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At least 2.5 inches dropped in less than an hour between Strasburg and Byers Aug. 14, flooding Highway 36 near the intersection with Bradbury-Krebs Road. The water current was so strong it washed a vehicle off the highway, and multiple emergency jurisdictions responded to rescue the driver from the roof of the vehicle.

Mother Nature turns spigot wide open

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Feast or famine — that's been this summer along the I-70 Corridor when it comes to moisture. After struggling with abnormally hot, dry and windy conditions since April, many parts of the region received

20% to 25% of their annual rainfall over the last part of last week, resulting in flooded roadways and treacherous travel conditions. The hardest and most impactful deluge was felt starting around 3 p.m. between Strasburg and Byers when 2.5 inches or more of precipitation — a mix of rain and hail — fell in under an hour.

The Friday afternoon downpour was so severe that a raging current of floodwaters swept an SUV off of Highway 36 immediately west of the Bradbury-Krebs Road intersection. A water rescue of the driver ensued. The driver sat on the roof of her vehicle, which ended up off
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The overall winner of entries in the Strasburg Hometown Days parade Aug. 8 went to Growth & Wealth Financial. For more Hometown Days coverage, **SEE PAGES 11-14.**

'Burg classrooms 'no phone zones'

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — "We must be clear and firm: students who intentionally defy the policy will face immediate and more severe consequences, which may include suspension." That was the message from Strasburg School Superintendent Kelle Bongard about the district's new cell phone policy, which restricts all personal electronic devices in all classrooms in all buildings across campus. "While it isn't perfect, we are continu-

ally monitoring and refining procedures to make them smooth and manageable for everyone," Bongard continued during the Aug. 10 school board meeting. "This policy was not created to punish students but to protect them — to reduce the harmful effects of phone and social media distraction and pressure so students can be present, focus on learning, and feel safer at school. We ask families to partner with us in supporting this priority while students are on campus."
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Struck out: Bennett School suspends softball program

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — After only two years of existence, the Bennett High School softball program has been suspended for the fall 2026 season, if not longer. The first day of practice for the new school was slated Aug. 10, but the Lady Tigers never got the chance to get on the softball diamond that afternoon as first-year Athletic Director Travis Conroy pulled the plug on the new season. "Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the 2026 season due to a lack of participation," Conroy said in a text message to *The I-70 Scout* that evening. "We are in

hopes to reconstitute the team next year." Coaches and families of team members took exception to the announcement, saying that they were told that, if they had 12 or more students interested in playing, that the season would move forward as scheduled. Coaches said that, as of last Monday morning, they had 13 players confirmed with a 14th expected to join them in about a week; however, Bennett Superintendent Robin Purdy said that Conroy reported late that morning that the Colorado High School Activities Association's online sports enrollment app showed only 11 girls registered for the team.
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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Bennett High School softball field will not be used over the upcoming season as the district announced Aug. 10 that the program has been suspended for at least 2026 because of a lack of players.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Denver Foundation donates \$125K for MCC scholarships

FORT MORGAN — Morgan Community College has been awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Reisher Scholars Program at The Denver Foundation as part of a landmark \$25 million statewide investment celebrating the program's 25th anniversary.

"By putting significant resources directly into the hands of institutions that share our commitment to student success, we are strengthening relationships statewide and opening doors for the next generation of Colorado scholars," said Javier Alberto Soto, head of The Denver Foundation.

The funding will provide scholarship support for MCC students over the next two academic years.

MCC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Gary Dukes said the funds "will help many of our students who are close to graduation ... afford those last couple of courses to cross the finish line," said MCC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Gary Dukes.

Big address signs offered at cost by Strasburg FPD

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

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

According to a release, the signs significantly help the emergency crews find an address in a faster and safer manner, especially at night when the addresses on the front of a house are not lit.

To have a sign made, contact the Strasburg Fire Protection District at (303)622-4444, ext. 1.

Parks & Rec outing destined for gambling at Black Hawk

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, from Strasburg for a senior excursion to the casinos at Black Hawk.

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

Lunch is not included. 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.

Enrollment for e-bike bucks scheduled from Aug. 24-31

WHEAT RIDGE — With \$3 million on hand for the current fiscal year, the Colorado Energy Office plans to provide point-of-sale rebates for qualifying e-bike purchases to more than 2,800 eligible Coloradans over the next 12 months.

Rebates are open to residents with a household income at or below 80% of the area median income in their county of residence. The standard rebate is worth \$1,000, with extra rebates available for e-cargo (+\$300) and adaptive e-bikes (+\$300).

Registration will open on a quarterly basis over the next year. Each round will be open for one week, and Coloradans can register at any time. The first round will start at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24, and close at 12 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31. For more information or to register, visit at <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov>.

Salmonella cases rise in ArapCo, state

DENVER — Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) is reporting an increase in *Salmonella* cases, and that trend is occurring in Arapahoe County as well.

Federal and state agencies are collaborating with CDPHE to identify potential sources, according to a release. The agencies say a recent multistate *Salmonella* outbreak is likely associated with jalapeño peppers. Through Aug. 14, at least 345 people in 27 states have contracted the disease.

Salmonella, a leading cause of food-borne illness, occurs when people consume *Salmonella* bacteria in food or water. Some people are at increased risk of infection and may become seriously ill. These groups include children younger than 5 years (especially children who are under age 1); adults age 50 or older with underlying medical problems; all adults age 65 and older; people with weakened immune systems; and international travelers.

Symptoms appear within six hours to six days of consuming contaminated food. Symptoms include diarrhea, fever, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, headache and dehydration caused by diarrhea and vomiting.

Most people recover at home within four to seven days by drinking plenty of fluids, though severe cases can cause dangerous dehydration or spread to the bloodstream.

2 ArapCo chiefs earn nat'l board appts

Arapahoe County Commissioners Leslie Summey and Carrie Warren-Gully were appointed to leadership roles on two national steering committees at the National Association of Counties Annual Conference & Exposition in New Orleans July 17-20.

The appointments of Summey and Warren-Gully give Arapahoe County a stronger voice in developing national county policy and federal advocacy priorities. Through their leadership, the commissioners can share local experience, advocate for resources and policies that work for counties, and bring ideas from communities across the country back home to Arapahoe County.

WARREN-GULLY, CHAIR HUMAN SVCS & EDUCATION POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

District 1 Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully is the new Social Services Subcommittee chair on the Human Services & Education Policy Committee. This committee addresses matters including children's issues, foster care, public assistance and income support, senior services, services for disabled individuals, immigration policy, social services, and elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

Warren-Gully brings a wealth of experience in human services and education to the role. Before her election, where she serves as the human services board liaison, she served seven years on the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education, advocating for students and families across the district. In 2014, she founded Books to Life, an audiobook production company that bridges literature and accessibility. As a mother of three sons who attended Littleton Public Schools, Warren-Gully brings firsthand perspective to her work on education, family services, and community well-being.

"With safety nets and public education facing increased budget cuts and scrutiny, this is a chance to make sure Arapahoe County's needs are heard at the federal level — and to bring back strategies from counties across the country that can strengthen the services our own families

rely on," Warren-Gully said.

LESLIE SUMMEY, VICE CHAIR JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

District 4 Commissioner and Board Chair Leslie Summey is the new vice chair of the Justice & Public Safety Policy Committee. This committee focuses on criminal justice and public safety systems, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, homeland security, crime prevention, juvenile justice, emergency management, fire prevention, and civil disturbances.

Smmey is well-suited for the national leadership role. She currently serves on the county's Regional Opioid Abatement Council, Board of Social Services, and Justice Coordinating Committee, among others. She represents Arapahoe County on Colorado Counties Justice & Public Safety committee and the sheriff's Forfeiture Committee.

"The work of ensuring the safety of all residents, and the fair and equitable application of our guaranteed rights, is a passion for me and more important than ever," said Commissioner Summey. "Serving in this national role means Arapahoe County will have a seat at the table as public safety policy is shaped — giving us early insight into emerging best practices and federal priorities we can put to work right here for our residents and our neighbors across the country."

Summey and Warren-Gully have been appointed to one-year terms, running from July 31, 2026, through July 30, 2027.



Summey



Warren-Gully

ABOUT NACO

NACo is a grassroots-driven organization that supports the work of counties across the country. The association's 10 policy steering committees cover a full range of domestic policy issues impacting county governments and local communities. These committees meet at least twice a year to review and make recommendations on public policy and legislation. The policy development process led by the steering committees forms the foundation of the American County Platform, which drives NACo's advocacy work.

POLICE REPORTS

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- SATURDAY, MAY 9**
- Jesse Patrick Jones, 43, of Strasburg, was arrested for harassment in the 100 block of South Sherman Street, **Byers**.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 26**
- A runaway was reported in the Sky Ranch subdivision, **Aurora**.
 - Domestic violence was reported on South County Road 193, **Byers**.
 - A runaway was reported in the **Bennett** area.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 27**
- A vehicle was repossessed in the 1000 block of Odessa Street, **Aurora**.
 - Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Cedar Street, **Deer Trail**.
- MONDAY, JUNE 29**
- Trespassing was reported in the 26900 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Aurora**.
 - A vehicle was repossessed in the 70100 block of East County Road 18, **Byers**.
 - A death occurred on East Quincy Avenue near the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and South Powhaton Road, **Aurora**.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 30**
- Domestic violence was reported in the 26900 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Aurora**.
 - A property damage accident occurred in the 1000 block of South First Street, **Bennett**.
 - A vehicle was repossessed in the 600 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Bennett**.
 - A traffic accident occurred in the 1000 block of South First Street, **Bennett**.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**
- A drug violation was reported in the 100 block of South Dutch Valley Road, **Bennett**.
 - A vehicle was repossessed in the 6500

- South County Road 181, **Byers**.
- A weapons violation was reported in the 100 block of Palmer Avenue, **Bennett**.
 - Theft was reported in the 500 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Bennett**.
- THURSDAY, JULY 2**
- A runaway was reported on Yantley Street, **Sky Ranch, Aurora**.
 - Fraud was reported in the 300 block of South Dutch Valley Road, **Bennett**.
- FRIDAY, JULY 3**
- Elder abuse was reported on East Union Place at South Wolf Creek Road, **Strasburg**.
 - A drug violation was reported on Marketplace Drive, **Bennett**.
- SATURDAY, JULY 4**
- An injury traffic accident occurred on westbound I-70 about one mile west of the Airport Road interchange, **Aurora**.
 - Auto theft was reported in the 100 block of South Dutch Valley Road, **Bennett**.
 - A DUI bust was made on South McDonnell Street, **Byers**.
 - A warrant arrest was made on Marketplace Drive, **Bennett**.
- SUNDAY, JULY 5**
- A runaway was reported on Yantley Street, **Sky Ranch, Aurora**.
- TUESDAY, JULY 7**
- Elder abuse was reported on South Bonnie Lane, **Watkins**.
- THURSDAY, JULY 9**
- An assault was reported in the 26900 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Aurora**.
 - Harassment was reported in the 32300 block of East Colfax Avenue, **Watkins**.
 - A warrant arrest was made in the 1500 block of South County Road 181, **Byers**.
 - A burglary was reported in the 4400 block of South Harvest Road, **Aurora**.

