harley Davidson Springer (estimated value of \$17,000); candy blue 1987 Suzuki GX 1000 (\$6,000); yellow 2000 Suzuki 2-stroke dirt bike (\$2,000); Case 444 lawn mower; yellow bicycle; and Samsung Smart TV were reported

stolen in the 1500 block of Arapahoe Street, **Strasburg**. According to the report, the reporting party found the Suzuki GX 1000 on Facebook and later discovered all both Suzukis and the dirt bike in the 1900 block of Burton Street, **Strasburg**. No suspect was named.

SUNDAY, MAY 4
• An unattended death occurred in the 57500 block of East 42nd Court, **Strasburg**.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
• Felony menacing, criminal extortion and identity theft were reported in the 56500 block of East 22nd Avenue, **Strasburg**. According to the report, an unknown party called the female resident and threatened to rape and kill her if she did not send bitcoin to clear a warrant.
• Theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Bradbury-Krebs Road at I-70, **Byers**. According to the report, a large variety of hand and power tools with an estimated cumulative value of \$6,000 were stolen.

FRIDAY, MAY 8
• Jonathan Sampson, 45, of Aurora, was cited from criminal possession of a financial device; driving with an obscured license plate; possession of a weapon by a previous offender; and violations of motor vehicle registration and compulsory insurance laws at U.S. Highway 36 and Hank's Crossing Road, **Byers**.

TUESDAY, MAY 12
• Roger Shelly, 37, of Denver, was arrested on a pair of misdemeanor warrants, one from the Boulder Police Department and another from the Denver U.S. Marshal's Office, in the 1600 block of Watkins Road, **Watkins**.
• Tony Fitzgerald Walker, 62, of Bennett, was arrested on two misdemeanor warrants, one out of Adams County and the other from the Colorado State Patrol at Imboden Road and East 96th Avenue, **Watkins**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
• Jared Lee McKinney, 44, of Littleton, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for domestic violence in the 32600 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Watkins**. He was also cited for violation of a criminal protection order, false reporting, criminal impersonation, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

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.

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.

Tiger grads win scholarships through Adams County, COSI

BRIGHTON — Adams County celebrated scholarships awarded to 167 students, including a pair of 2026 Bennett graduates, soon after last school year ended.
On May 28, Kayden Gallegos Bevan and Meadow Steele were awarded scholarships, respectively, from the Adams County Scholarship Fund and the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.
The county commissioners introduced the scholarship fund in partnership with COSI in 2016. This year, the county invested \$1.1 million in ACSF scholarships, which were matched one-to-one with COSI Achieve Scholarships, for a total of \$2.2 million awarded.
Since their introduction, the scholarships have supported about 750 students with \$6.6 million to advance their education, and the students have taken advantage by completing col-

Historic E. Colo. landmark restored and rededicated



The ribbon falls from atop the World's Wonder View Tower during a vertical re-christening of the newly restored historic structure at Genoa, 12 miles east of Limon, May 1. The structure was built as a roadside attraction where visitors could see six states in 1926 on the highest point between Denver and New York. It was added to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties in 1995 and Colorado's Most Endangered Places List in 2017. Its restoration was spearheaded by the nonprofit Friends of the Tower, and the site is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day. For more information, visit www.worldswonderviewtower.org.

lege within five years at nearly double the statewide average.
For more information, visit cdhe.colorado.gov/achieve.

Ranching history the theme of 17 Mile House occasion

CENTENNIAL — Colorado's ranching heritage will bring the West to life at an open house from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, at the 17 Mile House Farm Park, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.
The event will feature hands-on activities, brand-making, history displays, and lively demonstrations. Participants will include the Colorado Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee; interactive Agriculture Facts Barn Display, Colorado Beef Council, Mile Hi Cattlewomen, the state Brand Commissioner's Office, and the Littleton Museum.
No live cattle will be on hand, but families can "rope-a-steer," milk cows, and churn butter — a crowd favorite.
Admission is free but registration is recommended. To sign up, visit www.arapahoeco.gov/17milehouse.

'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 photographs and stories of the community's history.
Doors open at 5:30 with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Which one is the most essential?"

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Last week saw the historic Strasburg elevated water tower go under the cover of a large tarp to prevent air contamination from the sandblasting portion of the tank improvement project. The inside of the tank is being re-coated and the exterior is receiving fresh coats of paint. Officials hope to have the tank back online by the first day of school on the Strasburg campus Aug. 6. The Strasburg Sanitation & Water District continues to urge customers to limit their outdoor irrigation until the project is completed and tank filled to capacity.

New 'Burg park to host Hometown Days Saturday afternoon

STRASBURG — The usual schedule of events on Saturday afternoon for Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 6-9 will take place but at a different site. The annual chili cook-off, watermelon feed and community concert by the High Plains Music Ensemble will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the new Community Park East, 1866 Wagner St. Other activities there will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for middle- and high- schoolers, a pie baking contest, and a petting zoo. Another new Saturday event will be a live water color painting demonstration and giveaway from 12-4 p.m. at the Comanche Crossing Museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave.

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stead of a simple land transfer.”

The fire board earlier this month gave Connor and department staff discretionary negotiating authority up to \$150,000.

“Half is a little spicy for me right now,” said one fire board member.

The possible sale or transfer of the property might have been discussed in executive session by town trustees during their July 14 meeting. No action was taken or discussed leaving that closed-door session.

The town-owned parcel was previously tabbed as a likely location for additional water utility infrastructure, but those plans have been scrapped with no other suitable municipal use determined. Its location to existing fire district property is deemed ideal by fire department staff.

“[We currently own] the adjacent parcel, and acquisition of this additional property would allow the district to strategically expand its footprint to meet the needs of our

rapidly growing service area,” Connor said during the mid-April town board meeting. “The combined parcels would provide adequate space for a modern fire station, administrative offices, and future operational needs, ensuring we are well-positioned to serve both current residents and future development.

“This presents a unique and timely opportunity for the property to be repurposed in a manner that directly benefits the community through en-

hanced public safety services.”

The most pressing need is to construct administrative/office facilities as the district has outgrown the former Bennett Town Hall building on Fourth Street and is currently renting office and storage space in the town’s Public Safety Building along Palmer Street just west of Fourth Street.

OTHER FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS

Results of a recent survey to determine the temperature of district residents concerning possible property tax cap waiver and or mill levy ballot questions appeared promising but with a caveat.

“We had 88% [of respondents] like what we’re doing as a department and more than half said they are OK on both waiving the cap and [a higher] mill levy. That’s a big improvement,” said Bennett-Watkins Fire Chief Earl Cumley. “It was just a smaller group than we had hoped for — we were hoping to get 400 people on the other end of the phone but ended up with only 253. But we still know we might be heading in the right direction.”

Another one of the survey’s findings was that, while the approval of the district’s current service is high, officials fear that financial constraints could hamper that satisfaction rate in the future.

“However, 43% believe the district does not have the financial resources to provide an acceptable level of service — signaling that voters trust the district’s performance but recognize a real funding gap,” the survey’s findings said. “Before receiving any background information, 53% of voters supported both the property tax waive of the cap and the tax measure. This is a meaningful baseline.”

Through July 9, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue had responded to 817 calls year-to-date, 79 more than the same time during 2025.

“Well ahead of last year’s record. Pushing well ahead of the four-call-per-day threshold,” Connor said. “We’re all the way up to 4.3 calls per day, so that’s a pretty big jump from the 3.9 for last year. A lot of corridor-wide dispatches elsewhere, so more mutual aid to neighboring departments.”

This year’s record year-to-date call volume included 134 calls in June. More than half, 56%, were EMS and 10% were fire responses.

The district is also moving forward with an updated impact-fee study that it hopes will be concluded this fall.

According to Cumley and Connor, hopes are for an updated fee schedule that can be implemented at the beginning of 2027.

