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Bennett ponders data center pros and cons

by Addison Akers
Editorial Assistant

BENNETT — Bennett officials are taking a closer look at what large-scale data center development could mean for the town as trustees weigh potential economic benefits against infrastructure and

community impacts. The discussion took place during the Bennett Board of Trustees' Aug. 25 study session, where Director of Community & Economic Development for Bennett, Savannah Chapa, and CORE Electric Cooperative's Director of Business Development & Community Relations, Rob

Osborne, provided information about the industry. "There are valid criticisms and concerns surrounding data center development," Chapa told trustees. She said Bennett should look at how other communities have handled data centers, learn from those experiences,

and use that information when considering future proposals. Chapa compared data centers with other industrial uses, including warehouses. She said those developments can create jobs and provide community benefits
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The Silver Spur Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) hosted a K9 demonstration from the Adams County Sheriff's Office Aug. 22 at Lyons Park in Strasburg. A pair of K9s showed their suspect apprehension and searching skills. Above, K9 Tito, a Malinois, attacks Deputy Swartzendruber in the training bite suit. Tito, a Malinois trained in both patrol and narcotics, is handled by Deputy Lofland.

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Bennett man suspected in Aurora home invasion

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A Bennett man was arrested and, as of Aug. 30, remained in custody at the Arapahoe County Detention Facility for his alleged involvement in a home invasion, assault and burglary in east Aurora the previous weekend. According to the Aurora Police Department, officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Ouray Street in the area of Colfax Avenue and Airport Boulevard about 12:50 p.m. Aug. 22 on report of an armed home invasion from earlier in the day. "The victim told officers he was entertaining friends at his home in the early morning hours," a police department statement said. "At 5:20 a.m., shortly after his friends left, an adult male armed with a handgun entered the residence, ordered the victim to lay down, and bound his wrists behind his back. The suspect reportedly took several valuables, including firearms." The investigation led officers to the 300 block of East Colfax Avenue in Bennett Saturday night where 63-year-old John Cutlip was arrested and taken into custody. While the police department made no mention of issues when making the arrest, neighboring security cameras recorded additional law enforcement activity in the area. "I received multiple security alerts and, upon checking my cameras, witnessed a situation involving my neighbor, law enforcement, and a SWAT team," a
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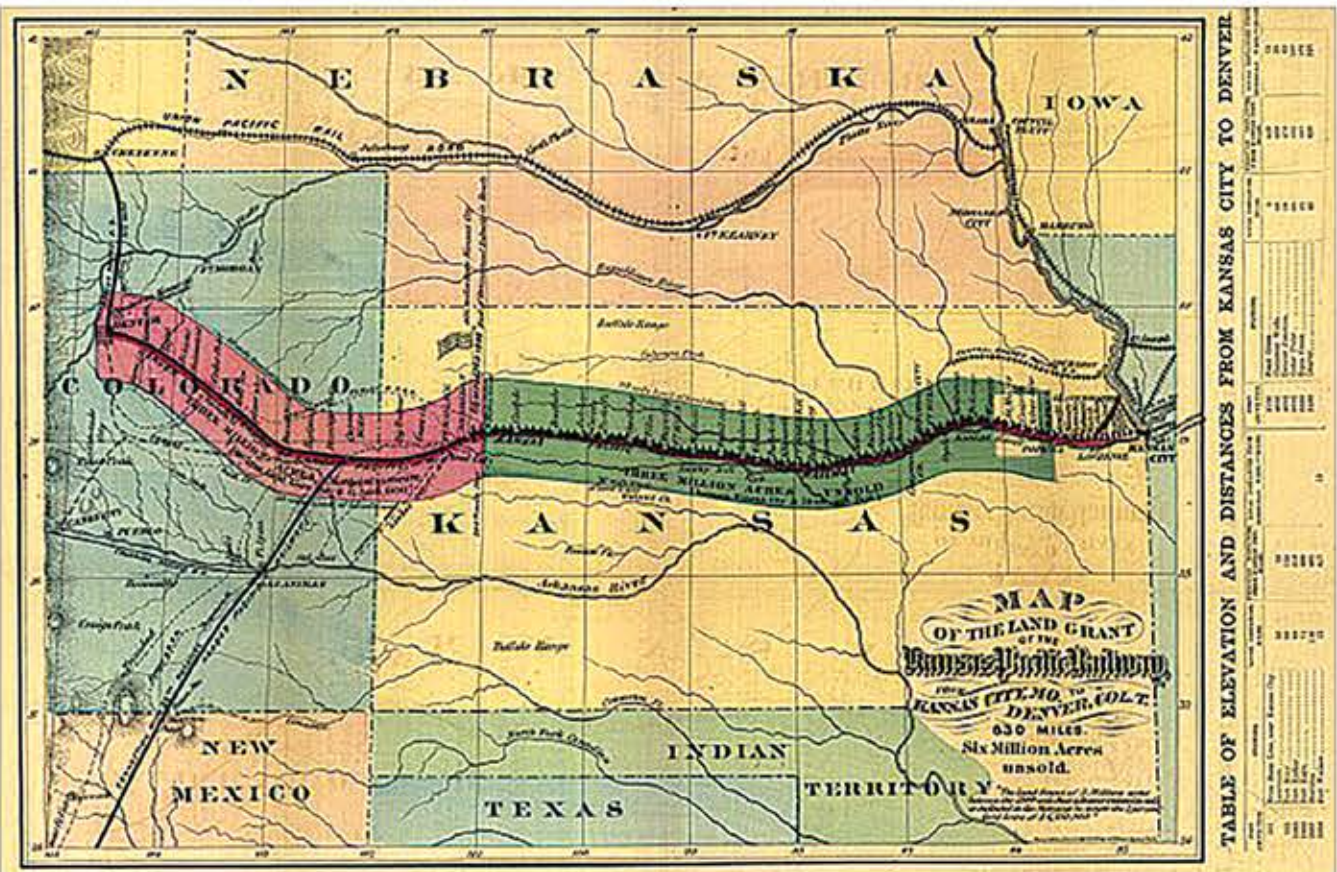
How communities along Interstate 70 got their names

by Kathy Smiley
Special to the Scout

BYERS — Almost everyone who lives along the eastern I-70 Corridor knows the names of the towns served by exits along the way to and from the Denver area: Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail, Agate. Few, however, know how those places got their names, and even fewer folks have ever given it any thought. Others find it fascinating. If that group includes you, read on.

ST. CHARLES/DENVER CITY/AURARIA/DENVER

The first cabins in the town that would become Denver were built in the summer of 1858 at the confluence of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek after placer gold was found nearby. Land speculators from Lawrence, Kan., had organized a town they named St. Charles on the east side of Cherry Creek, claiming it as a business venture and planning to find potential settlers to buy shares in the company for cabin sites. The group returned to Lawrence for the winter, leaving one man to guard the claim. In November of that year, Gen. William Larimer and other men who had been commissioned as officers by the governor of Kansas Territory arrived on the site, which was at that time part of Arapahoe County in Kansas Territory. The group was interested in establishing a town and found the site suited them. Declaring the St. Charles claim abandoned, they bribed its guard with whiskey and claimed the site, naming it Denver City in
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Land grants along the Kansas Pacific Railway are depicted in the map above.

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

AdCo animal shelter, park improvements celebrated

BRIGHTON — Various Adams County departments Aug. 27 celebrated public art installations and infrastructure improvements at Riverdale Regional Park and the Riverdale Animal Shelter.

The Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Department focused on several recently installed public art pieces, including Otomi Heart, a large colorful mural located on the animal shelter water tank.

Local artist Bimmer Torres created the mural and was on hand to offer insight into his creative process during a post-event tour of the artwork, which focuses on the indigenous Otomi culture of Mexico.

The Facilities & Fleet Management Department showcased a key initiative in its energy conservation and sustainability efforts with new solar panels at the animal shelter, which should reduce electricity costs by 20%. The panels on the shelter are the first step in the department's plan to install similar solar infrastructure on five county facilities by 2030.

Dragon boat races planned at Riverdale Regional Park

BRIGHTON — Adams County and Colorado Dragon Boat are again hosting the Dragon Boat Regatta & Night Market.

The event features dragon boat races, performances, food trucks, artists and vendors to celebrate Colorado's rich Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Island heritages.

The races will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the market following from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at Riverdale Regional Park.

The event is free and open to the public. Riverdale Regional Park is located at 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton.

Denver org seeks students for 7-week Civic Academy

DENVER — Applications are now open for the 2026 session of Civic Academy, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The free, seven-week course of study is hosted by the Denver Regional Council of Governments. It invites Front Range residents to learn more about regional issues, such as transportation, economic vitality, affordable housing, planning and development. Sessions range from interactive workshops to field trips.

At the end of the course, students create an action plan for continuing public engagement. Alumni have gone on to hold positions in public agencies and non-profit organizations. Many have assumed leadership roles as elected officials, while

others have used the experience to drive improvements in their neighborhoods, advocate for local needs, and strengthen community ties.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 4. For more information or to apply, visit drcog.org.

29 parties pardoned by Polis

DENVER — Gov. Jared Polis announced Aug. 26 that he has pardoned 29 individuals.

The governor granted pardons to Xochilt Alamillo, Harmony Baddeley-Spurlock, Idania Beltran, Derek Bilbrey, Darren Black, James Bruntz, Jr., Sarah Bunting, Seidilyn Burgos, Jonathan Carey, Hemmingway Dai, Jeremy Dieckhoff, Scott Dillon, Steve Estwick, Sr., Sabrina Flanagan, Ernest Flowers, Joshua Hayden, Max Hernandez, Steven Holzwarth, Aidan Kehoe, Robert Kile, Joseph Martinez, Ian McGehee, Chad Meiers, Haven Rohnert, Melanie Roth, Estela Saenz, Joshua Salazar, Justin Sandefur, and Travis Weickum.

Polis is reviewing all clemency applications received before April 3 deadline.

CU law school alumna named to area judicial district court

DENVER — Gov. Jared Polis made an appointment to the 17th Judicial District Court Aug. 28.

The appointee, Thomas M. Ward, was a District Court Magistrate in the 20th Judicial District, a position he has held since 2023. His docket consists of domestic and criminal matters. Ward has also been an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Law School since 2024. He previously owned TM Ward, LLC, from 2012-23.

Ward obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 2003 and his juris doctorate from the University of Colorado Law School in 2012.

This appointment, created by the retirement of the Honorable Arturo G. Hernandez, is effective immediately.

Morgan Community College reps to speak CCoC meeting

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its April Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at May Farms, Byers.

Morgan Community College will sponsor lunch and its representatives will speak.