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STRASBURG BOE

School-issued Chromebooks are the only individual electronics allowed classrooms.

During Monday’s school board meeting, it was mentioned that drop off of student phones was taking longer in Hemphill Middle School, where they are being stored in a lock box in the front. In the high school, individual students lock their phones in a pouch that can’t be reopened until they are dismissed at the end of the day or drop them off in the front office where a lock box is located. The same restrictions apply in the elementary as well.

While a few hiccups have been reported in the administration of the policy, Hemphill Middle School Principal JaLee Kitzman said her staff has been pleasantly surprised with the improvement in the learning environment in just a few days. The first day of school at Strasburg was Aug. 6.

“The difference from last year to this year is just immense,” she said. “Teachers are doing what they’re supposed to do from the start of the day until the end — educate the kids. No interruptions

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A sign on the front door of Strasburg High School reminds students to keep their phones locked up during the school day.

throughout the day.”

Bongard also reiterated the new policy, which was approved by the school board during a July special meeting, was developed by a committee of administrators, staff and board members.

“It was not entered into lightly,” Bongard said.

The bell-to-bell ban follows the passage of House Bill 25-1135 by the Colorado Legislature last year. The new law mandates all Colorado public school districts, including charter schools, to adopt and implement specific student cell phone and communication device policy before the 2026-27 school year. The law doesn’t specify what individual district policy must include, only that specific rules be in place and known by students and their families/guardians.

- ### OTHER BUSINESS

 - New High School Principal Victoria Dickens reported that the freshman and senior classes started the new year with 90 or more students, while the sophomore and junior classes were both in the mid-80s. She recommended that the ninth grade be closed to out-of-district students.
 - In the elementary, Principal Cameron Schiller said that the building’s increased enrollment can be synopsized in one stat — “40 new first- through fifth-graders.”
 - Schiller also said that the elementary’s new outdoor classroom spaces have been a hit with students and families. Bongard also made sure to mention those areas were funded exclusively by elementary fundraisers; “100% from a parents/community,” she said.
 - The preschool, under the direction of Faith Wailes, recently earned Level 5 recognition under the Colorado Shines Quality Rating. It’s the highest rating under the program.
 - The board next meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at the central service building, 2102 Wagner St.



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lic health order. It has been state law for decades that public health officials investigate any active cases of TB. An oversight report from U.S. Rep. Jason Crow’s office then found that 61 people were exposed to the sick person and isolated.

After GEO did not address Adams County’s order, Ryan formally requested clinical information from GEO. Since then, the governor’s office has reached out twice. GEO has not provided the requested underlying action or access. Advocates have been calling on the state to escalate the issue for weeks.

Representatives from GEO and ICE did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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TB TIMELINE

June 25: The Adams County Health Department issued a public health order compelling GEO to provide access to the facility and relevant records.

July 14: CDPHE Executive Director Jill Hunsaker Ryan sent GEO a formal written request for clinical information and details about its investigation.

July 17: The governor’s office requested specific information about people who may have been exposed from GEO.

July 20: The governor’s office followed up on the previous request for specific information about people who might have been exposed.

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Ag secretary Rollins defends SNAP work reqs at Colo. visit

Farmers want federal disaster aid amid historic drought

by **Lindsey Toomer**
Colorado Newsline

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and U.S. Rep. Gabe Evans on Aug. 11 defended funding cuts and work requirements Republicans added to federal food assistance programs that have led to thousands of Coloradans losing benefits.

Rollins and Evans, a Fort Lupton Republican, hosted a roundtable with Colorado farmers and agricultural producers at Bobcat of the Rockies in Henderson. At a press conference after the roundtable, which was closed to the media, the pair talked about challenges farmers in Colorado face and how the federal government supports them and the agriculture industry.

The Republican tax cut and spending bill known as H.R. 1, which President Donald Trump signed into law last year, cut funding and added new work requirements for anyone who receives food stamp benefits through the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. To remain eligible for SNAP, an able-bodied adult without children must “participate in a work activity” for 20 hours a week.

Rollins, whose department oversees SNAP, said eight out of 10 Americans, “even an average Democrat who’s walking down the street of Denver,” would say the 20-hour-a-week requirement is reasonable.

“In order to receive, arguably, a generous benefit from the American taxpayer, all we’re requiring you to do is look for a job for 20 hours a week, work at a job for 20 hours a week, or volunteer somewhere 20 hours a week,” Rollins said.

Research has found that work requirements for public benefits like SNAP and Medicaid do not increase employment rates and reduce access to food and health care.

SNAP enrollment has dropped nationwide after Trump signed H.R. 1. In Colorado, enrollment dropped by about 27,000 people between July 2025 and April.

SNAP ERROR RATE

Evans highlighted the recent annual increase in Colorado’s SNAP error rate, which measures how accurate a state’s eligibility determination is for a public benefit like food stamps. The error rate accounts for both under and over payments. In the 2025 fiscal year, Colorado’s error rate was about 10%. In the 2018 fiscal year, Colorado’s error rate was just over 5%.

States whose error rates are above 6% will be required after October 2027 to pay more to support their SNAP programs under the requirements of H.R. 1. Those requirements will push Colorado to meet

the same standard it had previously, Evans said.

“If they can do that, the state of Colorado gets 100% of its SNAP benefits paid for by the federal government,” Evans said.

The 10% error rate means about \$12 million a month is “not getting to the people who need it the most because of mismanagement here in the state of Colorado,” Evans said, adding that the new requirements will “cut out fraud, waste and abuse” — a slogan commonly invoked in the second Trump administration.

The Colorado Fiscal Institute predicted that increased spending on SNAP would be detrimental to Colorado’s already tight state budget. The House-approved Farm Bill is stalled in the Senate because Democrats want an extension for states to meet the error rate requirements.

HEARING FROM COLORADO FARMERS

Rollins said roundtable participants talked about how gray wolves have been “absolutely devastating” for cattle ranchers, water challenges for agriculture producers, and bird flu.

Evans touted the central role Colorado’s 8th Congressional District plays in the state’s agriculture economy, calling it an “ag powerhouse” that produces beef, milk, eggs, specialty crops, and more for the whole state.

“This truly is the district that feeds and fuels the rest of Colorado,” Evans said.

Evans was elected to represent the 8th District in 2024 and is running for reelection against Democrat Manny Rutinel this year. The district, which includes the northern Denver suburbs and Greeley, is the most competitive in Colorado and the race to represent it is expected to be one of the contests that determines which party controls Congress.

Kreg Vollmer, who serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Farm Bureau, said he wanted to highlight the struggles Colorado farmers have faced with extreme drought conditions, which he said has been “top of mind for everybody” following a historically dry and warm winter.

“There’s a lot of guys who weren’t able to put stuff in the ground. There’s a lot of families that, with some of the other economic pressures that are going on, that are having a hard time,” Vollmer said. “So there’s a lot of concern for their family farms, their legacy, and then the communities that they support.”

Ensuring there is a strong safety net and disaster recovery aid in the Farm Bill is a top priority, Vollmer said, as farmers and ranchers work through the ramifications drought and fires in neighboring areas have on their production.

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and U.S. Rep. Gabe Evans, a Fort Lupton Republican, right, hold a press conference Aug. 11 after participating in a roundtable with Colorado farmers and ranchers in Henderson.



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Rick Wilson



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Rick Wade Wilson went home to his Maker on Aug. 8, 2026, after a brief illness. Rick was born on Dec. 6, 1955, to Richard and Margene Wilson. He was raised on their farm north of Byers, Colo. Rick graduated from Byers High School in 1973 and a few years later started his family.

In August 1977, Rick married Beverly Crockham, and they welcomed a son, Micah, in May of 1984.

During Rick's life, he pursued many interests. He first worked for a local farmer before changing paths to work in the oil field. He worked for Flint, D&D Water Service and then spent 20 years working for Guernsey Grading and Excavation in Strasburg, Colo.

In 2020, Rick returned to his first love — driving truck over the road. For the last six years of his life, he traveled the country from coast to coast, seeing the country from behind the wheel with his companion Cooper, his beloved dog.

Rick is survived by his sister, Teri Robbins of Deer Trail; nieces Cassandra (Judd) Behrens of Deer Trail and Regina Robbins of Deer Trail; nephew Jerry Robbins of Fort Morgan; great-nieces and great-nephews Jaxon Behrens, Sydnee Behrens, Larrah Robbins, and Ori Robbins; along with several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Margene Wilson; his wife, Beverly Wilson; and his son, Micah Wilson.

MCC plans art and culture events

FORT MORGAN — The Morgan Community College Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) invites the community to a month of art, culture and entertainment through a series of special August events that celebrate creativity, heritage and community connections.