“Looking to capture costs and current market conditions,” Connor said. “Be nice to have a clean slate to start with next year,” Connor added.

The new rate schedule is being created ahead of the district’s previously approved seven-year rotation.

Previously, the study has cost approximately \$15,000 but the projected expense this time around is closer to \$12,000.

Particularly, the fire district is interested matching fee schedules with new developments in state statute, particularly oil and gas regulations.

The fire board will next meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, in the meeting room of Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way.

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2026 STRASBURG HOMETOWN DAYS



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30pm **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM** [@LEGION]: Enjoy an informative presentation of “Strasburg Then & Now” by Curator Smith. Light refreshments provided. Donations for the Museum are welcome and appreciated. SPONSOR: F&C Realty

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

HOMETOWN DAYS KICK-OFF [@REC]: Enjoy food, live music, fun, and fireworks! Bring your camp chairs and blankets — no coolers and no pets please. Hosted by Strasburg Parks & Rec, Strasburg Arts Council, and Strasburg Fire Protection District

5:00pm* **FOOD TRUCKS & FUN** — Giveaways, Prizes, Volleyball, Basketball, Yard Games, Sidewalk Chalk, and much more! SPONSORS: Strasburg Veterinary Clinic, Tallgrass, Plains Heating and Air Conditioning, Space Age Credit Union, Factory 2U Cabinets

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TWISTERS “BOUNCE THE NIGHT AWAY” — Bounce houses and inflatables for all ages. SPONSOR: CDE Vaping Prevention

6:00pm* **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** — On-site Registration (16 & over); Prizes for winners. Proceeds benefit SHS Wrestling Team

7:00pm **LIVE MUSIC** from Halfway to Headlight: Enjoy some LIVE music in the park with our favorite hometown band. SPONSORS: CORE Electric Co-op, Crandall Drilling & Pump Service

9:00pm **FIREWORKS** provided by Strasburg Fire Protection District #8 (weather permitting); SPONSORS: Generous Community Donors

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00am* **RUN TO THE RAILS 5K** [@MVF]: Register online by 8/5/26 — race day registration also available. Check-in at 7am (race begins 7:30am). Prizes by age & gender. Proceeds benefit the SHS Cross Country Team. SPONSOR: CLAUSSEN CHIROPRACTIC

9:00am–3:00pm **ART & CRAFTS — INDOORS** [@SHS]: SPONSOR: D&D Water Service, LLC

9:00am–3:00pm **VENDOR FAIR — OUTDOORS** [@SHS]: SPONSORS: Premier Portables; One Street Insurance Group

9:00am **TRAP SHOOT** [@MVF]: Hosted by Mountain View Fellowship Ironworks

10:00am **PARADE** [SEE ROUTE ONLINE]: “Hometown American Spirit” SPONSORS: U.S. Mechanical Company; Strasburg Conoco

11:30am–1:30pm **FREE COMMUNITY BBQ** [@SHS]: Hosted by Strasburg School District 31J. Entertainment by Golden Eagle Concert Band. Bring camp chairs and umbrellas. SPONSORS — FOOD: SouthState Bank & Smokeshow Meat; DRINKS: TBK Bank; ENTERTAINMENT: Action Signs & Graphics; EVENT: Matt Brinkhoff - Coldwell Banker Realty

11:30am–4:00pm **HAY RIDES** [SEE ROUTE ONLINE]: SPONSORS: 21st Century Equipment; Strasburg Veterinary Clinic

12:00–4:00pm **COMANCHE CROSSING** [@MUSEUM]: Enjoy a Root Beer Float and support your hometown museum. Activities: museum tour, cow milking for kids, and model train displays. Hosted by Comanche Crossing Historical Society

LIVE PAINTING DEMO & WATERCOLOR ARTWORK [@MUSEUM] by Corridor Creative Arts League

2:00pm **TEXTING CONTEST** [@MUSEUM]: Hosted by Hometown Kids Daycare. SPONSOR: Eastern Slope Technologies

2:30pm* **3v3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** [@REC]: Register online by 8/5/26. Middle School (incoming 6th-8th) and High School (incoming 9th-12th) teams. Check-in at 2:30pm — tournament begins at 3pm. SPONSOR: Comfort Home Inspections LLC

3:00–5:00pm **AFTERNOON FAMILY FUN** [@REC]: Chili Cook-off, Pie Baking Contest, Petting Zoo, Watermelon Feed, and Adult-Kid Cornhole Contest* (register online). Hosted by SHS Unified Bowling and Comanche VIP Seniors. Entertainment by High Plains Music Ensemble. SPONSORS: Byers General Store; High Plains Sanitation Service; The Gift Shop; Strasburg Orthodox Mission

5:00–7:00pm **COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY** [@JOURNEY CHURCH]: FREE Hot Dogs, Italian Sodas, Face Painting, and Cooling Stations

5:00–8:00pm **DINNER & LINE DANCING** [@MVF]: FREE pulled pork dinner and line dancing lessons by Two Left Boots

DUSK **OUTDOOR MOVIE** [@REC]: Watch “HOPPERS” under the stars. Fundraiser for Big D’s Warriors. Concessions available. SPONSOR: Bijou Telephone Co-op

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00am* **‘BURG 5K** [@REC/HMS]: Register online by 8/5/26 — race day registration also available. Check-in at 7am (race begins 7:30am). Runners, walkers, strollers welcome. Pancake breakfast INCLUDED! Proceeds benefit SHS Track & Field. SPONSOR: Moore Pools

7:30–10:00am* **BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** [@HMS]: Hosted by SHS FBLA; \$7 for adults, \$5 kids 12 & under. Biscuits & gravy or pancakes with sausage, and drink. SPONSOR: Real Estate Connection, LLC

9:00am–2:00pm **CAR SHOW** [@COMMUNITY CHURCH]: Roll-in time: 9am — judging categories: Off-Road, Modern, Classic, and Best of Show. Enjoy food trucks, bounce house, music, and family fun. Entrance fee donation to “Wheel-O-Rama” fundraiser. Hosted by Strasburg Community Church. SPONSOR: Growth and Wealth Financial

9:30am* **MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** [@WCR West]: Register online by 8/5/26. Youth (6th-12th) and Adult Divisions. Check-in at 9:30am. Hosted by SHS Athletic Booster Club. SPONSOR: Crandall Drilling & Pump Service

11:00am* **COW PLOP FUNDRAISER** [@COMMUNITY CHURCH]: Fundraiser for American Legion Post #183. Guess where the cow will “plop” for your chance to win. To purchase a ticket or for more info, call 720-840-0411. NEW LOCATION!

12:00–4:00pm **COMANCHE CROSSING** [@MUSEUM]: Enjoy a Root Beer Float* and support your hometown museum.

5:30pm **BIG D’S ADAPTIVE BASEBALL GAME** [@REC]: Cheer on the Big D’s Warriors as they wrap-up their baseball season and meet Dinger from the Colorado Rockies. SPONSOR: Cancer Fighters to the Rescue, Action Signs & Graphics





The Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center in Aurora, operated by private prison firm GEO Group, is pictured on Jan. 30, 2025.

TB case: Health dept remains barred from Aurora ICE facility

by Sara Wilson
Colorado Newsline

At press time, Colorado public health officials are still unable to investigate at least one tuberculosis case at an immigration detention center in Aurora, as the private company that runs the facility missed a deadline to release more information and allow health workers inside the building.

“The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment still has not received access to the facility or all of the information needed to determine who may have been exposed and ensure they receive appropriate testing and treatment,” CDPHE spokesperson Hope Shuler wrote in an e-mail. “The governor and CDPHE leadership have demanded contact with facility leadership multiple times, including sending written questions, and we remain ready to work together to complete the investigation.”