The public is welcome to attend the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, Sept. 11, to officei-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

Prez asked to rethink plan to lower beef tariffs

AURORA — The Colorado Livestock Association and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association are uniting to oppose the President's plan to ease beef tariffs.

The president's administration has consistently espoused its desire to promote growth in the U.S. cattle herd; with cattle numbers at a 75-year low, this announcement is likely to have the opposite effect.

According to a release, CLA and CCA both support a free market environment and recognize the need for a robust import and export market. Still, at a time of significant uncertainty, producers need as much stability as possible. Despite drought and natural disasters, they con-

tinue to produce high-quality beef products, which is driving strong consumer demand. Uncertainty in the markets and a lack of clarity from the administration on tariff policies that may harm producers is deepening concerns, particularly as many producers begin making important livestock marketing decisions.

The associations are calling on President Trump to reconsider the proposed easing of tariffs, engage directly with cattle producers before advancing policies that could further disrupt livestock markets, and exercise greater caution when promoting policies that can have immediate effects on livestock markets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Secure Colorado's ag work force now

Dear Editor:

Colorado's farmers and ranchers don't ask for special treatment. They ask for the opportunity to grow the food, fiber and fuel our nation depends on. Agriculture remains one of Colorado's foundational industries, contributing billions of dollars to our economy while supporting thousands of jobs in rural communities.

From the San Luis Valley's potato fields to the Western Slope's orchards, from vegetable farms along the Front Range to the livestock operations that define our state's rural heritage, one challenge rises above nearly every other: finding enough legal, reliable workers to keep farms and ranches operating. Producers increasingly face a workforce crisis that threatens not only individual operations but our nation's long-term food security. Without a reliable workforce, crops won't get planted, produce will rot in the fields, livestock won't get fed or milked, and our country won't eat.

This is not a partisan issue. It's an American issue that has economic and food security implications for every citizen.

Colorado producers have embraced technology, conservation, precision agriculture, and innovation. But no amount of technology can completely replace the skilled men and women who do the work required to bring food to our tables.

Many agricultural employers advertise positions year after year with few, if any, domestic applicants. Existing visa programs are often costly, cumbersome, unpredictable and unavailable for many year-round livestock operations.

Colorado's pork producers understand this challenge perhaps better than most. Unlike many seasonal crops, pigs require care every day of the year. Farmers need skilled employees who understand animal husbandry, animal welfare, biosecurity, nutrition, breeding and environmental stewardship. These are not temporary jobs — they are careers that protect animal health and safeguard our nation's food supply.

Congress now has an opportunity to modernize agricultural labor policy through legislation such as the Securing Agriculture's Workforce Act. The proposal seeks to improve existing legal workforce programs while recognizing the unique needs of year-round livestock agriculture.

No legislation is perfect. But maintaining a workforce system designed for a different era is no longer sustainable. Colorado's agricultural producers deserve policies that reflect today's realities. They deserve a legal, functional workforce system. And American families deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing their food is being produced here at home by a resilient agricultural industry.

Whether you're enjoying Colorado-raised pork, beef, lamb, dairy products, fresh vegetables, Palisade peaches, or Pueblo chile, every meal begins with hard-working people dedicated to producing safe, wholesome food. The future of Colorado agriculture depends not only on land, water and innovation — but also on people.

Colorado has long demonstrated that practical, bipartisan solutions are possible when leaders focus on common goals rather than political divisions. The time to modernize agricultural workforce policy is now.

— Joyce Kelly, Executive Director, Colorado Pork Producers Council

Free lunches at Bennett VFW discontinued

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately, due to health issues and other circumstances, we will no longer be serving the free lunches at the Bennett VFW. We have enjoyed serving all of you for the last five years. It has been such a blessing for us to do so and get to make friends and share a lot of laughs. May God bless each and every one of you.

— Flora Goodnight, Bennett

2 new faculty members join MCC

FORT MORGAN — Morgan Community College is welcoming two new faculty members for the 2026-27 academic year.

The new members are Chelsea Cervi, psychology faculty, and Bailey Ramey, precision agriculture faculty, have joined the MCC staff.

Chelsea Cervi earned a Master of Science in Psychology from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychology from Western Colorado University. Cervi brings experience supporting students in both K-12 and higher education, along with a background in behavioral health, social-emotional learning, and individualized student support. Her student-centered approach focuses on helping them build confidence, overcome challenges, and achieve their educational goals.

Bailey Ramey earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from the University of Wyoming and an Associate of Science in Agricultural Business from Laramie County (Wyo.) Community College. She brings experience in precision agriculture and agricultural equipment and works directly with farmers and growers. Her practical industry knowl-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

New faculty at Morgan Community College are Chelsea Cervi, psychology, left, and Bailey Ramey, precision agriculture.

edge and connections within the agricultural community will provide students with valuable insight into the industry and the evolving technologies used in modern farming.

These new team members add valuable expertise to MCC and strengthen the college's ability to provide quality programs, services, and student support throughout Northeast Colorado. For more information and current employment opportunities, visit MorganCC.edu.

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Deadline for 'I Voted' sticker design contest nears

DENVER — The Colorado Secretary of State's Office is reminding high school students ages 13-18 about the "I Voted" digital sticker competition, and the deadline is nearing fast.

The winning sticker design will be sent to voters via BallotTrax once they have voted in the upcoming General Election. It will also be featured on the Secretary of State's website, media channels, press

releases, in media coverage, and as part of digital effort to encourage people to vote across the state.

Entries, which must include the words "I Voted," will be used for social media and other marketing materials for the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

The entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 4. For complete information, visit www.coloradosos.gov.

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Towns of the I-70 Corridor east of Denver are depicted in old photographs. Clockwise from top left, Deer Trail, Byers, Bennett, Watkins and Strasburg.

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honor of the governor of Kansas Territory, Gen. James W. Denver, with whom they hoped to garner favor.

At the same time, a group from Georgia had formed the Auraria Town Company on the west side of Cherry Creek and was giving away lots to anyone willing to build and live there. Auraria was named for a town in the gold region of Georgia. The towns competed for settlers and prestige for two years before merging in 1860 under the abbreviated name of Denver.

BOX ELDER/WATKINS

What is now the town of Watkins predates the other Corridor communities and was in existence as Box Elder Crossing, a stop-over point for both the Smoky Hill Trail and the Fort Morgan cut-off of the Overland Trail. In 1860 the Overland Stage Line developed a stagecoach stop there called Box Elder #2. Tracks of the Kansas Pacific railroad were completed to the Box Elder station on Aug. 5, 1870, and the stagecoach became history. A Denver newspaper article on Aug. 19 sang the "swan song of the stage coaches," which had been "our only means of transportation for 11 years, and praised the "coach employees who took the risks of heat, cold and Indians ... and braved and dared so much on the lonely plains of Kansas and Colorado in pioneering the way for the trains in which we now ride."

A map of the Kansas Pacific line from 1878 still shows the Box Elder name, but the town's post office was established in January 1878 under the name of Watkins in honor of a local rancher and merchant, E. L. Watkins.

The five other Corridor towns have the railroad to thank for their origin or, at least, their development. The railroad had been making its way across the country from the east since the late 1820s, and the first tracks reached the eastern border of Colorado Territory in 1870. The railroad established and named section houses — around six miles apart — as it laid track, and some of those developed into communities that kept their railroad-bestowed names.

Between 1850 and 1871, the federal government granted vast tracts of land to railroad companies as an incentive to build railways across the undeveloped western half of the country. The land grants were made in 20- or 50-mile strips with alternate sections of public land given for each mile of track built.

The railway companies could sell the land to prospective settlers. Along with land granted by the federal Homestead Act, Eastern Colorado became ripe for settlement.

KIOWA CROSSING/KIOWA/BENNET/BENNETT

The first residents of the current Bennett area arrived in 1867, when it was called Kiowa Crossing and, later, Kiowa, or High Kiowa, for its position on the Kiowa Creek to distinguish it from two other Kiowa communities further south on the creek of that name. The Kansas Pacific railroad reached Kiowa on Aug. 11, 1870, from the west.

According to the local historical society, four brothers from the state of Maine with the surname Bennet — Hiram, John, Uriah and one unnamed — filed homestead papers in 1862 for two sections now in the town of Bennett near the current post office. The property was called the Bennet Ranch.

Hiram Pitt Bennet was a respected judge in Denver and was elected the first territorial representative in 1862. He was instrumental in obtaining statehood for Colorado. H.P. Bennet went on to become the third postmaster of Denver in 1869 and developed a method of delivering mail to the new pioneer people in rural areas.

The town was named in honor of H.P. Bennet, and the Bennet, Colorado, post office opened on March 16, 1877. On June

1, 1907, the spelling was changed to Bennett — adding a second "t".

According to the town of Bennett website, "Through the years, the English name of Bennet was Americanized to Bennett and first noted in railroad records." An 1871 photo shows the train depot with a large sign announcing the Bennett station, so it can be assumed the train had the spelling wrong from the get-go, and the town finally gave in and went with it.

COMANCHE CROSSING/COMANCHE/STRASBURG

Strasburg was originally Comanche Crossing, which is famous, or should be, as the site where the last spike was driven into the first continuous transcontinental railroad on Aug. 15, 1870. Track was being laid from both east and west. By late July 1870 the track had been laid as far as Agate to the east and Box Elder (later Watkins) to the west.

By the end of July, the crew from the east had reached Deer Trail, and Peoria a week later.

The crew from the west had reached Manila at the same time, leaving a 24-mile gap to be completed. East of Manila, two separate train wrecks a day apart killed a total of 12 men and injured

18. The second wreck caused a near riot and the engineers barely escaped being hanged by the workers until they were convinced that the train ran away due to faulty brakes, not negligence on the engineers' part.

After the delays, the track was completed through Kiowa, later named Bennett. From the east it was laid through Bijou, later named Byers, leaving a ten-and-one-quarter-mile gap. On Aug. 15, a friendly competition was set to see which crew would reach the halfway point of that gap first, where a flagpole had been erected, the stars and stripes flew, and a keg of whiskey awaited the victors. At 1:30 p.m. the crew from the west reached the small settlement of Comanche and ran out of rails. The crew from the east passed the halfway point and continued on to meet the west crew and, at 3 p.m. the last spike was driven and the first continuous chain of railroads across the continent was complete.

No public ceremony recognized the completion point of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, but one hopes that, at least, the victorious crew shared the whiskey with

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Famed author Clive Cussler once sought legendary lost locomotive at Bennett

by **Kathy Smiley**
Special to the Scout

A tragedy on the Kansas-Pacific line near Bennett in 1878 grew into a legend over the next 100 years that included a different origin story of the name of the town, which was at first called Kiowa.