The CACE Gallery of Fine Art, 300 Main St., Fort Morgan, will host a stunning Japanese/American Quilt Exhibit from Aug. 17 through Sept. 19. The exhibit showcases quilt artistry that reflects both Japanese and American traditions, highlighting the craftsmanship and cultural stories woven into each piece.

To mark the occasion, an opening reception is planned from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, where the public can meet fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy this remarkable collection. The event will be held in conjunction with the Fort Morgan Third Thursday Art Walk, where quilters from throughout Morgan County will display their work at downtown businesses. The Art Walk offers visitors a chance to explore downtown while experiencing the creativity of local artists and quilters.

MCC CACE will also partner with the Cover Theater for a 3 p.m. showing of "City Slickers," Saturday, Aug. 29, as part of Fort Morgan's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood and the 250th since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The showing coincides with Cover Theater's Classic Movie Festival.

The public can visit the theater beginning at 2:30 p.m. to learn more about MCC CACE. Staff will share information about upcoming programs and events and distribute the 2026-27 CACE events calendar with other giveaways.

The exhibit concludes on Saturday, Sept. 19, during the Fall Harvest Car Show. To coincide with the festivities, the CACE Gallery will offer special hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"CACE's mission is to enhance life through artistic, cultural, social, and intellectual activities," said Suzanna Spears, MCC CACE coordinator.

For more information, call Spears at (970)542-3180 or visit www.morgancc.edu.



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BENNETT SOFTBALL

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"Twelve lines were filled out but it looked like one of the girls had entered herself twice on the Arbiter app," Purdy said. "That was about 11:30 a.m."

Head coach Joe Ortiz said he was informed by Conroy of the decision to cancel the season around noon and that a meeting with the girls had been scheduled at 4 p.m. that day to deliver the news.

"Pretty surprising and devastating," Ortiz said. "We had scheduled our first practice and thought we would make a determination on the season after that happened. Never had that chance."

While most of the girls and their families were made aware of the news at or after that Aug. 10 meeting, one Bennett player was reportedly practicing at Strasburg later that evening. Prior to Bennett starting their program with the 2024 season, the Lady Tigers traveled to Strasburg for softball.

Updated CHSAA rules allow individual students interested in a sport not offered by their district to participate at an immediately neighboring district. At the end of last week, one Bennett girl was going to Strasburg with another three or four reportedly making the trip to Vista Peak in east Aurora.

A statement from CHSAA said that reinstatement of Bennett's softball program next year is possible even though it would be in the middle of a two-year cycle. While other members of the new Pioneer League would likely be required to play the Lady Tigers next year, whether non-conference opponents would face such requirement was uncertain. To be eligible for the 3A postseason, teams must play at least 17 varsity contests and the Pioneer League this year is made up of nine teams without Bennett.

"I don't know what other schools would want to take a chance that they have a team next year and not get a makeup game to fill the void," said an athletic director from one of the non-conference schools on Bennett's schedule. "And then you throw in a tournament or two where three or four games are impacted. [Bennett] really didn't do themselves any favor."

During its inaugural season in the fall of 2024, Bennett had 13 girls and, last year, the roster was 14. According to Ortiz, with 14 girls, he felt confident this season would be uninterrupted even with two girls planning to play volleyball as well.

"Had a couple extra players, even with scheduling conflicts with volleyball," Ortiz said.

Over the first two seasons, Bennett went 19-28 but last year's 11-13 record was good enough to get the Lady Tigers into the 3A postseason; however, the orange-and-black were defeated in its first-ever playoff game 20-2 by Strasburg.

Ortiz, who coached both years, said that he has been told that, if the program is reinstated for the 2027 season, he is not guaranteed the head coaching position.

"They told me they would open up the search for a coach and that I could apply," he said.

Among other concerns voiced by sources close to the program was that seven players didn't return for this season. At least a handful of players would have been first-year participants.

Purdy denied that other issues, including parental pressure, was behind the decision to cancel the season.

"Doing what's in the best interests of our student-athletes and we had to do it before it got too late to do so," she said.

Concerns that the district has not received its "return on investment" for spending at least \$30,000 on softball field renovations are among the complaints. In addition, the first year of the program incurred about \$15,000 in expenses — coaching salaries, referee fees and equipment. Softball uniforms were paid for by \$2,000-plus in fundraising.

The next school board meeting is slated for 5 p.m. today. As of press time Aug. 16, the softball program was not included on the agenda.



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Strasburg Lady Indians

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — After a 6-17 campaign last year and missing the post-season for the first time in five years, the chief of the Strasburg Lady Indians volleyball program is optimistic for a return to prominence for the red-and-black.

“Thirty-four girls this year. Very excited about how many came out and it’s a great group of girls,” said long-time head coach Larry Deffenbaugh, who is in his fifth season in his second stint with the red-and-black. “We learned a lot about our team and ourselves this summer on and off the court and I believe we are starting to see some benefits from the summer

camp.”

A dozen returning letter-winners return from the 2026 squad, led by junior hitter and blocker Laci Zimmerman (221 kills, 31 blocks last season), sophomore setter Camryn Forbes (459 assists, 133 digs), senior libero Jenna Echer (254 digs, 42 service aces), and senior outside hitter Tatijana Rojahn (73 kills, 174 digs). Additional returnees expected to be key contributors are seniors Ryleigh Paul (outside hitter) and EmmaJullissa Valencia (defensive specialist); junior Chloe Fields (right side); sophomores Emelie Cardenas (outside hitter), Ava McKenner (right side), McKenna Garcia (setter); and freshman

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Bennett Lady Tigers

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — After 2025 marked the first time since 2021 of not tasting the postseason, the Bennett Lady Tigers are hopeful of rekindling that success with a strong returning nucleus this fall.

A handful of key cogs from last year’s 11-12 campaign return for fifth-year head coach Corissa Thornton.

Seniors Emilee Venneberg (428 assists, 74 kills last year), Abigail Thornton (170 kills), and Kaylonnie McLaury (251 digs) and juniors Josie Ladd (99 kills, 28 aces) and Meagan Green (.239 hitting % and 21 blocks) provide stability to start the season. Seniors Mady Bavouset, Paige Chap-

man and Nancy Jordan are also expected to step in during key rotations as are varsity newcomers junior Athena Mack and sophomore Adeline Cranwill.

In total, 31 Lady Tigers are on the roster.

“One of our biggest strengths is the trust our players have in one another and their ability to work together as a team. I’m really excited about this group and the direction our program is heading. We have six returning seniors who were all part of our varsity team last season, and their experience and leadership will be a huge strength for us,” Thornton said. “They understand our expectations, our culture,

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2A Volleyball Preview



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Byers Lady Bulldogs

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BYERS — A new head coach is hopeful she can mold a strong returning cast of Byers Lady Bulldogs into an upper-echelon 2A squad on the volleyball court this fall.

According to first-year mentor Brianna “Bree” Gates, who comes to Byers with six years of club and high school coaching experience, this year’s junior-dominated roster has her optimistic for the upcoming season.

“[Defensively], we have talent all the way around, so being able to use that every point will be key,” Gates said. “[Offensively], we have a lot of big arms and talented setters, so giv-

ing them the speed and new sets for success will be key.”

Only two seniors were lost off last year’s main rotation during a 10-15 campaign, including a 4-3 third-place record in the 1A/2A Union Pacific League.

The green-and-white return about 85% of its statistical firepower from last year, led by juniors Karley Linnebur (255 kills, 55 service aces in 2025), Joclynn Rector (179 kills, 46 aces), Leyla Sayler (458 assists, 44 aces), Ainsley Sauer (58 kills, 37 blocks) and the squad’s lone senior Taiya Eymann (53 kills, 26 blocks). Rector and Sauer are both coming off of knee injuries suffered during

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1A Volleyball Preview



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Deer Trail Lady Eagles

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — A new head coach is hopeful of directing the Deer Trail Lady Eagles volleyball program to its first winning record in five years and long-awaited berth in the playoffs.

For first-year head coach Amanda Clayton, the first winning season since fall 2021 will likely ride on whether this year’s roster of 17 can replace the two leading hitters from last year’s 8-15 campaign, including 0-6 in the Union Pacific League. Between a graduated senior and an out-of-district family move, the Lady Eagles lost 256 kills, 150 assists, 54 service aces and 15 blocks. Deer Trail lost three girls from last year.

“We return several experienced players and have promising younger athletes who are showing growth,” said Clayton, who has spent the past two years leading the middle school program. “This season is about building a stronger foundation for the future of Deer Trail volleyball. We want to establish a culture centered on accountability, teamwork, consistent effort, and growth. Our athletes are working hard to strengthen their fundamentals and become more confident competitors. Although improving our record is important, we also want to develop athletes who represent Deer Trail well and create expectations that will continue

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Ashley Gibson (outside hitter). The squad's five seniors is rounded out by Brooklyn Ludwig-Martinez.

"I like this team and even though we are young, they are working very hard," Deffenbaugh said. "They are hungry this season."

According to Deffenbaugh, last year's deficiencies of inconsistency and errors must be improved upon.

"Our goals on defense would be to play consistent volleyball throughout the match, moving on after a mistake and not letting it linger," he said. "Our team's offensive goals are develop a more varied attack, which will be totally dependent on our serve-receive and out-of-system play."

While the red-and-black remain in the always tough Patriot League, the conference has been split into two separate divisions — the Peaks and Plains. Strasburg is in the Plains Division along with fellow 3A schools Brush, Frontier Academy, Platte Valley, Sterling, Valley, Weld Central and 2A programs Highland and Wiggins.

"A strong division but we have the potential to be competitive," Deffenbaugh said.

The Patriot Peaks involves 3A Berthoud, Eaton, Liberty Common, Resurrection Christian, University, Wellington and Windsor Charter Academy, and 4A Fort Morgan.

Of the 12 schools to reach the 3A

state tournament last season, three were from the Patriot League with Eaton taking the championship and Resurrection Christian being a semi-finalists. Sterling also qualified.