Shuler wrote that lawyers for The GEO Group, the company that operates the detention center for U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, have stated that no confirmed or suspected cases of tuberculosis have occurred at the site, but it is impossible for CDPHE and the Adams County Health Department to verify that claim without a public health contact investigation.

“A complete investigation remains necessary because people who were recently infected may initially test negative,” she wrote.

Colorado law requires public health agencies to investigate confirmed TB cases. Adams County health officials became aware of one laboratory-confirmed case and issued a public health order on June 25 to require compliance from GEO. CDPHE gave GEO a July 17 deadline for information and access, which went unanswered.

Immigration advocates believe more than one case has occurred, and an unnamed person detained in the facility told *The Guardian* last week that at least 12 people have tested positive for the disease.

Staff from the offices of U.S. Rep. Jason Crow of Aurora and Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper of visited the facility on July 15 and wrote in a report that ICE said it can “deny facility access to local officials as they are a federal facility.” Hickenlooper’s office submitted a formal inquiry with the Department of Homeland Security over the issue, spokesperson Mad-

eleine Hughes said.

During that visit, GEO and ICE staff told the lawmakers there were no active tuberculosis cases at the facility and that one person was being monitored. Correspondence to Crow’s office from July 17 also noted that GEO conducted its own contact investigation and identified 61 people exposed to the initial case, according to the report. GEO placed those people in a “precautionary cohort.” The staff members also noted very high temperatures inside the facility, which align with reports from advocates that the air conditioning is not working. Temperatures in the Denver metro area have approached or hit 100 degrees in recent days.

“ICE is out of control and needs to be reined in,” Crow said. “When our immigration detention system is driven by corporate greed, it allows corporations like GEO Group to cut corners on medical care and safety to benefit their bottom line.”

An unnamed ICE spokesperson said last week that the facility is complying with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines on communicable diseases.

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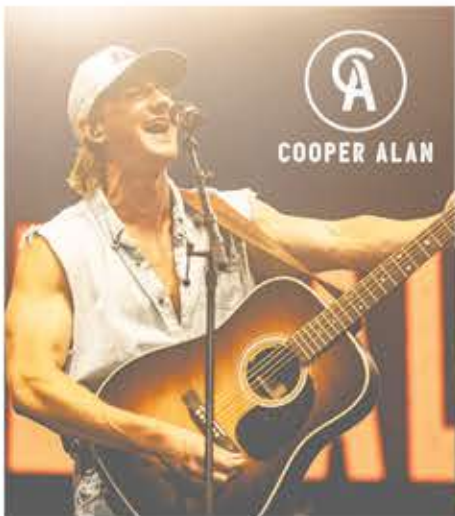
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Both directions of Arapahoe County Road 157 were closed just south of the Quincy Avenue intersection for a couple of hours July 23 when a two-vehicle collision occurred, forcing one to roll onto its roof. Both drivers escaped without injury.

STRASBURG CRASH

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ner of the intersection with a black Ford Fusion still on its wheels just of the shoulder of the southbound lane of County Road 157.

The Tundra was reportedly heading south on 157 when it was struck in the side by the Fusion, reportedly going westbound on Quincy Avenue. How many times the Tundra rolled was not mentioned, but it came to rest on its roof.

“Both vehicles were only occupied by the drivers, and both drivers were transported to an area hospital for their injuries,” a State Patrol spokesman said.

Both drivers were able to self-extricate themselves from their vehicles.

“Do not know the extent of injuries on the parties, but they were believed to have been minor to moderate at the scene,” the State Patrol spokesman said.

“The Tundra driver was definitely

shaken up — eyes like deer in headlights and very unsteady,” added one of the responders on scene. “Pretty surprising injuries weren’t worse. Looked a lot worse driving up than the final results ended up being.”

A second responder added, “Chalk up the better-than-anticipated results to marvels of modern [vehicle] engineering. If it’s an older car or vehicles involved, this result probably less likely.”

Both directions of the north-south roadway were closed at Quincy for about two hours with reopening occurring around 10:35 a.m. East-west traffic on Quincy was able to slowly navigate around the scene while waiting on the wreckages to be towed away.

Charges remained undetermined at press time, but stop signs are located on both sides of Quincy at County Road 157.

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EDITORIAL

DAV backs medical use of psychedelics

by Rob Lewis
DAV National Communications Director

By any honest measure, veterans have long been unintended pioneers in the advancement of medicine. The unique realities of war and military service have forced innovation, such as modern triage systems and medical evacuation (medevac) processes. Today, veterans are once again on the front lines of an advance in medicine — this time with psychedelics — as they search for ways to address the invisible wounds of war: post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, depression and moral injury. Research from major universities and medical institutions suggests these treatments could help people process trauma, confront addiction and experience profound psychological insight. Much work remains to ensure these therapies are safe, accessible and responsibly integrated into medicine. Once again, veterans are helping lead the way. Many are speaking publicly about their experiences. Others are participating in clinical trials. Still, others are advocating in Washington, D.C., and statehouses across the nation for thoughtful policy reforms that would allow those suffering from mental and physical health challenges to access emerging treatments under medical supervision. Their efforts echo the long and often uncomfortable truth about our history: The lessons learned from war rarely stay confined to those who served. Again and again, veterans are asked to carry the burden of innovation first, forced to navigate new approaches to healing long before they are accepted by the broader medical community. Just as triage and medevac ultimately transformed emergency medicine, the knowledge veterans are generating today about psychedelic-assisted

therapies could expand how we understand healing itself. If history is any guide, the breakthroughs of veterans today will one day benefit millions beyond the military community. But that future depends on what happens next, on whether we choose to learn, to listen, and to support thoughtful, evidence-based progress. Veterans have once again stepped forward to lead. The question is whether the rest of us will follow. — Rob Lewis, Disabled American Veterans

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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bennett Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the Town of Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider amendments to Chapter 16 of the Bennett Municipal Code to designate oil and gas activities as an area of state interest within the Town of Bennett and adopt guidelines and regulations governing such activities.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Town of Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider amendments to Chapter 16 of the Bennett Municipal Code to designate oil and gas activities as an area of state interest within the Town of Bennett and adopt guidelines and regulations governing such activities.

Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the matters under consideration. Copies of materials relating to such designation and guidelines and regulations are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado, 80102 during regular business hours.

Dated the 23rd day of July, 2026.

TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO

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Town Clerk

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Jeri VanDeusen



Jearldine Joan VanDeusen, 81, was born July 30, 1944, and passed July 7, 2026, in her home in Bennett, Colo.

Jeri was born and raised in Bennett on her family farm, went to school in Bennett from first through 12th grade, and was a life-long resident.

She married Vernon VanDeusen and they had 3 children.

She is preceded in death by her husband Vernon VanDeusen and daughter Vanette VanDeusen.

She is survived by son Floyd VanDeusen, daughter Tamara Coughlin, and older brother Stanley Thornburg.

Services will be arranged in the future by Newcomer Funeral Home.

Jason Chilton



Jason Andrew Chilton, beloved son, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2026, at the age of 49.

Born on Dec. 14, 1976, in Aurora, Colo., Jason brought laughter and love to everyone who knew him. He was known for his kind heart, adventurous spirit, sense of humor and lasting mark on those lucky to have known him. He was most proud of his career as a cell tower technician and the many years at Mountain Wireless. He will be remembered for his love of football season and the Denver Broncos.

Jason is survived by his mother Denise Herion; sister Katie Herion; brother Timothy (Dezzy) Herion; and niece, Irelia. He is preceded in death by his father James Chilton; step-father Jeffrey Herion; and brother Travis Herion. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved him.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at Red-Tailed Hawk Park, 23701 E. Hinsdale Way, Aurora, Colo. Friends and family are invited to attend and share their memories.