On May 21, 1878, a Kansas Pacific Railway freight train of 25 cars loaded with scrap iron left Denver heading east. Unknown to the crew, a heavy rainstorm downstream caused a flash flood on Kiowa Creek and washed out the Kiowa Crossing railroad bridge. In the dark of night, one by one, the train cars tumbled into the floodwaters, killing three crew members including fireman Frank Seldon and engineer John Bacon. This part of the event was apparently well-documented, although some sources said the train had 12 cars and others mentioned passengers on board.

By some accounts, Seldon and Bacon were married to two sisters who were the daughters of H.P. Bennet, and the town was renamed to honor those widows.

Even up until the late 1960s, the town's official account of how it got its name was that "it was re-named for H.P. Bennett, whose daughters were widows of the fireman and engineer who perished in the Kiowa Creek flood of 1878."

Evidence to the contrary includes an 1871 photo of the town depot picturing the small building with a large sign an-

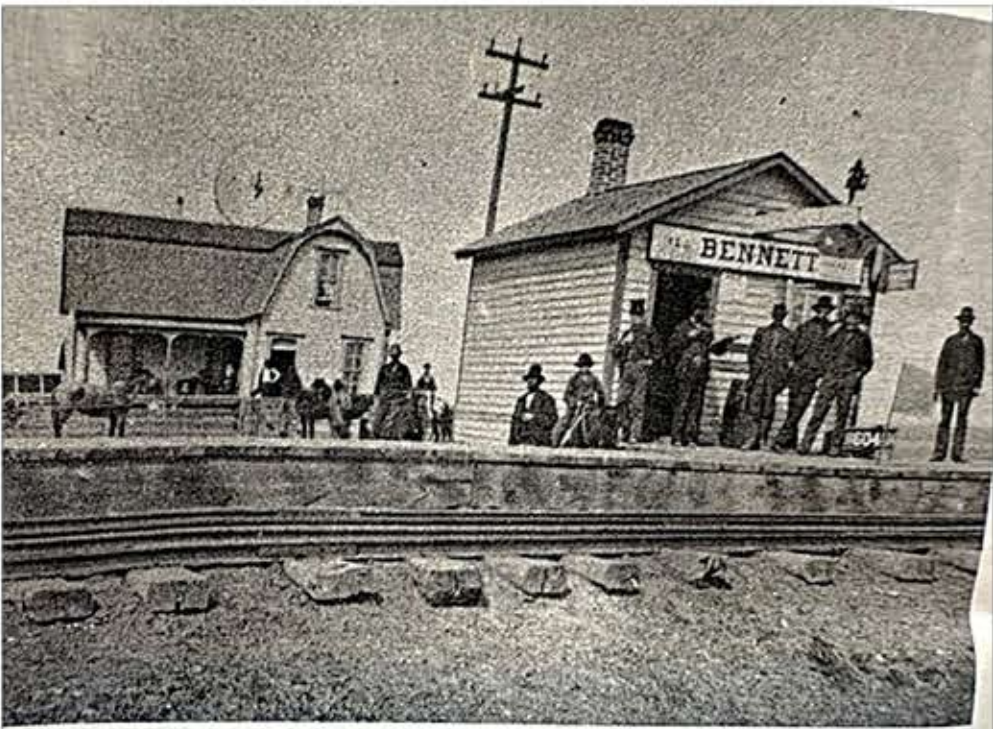
nouncing "Bennett," and postal records showing the town of Bennet's post office officially opened in 1877 — both occurring before the 1878 flood.

Additionally, genealogical records show Hiram Bennet and his wife had two sons and two daughters and lists the daughters Sarah Bennet Sharp and Blanche Bennet Hughes, not Mrs. Seldon and Mrs. Bacon. (How did the "Bennet" ended up with an additional "t"? See the main article.)

A larger urban legend grew from the tragedy when it was said that, while most of the train was recovered, its locomotive was never officially found. The tale of lost locomotive #51 had legs, resulting in searches of the creek bed for years.

Even well-known author Clive Cussler got involved when he read an article about the mystery of the missing engine in 1978. Cussler and his son conducted preliminary searches of the creek in 1981 and 1982 but uncovered no evidence. In 1989, Cussler brought the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA) in on the search.

According to a 2020 article on jaysacornblog.com, "with the help of 300 volunteers, the search began on a cold wintery day in January. Using 30 metal detectors, ground-penetrating radar, magnetometers, and a backhoe, only a few bits and pieces of the wreck were found. They even went as far as using a government satellite able to detect a



1871, Bennett Depot, George Smith home.

heavy mass of iron but to no avail."

That same year, a record was uncovered by a Union Pacific archivist that said the railroad had found the locomotive, secretly dug it up in the dead of night,

and towed it to their workshop in Kansas City where it was rebuilt, renumbered, and put back into service.

The sunken locomotive was the seed of Cussler's 1981 novel "Night Probe."

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their worthy opponents. Together, the crews established a new record for laying more track in one day than any other crew in the world.

The settlement of Comanche sat apart from the section house but, in 1875, section foreman John Strasburg championed the construction of a rail siding that gave the community access, and the

town's name was changed in his honor.

BIJOU/BYERS

A shrewd and industrious pioneer scout by the name of Oliver P. Wiggins took advantage of a surveyor's mistake and, in 1866, filed for a quarter section of land that was meant to be railroad property and where a section house named

Bijou, after the nearby creek, was to be located. The railroad company made Wiggins an offer to enter their employ in exchange for all the land needed for their purpose. Wiggins was put in charge of both the station house and pumping station with a salary of \$75 a month.

He built a general store, hotel, livery and other businesses and houses. In 1870, through the influence of his friend, *Rocky Mountain News* owner and editor William N. Byers, Bijou was made a post office and renamed Byers — at Wiggins' suggestion.

Bijou Creek got its name 50 years earlier, when Stephen Harriman Long led a scientific expedition of the Great Plains to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in 1820, documenting the geology, vegetation, animals, insects of the area, and the "manners and customs" of Native Americans. Stephen Long named the tributary of the Platte River after Joseph Bijeau, the guide and Crow language and Native American sign language interpreter on the expedition.

DEER TRAIL

Deer Trail had been named prior to the time the railroad came through in 1870

but by whom is unknown. Deer would cross the area to drink out of Bijou Creek. What is now the town of Deer Trail was a stop along the north Smoky Hill trail and was the site of large cattle, sheep and horse ranches before 1870.

When the rails were laid to the east, Deer Trail became an important shipping point for cattle ranches all over the area. Corrals were built to hold cattle until they could be loaded on freight cars. Enough corral space was provided to hold 11 cars of cattle at one time. The cattle had been driven over the prairie for miles to the railroad.

In 1875 the Kansas Pacific Railway granted rights to establish the town of Deer Trail.

AGATE/GEHBARD?/AGATE

Agate, by that name, existed as a locality used by local ranchers prior to the construction of the Kansas Pacific railroad, which reached Agate on July 24, 1870.

Two theories on the origin of the name exist, the first being it was named for a large cattle gate on the railroad right-of-way. It was the only such gate for many miles through which large herds of cattle could be driven. Another source adds that the gate was an "a-gate" — a wooden gate with an a-shaped cross brace.

The other theory says the town was named for the agate stones and arrowheads found in the vicinity, which is a point both asserted and refuted, depending upon the source. Some say no agate stones have been found there, but rock-chasing.com, a geologist-run website, begs to differ, stating that Agate is situated in an area known for its diverse geology, which includes volcanic and sedimentary rock formations.

"The region's geological history contributes to the presence of agates, which are formed from silica deposits," the site states, adding that common types found in the area include banded and moss agates.

Another internet source claims that the railroad named the town Gebhard in about 1876; the Gebhard, Colorado, post office opened in 1881; and the name was changed back to Agate on April 24, 1882. Records show an early settler by the name of Henry Gebhart (with a t) had a ranch west of Agate in 1870 and U.S. postal records show he was postmaster at Agate in 1882.

Maybe someone out there has knowledge of why the town was briefly named for Mr. Gebhart and why it was unnamed a year later if that was, in fact, the case. But one thing is clear — the Kansas Pacific was better at building railroads than it was at spelling.

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Deer Trail had been named prior to the time the railroad came through in 1870

Heat-related illnesses spike as climate change fuels record temps

by Chase Woodruff
Colorado Newsline

As temperatures reached 97 degrees in Colorado Springs on Aug. 8, breaking a 57-year-old daily record, attendees at a music festival held at Blocktickets Park felt the heat.

More than 70 people in attendance at the Tacos and Tequila Festival were treated for heat-related illnesses, including at least seven who were hospitalized after “experiencing serious symptoms of dehydration and/or intoxication,” according to the Colorado Springs Fire Department, which declared the festival a “mass casualty” event.

The festival-goers were among a record number of Coloradans who sought medical treatment for heat-related illnesses this summer, amid unprecedented extreme heat fueled by climate change — a trend that’s projected to continue to intensify for years to come, as governments around the world struggle to curb the greenhouse gas emissions pushing global temperatures higher and higher.

Between May 3 and Aug. 8, a total of 1,124 patients in 18 of Colorado’s most populous counties were hospitalized, visited an emergency department or urgent care because of heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or another heat-related illness, according to data from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment’s Syndromic Surveillance Program. Data for the state’s other 46 counties is not collected as part of the program.

Those figures put Colorado on track for a heat-related illness rate of 13.6 per 10,000 medical visits in summer 2026 — surpassing the previous record of 8.9, set in 2024, and more than double the rate observed when CDPHE began tracking HRI data in 2019.

July was Colorado’s second-hottest July in 132 years of record-keeping, and a heat wave lasting from July 25-28 was the state’s hottest four-day period on record, according to a recent report from the Colorado Climate Center.

More frequent, more intense heat waves are the most direct and unambiguous result of human-caused climate change to be felt in Colorado, state climatologists found in a 2024 report. Rising levels of greenhouse gases in the Earth’s atmosphere, mostly the result of burning oil, gas and coal, caused average global temperatures to rise by more than 2.3 degrees over pre-industrial levels as of 2024, according to federal data — and parts of Colorado, including much of the Western Slope, are among the areas in the United States where average temperature increases have been most severe.

What may sound like small upticks in monthly or yearly average temperatures can in fact mean big swings in the likelihood of extreme heat events. In the half-century before 1930, Denver recorded a high of 100 degrees or more less than once every seven years on average, according to the National Weather Service; since 2020, those days have occurred on average four times a year.

Globally, extreme heat kills more people each year than floods, hurricanes, wildfires and other weather-related disasters combined. But despite being one of the most straightforward impacts of a warming climate, this increasingly dangerous heat can be “invisible” to the public and to policymakers, said Sara Meerow, an associate professor of geography at the University of Colorado Boulder who studies planning and governance in an era of extreme heat.