Strasburg qualified for the postseason each season 2021 through 2024, including state tournament appearances 2022 through 2024. Under Deffenbaugh's first stint in Strasburg from 1994 through 2006, Strasburg won back-to-back state titles in 2002 and 2003 and reached the championship match three other times. Deffenbaugh, a Colorado High School Hall of Fame inductee in 2019, enters the season with 611 total wins in his high school coaching career.

Deffenbaugh's assistants are Brandi Marrero, Nichole Welch, Alyssa Garcia, Jessica Ryan and Topher Rouse.

- 2026 SCHEDULE
- Aug. 20: @ Prospect Ridge Academy

Aug. 25: Arrupe Jesuit

Sept. 1: @ Stargate School

Sept. 3: @ Kent Denver

Sept. 8: Byers

Sept. 10: Eagle Ridge Academy

Sept. 15: Windsor Charter Academy

Sept. 22: St. Mary's Academy

Sept. 24: @ Bennett

Sept. 26: @ Fort Morgan

Sept. 29: Highland

Oct. 1: @ Weld Central

Oct. 6: Platte Valley

Oct. 8: @ Sterling

Oct. 13: Frontier Academy

Oct. 15: @ Valley

Oct. 17: Peyton

Oct. 20: Brush

Oct. 22: Fort Lupton

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and what it takes to compete at the varsity level, and I'm excited to see them step into even bigger leadership roles this year. One area we're continuing to work on is being more vocal on the court."

The biggest change facing the orange-and-black might be their revamped league. The Colorado High School Activities Association disbanded the Frontier League and placed most of the conference's metro schools and Bennett into the newly created Pioneer League. The conference includes previous rivals Alameda, Arrupe Jesuit, Arvada, Englewood, Fort Lupton, Jefferson and The Pinnacle and adds two newly CHSAA-sanctioned programs in 3A DSST: Elevate Northeast and 2A St. John Paul the Great.

"Because we dropped most of our mountain teams (particularly Platte Canyon, Middle Park and Lake County) with our new league, we will be facing some newer competition," Thornton said. "But Fort Lupton is always a tough one in our league, and I don't suspect this year to be any different."

Also visible in its absence from the league is longtime rival Sheridan.

In terms of the overall schedule, Thornton expects her squad to be hitting its full potential by midseason

and be in the hunt a league title and beyond.

"We want our communication, consistency, and confidence to continue improving, with everyone understanding their role and trusting the players around them," she said. "Ultimately, we want to be a team that is tough to compete against every time we step on the court and be playing our best at the end of the season."

"But it's more than wins and losses. We want to continue building a strong culture where our athletes compete, grow in confidence, support each other, and take pride in being part of Bennett volleyball as a program."

Thornton is assisted by junior varsity coach Catherine Yanez and C team coach Brittaney Hudson.

- 2026 SCHEDULE
- Aug. 25: Weld Central

Sept. 1: @ St. Mary's Academy

Sept. 3: Sand Creek

Sept. 9: @ Elizabeth

Sept. 12: @ D'Evelyn Tournament

Sept. 15: @ Arrupe Jesuit

Sept. 17: @ Byers

Sept. 19: Bennett Tiger Invitational (Skyview, Yuma, Ellicott)

Sept. 22: @ DSST: Elevate, Northeast Denver

Sept. 24: Strasburg

Sept. 29: Limon

Sept. 30: Arvada

Oct. 6: Jefferson

Oct. 8: @ Pinnacle

Oct. 13: Saint John Paul the Great

Oct. 20: Fort Lupton

Oct. 27: @ Englewood

Oct. 29: Alameda

last season's regional playoff round.

"Our team is athlete leadership led, we have lots of grit and fire to get better each day. I have so many vital and amazing players that have court awareness and readiness but also the drive to become stronger athletes. Eymann is our all-around and consistent player that is vital to the forward movement of the season," Gates said. "I think we can always grow by working through the inconsistency of a game or mentally as players. Sauer and Rector made huge comebacks in summer ball and practice."

Other key contributions throughout the season are expected from sophomores Zoie Murphy (setter) and Makenna Terry (libero) and freshmen Mazie Bright (outside hitter) and Rylee Hamacher (middle blocker). In total, Gates has 27 girls on the roster.

"I have been very surprised with the energy and practice intensity. These girls have bought into the changes and new team picture that we are building as a team in whole," Gates said. "By midseason, I would like to see my team with the same fire and grit through each game and point as they are starting with now. This group of girls seems willing to play for each other and the passion for the game."

While the UP League includes the likes of perennial 1A state tournament qualifier Stratton and longtime rivals Burlington, Limon and Deer Trail, Gates expects her squad to take second fiddle to no one.

"Our conference has a ton of amazing teams that we faced at the Strasburg summer tournament and we are excited to face them again in the regular season," she said. "I believe we have a seat at the head of the table. As a league we have many amazing ath-

letes and coaches so I am very excited to see how everything matches up throughout the season."

The rest of the schedule includes a variety of challenges, including the pair of neighborhood battles with Strasburg and Bennett and a Sept. 12 date at Denver Christian for an all-day tournament where the Bulldogs are guaranteed three matches. After being in 2A for the past several seasons, including recent state tournament visits, Denver Christian has bumped up to 3A because of the Colorado High School Activities Association's approved change over the summer to a 1.5-multiplier being added to private school enrollments.

Gates sees her squad as ready to tackle the challenges the schedule provides.

"This program by far has been my favorite to work with and I have so many amazing players that are vital to our success in practice and during games," she said. "Every one of these girls is the reason we have a seat at the head of the table. They are truly all in."

Gates is assisted by Kaila Weber and Phoenix Bright.

- 2026 SCHEDULE
- Aug. 24: Clear Creek

Aug. 26: @ Gilpin County

Sept. 1: @ Skyview Academy

Sept. 3: @ Flatirons Academy

Sept. 8: @ Strasburg

Sept. 11: Holyoke

Sept. 12: @ Denver Christian Tournament

Sept. 17: Bennett

Sept. 18: @ Burlington

Sept. 22: Flagler

Sept. 29: Genoa-Hugo

Oct. 1: Deer Trail

Oct. 6: @ Elbert

Oct. 10: Yuma

Oct. 13: Stratton

Oct. 15: @ Kiowa

Oct. 20: @ Peyton

Oct. 22: @ Limon

Oct. 31: Byers Tournament (Limon, Heritage Christian, Fowler)

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strengthening the program for years to come."

On the more experienced side, seniors Vailini Samate (a team-high 160 assists and 82 kills last week) and Kylie Bryant (27 aces) and junior Fatuma Hussein (55 kills, 16 aces and four blocks) are expected to lead the way with sophomore Ruby Ramirez-DeLaCruz and freshmen Camila Carranza and Hawa Hussein to be among the youngsters to step up as the season progresses.

"We will rely on both seniors for leadership, experience, and consistency this season," Clayton said. "Ramirez-DeLaCruz has stood out with her strong attacks and is developing into an offensive threat. Carranza. Is showing considerable promise as a defensive specialist and could potentially contribute as a setter. Hussein has a strong serve and potential las an all-around player."

In total, 10 members of the roster are freshmen or sophomores.

"Our greatest strength is that our athletes are willing to learn and have shown enthusiasm about improving the program. We have good athletic potential, and the players are beginning to understand the importance of working together and holding one another accountable," Clayton said. "Our primary weaknesses are consistency, experience, and ball control. We need to improve our passing to target, develop more consistent setting, and become more aggressive offensively."

As has been the case for numerous years, the red-and-white compete in the 1A/2A Union Pacific League

where they have gone winless in their last 26 conference matches.

"We understand that we are entering the season with something to prove after finishing 0-6 in league play last year. Our conference includes several established and competitive programs, but we believe we have the potential to close that gap," Clayton said. "I believe we can be much more competitive within the conference this season."

Burlington, Stratton, and Byers are considered the primary contenders for the conference title with Genoa-Hugo/Karval expected to be competitive. Stratton made it to the 1A state tournament last year.

The nonconference schedule this season includes the defending state champions from Fleming and perennial 1A power Otis.

Clayton is assisted by Autumn Stuart-Smith.

- 2026 SCHEDULE
- Aug. 25: @ Miami Yoder

Aug. 28: La Veta

Aug. 29: @ Lone Star Triangular; w/ Weldon Valley

Sept. 1: Stratton

Sept. 10: Bethune

Sept. 11: Idalia

Sept. 17: Limon

Sept. 18: @ Otis

Sept. 19: @ Elbert

Sept. 25: Flagler (Homecoming)

Oct. 1: @ Byers

Oct. 2: Fleming

Oct. 6: @ Cripple Creek

Oct. 13: Weldon Valley

Oct. 16: @ Hugo

Oct. 17: @ Kit Carson Quad; w/ Walsh and Hoelne

Oct. 22: @ Kiowa

Oct. 24: North Park

Oct. 30: @ Cotopaxi

Oct. 31: @ Burlington



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1A 6-man Football Preview



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Deer Trail Eagles

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Snapping a six-year postseason drought won't be easy for the Deer Trail Eagles on the gridiron as they will seek to replace almost 3,000 yards lost from graduation or injury last season.

For the red-and-white, who finished the 2025 season 4-6, second-year head coach Sebastien Minor will look senior quarterback Chris Manriquez (95-of-176 for 1,713 yards and 28 touchdowns last year) to lead the attack. Fellow senior Hunter Meredith (15 carries for 51 yards) will take over at starting running back, replacing last year's top rusher (1,175 yards in nine games) who did not return after a leg injury in the next to last game of last season.

"Offensively, we will look to be more dominant in the run game with Meredith taking over the workload. He has been working all summer to make the adjustment," Minor said. "Manriquez was a great weapon for us last year and I am hopeful we can use the passing game to our advantage."

The receiving corps is a bit uncertain after last year's leading receiver graduated following a 1,293 yard season.