Olivia Von Feldt



Olivia Ann (Hogelin) Von Feldt, 86, passed away on July 16, 2026. She was born on June 16, 1940 to Everett and Betty Hogelin in Fort Lupton, Colo. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Olivia met James Von Feldt, the love of her life, in physics class at Fort Lupton High School in 1957. After graduating high school, she attended Loretto Heights College and then went on to graduate from Colorado State College in Greeley with a degree in Education. She married James on Aug. 11, 1962 and soon after began her lifelong career of being an elementary school teacher. She began teaching at Fort Lupton Elementary School and spent the majority of her career at Sherman Elementary in Fort Morgan. She also taught in Maxwell, N.M., and Las Animas, Colo., before finishing her career working for the State of Colorado. During retirement, Olivia spent several years as a substitute teacher at Byers Elementary. Olivia loved traveling with James on road trips around the state and country, attending numerous Knights of Columbus conventions and visiting family and friends.

Olivia was passionate about her faith and had a strong desire to share with others. She taught religious education and was the CCD coordinator for several years at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Fort Morgan. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Helena's Catholic Church, as well as, Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers, Colo.

Olivia is survived by her husband, James Von Feldt Sr.; children James (Cindy) Von Feldt Jr., Valerie (Tyler) Labenz, Greg (Tina) Von Feldt, Julie (Darryl) Foster and Christie (Mitch) Winters; grandchildren Jasmine Martinez, Father Andrew Labenz, Kaylin Labenz, Brittany Labenz, Matthew Labenz, Jamie Torrez, Joey Von Feldt, Aujulee Iiams, Teirra Gutel, and Megan Winters and Emily Winters; great grandchildren Elyse Labenz and Aria Iiams; and siblings, Charlie (Sherril) Hogelin, Tom (Pam) Hogelin, Mary (Kerry) Odean, and Joe (Connie) Hogelin.

Olivia is preceded in death by her parents, Everett Hogelin and Betty (Kirwin) Hogelin and sister-in-law Kathy Hogelin.

Visitation and rosary was held July 23 at Tabor Funeral Home, Brighton, Colo., and a funeral mass was held July 24 at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church, Byers. Memorial gifts may be given in honor of Olivia Von Feldt to the Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church Altar and Rosary Society.



PHOTO COURTESY ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

About 15 acres of heavily wooded creek bed near East Yale Avenue west of Watkins Road was charred during a July 23 fire.

FIRES

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Quick response from first responders limited the damage to 3-5 acres of charred ground. No structures were threatened and no injuries were reported.

Both directions of the highway were reportedly shut down temporarily due to the smoke and emergency vehicle traffic.

The cause of the fire was undetermined.

A few days later, about 12:30 p.m. July 23, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office were originally dispatched to an area of East Yale Avenue west of Watkins Road southwest of Watkins on a report of smoke. Additional I-70 Corridor fire departments from Deer Trail to Aurora and South Metro were also asked to help battle the blaze, which was down in a creek bed with

a heavy fuel load of trees and brush.

After preliminary estimates of up to 30 acres, the approximately four-hour firefight resulted in about half that acreage being burned.

"Dry heavy brush and a bunch of big, old trees — a lot of dead and dry cottonwoods — took some extra effort and time to get fully extinguished but firefighters quickly contained it by establishing a wet line around the perimeter," a response report from the sheriff's office said. "No structures were threatened."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

As of last week, Adams County remained on Stage 1 burn restrictions, while Arapahoe and Elbert were still implementing a Stage 2 burn ban. The town of Bennett has also been in Stage 2 restrictions since late June.



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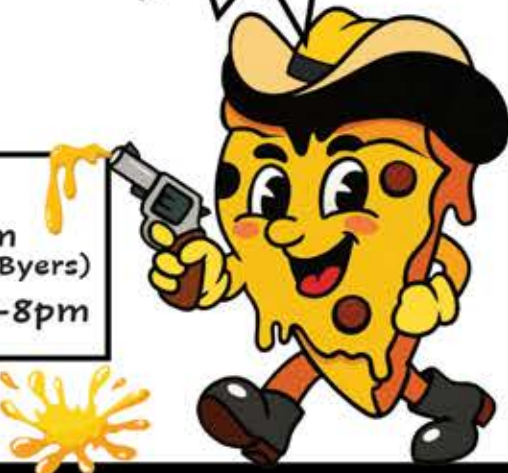
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Firefighters had their hands full extinguishing smoldering trees during a July 23 fire that ignited along East Yale Avenue west of Watkins Road.



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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 skills important for wilderness survival. From left photo, Graham Thompson with the Colorado Mountain Club demonstrates an anchoring technique and Matilda Noble takes some of the recommendations to heart.



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Kids celebrate Art with Mexica Day at Anythink Bennett July 16. Longmont-based artist Mario Olvera, above, educates participants about the Tōnalpōhualli, the Aztec calendar or “count of days,” and Mexica Day signage using stamps while standing next to traditional Aztec garb. Olvera leads a group that practices Aztec traditions every Thursday in Boulder. “We’re helping people claim their indigenous identity and protecting tradition,” he said. Below, Bethany Barela, 12, left photo, listens intently to Olvera’s instructions and Bailee Angelo, 11, prepares a stamp for use.



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Anythink Bennett library’s MySummer program continued July 22 with a Weave & Grow, Textile Book-mark Making craft event. Juana Rocha from Museo de las Americas taught one of the applications for traditional weaving done in the style of the Maya in Guatemala. Above, Allie Espiño, left, and brother Oliver work on their projects.

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In lieu of fireworks, Friday and Saturday nights' annual light show at the Arapahoe County Fair was replaced by an America 250-Colorado 150 drone show entitled Stories in the Sky. The performance included pictures of much of the history for both the nation and state. The photos here were taken Saturday night as the first rodeo was wrapping up.



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From left photo, Allison Foose, left, and Emma Palmer put the finishing decorations on their hog pens during move-in day to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds July 21, and Valeree Sutera gives some rabbit grooming pointers to Malakai Charity.



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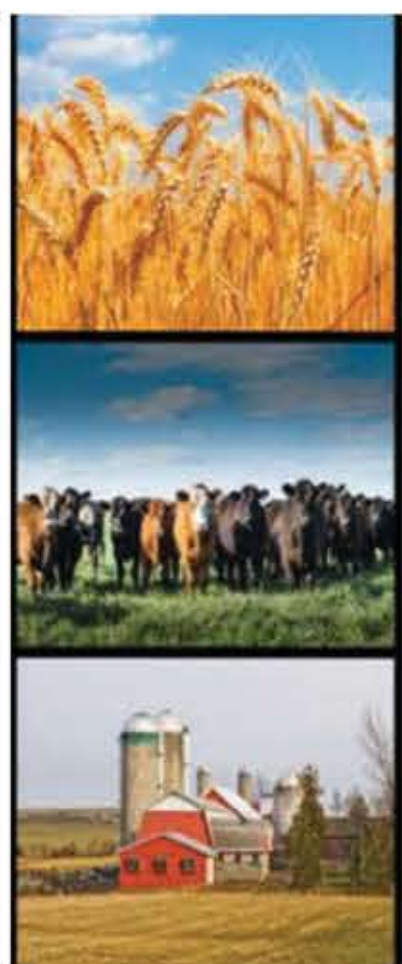


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Livestock exhibitors Aracel Colburn, left, and Grace Foose find a little quicker mode of transportation between the barns during weigh-in day July 21.



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WEEK OF JULY 27



Among the VIPs participating in the Grand Entry of Saturday night's performance at the Arapahoe County Fair are Arapahoe County Open Spaces Director Gini Pingnot, second from left, District 3 County Commissioner Jeff Baker, and Baker's wife, Yangson.



It took a group effort to get Greyson Adams out of harm's way when he got hung up in the saddle bronc rigging while aboard Vortex from Strasburg-based Miller Rodeo Company. While Adams was likely sore the next morning, he appeared to escape serious injury.