“You don’t get the same dramatic pho-

tos that you do, say, from a wildfire or a hurricane, of devastation and destruction,” Meerow said in an interview. “People who are suffering from heat are often suffering alone. It doesn’t lend itself to the same sort of visible imagery, and also doesn’t always have really visible infrastructure damage.”

That may be especially true in Colorado, where the impacts of drought and wildfire often take center stage — and where residents are less accustomed to dealing with extreme heat, even as they quickly become more frequent. One 2017 city of Denver study estimated that if global greenhouse gas emissions continued to rise, the average number of 100-degree days could reach 34 per year by 2080.

“Communities that haven’t historically thought a lot about heat now really have to,” said Meerow. “If it’s just a couple of days, people can change their routines. They can maybe escape to the mountains, go to the pool — you can adapt quite easily to that. When it starts to become a chronic issue for a community, then you really have to figure out how to live with this.”

WORKER SAFETY

Colorado’s hazardously hot summer comes as state lawmakers have struggled to pass a law requiring employers to take concrete steps to mitigate risks from extreme temperatures in the workplace. A bill introduced in 2025 would have required employers to provide shade or shelter in extreme conditions, implement temperature-related safety plans for job sites and make water available. Amid opposition from business groups, it failed to advance out of committee.

A scaled-back version of the bill, introduced earlier this year, aimed to provide employers more “flexibility” in developing their own plans to be submitted to the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment for approval. But lawmakers eventually stripped out that provision, too, passing an even narrower version requiring CDLE to collect data on temperature-related injuries and publish a “model” injury prevention plan on its website.

Injury risks for workers begin to rise at a daily heat index of 85 degrees and increase sharply above 90 degrees, according to a 2025 study that analyzed Occupational Safety & Health Administration data.

At the federal level, OSHA under President Donald Trump is moving to rescind Biden-era rules requiring employers to take steps like mandatory breaks and providing access to water and shade, *The*

New York Times recently reported.

Milton Jones, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, recently accused the Trump administration of “bowing to special interests and leaving workers at risk.” The UFCW represents tens of thousands of Colorado workers employed at meatpacking plants and grocery stores.

“Whether a UFCW member works in harvesting at a meatpacking plant in the summertime or fulfilling grocery orders outside in the sun, heat poses a potentially fatal risk to every worker,” Jones said in a statement. “Despite the progress made to establish a federal standard, the Trump administration has made it clear that it intends to side with big businesses fighting these protections rather than

workers in danger of heat-related illness and death.”

Older people and people experiencing homelessness are also among those at significantly higher risk of injury, illness or death from extreme heat. Denver joined a growing number of U.S. cities when it began operating free cooling centers in 2021; all city recreation centers now open their doors as daytime cooling centers when the NWS issues a heat advisory for the region.

Cities like Denver — through its Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency — are taking more proactive approaches to mitigating and managing extreme heat in the future, including through the hiring of “chief heat officers” and the development of heat action plans.



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OPINION

Democratic Socialism = control, not democracy

by Mark Hillman
Capitol Review

Democratic Socialists have cruised through the Democratic Party primaries like a hot knife through butter. Entitled young adults, especially, respond to their angst-driven message, frustrated that expensive college degrees landed them entry-level jobs easily attained without a six-figure education. Here in Colorado, Melat Kiros' decisive win over 30-year incumbent Diana DeGette led a socialist wave in Denver that also saw a first-term centrist legislator ousted by a DSA challenger. U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper did fend off a challenge by state Sen. Julie Gonzales, but the former two-term governor and mayor of Denver, lost to Gonzales in Denver by 13,000 votes. And in Congressional District 8, social-media obsessed state Rep. Manny Rutinel easily defeated an accomplished member of the legislature's Joint Budget Committee to earn a November date versus incumbent Republican Gabe Evans. Although DSA candidates sugar-coat their philosophy as a form of Scandinavian socialism (universal government health care, pensions, guaranteed basic income), the vengeful dogma behind today's DSA sounds eerily like the Bolshevik narrative in the Russian revolution. DSA's platform, Worker's Deserve More, advocates an end to capitalism, open borders, abolishment of the police, empty prisons, racial reparations, elimination fossil fuels, and "guaranteed" jobs for all. They would strictly regulate investment properties and impose universal rent control while somehow guaranteeing everyone free housing. Their platform essentially seeks mob rule, calling for elimination of the president, Senate and Supreme Court. They believe checks and balances are for suckers and America, as it's existed for 250 years, is past its expiration date. Born in Ethiopia, Kiros later grew up in Aurora. Like DSA victors elsewhere, she has excused the 9/11 Islamic terrorist attack on America and Hamas' Oct. 7 invasion of Israel due to "the conditions in which violence and war happen." She disputes that calls for the elimination of Israel is evidence of antisemitism. Kiros, Gonzales and other DSA favorites gleefully make public appearances with socialist bomb-throwers like Hasan Piker, who has called for the execution of landlords ("kill those m---f---rs! Murder them in the street. Let the streets soak in their f---ing red capitalist blood, dude."). Piker grew up in Turkey, the son of wealthy parents, then attended the University of Miami and Rutgers. He is so "oppressed" that he purchased a \$2.7 million home in West Hollywood while assailing capitalism, wealth and privilege on social media. Piker proclaims admiration for Chinese communist dictator Mao Zedong ("I would never make fun of him!"), who led the overthrow of China's nationalist government. He calls Mao, "one of the great leaders of the world" and often makes speeches dressed like Mao. Mao was the second most lethal mass-murderer in history, killing an estimated 35 million of his own countrymen – landlords, "rich" peasants, leftists, rightists, capitalists, scientists, intellectuals, scholars and even his own friends and family. Reporters should ask any Democrat who associates with Piker if they, too, believe capitalists, landlords and political dissenters should be murdered in the street. Why else bask in his spotlight? For those who assume Hitler (his Nazi Party was formally the National Socialist German Workers Party) was history's worst mass-murder, think again. Mao killed nearly twice as many. The bloodiest dictator of all time was Joseph Stalin, who ruled the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and killed more than 42 million, mostly his fellow citizens. Yet all three were avowed socialists and gained early prominence by claiming to stand up for the common laborer. "Democratic socialism" isn't about democracy. It's about control. Anyone with even a feeble understanding of human nature knows you can't steal people's property, businesses and livelihoods and expect them to passively submit. To implement the socialist agenda, police and prisons will simply be repurposed to capture those who dare resist. Many DSA candidates are running in solidly-blue districts, so they're virtually assured of winning this November. But for those running in swing districts or states, it would restore faith in democracy if voters punish Democrat Socialists the same way they often punish Republicans for nominating fringe candidates. To read more or comment, visit www.MarkHillman.com.

Case Name:

Big Bronco Energy Storage

Case Number: PRC2026-00022

Planning Commission Hearing Date: 9/24/2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: 10/13/2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Requests:

1. Conditional Use Permit to allow a Major Energy Facility (Battery Energy Storage System) within the Agricultural-3 zone district;
2. Conditional Use Permit to allow a utility substation within the Agricultural-3 zone district;
3. Conditional Use Permit to allow a utility transmission line within the Agricultural-3 zone district;
4. Conditional Use Permit to allow a large-scale solar facility within the Agricultural-3 zone district.

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SPORTS



Lady Indians sizzle with 6 consecutive wins

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg softball team rebounded from a beating by 4A powerhouse Eaton to win six straight games since Aug. 18. The Lady Indians clobbered all four foes at the Eaton Tournament Aug. 21-22. On Friday, Strasburg beat Peak to Peak and Delta, triumphed over Lamar and La Junta Saturday. Following the tournament, the team whipped both Wellington Aug. 25 and The Academy Aug. 27 to lift its record to 6-1. Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill praised the teamwork of the Lady Indians.

"The girls are just in a different zone right now," said Madrill. "For those [six] games, you can't pinpoint a best player."

@ EATON TOURNAMENT

Strasburg had 55 hits with 10 home runs and nine doubles over four games at the annual Eaton Extravaganza Softball Tournament. Johnson led the Indians with three home runs, including two in one inning. Seniors Wynne Winter and Payton Weaver each had two homers and two doubles and Bequette and Meyer doubled twice. Madrill got to do what he's been unable to for quite some time — mix up his pitching. He said freshman Taylor Bequette was his most consistent hurler but he also utilized senior Phebe Johnson and sophomore Macy Meyer over the course of the four contests. Madrill praised his assistant coaches — Archie Archuleta, Jeremy Bongard, Au-



Strasburg senior Addi Kent slides headfirst into third base against Wellington Aug. 25 at home. The Lady Indians whipped the Eagles 12-0 in four innings.

brie Archuleta, Amanda Finch and Kate-lyn Swallow — for their roles in helping the Indians win.

LAMAR

The 17-9 final score looks lopsided, but Strasburg's most competitive game was against Lamar on Friday. Leading 10-9 entering the top of the fifth inning, the Indians erupted for 7 runs to account for the final margin. The outburst was powered with home runs courtesy of Weaver, Winter and Johnson. Lamar led 5-2 after one inning, but

Strasburg was ahead 8-6 after two. Thereafter, the teams went tit-for-tat with the Indians maintaining leads of 1 or 2 runs through the fifth inning. On offense the Indians had 21 hits with four errors, while the Thunder tallied 10 hits with three errors. Six Strasburg girls had three hits apiece, and Winter drove in 4 runs to lead the Indian offense. Senior Addi Kent also homered, and Bequette, Winter, Meyer, and senior Madi Olsen each doubled. "We hit the ball," Madrill said. On the mound, Johnson struggled

early and was relieved after just 1/3 inning by Bequette, who tossed the final 4 2/3 innings. She yielded 4 runs on eight hits with two strikeouts and one base on balls. Johnson gave up 5 runs on two hits with four walks. Johnson, Bequette and junior Calleygh Hougland each had a stolen base.

LA JUNTA

La Junta fell behind 8-0 after two inning but rallied for 3 scores in the third and the game remained competitive thereafter in the 11-3 Indian win. The Indians had 10 hits and did not commit an error. At the plate, Kent, Bequette, and sophomore Morgan Sharff each had two hits with doubles by Bequette and freshman Macy Meyer. Kent led the team with 2 RBIs. Johnson and Meyer each pitched two innings with the former allowing one strikeout and one walk and the latter three runs on four hits with four strikeouts and four bases on balls.