Meredith (81 tackles including eight for loss and three sacks and three forced fumbles) will be asked to anchor the defense as well. Seniors Leo Carranza and Sebastian Anguiano and Junior Payden Miller will also be key pieces up front on the defensive line.

"We must establish ourselves by stopping the other team's running game," Minor said. "We return a bunch of key pieces defensively and have added some more talent."

Among the additional talent being assessed is junior Osiris Aldana, sophomore Mike Tossou and freshmen Julian Recendez and Tobin Ho-garth.

"I've enjoyed watching these guys thus far, and am excited to see what they bring to the game plan," Minor said. "They are hungry but we are taking it one week at a time. Our guys are ready to learn. They're bought in. They want to play ball. We've got a great group of upperclassmen but,

we are also very young — 60% of our team is made up of sophomores and freshman. They're small but love to play."

Of Deer Trail's 19-player roster, 12 our freshmen or sophomores.

After being part of the 6-man Central Conference the previous couple of years, the Eagles will — this year and next season — compete in the East Central League, which includes last year's state championship team from Idalia as well as Otis, Flagler, Kiowa, Genoa-Hugo and Bethune. Washington County — a co-op program between Woodlin and Arickaree — was also originally part of the East Central but during the opening week of practice, they disbanded the season for not enough players. The Washington County road game, which was Deer Trail's second contest, has been replaced by a zero-week contest at home against Bethune.

"We now have a bye week before we meet up with Idalia, so maybe things work out better that way," Minor said. "But still a lot of tough tests in our league, which is probably the toughest in 6-man. It is a new league, so I am intrigued to see how it shakes out myself."

In addition to Idalia, Minor expects Otis to be among the conference front-runners.

MileHigh Prep Report recently released its preseason media/coaches poll and it had Idalia at No. 1 in the state, while Otis was ranked seventh and Flagler 10th. Both Otis and Flagler were playoff teams last year that lost in the quarterfinals and opening round, respectively. Deer Trail last participated in the playoffs in 2019. The Eagles schedule also included non conference Fleming, who is ranked sixth in the MileHigh Prep Report's rankings.

Minor will be assisted by second-year coach Kenny Van Cleave and Eric Meredith, in his first season.

2026 SCHEDULE
Aug. 22: Bethune.
Aug. 27: La Veta.
Sept. 11: Idalia.
Sept. 18: @ Otis.
Sept. 25: Flagler.
Oct. 2: Fleming.
Oct. 9: @ Kiowa.
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Words fail to express our feelings at the loss of our beloved wife, mother, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend, Annette Benson Lehman, who left this earth far too soon on July 24, 2026, in Strasburg, Colo., following a long journey with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born Oct. 11, 1954, in Fort Ord, Calif., to Bob F. and Lynn Goodrich Benson. While still a young child, her family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and then Roosevelt, Utah, where she graduated from Union High School in 1972.

Annette married the love of her life, Richard Duane Lehman, on May 4, 1973, in Roosevelt and they just celebrated 53 years of marriage. They lived in Naples (UT), Roosevelt, and Rock Springs (WY) before settling in Strasburg to raise their two sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother Lyle; mother- and father-in-law Marlys and Orval Lehman; and sister-in-law Tammy Yeaman. Annette is survived by her husband Rick; sons Ken and Grant (Tina); siblings Brent (Jennie), Jeff (Jennifer), and Keith; and multiple nieces and nephews.

We will always remember Annette's smile, her laughter, her kindness — but, most of all, her deep love for all of us. She was a gentle, soft-spoken soul who rarely, if ever, had an unkind word to say about anyone. She was supportive of those around her, quick to laugh, and happiest surrounded by the people she loved.

Family gatherings were among Annette's favorite things, and she loved being with the people she cared about. She played the piano for her own enjoyment for many years. She delighted in playing bingo and entering sweepstakes and contests — and especially in winning them. She also enjoyed gardening and growing flowers, although the family freely admits that the produce aisle was often a more successful source of tomatoes. Her gentle nature, ready laughter, and unfailing kindness made people feel loved and accepted.

Above all, Annette loved Rick, her boys, her family, and the people fortunate enough to be part of her life. That love is the legacy she leaves behind — and the reason she leaves an angel-sized hole in our hearts.

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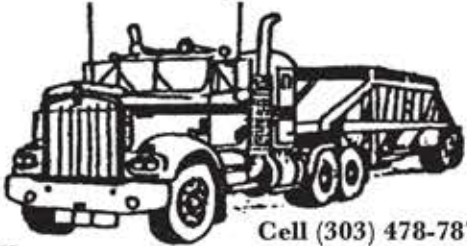
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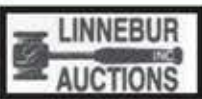
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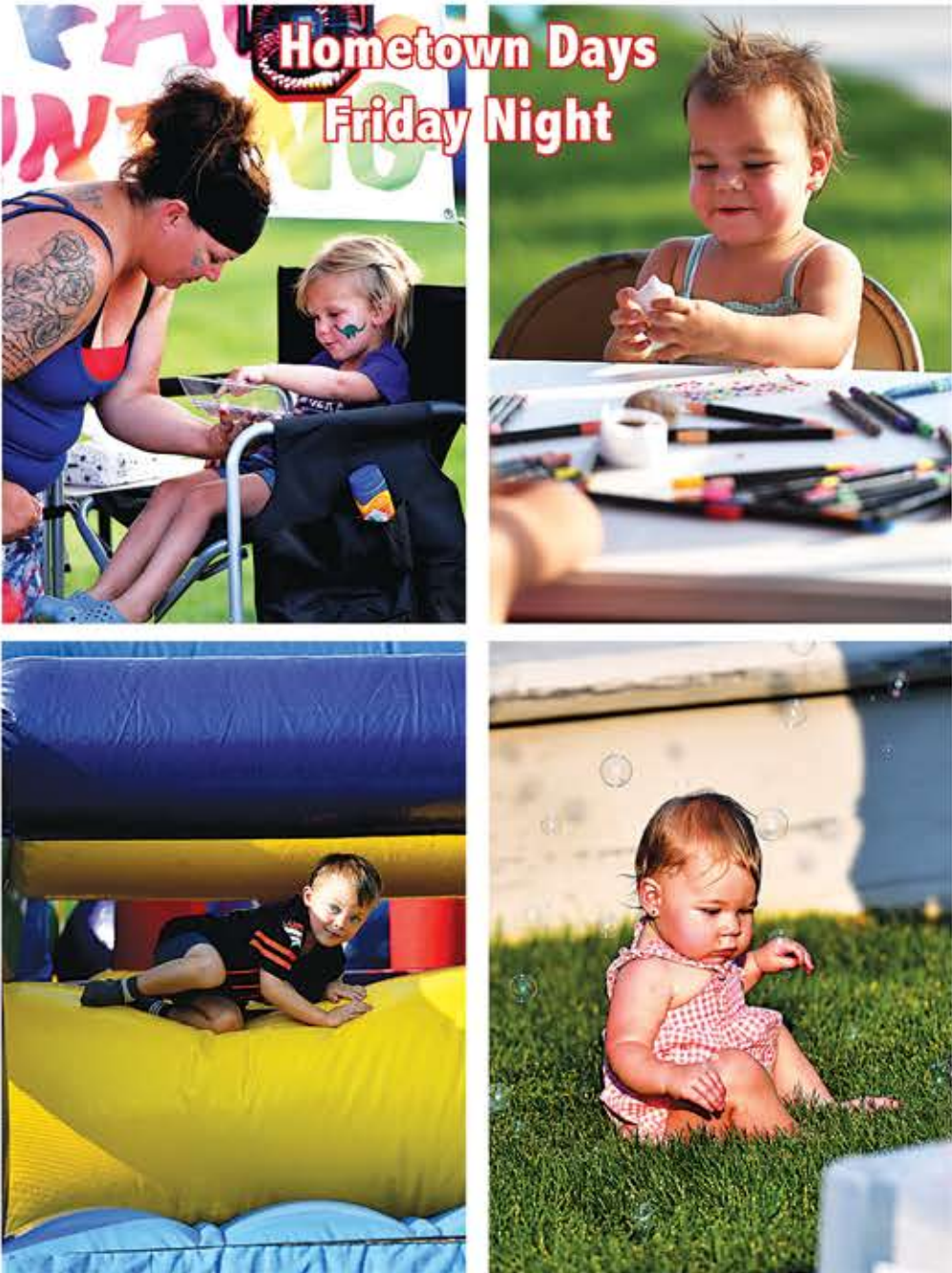




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Hometown Days Friday Night

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Both Community Park sites hosted Friday night activities for Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 6-9. While the annual fireworks show was canceled because of the lingering drought conditions and increased wildfire threats, the evening still included a number of community building activities. Above, clockwise from top left, Bayler Skeeters selects a color for her face painting; Gracyn Bell, 1, ponders the next step with her craft; Maeve Pelc, 1, enjoys the lush grass of Community Park; and Slayter Ross, 4, extricates himself from one of the multiple inflatable entertainment options.



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McKenzie Silva, 11, shows off her artistic talent at the rock art station during Friday night's Strasburg Hometown Days activities at Community Park West.