Chris Denton, left photo, records a 63-point ride in Saturday's saddle bronc competition, and Chris Mercer, front, and Stevie Howlin lead Kingpin Posse on the main entertainment stage.



PHOTOS BY ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

Front Range regional cover band Hot Tub Time Machine played the Red, White & Rock concert hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District at the new Community Park East outdoor amphitheater July 11. Clockwise from above left, band members Carl Campbell and James Spence play the bass and lead guitar, respectively; 2-year-old Bonnie Brinkhoff dances in the grass; and Brylie Harper and 6-month-old Sawyer enjoy the summer evening.



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 \$45 to \$160 as specified below. For additional information and to register for any activity, visit www.strasburg-parks.org.

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 for each league. 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.

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20 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 1, 2006
A new four-month, \$100,000 interim funding agreement between three prospective developers and the town of Watkins was approved by town trustees during a July 26 meeting at the Foxridge Farms Community Center. The agreement is contingent upon the town not revisiting the issue of discontinuing the town until a Nov. 7. Special municipal election.

Board members also approved an ordinance asking for the election to include two tax initiatives.

The agreement is between the town and Watkins landowners Stephen Tebo, Rex Weimer and Ken Marsh.

Attorney Ed Byrne, Tebo's representative, submitted a letter on behalf of the three developers asking the board to approve a \$100,000 in "pre-annexation" fees to be paid to the town.

In addition, the letter asked the board to table any further discussion of incorporating the town until Nov. 7, when a question asking voters to approve the continuation of the town would be vote on.

"Let's have a vote in November that says 'yes' to the town of Watkins and 'yes' to the financial resources the Town needs to thrive for generations to come," Byrne's letter said.

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 2, 2016
BENNETT - While Bennett's new elevated water tower will bring the community closer to meeting municipal water standards and provide adequate firefighting flows on its own, town staff is also mindful of any hiccups that might arise with the jump in pressure across the entire system.

Trustees, town staff, officials with engineering firm FEI Engineers, and a member of the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's Water Quality Control Division July 26 broke ground on the site near the Bennett Rec Center along southbound Highway 79.

"The new storage tank heralds a significant improvement to the availability, reliability, and water quality of the town of Bennett," said Town Administrator Trish Stiles. "The tank will also significantly reduce our risk of water supply outages, improve reliable water pressure to our residents and business-es, as well as upgrade fire flows. The tank will be visible from miles away, proudly serving a new beacon of our community's pride and progress."

While the new 500,000-gallon tank will alleviate pressure consistency concerns in the long-term, questions about near-term negative impacts were addressed during the Bennett trustees meeting Tuesday night. Of particular concern is pipe weakness that might be exposed with the projected 10 to 15 pound-per-square-inch increase in water pressure. The town is currently averaging around 40 pounds of pressure and the new tank s expected to increase that to at least 52 pounds, according to town officials.

15 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 2, 2011
BENNETT - What will Bennett look like in 20 to 25 years?

Planning consultants are trying to answer that question with the help of input from residents and business owners. The effort is part of the town's ongoing comprehensive plan update.

Consultants Melissa Kendrick and Martin Landers, during a July 28 public meeting at the Bennett Recreation Center, introduced three likely development scenarios for the town - one that would follow existing development trends and two that are more "outside the box." Scenario 1 would fill existing town boundaries with mixed-use development utilizing existing, but short, non-renewable water resources. Scenarios 2 and 3 would extend the town further west between I-70 and County Road 6 and be contingent on additional renewable water resources and a transit system.

According to Andy Knudtsen with Economic & Planning Systems, the I-70 Corridor has enough water to supply approximately 30 percent of planned development over the next two to three decades, making extensive expansion unlikely without additional water providers.

Under scenario 1, an additional 790 households could be built and 375 more jobs created by 2035. Just over 250 acres would be required for residential development and 43 acres for commercial and industrial purposes.

Under proposal 2, over 1,500 acres would be needed to provide an additional 4,027 households and 1,650-plus jobs.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 29, the 210th day of 2026; 155 days are left.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On July 29, 1967, an accidental rocket launch on the deck of the supercarrier USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 service members.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1836, the newly completed Arc de

Triomphe was inaugurated in Paris.

In 1858, the United States and Japan signed the Harris Treaty, formalizing diplomatic relations and trading rights between the two countries.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot in Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1921, Adolf Hitler became the leader of the National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) Party.

In 1954, the first volume of JRR Tolkien's novel "The Lord of the Rings" ("The Fellowship of the Ring") was published.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a glittering ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

In 1986, a federal jury in New York found that the National Football League had committed an antitrust violation against the rival United States Football League, but the jury ordered the NFL to pay token damages of just three dollars.

In 1994, abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton's escort, James H.

Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Fla.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Artist Jenny Holzer is 76. Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns is 73. Rock singer-musician Geddy Lee (Rush) is 73. Actor Alexandra Paul is 63. Country singer Martina McBride is 60. Actor Wil Wheaton is 54. R&B singer Wanya Morris (Boyz II Men) is 53.
— Associated Press

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ACROSS

1. Charlie "Bird" Parker's sax
5. Mary ____, businesswoman extraordinaire
8. Downloadable smartphone purchase
11. In ____ of
12. Greek salad staple
13. Appraisal
15. Law school prerequisite, acr.
16. "Once ____ a Time in America"
17. Dictum, pl.
18. * ____ press, Johannes Gutenberg's invention
20. "Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay" singer
21. In need of a muffler
22. Make a choice
23. "Genghis Khan's ____ Empire"
26. Intima, pl.
30. Fertility clinic stock
31. Tranquil
34. Famous Steeler coach, Chuck ____
35. Twisted cotton thread
37. Key next to spacebar
38. Like a gymnast
39. Naysayer's favorite prefix
40. Develop, as in story
42. ____-AFTRA
43. Famous fox of fable
45. Like a smell of soil
47. "World's first 24-hour TV news network, acr.
48. Molten rock
50. Smoke plus fog
52. *First Roman emperor
55. Part of foot, pl.
56. Chowder protein
57. Pelvic parts
59. Are not
60. *Homesteader's purchase, sing.
61. "____ the good die young"
62. *Pres. during the Cuban Missile Crisis
63. It is
64. Fermented rice brew

DOWN

1. Pledge of Allegiance ending
2. Talk like Daffy
3. Eye drop
4. Day trip
5. Flat-topped military caps
6. Lack of muscle tension
7. Opposite of yin
8. Mushroom spore sacs
9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.
10. Money in Myanmar
12. Pointless

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Buck Moon Rises
The Buck Moon rises with questions: "Where do I belong? What feels honest? What fits?" Like new antlers, identity doesn't appear all at once. It grows. Against the backdrop of Saturn's retrograde, you'll find your answers by paying attention to what feels true when no one else is telling you who to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know the project is a good fit when working on it leaves you with more energy than you started with. Energy surplus is a gift. Buck Moon mantra: I gratefully recognize, receive and use the fuel available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know you're ready when you stop looking for one more sign and start with what you already know. Buck Moon mantra: I know enough to take another step. I'll figure out the rest as I go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know you've found the right project when the work becomes more interesting than the result. You enjoy solving the next problem more than imagining the end product. Buck Moon mantra: I love the work and the work loves me back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know you've found a good rhythm when work and rest both have a place in your day. Buck Moon mantra: I don't have to choose between getting things done and taking care of myself. Both fit into a day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know you're being honest when the words leave your mouth and your body relaxes instead of tensing. Buck Moon mantra: I can handle the truth. Things get simpler once I've faced it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know you belong when you stop editing yourself before you speak. Buck Moon mantra: I don't have to earn my place by becoming someone else. My real voice is enough. The right people get it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know you've found the truth when it keeps making sense after you've slept on it.