PEAK TO PEAK

Weaver paced the Strasburg offense in a 12-5 win over the Lady Pumas. She homered to center field in the second inning and doubled in the first and fourth. She finished with 3 RBIs. Kent collected two hits and stole two bases, as the Indians amassed seven stolen bases for the game. The Indians scored 7 runs in the first inning and led 12-1 before Peak to Peak rallied for 4 runs to make the final score look closer than the game really was. SEE SB STRASBURG PAGE 10

Tiger soccer team opens season with back-to-back 3-0 victories

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

Bennett's soccer team opened the 2026 season with a pair of 3-0 victories at Ellicott and Frontier Academy last week. In both contests, said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson, the Tigers did what they needed to do — control the field. "We're excited about the start," Torgerson said. "Our roster can still be fluid at this point. We're still trying to finalize things and find the best fits for all of our players. And we're excited to keep going and make this a heck

of a season." Bennett has its home opener at 4 p.m. today against Arrupe Jesuit. @ FRONTIER ACADEMY Freshman Jaden Ramirez made all three of Bennett's goals against the Wolverines and added four steals en route to Max-preps' Player of the Match honors Aug. 27. The Tigers had two goals in the first half and one in the second. Torgerson said the contest opened "as a bit of a dogfight" until his team got on the board, and he was pleased to see his de-

fense limit the Wolverines to few attacks. "Frontier Academy also can move the ball very well," he said. "They're a very physical team." Sophomore Eric Machado, senior Hayden Kirby, and freshman Axel Martinez each recorded an assist, and junior Ricardo Fierro led the team with five steals while Kirby added four. Machado and senior Houston Broskie each had five shot attempts, and senior goalkeeper Izaac Hernandez faced only nine shots for the game. @ ELLICOTT

In a game called at halftime due to inclement weather, the Tigers scored all three goals with 21 shots in just one half at Ellicott. Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson estimated that his team spent 80-90% of the game in Ellicott's half of the field. "The 3-0 score was not really indicative of how the game went," Torgerson said. Bennett still got the win because a full half constitutes a game under high school rules. The Tigers were paced by Machado, who was also named Player of the Match, with two goals and Broskie added Ben-

nett's third score. Fierro had two assists, senior Nick Ramirez had one, and senior Uvaldo Ramirez led the team with three steals. Four other Tigers recorded two steals each. Hernandez faced just one shot. "They looked great," Torgerson said of his players. "They controlled the game and they took care of business. It was a great start." COMING UP Sept. 8: @ Weld Central. Sept. 11: DSS: Elevate Sept. 14: Sterling Sept. 16: @ Arvada. Sept. 22: @ Jefferson.

Case Name:

Prairie Pass Battery Energy Storage

Case Number: PRC2026-00010

Planning Commission Hearing Date: 9/10/2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: 10/6/2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Hearing Location:

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

Requests:

1. Conditional Use Permit to allow a battery energy storage system within the Agricultural-3 zone district; 2. Conditional Use Permit to allow a utility substation within the Agricultural-3 zone district.

Location:

12500 Cavanaugh Rd

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SB STRASBURG

FROM PAGE 9

Bequette earned the win, fanning four and walking two and giving up six hits and 4 runs over four innings.

DELTA

Strasburg beat the Lady Panthers 22-7 with 12 runs in the first inning and 10 in the third to win by the 15-run mercy rule. Johnson homered twice, both in the third inning and the second to win the game by the 15-run mercy rule, and had 5 RBIs. Meyer, Olsen and Winter added a dinger apiece.

The Indians had four stolen bases as a team. Meyer threw all four innings. She struck out one and walked three.

The Indians scored their 22 runs on 16 hits. Delta tallied its 7 runs on four hits.

WELLINGTON

The bats came alive and so did Johnson on the mound in a 12-0 victory over the Lady Eagles. Strasburg scored 7 runs in the second inning and 5 in the bottom of the fourth to win by the 10-run rule.

Sharff tallied three hits with two doubles and 2 RBIs, Kent and Johnson both doubled, and Kent drove in 3 runs.

Although the Indians had only nine hits, the team played aggressively, which forced Wellington defense to commit mental errors. Strasburg stole five bases, including a double steal.

After struggling at the Eaton Tournament, Johnson was wicked against Wellington.

"I said, 'Today you were a state championship pitcher,'" Madrill told Johnson. Madrill added that the Eagles have good hitters but only managed two hits. Johnson went the distance but struck out just three, which meant fielding opportunities were in abundance.

Winter made the most of the situation at third base by fielding four grounders and throwing out the runner at first base. Madrill also complimented his reserves, who scream and holler so much that, at times, he has difficulty talking to



ALYSSA STEM/For The Scout
Lady Indian Payton Weaver takes the throw for a putout against Wellington Aug. 25.

his hitters.

"We're having fun and that's the big thing," he concluded.

@ THE ACADEMY

The Indians controlled the game from the start and dominated the fourth inning to win by the 12-run mercy rule, 16-0.

Strasburg lead 3-0 after two innings, then got untracked for 4 runs in the third and 9 in the fourth.

The Indians pounded the ball with eight doubles and a home run. Kent homered and doubled with three hits overall; Johnson and junior Paisley Selle both had two doubles; and Weaver, Olsen and Bequette each doubled once.

Bequette threw a two-hit shutout with one strikeout to get the victory.

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'Burg girls split opening pair

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Lady Indians opened the 2026 season with a good effort but inconsistent play — not an uncommon occurrence for young teams.

Those factors were present in both games, a four-set loss at Prospect Ridge Academy Aug. 20 and a five-set win at home over Arrupe Jesuit Aug. 25.

The home opener was a battle between two evenly matched teams with the Indians taking the last two sets for the win. The final score was 16-26, 25-22, 23-25, 25-18 and 15-8.

Strasburg surprised Prospect Ridge, a good program that posted an 18-7 record a year ago, by winning the first set but faltering badly in the next three. At the end, the Lady Miners won 20-25, 25-13, 25-15 and 25-13.

"We won the first one because we played hard. We played gritty. We saved a lot of balls. We served some aces. We kept them on their toes," said Strasburg head coach Larry Deffenbaugh. "We probably shocked them a little bit."

He was disappointed that the Indians lost their momentum in the second set but encouraged by the rally against the Lady Generals.

"We went flat, and, against Arrupe, we started flat, but we picked it up, Deffenbaugh said.

Against the Generals, Strasburg had 21 missed serves but compensated for it somewhat with 18 aces.

One factor was apparent in both games — the Indians must do a better job of receiving serves. The Indians committed 12 receiving errors against Prospect Ridge and 21 versus Arrupe Jesuit.

"We ran our setters around a lot," he said. "You cannot serve and serve-receive enough in practice."

Deffenbaugh praised his senior captains, libero Jenna Echer and outside hitter Tatiana Rojahn.

"We play a lot of young girls and we're getting a lot of leadership from our seniors," said Deffenbaugh. "I think they're really trying to do the right things and support our teammates, and we need that. We need that kind of leadership on

the court, too."

He said Rojahn had a particularly good game against the Generals and Echer against the Miners, "but we always have a supporting cast. Everybody did some good things."

Deffenbaugh expects a seesaw season, but he likes the work ethic and positive attitude of his team, which plays three juniors, four sophomores, and a freshman in its regular rotation.

"And I'm not talking about wins and losses, OK? I'm talking about wanting to get better," Deffenbaugh said of the Lady Indians. "They work hard in practice, and that counts for something."

When a superior team overlooks a team like Strasburg's, upsets happen, Deffenbaugh said.

"We're hoping we're that team that's hiding in the shadows," Deffenbaugh said. "So things have to get better, but I like the way the direction we're headed."

Team leaders against Arrupe Jesuit were Rojahn, junior Laci Zimmerman, and sophomore Ava McKenner with 11 kills each; Rojahn and sophomore Camryn Forbis, 6 aces each; Echer, 28 digs, and Rojahn and sophomore McKenna Garcia, 10 each; Garcia and Forbis with 16 and 15 assists, respectively; and sophomore Emelie Cardenas, one block.

At Prospect Ridge, McKenner and Rojahn each had five kills; Echer added 16 digs and three aces; and Forbis and Garcia dished out 11 and 10 assists, respectively.

Strasburg's JV and C teams also stand at 1-1.

Deffenbaugh closed with a compliment for his players.

"I want to really emphasize it is, overall, a good group of girls from varsity down to C team," he said.

The Indians faced Stargate in an away game on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. They play Kent Denver, where Peyton Manning's daughter participates, on the road Thursday before taking on a much-improved Byers team at home Sept. 8.

COMING UP
Sept. 3: @ Kent Denver
Sept. 8: Byers
Sept. 10: Eagle Ridge Academy



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Kaylonnie McLaury (21) receives a serve and Emilee Venneberg sets up a teammate during Bennett's loss to Weld Central Aug. 25.

Lady Tigers fall to Weld Central

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

BENNETT — The Lady Tigers improved each set but still fell to Weld Central in three sets at home Aug. 25.

The final score 25-11, 25-14, 25-22.

"Each set got better, so we didn't get beat too bad on the third set, which I was proud of. The girls worked through it," said Bennett head coach Corissa Thornton. "I think we had some nerves to get through, and Weld Central is a good team. So they have a bunch of seniors, very tall, very tenured, so it was tough. It was really tough."

Rector was pleased with her team's serving at just a hair under 90% and thought the Tigers had better passing out of their serve-receive than the Lady Rebels.

"We had quite a few girls get a good amount of kills," she added.

The Tigers were paced by senior Anna

Thornton with 11 kills; junior Josie Ladd with 10 digs, 12 serve-receives, one ace, and one block; senior Emilee Venneberg 19 assists and nine digs; senior Kaylonnie McLaury, 20 serve-receives and one ace; junior Adeline Cranwill, one block; and senior Nancy Jordan, 11 serve-receives.

"They worked hard, and I'm glad that we were able to get better with each set," Thornton said.

The Indians traveled to St. Mary's Academy Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. They host Sand Creek Thursday.

"It'll be good to kind of get some more games under our belt," Thornton concluded.

COMING UP
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: @ DSS: Elevate, Northeast Denver.

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Bulldogs fall by 1 in overtime

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

AULT — Turnovers, a missed field goal late in regulation, and a missed extra point in overtime were key factors in Byers' 20-19 overtime loss at Highland Aug. 28 in its return to 11-man football ranks.

"You know, we tackled pretty well, but we didn't block as well as we need to, to win. And we made too many self-inflicted mistakes to win," said Byers head coach Casey Pelton. "But our effort — I mean, our effort was there. We did everything that I felt like we needed to, to win the game."

Late in regulation, the Huskies tied the score at 13, then tried an onside kick that failed. The Bulldogs took over, driving deep into Highland territory but missing a game-winning field goal attempt from roughly 20 yards with about 20 seconds left.

"We didn't block it well," Pelton said. "There was a lot of heat on our kicker."

In overtime, Byers got the ball first and scored on fourth down on a 8-yard pass from senior James Maes to junior Conrad Cichos.