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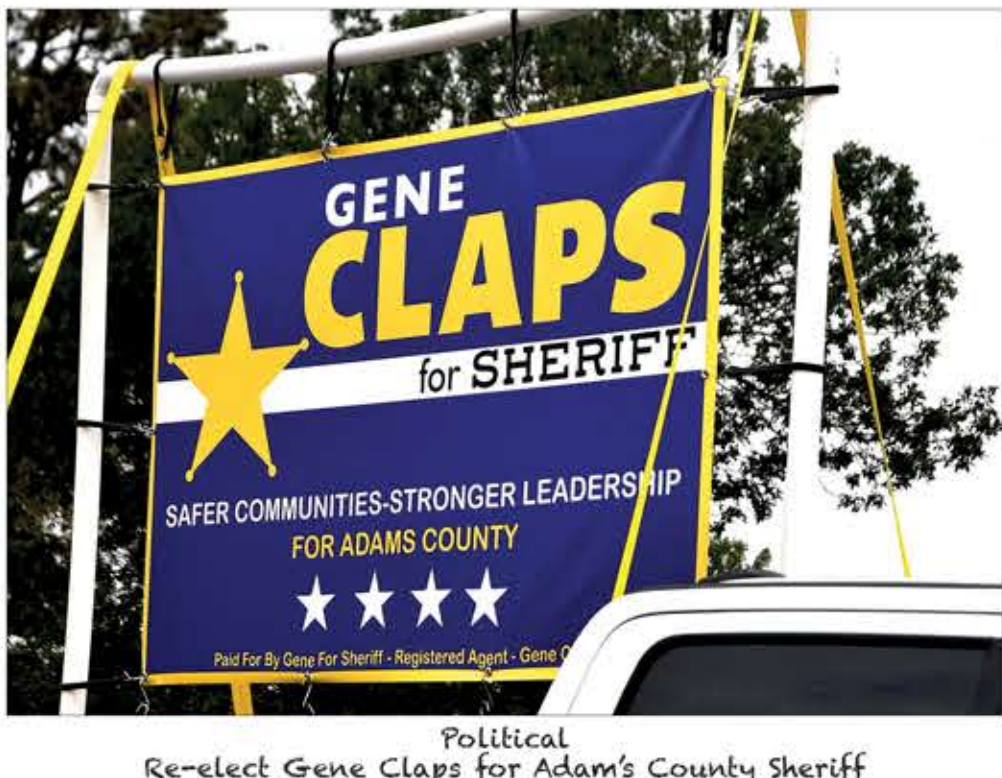
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Hometown Days Sunday Fun Day

Clockwise from above left, the annual mud volleyball tournament at the Strasburg Rec District fields at Wolf Creek Run West featured a lot of slipping, sliding and splashing — Ava McKenney tries her best to keep the ball alive during a youth division match and Stephanie Hudson steps in front of teammate Justin Taylor in the adult division; Colorado Rockies mascot Dinger, the guest of honor, interacts with fans during the Big D's Warriors annual adaptive baseball game for players with physical and intellectual disabilities; Lillian Wallace makes contact with the ball; new Strasburg High School social studies teacher Matt Schroer wins the men's race with the overall fastest time during the Sunday morning 5K fundraiser benefiting the Strasburg High School track and field team; Hayley Ross takes top honors in the women's division; Holden Hicks, 8, feels the chill after falling into the dunk tank during the car show and family activities at Strasburg Community Church; and Joe Miller proudly shows off his 1929 Ford Tudor Model A sedan, which took Best of Show honors at the car show.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 September 8, 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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LIBRARY NEWS

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Teen Hangout: Teens ages 13-18 hang out, play games, and enjoy snacks with friends. Gaming consoles, board games, crafts, other activities available. 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Open Create with CCAL: This is an adult artists gathering hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League. Participants can bring their own projects or choose from a variety at the library. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26.
Adult book club: "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan. 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 28.

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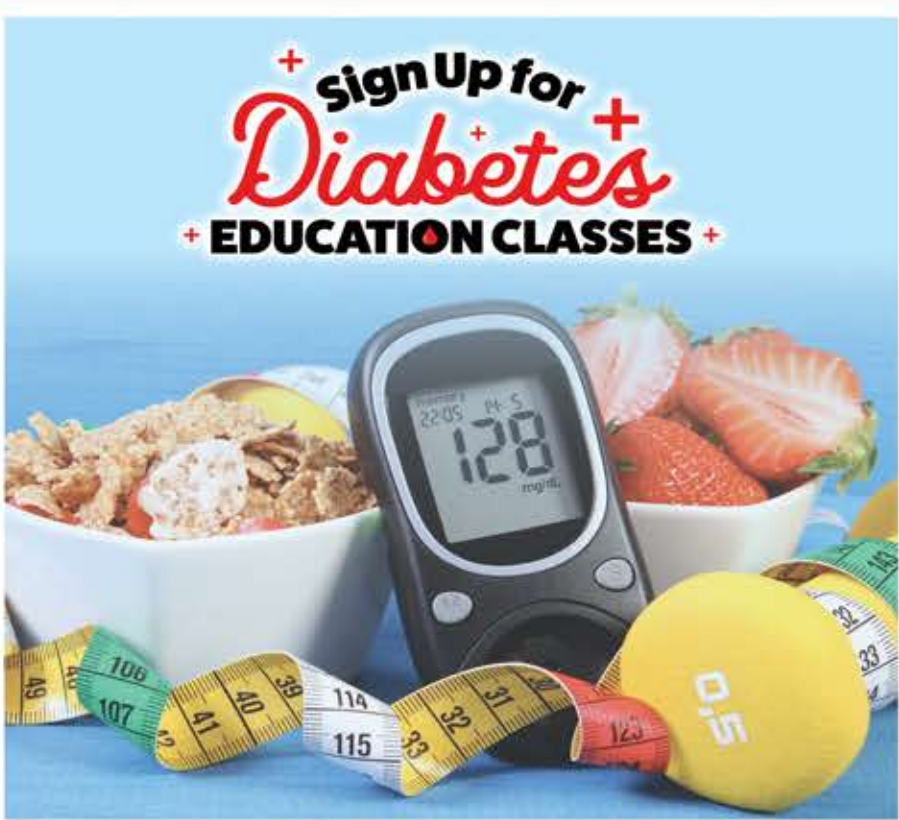
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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 22, 2006
Ongoing claims from Aurora that it isn't interested in annexing Watkins are being highly scrutinized by many Watkins residents and officials after Aurora crews were found surveying every inch of the smaller town.

In addition, Watkins officials say Aurora officials have been looking into annexing State Land Board acres between the two towns and on the south edge of Watkins' planning area.

Between late May and most of June, Aurora surveying crews were reported mapping out the town of Watkins. Since then, an entire legal description of all area within the town and its comp plan area has been filed with the Aurora assessor.

"Why would they need to have a legal description of every square inch of our town?" asked Watkins Trustee Rick Grimm. "It's pretty simple - they are in dire need of water and this town and the land around it holds a lot of promise towards meeting that need. Aurora has 100 square miles of town [including planned growth] and only 40 square miles worth of water."

When asked about the surveying crews, an Aurora spokeswoman said the town was conducting normal operations, including surveying the east boundary of the city for annual mapping and global positioning services.

The spokeswoman added that the head of the city's surveying department sent letters out to residents along the western edge of the town requesting that Aurora surveying crews be allowed on those properties to assess the eastern boundaries of Aurora facing west.

15 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 23, 2011
BENNETT — Efforts to get a new schoolhouse built for a local charter school recently hit a snag and whether the project will come to fruition is unknown.

Corridor Community Academy received a \$3,084 million Building Excellent Schools Today grant from the Colorado Department of Education earlier this summer to help build a new building to house kindergarten through eighth grade. But whether or not the school can raise the necessary \$2.423 million in matching funds remains uncertain.

The Bennett School District recently denied a CCA request to put a school bond issue on this November's ballot, a decision not well received by CCA board members, who indicated they were blindsided by the school district's ruling.

"We didn't see what was wrong with letting the voters have their say," said CCA board treasurer Polly Daugherty during the Aug. 18 Bennett School District board meeting. "It's like you yanked the rug out from under our feet. We did receive the \$3 million grant and it would be a shame to waste it."

Daugherty added that no indication ever came from the Bennett School District directors and administrators said they received updated information in the past month to six weeks.

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 23, 2016
BENNETT - The Bennett School district Board of Education will vote on a policy next month to allow medical marijuana to be administered to students on school property.

Under "Jack's Law" signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper on June 6, any preschool, primary or secondary student in Colorado can receive non-smokable cannabis treatments at school from a caregiver as long as they hold a medical marijuana card.

The law stipulates that a board of education can adopt policies regarding who can act as a caregiver and other policy parameters. The law also states that it will not apply to a school that would lose federal funding as a result of the changes or if its posts a statement on its website regarding its decision not to comply.

Superintendent Robin Purdy explained possible negative ramifications including a loss of federal funding if the policy is passed. However, if the federal government indicates that the district's federal funds are jeopardized, the board can suspend the policy.

The state of Colorado will supposedly supplement any revoked federal funding.

"It does give us an out, if we need to suspend it if our federal dollars are in jeopardy," said board member Nancy Barden. "This is one of those where you are caught between a rock and a hard spot because, if you do, the feds could come down on you but, if you don't, you are going against state law."

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 18

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2026. There are 134 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On Aug. 19, 2010, the last American combat brigade exited Iraq, seven years and five months after a U.S.-led invasion marked the beginning of the Iraq War.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1692, four men and one woman

were hanged after being convicted of witchcraft at Salem in the Province of Massachusetts Bay; the story of one of the men, John Proctor, inspired Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible."

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washing-

ton, D.C.

In 1854, 31 U.S. soldiers were killed after one of the soldiers fatally shot Brule Lakota Chief Conquering Bear, sparking the First Sioux War.

In 1909, Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted its first automobile race.

In 1934, German voters approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1953, Iran's elected prime minister, Mohammad Mosaddeq, was over-

thrown in a coup backed by the U.S. and U.K. that ultimately restored Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to power.

In 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as

part of a prisoner exchange.)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Actor Jill St. John is 86. Author Jack Canfield is 82. Former President Bill Clinton is 80. Actor Jim Carter ("Downton Abbey") is 78. Rock bassist John Deacon (Queen) is 76. Musician Ivan Neville is 67. Actor John Stamos is 63. Actor Kyra Sedgwick is 61. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 59.