Buck Moon mantra: Time helps me recognize what's real. Clarity comes in its own time. My job is just to stay aware.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know a friendship is healthy when you leave the conversation feeling more like yourself. Buck Moon mantra: I make room for people who make room for me. We both leave feeling lighter - that's the standard.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know it's yours when you'd still choose it whether you were getting applause or not. Buck Moon mantra: I'm the only one who has to approve. My reasons are enough, even when nobody else completely understands them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know you've outgrown it when you keep explaining why you stay. Buck Moon mantra: I don't need another reason to move on. My life has room for something that fits me better every day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know you've found your people when it feels safe to say what's on your mind, or not say it, because the silence is a safe place, too. Buck Moon mantra: I can be myself. Real connection doesn't require constant performance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know you've made peace with the past when you stop rewriting the conversation in your mind. Buck Moon mantra: Yesterday is over and there's no changing it now. I don't have to win an argument that already ended.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29). Welcome to your Year of the Lens, when everything comes into sharper focus and it's as though you can see colors you didn't know existed. Wonders abound and so much beauty, it becomes the norm. More highlights: A relationship that verges on cinematic. You'll work on a talent and gain skill that takes you places, literally. Travels graced with good fortune. Pisces and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 12, 39, 18 and 7.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

I like to stop and listen to all...

...the sounds when we go hiking.

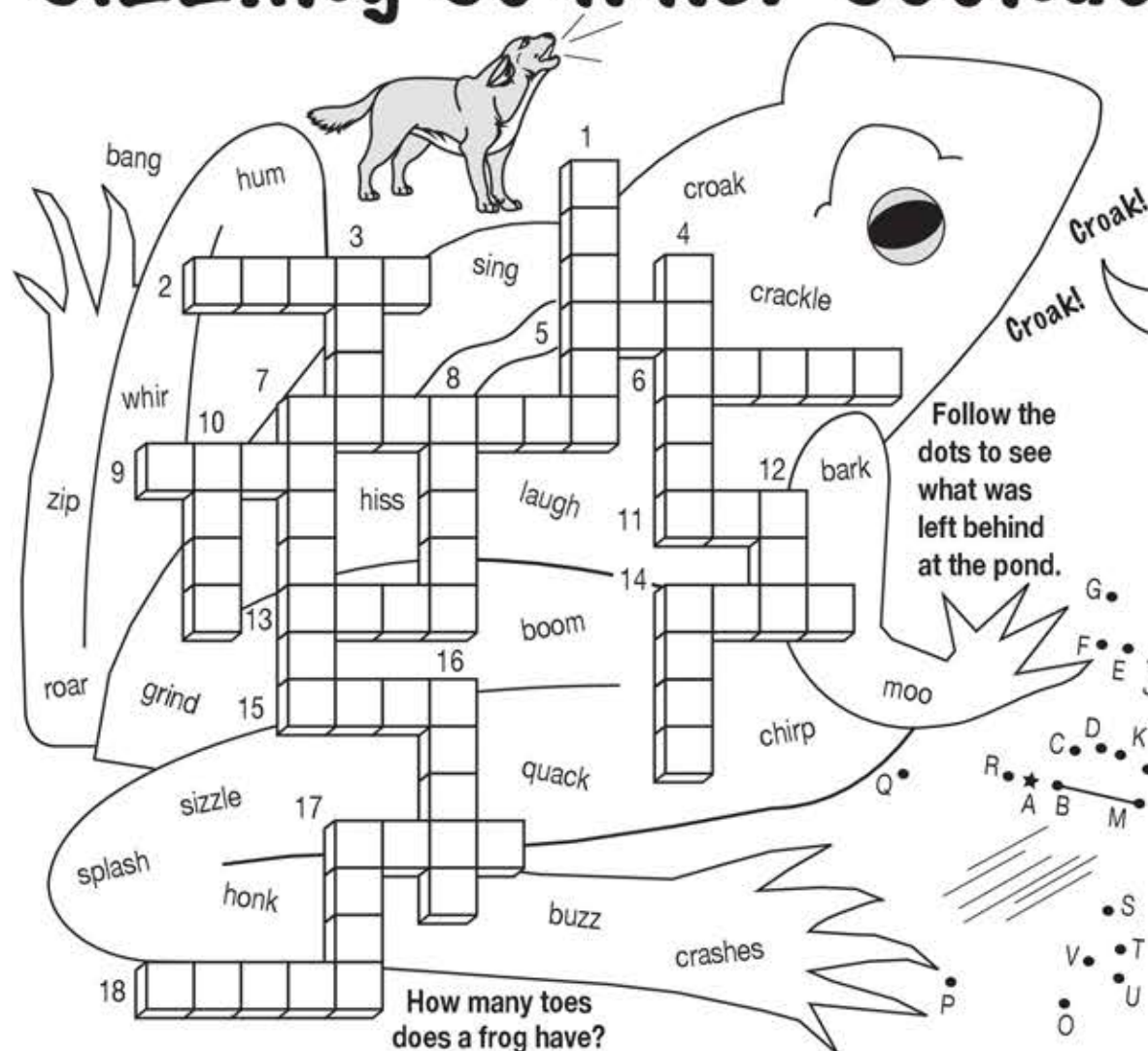
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Sizzling Summer Sounds



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Find a piece of paper and a pencil. Listen to all the sounds in your house. List them and write what you think is making each sound.

Next, open a window or sit in the yard. Listen to all the noises in your neighborhood. Before you start to write, guess how many different sounds there are. Write your list and then count the number of sounds you heard. Were you close in your guess?

Read each clue. Write a word in the crossword that describes a sound that the clue might make.

Try to finish the puzzle without looking at the word bank.

ACROSS

2. crickets _____
5. motorboats _____
6. children _____
7. fires _____
9. fans _____
11. air conditioners _____
13. geese _____
14. cannons _____
15. birds _____
17. firecrackers _____
18. ducks _____

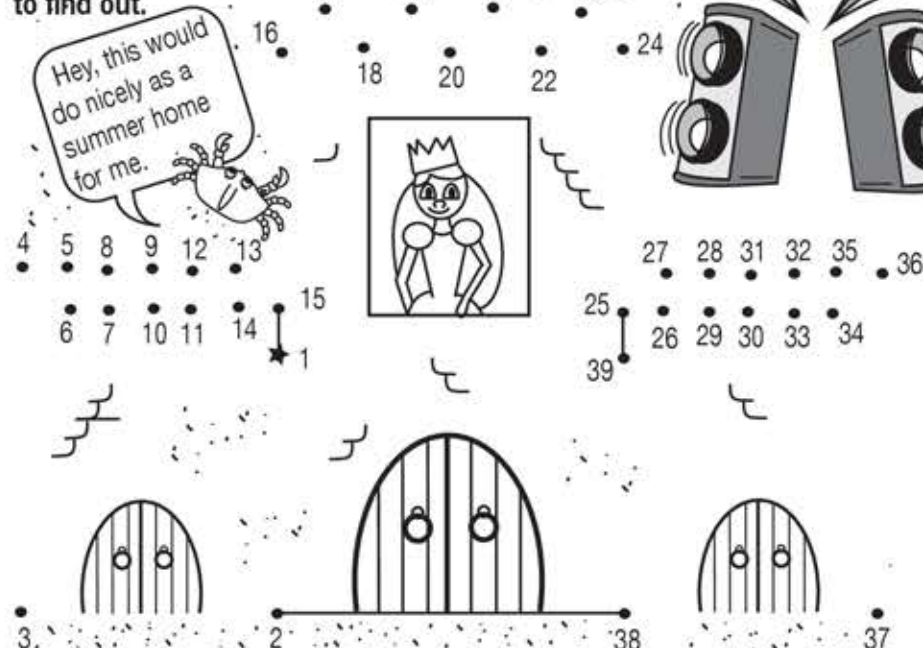
DOWN

1. steaks _____
3. motorcycles _____
4. waves _____
7. thunder _____
8. bullfrogs _____
10. snakes _____
12. cows _____
14. saws _____
16. brakes _____
17. dogs _____

Sand Sculpture

Crrrrsh. . . pat, pat, pat. Splash, pat, pat, splash. Someone is busy building something. What do you think it is? ↗

Follow the dots
to find out.