"And then we had trouble blocking the extra point again," Pelton said.

With the Bulldogs leading 19-13, Highland responded with its own touchdown and extra point for the victory.

In recent years, Pelton noted, the Bulldogs went for two-point conversions simply because they didn't have a good place-kicker. But that has changed.

"We have confidence in them kicking, and we just didn't do a good enough job

protecting them," he said.

Turnovers were also a factor. In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs lost the ball deep in their own territory, and the Huskies capitalized to tie and ultimately win the game.

Byers committed three turnovers overall — two fumbles and one interception — by players who are usually sure-handed.

Penalties for false start, holding and ineligible player downfield also affected the game.

"We played a lot of the second and third quarter backed up because of our own penalties," Pelton said. "You have to be a little bit more conservative when you're backed up like that."

Byers got off to a fast start with touchdowns from Maes to sophomore Matthew Cichos from 26 yards out and to sophomore Jack Long from 12 yards for a 13-0 advantage after one quarter.

Highland cut the deficit to six, 13-7, by halftime.

Conditioning might also have been a factor with multiple Bulldogs cramping.

"I didn't have them in good enough shape," Pelton added.

The Bulldogs travel to Flatirons Academy at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, in Westminster. Pelton said the Bison are a good team coming off a big win.

"So we've got to get better before next Friday and go on the road again," he concluded. "There's plenty of stuff to get better at."

COMING UP
Sept. 4: @ Flatirons Academy.
Sept. 11: Holyoke.
Sept. 18: Limon.
Sept. 25: @ Colorado Springs Christian.



PHOTOS BY ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout
Amber Schoenfelder, left, Zach Irvin and Eric Zacharias participate in a Anythink Bennett library workshop on root vegetable desserts workshop July 18. Participants learned the history and a wide variety of baking techniques surrounding the unique sweet treats.

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Small-scale solar panels mounted on balconies can help more households use renewable energy.

Expert: Balcony solar can help renters, homeowners save \$\$

by Moncef Krarti
The Conversation

Somewhere between 5% and 7% of U.S. households have rooftop solar panels. Many more Americans want them, but high costs, building locations and land-lord restrictions are key obstacles.

As someone who has designed and evaluated a wide range of building energy efficiency technologies, including integrated photovoltaic systems, I know that other options are available elsewhere in the world — and are becoming available in the United States. Plug-in solar systems, also referred to as balcony solar systems, are alternatives to rooftop panels that still generate electricity from sunlight, but without complex and expensive installations.

Plug-in solar systems are designed to be used without requiring specialized technicians, construction permits or permission from electricity utility companies. A typical system consists of small photovoltaic panels that can be placed on a balcony, in a backyard or on a deck or roof area. They are connected to the home's electrical system by simply plugging them into a regular power outlet.

EUROPEAN POPULARITY

In Europe, such systems have been legal for more than a decade. They are wildly popular, especially for renters who do not have permission to install permanent solar panels on their buildings.

In Germany, the introduction of balcony solar raised the share of households with solar panels to about 10%.

Germans can buy plug-in solar kits in local retail stores and set them up quickly at home, with no help or oversight from technicians or utility companies. Estimates find that, with current electricity prices in Germany, the systems generate enough power to pay for themselves in less than three years.

LEGAL CHANGES AFOOT IN THE U.S.

In the U.S., the main barrier to widespread availability and adoption of plug-

in solar systems is that current laws and regulations do not distinguish them from larger rooftop panel systems.

In most cases, solar panels on buildings that are connected to the power grid must be installed by professionals, because they typically require additional equipment that prevents too much of the home-generated power from entering the grid. This process also requires a permit from a state or local government.

For balcony solar systems, the grid-protection equipment is built in to what consumers buy at the store. But, in most states, the laws don't recognize a difference and still require permits and professional installation for any solar panels at all.

However, in 2025, Utah passed a law that removes those requirements for plug-in solar panel systems that generate less than 1,200 watts of power. Maine has enacted a similar law, and Gov. Jared Polis signed one for Colorado last month. Both are slated to take effect at different points in 2026. The Vermont Senate passed one too, and the state's General Assembly is considering it now. And lawmakers in 25 other states are considering similar legislation.

In addition, in early 2026, UL Solutions, an independent safety certification company, announced a new standard for plug-in solar systems in the U.S., which can help consumers feel confident they are buying something that is safe for them to use in their homes.

COSTS AND BENEFITS

The potential benefits of balcony solar systems vary primarily with the local cost of electricity. Buying these systems can cost between \$1,200 and \$2,000, but they can generate enough power to save several hundred dollars in electric bills each year.

They can't power a whole home, but they can power relatively low loads, like refrigerators, LED lights, laptop computers, phone chargers, televisions and fans,

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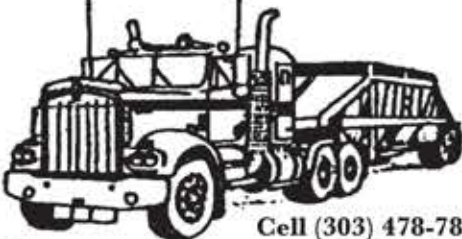
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BENNETT DATA CENTER

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while also raising concerns about noise, pollution, heat generation and water use. Rather than ruling out a data center, Chapa said the town should evaluate each request individually, considering what the project would bring to the community and what impacts it would need to address.

Electricity and infrastructure were central to the discussion.

Osborne discussed the requirements associated with large electrical loads. According to information presented to the board, projects larger than 10 megawatts would require a substation because they exceed what was described as CORE's "organic growth."

The board also discussed costs associated with serving a large load. CORE has stated that data centers do not automatically result in rate increases for its members. Developers are responsible for costs associated with serving their large loads.

Information presented to trustees stated that new businesses, including data centers, pay 100% of construction costs and that costs that benefit a data center only are not passed on to existing CORE members through their rates.

The discussion follows Bennett's earlier consideration of a data center development at Muegge Farms near I-70 and South First Street. Town materials identify the property as a 102-acre site with 5 to 7 acres identified for a potential substation. The town's data center materials described 16 megawatts of available power and a plan that would take three to five years for up to 164 megawatts.

Bennett issued a request for proposals for data center development in October 2025. The town decided in November 2025 not to award a contract then, while reserving the option to engage with RFP respondents or other parties in the future.

The board is scheduled to tour the Parker data center facility on Friday, Sept. 25.

HAZARD PLAN

Trustees also approved Resolution No. 1112-26, adopting the 2026 Adams County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan identifies regional hazards, updates critical assets, and establishes

mitigation goals for the next five years. Bennett must maintain a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to remain eligible for certain funding opportunities.

Adams County funded the outside consultant for the plan, while Bennett's cost was staff time spent participating in the planning process.

High winds were identified as a major concern. Kyle Lopez of Adams County Emergency Management explained the purpose of public safety power shutoffs during extreme wind events.

"Essentially, when we see very high winds, and there is a threat that these winds are strong enough that they could actually knock high-voltage transmission lines off their towers, they will intentionally shut off power from those lines to hopefully prevent a large wildfire from happening," Lopez said.

Trustees also asked whether the plan covers the portion of Bennett located in Arapahoe County. Lopez said the area is referenced because it falls within Bennett's boundary, while Arapahoe County maintains its own separate hazard mitigation plan.

SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

The board also discussed transportation planning for the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year, with no clear path forward without knowing the outcome of a Bennett School bond in the 2026 election.

If the bond passes, the town will need to determine what transportation funding and roadway changes may be needed, including potential route changes and connections around Seventh and Eighth streets near the school.

Manager Trish Stiles said the town is waiting to see the bond outcome before determining its larger transportation requests. Some improvements would also require approval from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

"I think the asks will be different depending on whether the bond passes, and I think that's kind of where we're at," Mayor Whitney Oakley said.

The next Bennett Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8.

BALCONY SOLAR

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even when a grid outage occurs.

Depending on their configurations, balcony solar systems can offer additional benefits. Mounting them to movable bases that track the Sun's path through the sky can boost power generation. Mounting the panels on overhangs can create shade, reducing the need for air conditioning, especially in hot climates.

Adding battery storage to balcony solar systems can also help households store

extra energy from the daytime and use it at night, further lowering their utility bills, though buying batteries would raise the costs.

I expect U.S. demand for balcony solar systems to be significant, especially in places with lots of sunlight and high electricity prices. Householders will still need to select their equipment and its location carefully to maximize their power generation and cost savings.

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What items, if any, were recovered was not released by the police department.

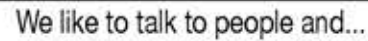
The police department statement said Cutlip faces charges of aggravated robbery, first-degree burglary, and menacing.

The most severe charge appears to be a third-degree felony, which, according to Colorado statute, could carry penalties up to 4-12 years in state prison and fines up to \$750,000.

An online inmate search of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's website showed Cutlip remained in custody on \$50,000 bond.

After reportedly appearing in court Aug. 28, the sheriff's site and 18th Judicial District's online docket shows Cutlip is scheduled for a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in Courtroom 302 of Arapahoe County District Court.

The investigation continues and anyone with any information is asked to contact Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at (720)913-7867. Tipsters can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