—Associated Press

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8. Prohibit
11. Affirmative response
12. Type of lure, pl.
13. Small silvery fish
15. Seed covering
16. Gumbo vegetable
17. Like Siberian winters
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22. Air in L.A.
23. "Arthur Conan Doyle's detective
26. Deposit, in Paris
30. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase (2 words)
31. Always, in Rome
34. "She ___ blue velvet..."
35. From then on
37. Am is to I as ___ is to we
38. Prison-related
39. International Civil Aviation Organization
40. Window-shop
42. "He ___ and drank the precious words..."
43. Announce
45. "Agatha Christie's Hercule
47. Ryder Cup participant
48. Fern leaf
50. Charitable contribution
52. "The Pink Panther" Inspector
55. Diver's breathing device
56. Vietnam neighbor
57. Bald eagle's home
59. Bother
60. Highland tongue
61. Get checkmated
62. Cribbage piece
63. Like certain nurse
64. Ginger cookie

DOWN

1. Shag rug
2. Lord's worker
3. Colorado skiing destination
4. Mucus in lungs
5. Adherents of Sikhism
6. Wading bird
7. Russia's 1917 abdicator
8. Titanic's inanimate foe
9. "The Sun is ___ a Star"
10. Unknown power
12. Humorous

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

Mercury's Cosmic Communication Conundrum

The limits of language have fascinated philosophers, poets and linguists for centuries. Words are symbols of things, not the things themselves. Before we find the right word, an idea feels larger than language. The naming makes it easier to share even as it compresses into a word-shaped box. No conversation is a finished understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The message in your heart feels important, urgent and larger than words. Consider that its strongest communication may be wordless. A warm welcome, a steady hand, a knowing smile or beautiful work can say everything that needs saying today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes the argument is about the wrong thing. Before defending your position, make sure everyone is answering the same question. Half the battle ends once people discover they've been talking about different problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are experiences that seem inconvenient but are nonetheless worthwhile: a crowded restaurant, a long drive, sore muscles, a second draft. You can put up with a fair amount of inconvenience when you know why you're doing it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every conversation leaves a few loose threads. Before you assume you know what someone meant, pick up one of them and ask. A single follow-up question can spare everyone an afternoon of wrong assumptions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The "main character" energy is all around you today. It's funny how lines that work on screen seldom play in the full dimension of reality, but reality can look beautiful on screen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A misunderstanding can become today's funniest story if nobody rushes to protect their pride. Laugh first. Explain second. People forgive confusion, but they have a much more difficult time with defensiveness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's impossible to keep the end goal in mind if you

don't have an end goal in mind in the first place. Today feels a bit adrift. If you can't pick a direction, start ruling things out. By declaring what you're not into, you'll get a clearer picture of what fits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Every time you say yes, you spend something valuable. Sometimes it's cash. Sometimes it's an afternoon. Sometimes it's your attention. Before you spend anything today, ask yourself what you're buying.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some people need the headline. Others need the whole story. Start with the short version and watch what happens next. The questions they ask will tell you which kind of listener you're talking to and how much detail they want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People usually choose the path that's most appealing in the moment. Arrange your environment so the easiest choice is also the one you want. A bowl of fruit on the counter gets eaten. A guitar on a stand gets played.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Every conversation is an imperfect translation. We turn thoughts into words, then words back into thoughts. Some meaning gets lost along the way. Give each other a second chance to explain and you might discover a different story entirely.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be settling a question of boundaries. Everyone wants some say over their own corner of the world. Territorial disputes usually calm down when people feel heard. You'll ask good questions before drawing conclusions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). It's your Record-Breaking Year when you will train hard and perform at a level to surpass your previous best. Fresh inspiration and motivation give you an edge. You'll become comfortable in unfamiliar situations. More highlights: Loved ones lavish you with respect and special treatment. Travel is a teacher. Through acts of public service, you'll make a difference while also making golden connections. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 33, 14 and 39.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

THESE DUSTY PAGES

LIGHTNING KILLS
TWO FINE COLTS.

Last Sunday during the severe rain and electrical storm, F. S. Richter, one of our wide awake and hustling farmers living three and a half miles north of town, had the misfortune to lose two of his very valuable mare colts which were killed by lightning. They were in the pasture when it occurred. Many instances of this happen when horses and cattle hover around a wire fence, but not so in this case as Mr. Richter states the animals were at least three hundred yards from any fence.

Mr. Richter went to Denver Monday morning and purchased another fine team of young mares from the MacLeod & McCormick Company and he and Mr. J. L. Pinzenscham brought them out Tuesday.

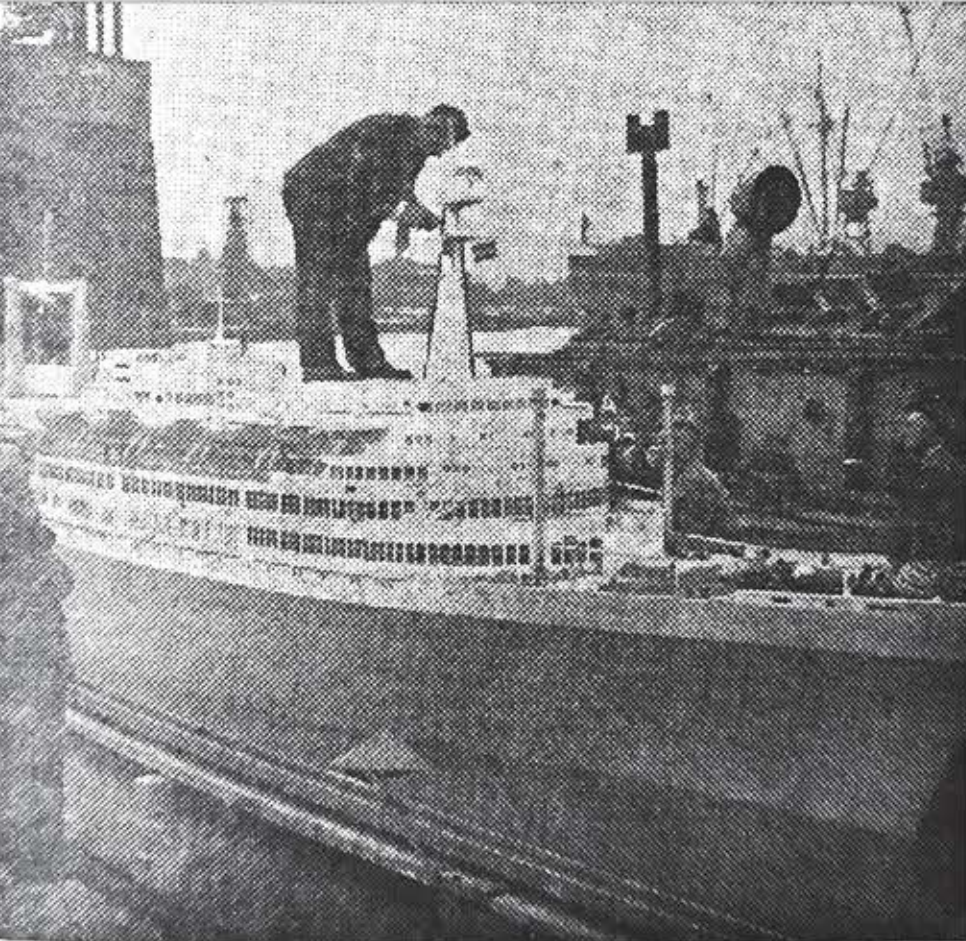
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August 17, 1916

Gen. Pershing at West Point Graduation



Gen. John J. Pershing presents an award to honor man Oliver Garfield Haywood, Jr., at the graduation exercises held at the United States Military academy at West Point.

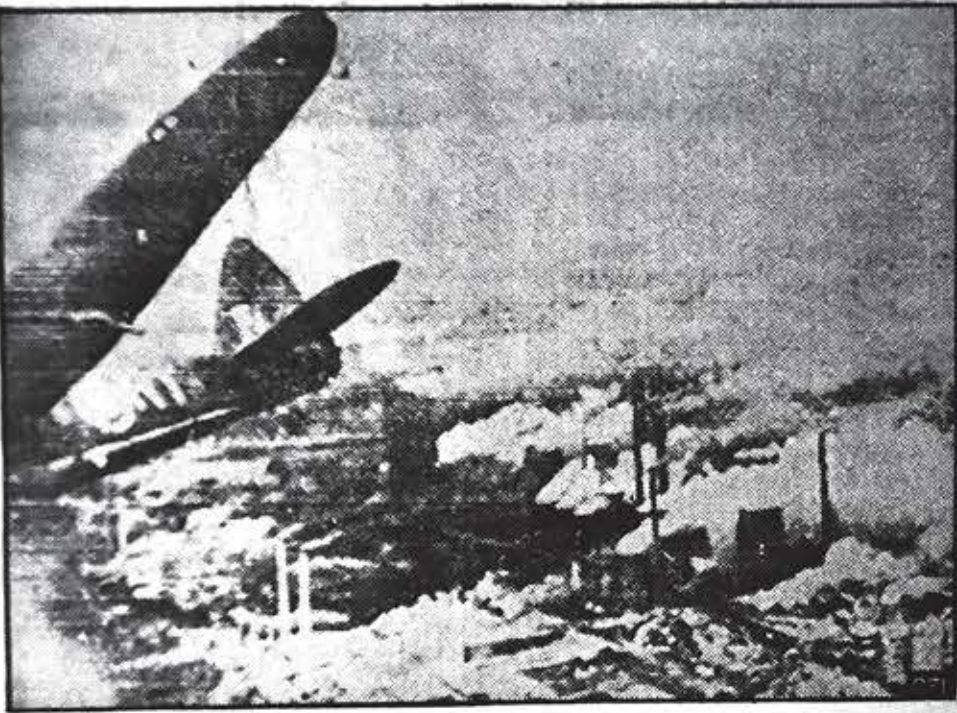
Eastern Colorado News
August 20, 1936



DUTCH TREAT . . . Forty-foot long model of the Holland-America Line's "Rotterdam" is on display at London's Southend Pier. The model is the world's largest; cost \$9,800.