Sizzling City Summer Sounds

It's summer and it's sizzling in the city. **Can you find and circle the words in bold italics that can be heard?**

1. fans **whirring**
2. music **pulsing**
3. cross walk signal **beeping**
4. subway train **rumbling**
5. dogs **barking**
6. cat **caterwauling**
7. people **talking**
8. child **yelling**
9. basketballs **echoing**
10. ice cream truck **singing**



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Sizzling Sounds in the Park

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G = Green
Y = Yellow

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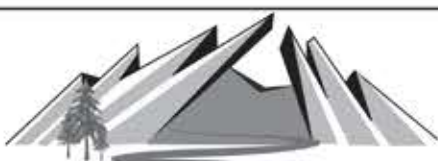
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Teen Fortnite Tournament: Teen ages 11-17 will compete in an Anythink World Fortnite Tournament, a chaotic Capture the Flag showdown on two custom Anythink creative maps. Whether participating as a runner making a mad dash for the enemy base, or a defender protecting the flag with their life, the event is all about teamwork. Players should bring their own controller, headphones and peripherals (controllers optional). Prizes will go to the winners. Space is limited, registration recommended but not required. 4:15-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18.

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Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelter Library, Byers.
Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all I-70 Corridor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.
Gaming Club: Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.
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- 2 large eggs
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- 4 slices of whole or white bread
- 2 slices of Colby-Jack cheese
- 4 slices of fully cooked bacon

DIRECTIONS

Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper in small bowl until blended.
Heat 1 teaspoon butter in large non-stick skillet over medium heat until hot. Pour egg mixture into skillet. As eggs start to set, gently pull the eggs across the pan with an inverted turner, forming large soft curds. Continue cooking — pulling, lifting and folding eggs — until thickened and no visible liquid egg remains. Do not stir constantly. Remove from pan. Clean skillet.



Spread remaining 2 teaspoons butter evenly on one side of each bread slice. Place two slices in skillet, buttered side down. Top evenly with scrambled eggs, cheese and bacon. Cover with remaining bread, buttered side up.
Grill sandwiches over medium heat, turning once, until bread is toasted and cheese melted, 2-4 minutes.
— Recipe courtesy
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As part of Arapahoe Libraries' Once Upon A Summer reading program, Kelter Library in Byers hosted Flit It! A Skillet Quesadilla Lunch July 16. In addition to loading up and eating their own personal quesadilla with their favorite fixings, participants also enjoyed craft time. From left photo, librarian Erica Schimmel provides chef services around the griddle and Lilian Holden, 7, multi-tasks as she works on her craft.



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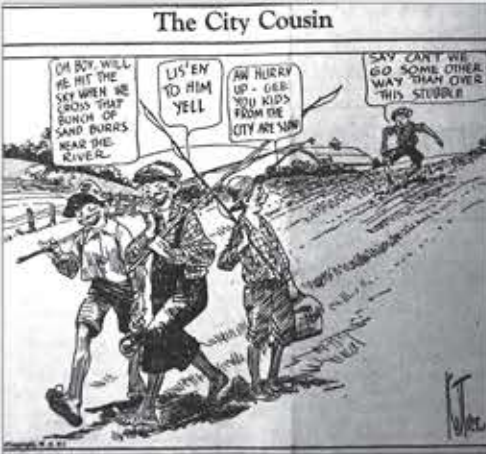
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The bureau also went on to state that prices increased one percent during the first two weeks in July, as compared to an increase of 1.6 percent during the previous two-week period.

The increases during the last few months, the bureau said, may be attributed to consumer demand, seasonal factors, large government purchases, and some speculative buying.

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Farmers who are successful in growing trees in windbreaks or in shelterbelts take special care to get the young trees established during the year they plant them, says R. E. Ford, extension forester for Colorado State College.

After preparing the soil for a shelterbelt, buying the trees and planting them, they feel it is good insurance on the investment to keep the rows of trees cultivated and free of weeds, and to give the young trees a little extra water during the summer.

The danger period of young trees is during the hot summer months—a period of high evaporation and transpiration of moisture—Ford points out. This is true even on irrigated land, and especially true on non-irrigated land, where it is necessary to conserve all of the moisture possible in the soil for tree growth. Clean fallow has proved most valuable in this respect on the drylands.

WATER SAVES TREES.
A bucketful or two of water poured around each tree during the hot weather will save many young trees which otherwise may not survive on non-irrigated land, many farmers have found. This moisture will aid the roots of the tree in penetrating

Eastern Colorado News
July 30, 1936

County Agent Discusses
Dryland Area Problem

What is the answer to the dryland area problem in which much of the permanent pasture has been taken over by cheat grass? asks Darrell Schafer, Assistant Extension Agent for Adams County in an exclusive article to the News.

Many of these areas are very evident in Adams County. Some farmers and ranchers are wondering how they can return these acres to productivity.

Some suggestions to follow are pointed out by the Adams County Extension Service. First of all, the farmer must realize that it is difficult to establish grass on dryland even under favorable moisture conditions. Under dry conditions it is even more difficult with a real chance of failure. However, certain cultural practices will enhance the chances of success.

The establishment of stubble protection from wind is of primary importance. This means planting another crop before the actual grass seeding. It should also be remembered that the field should be kept as weed-free as possible.

In this respect it may be desirable to summerfallow the land one year prior to planting the crop for protection. If this practice is followed it may take three years to get grass started on the land, but the chances for success should be greatly increased.

Some other suggestions are: (a) Use pure seed of high germination which is adapted to the area; (b) Plant at the right time of year; (c) Control grasshoppers and all other insect pests; (d) Control weeds especially noxious weeds.

Reseeding the grass can be done under the A. S. C. program with cost-sharing provided. For more information contact the Adams County Extension Office in Brighton.

Eastern Colorado News
July 27, 1961



Periscope Photo of Sinking Destroyer
Eastern Colorado News
July 30, 1942

BOLT KILLS FINE STALLION
AT HUGO RECENTLY

Hugo, Colo.—Bovero Orro, the pedigreed Palomino stallion owned by Robert Schafner was killed by lightning recently in the pasture north of the ranch near Bovero.

The animal was purchased at the Philmont ranch in New Mexico four years ago and was six years old when killed.