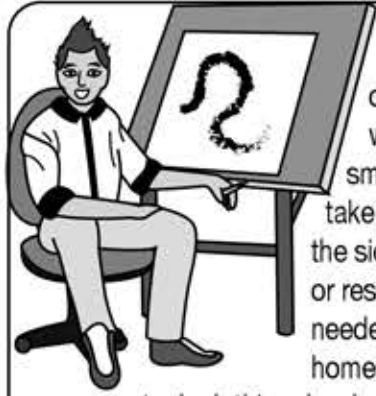


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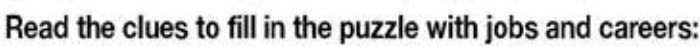
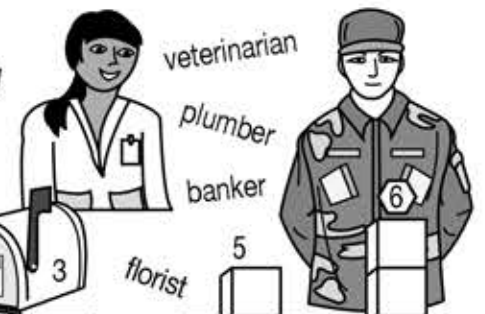
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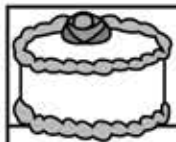
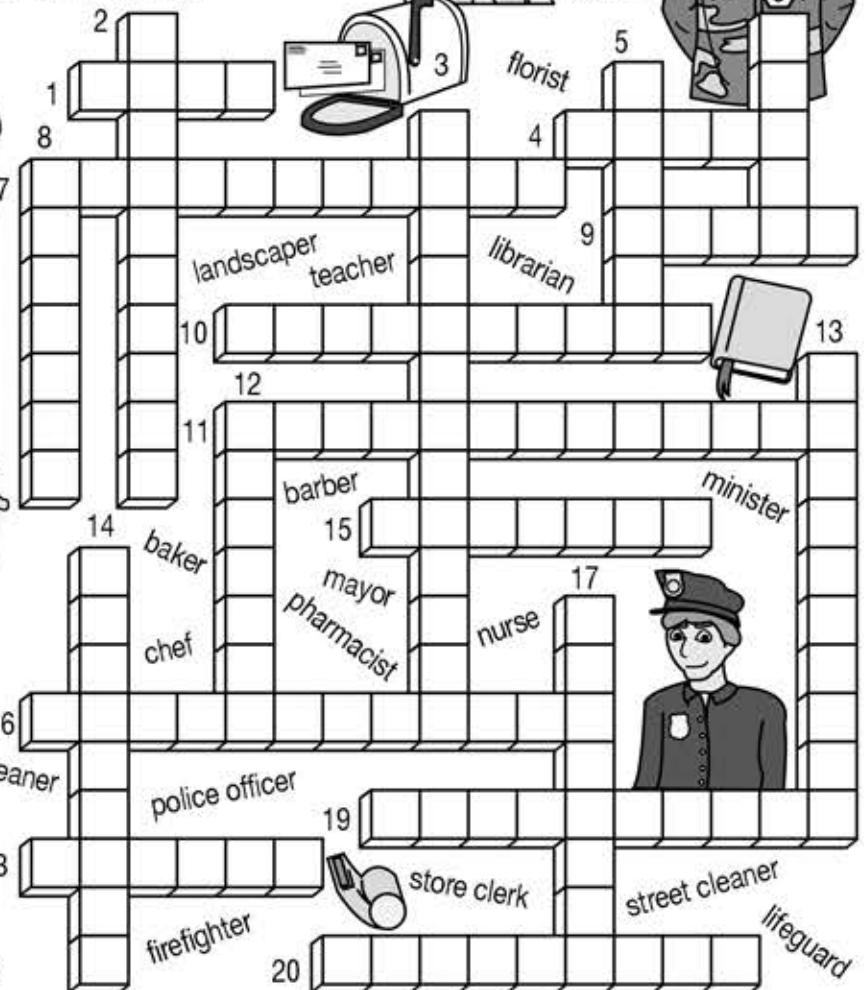
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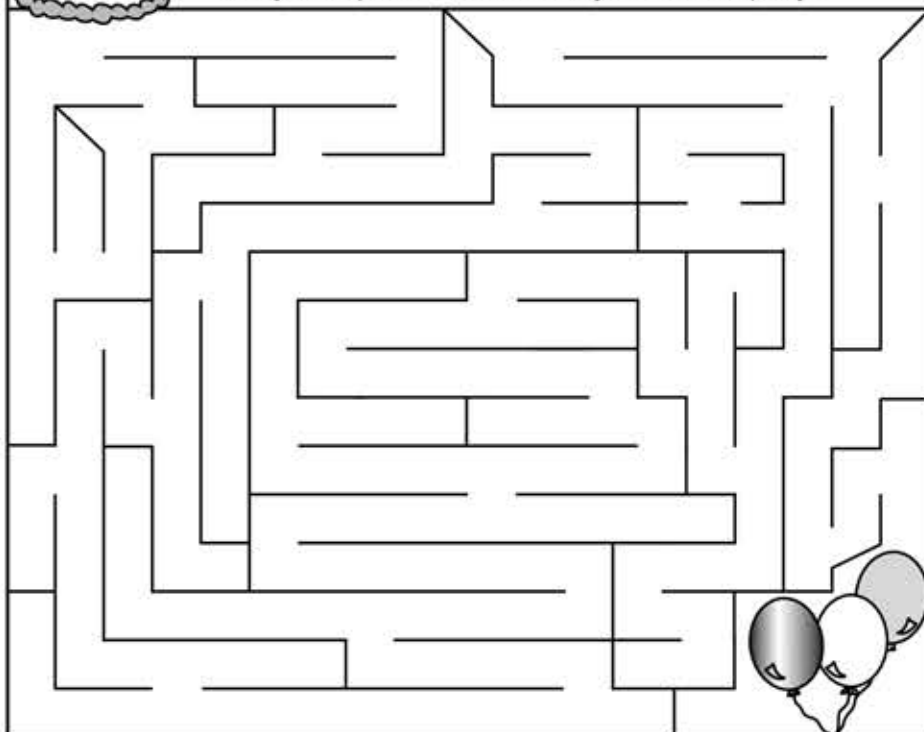
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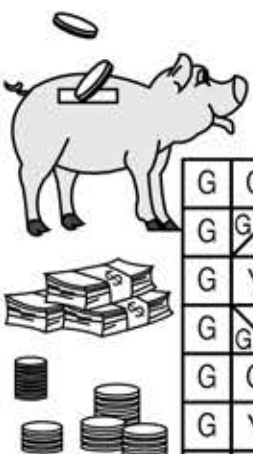


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20 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
Corridor residents, especially north of I-70, could be the recipients of a more efficient power system if a proposed transmission project moves forward.

The Eastern Plains Transmission Project (EPTP), a joint proposal from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Tri-State Generation & Transmission, Inc., would allow power from three coal-based power plants — two in Kansas and one in Colorado to be distributed to a large portion of Eastern Colorado.

The two entities held open house forums in Limon and Aurora Aug. 30-31, respectively, to allow residents to voice their opinions on the proposal and have input about the possible routes of transmission lines. Other forums were already held in August and several more are scheduled in Eastern Colorado through most of September.

Officials with both companies said the proposal doesn't have an immediate direct impact on IREA customers along the I-70 Corridor, but that customers of Morgan County REA (MCREA) and Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) would benefit.

"Down the road, IREA (Intermountain Rural Electric Association) could become a possible recipient of [EPTA] as it does receive some of its power from us," said Randy Wilkerson, WAPA public affairs specialist. "This project, if it moves forward, is another avenue for direct delivery of power and all entities will probably have an opportunity to be a part of it."

Officials with Tri-State said IREA is not a member cooperative but that MCREA and MVEA are.

15 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
BRIGHTON — Adams County residents will get a say next year in the structure of the primary county government.

Adams County Commissioners announced Aug. 31 that a question will appear on the November 2012 general election ballot asking voters if they want to stay with the current three-member board or expand it to five.

In addition, the question has a second part regarding who would be eligible to vote for each individual board seat.

According to Jennifer Stanley with the county attorney's office, the commissioners must offer at least two of four options concerning the move to a five person commission,

The four possible options are:

- Three commissioners in districts, voted on by everybody, and two at-large, voted on by everybody;
- Three commissioners in districts, voted on by residents of the district, and two at-large seats voted on by all county residents;
- Five commissioner districts voted on by everybody; and
- Five commissioner districts, voted on by district residents.

Whether a change to the county's current three-district system could be voted on is unknown. Currently, all Adams County voters vote for all three district seats.

10 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
DEER TRAIL — When going to the polls in November, residents of the Deer Trail School District will have the ability to approve fundings for a new school, pending acceptance of a future state grant request.

The Deer Trail Board of Education Aug. 29 unanimously approved verbiage for a proposed mill levy override on the 2016 general election ballot that would raise \$6.8 million of an expected \$20 million price tag for a new building. The \$6.8 million request is the most the district can ask for from taxpayers based on the state's bonding capacity formula.

The ballot resolutions strictly requires the district to provide the following capital improvements.

- Addressing the health, safety, security and educational deficiencies in the aging Pre-K through 12th grade school by "constructing a new facility on district owned property,"
- Updating technology and modernizing classrooms to 21st Century standards; and
- Improving athletic facilities and updating and enhancing security standards.

The total payback amount of approximately \$10.7 million, including interest, would be paid back in 20 years. The mill levy would be adjusted to allow the district to raise \$540,000 in funds annually to repay the loan. It is anticipated that the mill levy increase will approximately 17 mills annually, which breaks down to approximately \$136 in additional residential property tax per \$100,000 in assessed valuation, or approximately \$11.36 per month. On commercial property, the additional annual tax burden would be approximately \$494 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, or approximately \$41 per month.

"Statutorily, this can't occur until a general election, which is every even number year," Stanley said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2026. There are 120 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1666, the Great Fire of London began, which would destroy more than 13,000 homes and hundreds of addition-

al structures, including St. Paul's Cathedral, over the ensuing three days.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1935, a Category 5 hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys on Labor Day, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Defense Education Act, which provided aid to public

and private education to promote learning in such fields as math and science.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229

people aboard.

In 2005, four days after Hurricane Katrina, a National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans.

In 2013, on her fifth attempt, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without using a shark cage.

In 2018, a huge fire engulfed Brazil's 200-year-old National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, as firefighters and museum workers raced to save historical relics..

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 78. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 78. Actor Mark Harmon is 75. Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 74. Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 66. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is 64. Actor Keanu Reeves is 62. Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 61. Actor Salma Hayek is 60. R&B singer K-Ci is 57. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 37.

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 12. "Sun, e.g.
 13. Twist and distort
 15. Carpenter's groove
 16. "Jupiter's inner "ring"
 17. MC Hammer's "2 ___ 2 Quit"
 18. "It makes up the majority of Jupiter's mass
 20. Narrative poem
 21. "When ___ Cry" by Prince
 22. Louisville Slugger
 23. Chase
 26. Puffy cloud
 30. Nurses' org.
 31. Frozen drink
 34. Ricci of fashion
 35. Same as climate
 37. Buddy Holly's "Peggy ___"
 38. Knight's breastplate
 39. Flying toy
 40. a.k.a. pennant
 42. Possesses
 43. Appetizer
 45. Like certain pine
 47. Large edible mushroom
 48. ___-Arts, or fine arts
 50. Disparaging remark
 52. "The largest moon in the Solar System
 55. "Jupiter's Great Red Spot
 56. Up it in poker
 57. Exclamation of disgust
 59. Famous diarist Samuel ___
 60. Like decorated cake
 61. Reply from a tunnel
 62. Tarzan's adoptive dad
 63. Neither here ___ there
 64. Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, acr.