Eastern Colorado News
August 17, 1961

RAF Pounds Germany Daily



Western Front—Nazi officials in Berlin admit damage being done by RAF planes in their constant hammering of German industrial cities. This photo shows a Blenheim bomber after dropping its load of bombs on a power plant at Knapsack, a town near Cologne Germany last week.

MACHINE VS. MAN

Jones (purchasing a new overcoat): "But I cannot wear this. It is three sizes too large for me."

Mrs. Jones: "Remember dear, it has to go over the radiator of the car in cold weather. That's what we must consider first."

Eastern Colorado News
August 21, 1941

KIDS ONLY NICKED IN
SUNDAY CAR WRECK

George Poston and Tommy Thompson received only minor injuries when they attempted to take a high railroad crossing in Strasburg away too fast, Sunday afternoon. The jolt, however, was considerably more than their ancient automobile could take and it did everything but fall to pieces. The boys were rushed to Colorado General hospital by ambulance for treatment and released immediately. The alarm received at the hospital, however, created somewhat of a stir, as attendants had anticipated a train-car crash with its usually dire consequences. Some 16 members of the hospital personnel were on hand to receive the victims.

Eastern Colorado News
August 17, 1961

AFTER NAVY TOOK OVER
STRUCK PLANT



Bayonne, N. J.—A member of the "Army of Occupation" blocks the way of a man seeking to enter the plant of the General Cable company here after the Navy had taken over the factory last weekend on orders from the President. The army force under Brigadier General R. K. Robertson, Provost Marshal of the Second Service Command took up guard duty at the plant. The Navy was represented by Rear Admiral H. G. Bowen. Strikers said they'd "be ticked" to work under the Navy.

Eastern Colorado News
August 20, 1942

BYERS YOUTH INJURED IN
CYCLE-CAR CRASH, SUNDAY

Mark Allen of Byers was seriously injured Sunday at about noon, when his motor cycle struck a car pulling out onto Highway 40 in Byers. The car, tourists from Missouri, is reported to have been driven out onto the highway directly into the path of young Allen's motorcycle. Mark was thrown over the car in the crash and landed on his head on the oil-paved highway.

He was taken to the hospital, where a number of stitches were required to close a head cut and a fractured left thumb was treated. He's home now, though stiff and sore, seemingly not too badly injured. Occupants of the car were reported not to have been hurt.

Eastern Colorado News
August 18, 1966



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August 17, 1916

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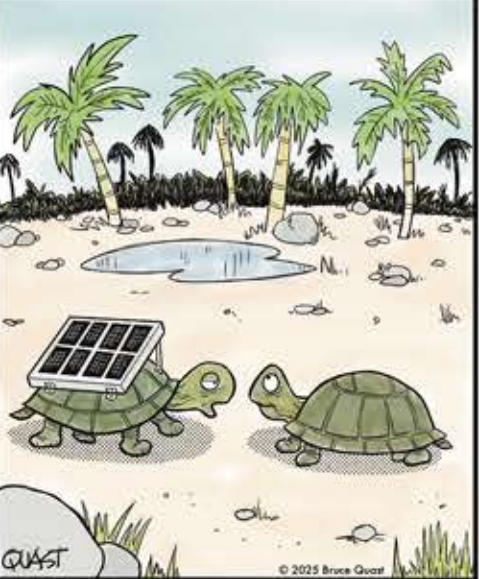
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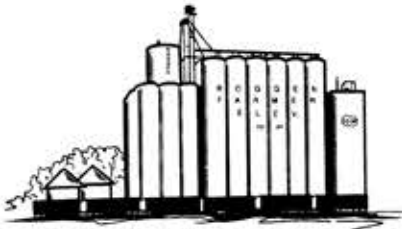
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the south side of the highway.

Byers, Strasburg, Bennett-Watkins and South Metro fire districts responded to the scene with the rescue occurring about an hour after the driver was stranded because the appropriate rescue apparatus had to be delivered by South Metro.

"Please remember: never attempt to drive through running or flood waters. They can be deeper, faster and more powerful than it appears, and roadways underneath may be damaged or washed away," a Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue statement said. "Turn around and choose an alternate route."

In a similar situation to mid-June 2023, several days of rainfall in eastern Elbert, Arapahoe and Adams counties, area creek systems and drainages ran heavy and, in some cases, closed local arterial roads.

While concrete damage wasn't immediately visible like three years ago, the Bijou Creek low-water crossing across County Road 2 between Strasburg and Highway 36 north of Byers was closed to through traffic starting Thursday afternoon. As of Sunday, the blockade remained in place.

"Haven't seen the Bijou running like this since several years ago, so a little nervous if there's some destruction underneath we don't know about yet," a neighbor to the creek said. "Not near as wide as

2023 but still running pretty fast and it is concrete down there without any culverts or other diversions."

That area of the roadway is maintained by Adams County, which took a full year to replace the damaged crossing previously. After the 2023 floods, the crossing was reopened to traffic just before July 4, 2024.

In addition, Elbert County closed County Road 150 between Comanche Creek Road and the 22100 block and County Road 85 between County Road 150 and Way of Peace because of flooding.

Between Aug. 13-15, much of the region received anywhere from 1.5-3.5 inches of precipitation with some areas to the south reporting up to 4 inches. The historic average for annual rainfall in the area is around 13 inches.

"The running joke between a lot of us neighbors out here is 'Yeah, we get 12-14 inches of moisture a year, it just sucks on the two or three days we get it,'" a Byers farmer said Aug. 15. "It's stretches like this that make you think that is a true statement."

Even with last week's accumulation, the area has received 50-60% of its historical average.

The extent of damage from hail that accompanied last week's storm was uncertain at press time.

Through discipline comes freedom.
— Aristotle



PHOTOS BY CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

The highlights of the 120th annual Arapahoe County Fair is Saturday afternoon's junior livestock auction where local 4-H and FFA members show off the market livestock projects one more time in front of a host of interested buyers. This year's auction was held July 25 in the SM Energy Arena. Reserve champions, their buyers, and their purchase prices are, clockwise from top left: Peysen Hess's champion steer, U.S. Mechanical Company, \$7,000; Mace MacLennan's reserve market hog, Full House Farm & Ranch \$4,750; Emmery Meier and her reserve poultry project, Bally's Arapahoe Park horse race track, \$1,300; Tristan Carpenter's reserve lamb, JPL Cares \$6,000; Caleb Dinan and his goat project, Skip's Maintenance and Kauffman Sales & Rentals, \$2,900; and Keanu Pacheco's reserve rabbit, Farm Credit of Southern Colorado, \$1,150. For additional information about the year's sale, visit arapahoe-county-youth-livestock-auction.com.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **Gwendolyn Kay Larson**, Deceased
Case Number: **2026PR030658**

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

Arapahoe County District Court, Centennial, Colorado

on or before December 19, 2026, or the claims may be forever barred.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BENNETT
ORDINANCE NO. 819-26

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Bennett Municipal Code by Adding Article VI Governing the Licensing of Pet Shops and Regulating the Sale and Purchase of Pets Within the Town.

By Order of Christina Hart, CMC / Town Clerk, Town of Bennett Published by Title Only on the 19th Day of August 2026 in *The I-70 Scout*.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 26-
INCREASING NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS
BYERS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act, codified at C.R.S. § 32-1-902.5, a special district has the authority to seek to increase the number of Board members from five (5) members to seven (7) members through adoption of a resolution, after public notice and hearing seeking input on such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Byers Park and Recreation District (the "District") Board of Directors (the "Board") is considering increasing the number of Board member positions established by the District's approved Service Plan from five (5) Directors to seven (7) Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board scheduled this Resolution increasing the number of Board members for Public Hearing on September 2, 2026 and published Notice of said Public Hearing in *The I-70 Scout* on August 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board after review, input and discussion during the Public Hearing, has determined it is in the best interests of those served by the District and the community at large to increase the number of Board member positions for the purpose of encouraging additional community direction and participation in District activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of such resolution, it shall be presented to the approving authority for the District in Arapahoe County and Adams County for consideration; Court approval and recordation, all in accordance with the provisions of said statute.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: by the Board of Directors of the Byers Park and Recreation District:

1. The number of Board members of the Byers Park and Recreation District is hereby increased from the original Service Plan-established number of five (5) Board members to a new total of seven (7) Board members, each serving at large; for the express purpose of encouraging additional community direction and participation in District activities and programs.
2. The attorney for the District is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with Arapahoe County and Adams County, and if so allowed, file a copy of this Resolution with the District Court for an Order establishing the new number of Directors of the District at seven Directors, pursuant to the procedures established by C.R.S. § 32-1-902.5.
3. Following approval by the Counties, processing by the Court and recordation of a Court Order confirming the establishment of two new Director positions; the initial term of office for one position shall be for a period of two (2) years and a second position shall be for a period of four (4) years, each term to begin in accordance with the regular special district election schedule for 2027. After lapse of the initial two-year term of office, the new Director's position shall become a regular four-year term of office.
4. The provisions of this Resolution being necessary for the health, safety and welfare for the community and the citizens of the District shall be effective upon adoption hereof.

RESOLVED this ____ day of September, 2026.

BYERS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

By: /s/ JaLee Kitzman
President

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Bennett hosts Nat'l Night Out



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The 43rd annual National Night Out was held across the country Aug. 4, including an event at the town of Bennett Public Safety Building on Palmer Avenue between Third and Fourth streets. The annual event focuses on enhancing the relationships and building camaraderie between communities and public safety entities. In addition to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Adams County, the Bennett School District, and other emergency jurisdictions were represented. From top photo, Arapahoe County Sheriff Deputy and Byers and Deer Trail Schools SRO Drew Matthews pops out of the turret of one of the department's Bearcat SWAT vehicles; Jeremiah Guy, 8, in back and Stetson and Piper Francis, 8 and 6, respectively, get on their tiptoes to look out of the top of the armored vehicle; and 3-year-old friends Evelyn Rogers and Harlow Dibble slide out of a bounce house shaped like a police car.



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