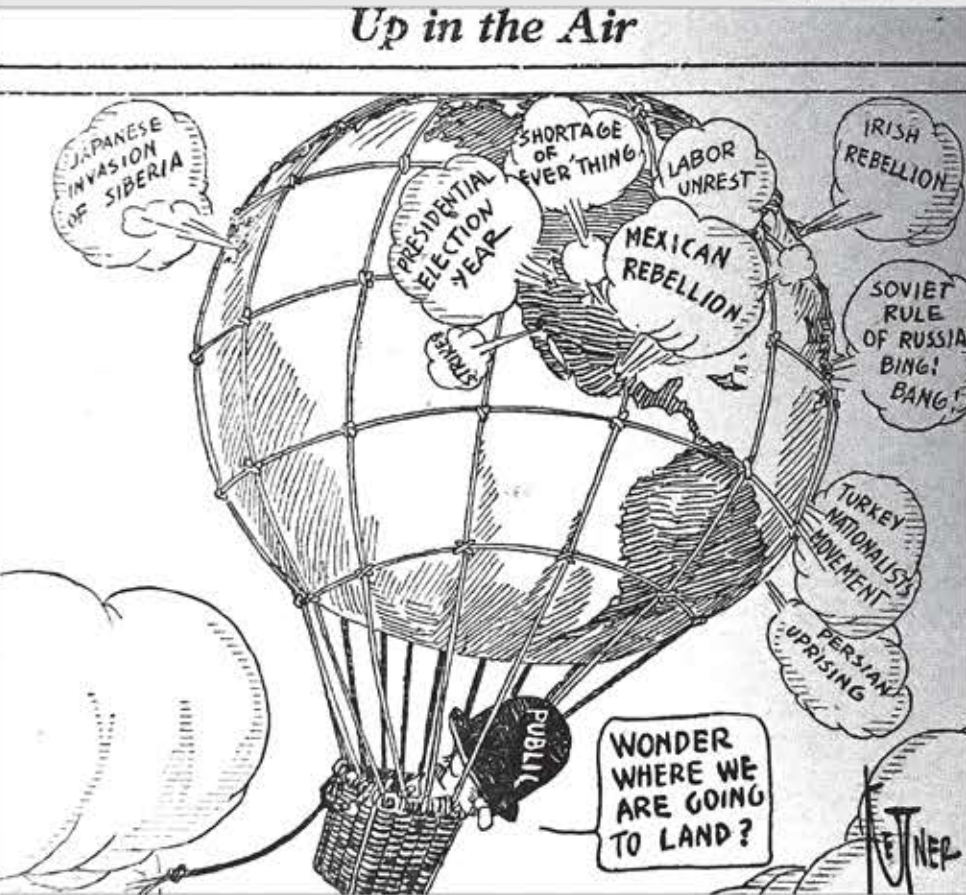
Eastern Colorado News
July 31, 1941

Wounded Warbird Returns Home



Somewhere in the Pacific—Official U. S. Navy photograph—Riddled by Jap bullets, this SBD-3, a Douglas dive bomber, is pictured after it returned to its carrier. The skill of American workmanship has shown up time and time again when planes like the one pictured have returned from battle held together by mere threads. Note that altho his plane in a mass of bullet holes the pilot sits in the cockpit unharmed and undaunted.

Eastern Colorado News
July 30, 1942



The Strasburg News
July 30, 1920

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J

Hello Families,

Now is the time to re-enroll your student(s) for the 2026-27 school year! All returning families **MUST** re-enroll their students so they can be rostered and placed with a teacher. Please reach out to your school's secretary for more assistance! We can't wait to see you in a couple of weeks!

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BENNETT ELEMENTARY

AUGUST 5, 2026

1ST & 2ND GRADES ONLY

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

AUGUST 6, 2026

KINDER ONLY

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

BENNETT INTERMEDIATE

AUGUST 5, 2026

4TH & 5TH GRADES ONLY

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

AUGUST 6, 2026

3RD GRADE ONLY

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

BENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 5, 2026

6TH GRADE ONLY

4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

AUGUST 6, 2026

7TH & 8TH GRADES ONLY

4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 5, 2026

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School Supply Lists

KINDERGARTEN: 1 labeled full-size backpack & 1 change of clothes; 2 boxes 24ct Crayola crayons; 4 boxes broad tip Crayon markers; 1 labeled water bottle; two 4-pack playdough; 1 pkg Band-Aids; 1-inch unlabeled binder; 4-pack fine tipped black Expo markers; 4-pack chisel tip black Expo markers; 8 glue sticks (unscented); primary composition book with picture space or \$3; 2 over-ear headphones; 4 boxes Kleenex; child scissors; plastic pencil box (no zippers or locks); 2 black Sharpies; 50-pack sheet protectors; 100-pack unlined white index cards; 4 unlabeled plastic folders with prongs; unlabeled orange plastic folder with pockets; 200-pack of laminating sheets. **Last Name A-M:** Gallon Zip locks, cotton balls, foam plates, plastic spoons, craft sticks. **Last Name N-Z:** Quart Zip-lock bags, paper plates, plastic cups, pipe cleaners, plastic forks. Extras: c-charger, pom poms, construction paper, white card stock, sticky notes, puffy paint, tin foil, wax paper, yarn, plastic wrap.

FIRST GRADE: Pencil box, two 12-count glue sticks; two 24-count crayons; child scissors; two 24-packs sharpened pencils; four 2-pocket folders in red, green, blue and orange; gallon zip-lock bags (BOYS); sandwich size zip-lock bags (GIRLS); 3 boxes of tissue; pair of headphones; 8 regular black Expo markers; 16 fine tip black Expo markers; 2 packs Crayola markers; 1 pack colored pencils; 2 packs of colored copy paper; 2 Clorox wipes (BOYS); 1 can Lysol spray (GIRLS); 1 box Band-Aids. **Optionals:** construction paper, sticky notes, snacks for classroom, mini plastic water bottles for classroom, clear page protectors.

SECOND GRADE: two boxes colored pencils; two boxes 24-pack crayons; composition notebook; 12 #2 pencils; child scissors; two-pack black broad-tip dry erase markers; standard pencil box (labeled); over-ear headphones (no bluetooth); four boxes Kleenex; four folders (1 orange); two glue sticks; box of Band-Aids. **Girls:** box of sandwich size zip-lock bags. **Boys:** box of gallon zip-lock bags. **Optionals:** hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Lysol spray.

THIRD GRADE: Plug-in headphones; water bottle (spill proof); two packs lined paper; four glue sticks; 3 packs sharpened pencils; child scissors; one pack highlighters; 3 packs dry erase markers; crayons; markers; two-pocket folders in multiple colors and labeled; wide-lined notebook; pack of note cards; pencil box; bottle of hand sanitizer; four boxes Kleenex; two packs Clorox wipes; box of sandwich bags (Boys); gallon zip-lock bags (Girls).

FOURTH GRADE: Plug-in headphones; water bottle (spill proof); 2026-27 weekly planner; two packs lined paper; pack of card stock; two composition notebooks; three packs dry erase markers; three boxes of sharpened pencils; markers; crayons; scissors; ruler; two glue sticks; pencil case; four folders; two packs sticky notes; pack of note cards; Clorox wipes; four boxes of Kleenex; pack of lined paper (Boys); pack of permanent markers (Girls).

FIFTH GRADE: Plug-in headphones; 2026-27 weekly planner; water bottle (spill proof); three packs dry erase markers; two packs sharpened pencils; pack of Crayola markers; pair of scissors; pack of permanent markers; two spiral notebooks; four 2-pocket folders; pack of card stock; pencil pouch; pack of multi-color highlighters; two glue sticks; pack of colored pencils; pack of sticky notes; pack of note cards; four boxes Kleenex; Clorox wipes; hand sanitizer.

AUGUST EVENT CALENDAR

- 3 - Start of HS Football practice
- 10 - 1st Day of School K-12
- Start of HS Volleyball, Soccer, Softball & Cross Country practice
- 12 - PTSA Meeting - 5 PM - 6 PM (BES Library)
- 14 - Softball @ Weld County
- 15 - Softball @ Limon
- High School Cross Country SCRIMMAGE - 8:00AM
Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg
- 17 - 1st Full Day of Preschool
- 18 - Middle School and High School Picture Day
- Softball @ Florence
- 19 - Board of Education Regular Meeting - 6 PM
BHS Library, 610 7th St.
- 22 - Softball @ Mitchell (DH)
- High School Cross Country - University 2-Mile "Break Your Pace,"
University High School, 6525 E. 18th St, Greeley, CO
- 23 - Boy Soccer - @ Denver Academy
- 24 - Elementary and Intermediate School Picture Day
- 25 - Boys Soccer @ Ellicott
- Volleyball @ Weld County
- 28 - Football @ Mitchell
- 27 - Boys Soccer @ Frontier Academy
- 29 - Cross Country - Steve Lohman Invite, Cherry Creek High School