- DOWN
1. It would
 2. Master of ark
 3. Buffalo Bill's last name
 4. In conflict (2 words)
 5. Coach-and-four
 6. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.
 7. "Reason for Mars' redness
 8. Kind of palm
 9. Author Murdoch
 10. Sandwich with acronym name
 12. Snow mover
 13. Flash of light

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14. "Farthest planet from sun in our Solar System
 19. Make awake
 22. Opposite of vend
 23. Gets ready for a trip
 24. Dark
 25. Indian restaurant yogurt staple
 26. ___ Zhen in "Fist of Fury"
 27. "The Solar System spans roughly 1.6 ___-years
 28. Uniate church member
 29. Impudent
 32. ___-friendly
 33. "Center of the Solar System
 36. "The smallest planet
 38. Per ___, or yearly
 40. Vigor
 41. Approved
 44. 4 years for a U.S. President, pl.
 46. Daisies
 48. Bench in Mexico
 49. Larger key on the right
 50. Pas in ballet
 51. Between trot and gallop
 52. Effect of pain?
 53. Mussolini, with II
 54. Not counterfeit
 55. Relaxation location
 58. Ornamental pond dweller

ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

Moon Squares Jupiter
Then Trines Mercury

Why is a complaint a chance to win a loyal customer? How can the first argument in a relationship cement the bond? Recovery and repair are what earn trust. Mistakes are human. Fixing them with grace is superhuman. The lunar aspects point to the kind of problem that's an opportunity to more fully understand differences, then pull together and work them out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fix your gaze ever-forward toward plans, hopes and even toward what some might consider an impossible future. Let them apply their rules to their own life while you keep believing in your own idea of what's possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The best way to deal with frustration today is to give it a job. Choose one action with a visible finish: send the email, repair the hinge or make the appointment. You'll feel better when trapped energy turns into movement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Co-dependency gets a bad reputation, but there are also benefits from being so entwined with another that they can navigate the rapids with you. Today, you will help and be helped, working as one with someone who really knows you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). After enough disappointments, you edit your expectations, as almost anyone would. But today, hold out hope. This gold standard you have is actually out there; you just haven't met it yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today is like a knock-knock joke. Someone shows up with only part of the information. Further inquiry won't bring further illumination, though it may make you laugh, or pretend to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a strange feeling when you're looking for something but you're not sure exactly what's missing. It could be sleep, purpose, trav-

el, friendship or a dog. Stay open to the call of your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unconditional love isn't an emotion, rather it's a state of being that allows you access to any number of powerful emotions to serve its purpose -- to keep loving whether or not they earn it, return it or appreciate it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have strong feelings, passionate whims and a preference for getting your way. However, you're not some chaos pixie flitting from drama to drama. You're practical! Today, you choose strategy over impulse, and compassion over strategy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're really onto something. Your ideas deserve curious people -- people who immediately see the implications and possibilities. The right audience will be so excited, they will interrupt with a multitude of questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not performing for attention; you just want to make an effort for a person who deserves it. You're so good at giving the sort of breezy but sincere appreciation that can really refill a person's tank.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll use your soulful sensitivity to figure out what kind of attention someone needs. Maybe you're not the right one to give it, and that's good to know, too. You'll find the right fit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone seems to want something from you today, though few will come right out and say what it is. Give this story time to develop and the missing information will show up like a message written in invisible ink.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). It's your Year of Seasonal Charms in which each of the 12 zodiac seasons will bring you an improbable gift so perfectly suited to you, it will feel enchanted. More highlights: No more searching -- the money finds you. Your favorite people introduce you to your future favorite people, and you feel stronger, sharper and more adventurous every month. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 18, 31, 12 and 45.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

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DENVER MAN ACCIDENT-
LY SHOT IN RIGHT ARM

Last Sunday Clay Krago and Mr. Anderson motored out from Denver on a hunting trip and when about fifteen miles northeast of Byers, they chased a rabbit into a hole. The men laid their guns down upon the ground and was trying to get the rabbit out of the hole, when in some unaccountable way one of the guns was discharged. The full charge of shot striking Mr. Krago's right arm, on the elbow, tearing all the flesh from the bones in such a manner as to leave the bones bare. It was a very singular coincidence, neither of the bones in the arm were broken nor were the cords severed.

They had left their car while in search of game and had wandered about three miles away where the

accident occurred. His associate bound the wound as best he could under such circumstances and they started for the place where the car was waiting, then they had to drive fifteen miles to Byers, and upon their arrival at that point, the doctor was absent and then they were compelled to resume their journey on to Strasburg before medical aid could be summoned. Upon their arrival here Dr. T. L. Taylor was immediately summoned and dressed the wound. The distance being so great before medical aid could be gotten Mr. Krago became very weak from the shock and loss of blood. A short while after the man's wounds were attended to they resumed their journey to Denver.

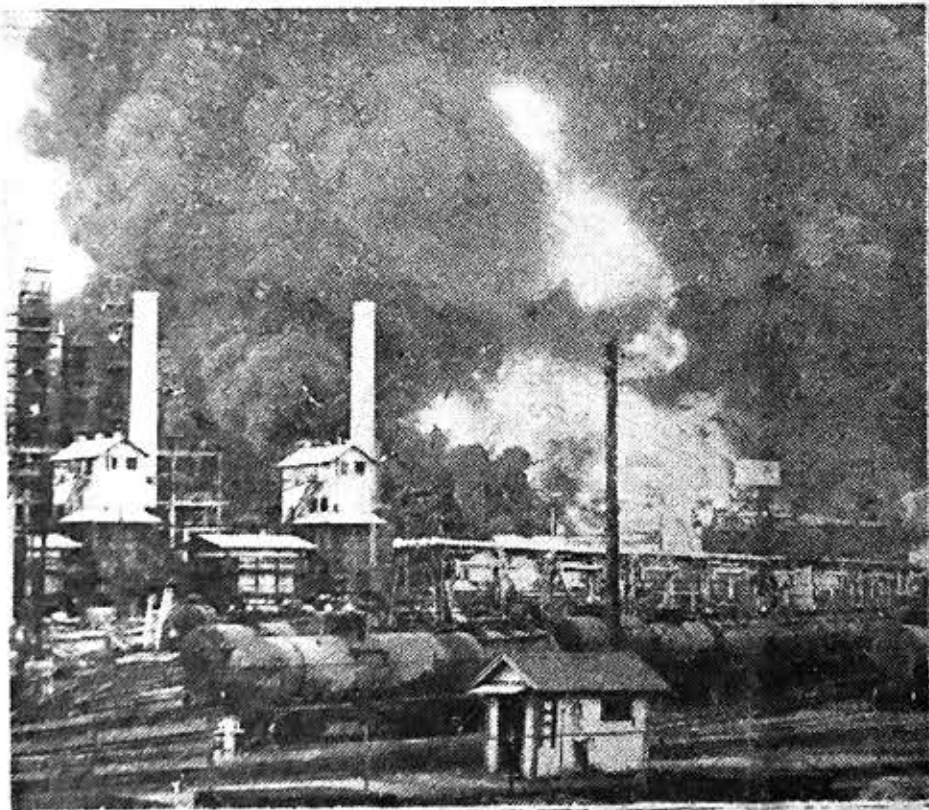
The Strasburg News
August 31, 1931

KANSAS MAN COLLIDES WITH
TRUCK

Milo Talkington of Hoxie, Kansas, Thursday collided with the Scherrer truck on the highway west of Strasburg and was seriously injured. He was taken to the hotel and that evening was sent to his home in Kansas.

The Strasburg News
September 2, 1926

Oil Explosion Rocks City



Flames and smoke pour from the burning tanks at the Standard Oil refinery in Whiting, Indiana, following an early morning explosion which spread destruction throughout nearby areas and caused property damage in excess of \$10,000,000. The fires continued to burn for days. At least two persons are known to be dead and many more injured as a result of the blast.

Eastern Colorado News
September 1, 1955

The Marines Land in Solomons



This official U. S. Navy photo shows the U. S. Marines landing on the beach of a South Pacific island. This is one of the first photos (released August 29) to arrive here showing scenes of the actual invasion of the Solomon Islands group by our U. S. Marines

Eastern Colorado News
September 3, 1942

Digging Water Holes
In East Colo. Urged

A series of water holes for more than 150,000 range cattle in southeastern Colorado has been proposed by President Clifford B. Noxon, state board of land commissioners. The board will submit an application to the works progress administration this week for projects to construct the water holes. It is estimated the entire program will cost more than \$100,000.

Noxon, along with Register Arthur H. King, and Will R. Murphy, engineer and a member of the land commission, made a survey of the drouth-stricken area last week.

"At least five of the 12 counties in the district are seriously in need of such water hole program," Noxon said. "They are Pueblo, Los Animas, Bent, Otero and Crowley."

Eastern Colorado News
September 3, 1936

TOKYO BOMBER



Chicago—Fighters on two fronts compare notes. Lt. Thomas C. Griffin, navigator of one of the bombers that raided Tokyo, and Walter C. Hasselhorn, company president, inspect work of a woman war worker at Cook Electric Company, war production plant here. Lt. Griffin is the youngest recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Eastern Colorado News
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Labor Day Activities



The Strasburg News
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The Labor Day Parade



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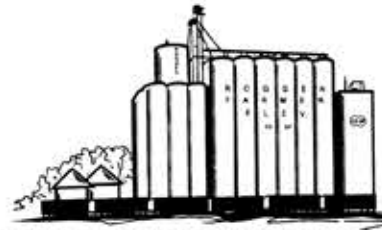
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3
Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7
Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.
Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9
Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.
Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Strasburg High School band room. For information, contact Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicedirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
AA open meeting. 7 p.m., white historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

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Mayocoba Green Salad

Nothing captures the magic of a summer quite like the arrival of sweet, juicy Palisade peaches. This month, we celebrate the peak of the season by pairing this iconic fruit with another staple of our state's agricultural heritage: creamy Colorado-grown Mayocoba beans.

Crafted by local recipe developer Colleen Ferreira for the Colorado Dry Bean Committee, this Mayocoba bean salad with peaches, honey and mint is a masterclass in contrasting textures and bright, sun-kissed flavors. The mild, buttery profile of the Mayocoba beans provides the perfect canvas for ripe peaches, savory crumbled feta, and fresh garden mint. Drizzled with local wildflower honey and a splash of fresh lemon, the salad is a vibrant, nutrient-dense dish that shines as a standalone lunch or the ultimate side for a backyard barbecue.

Grab a slice of crusty, toasted Colorado sourdough bread, pour yourself a refreshing local beverage, and dive into a true taste of the Rocky Mountain summer.

MAYOCOPA GREEN SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups cooked Mayocoba beans (simmer in salted water)
- 2 Palisade peaches, skinned and sliced thin
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup loosely packed fresh mint, whole small leaves
- juice of half a lemon
- drizzle of olive oil and honey Flaky sea salt

DIRECTIONS

Place the Mayocoba beans, peaches, feta, and mint into a large bowl and toss. Squeeze lemon juice over the salad, followed by a drizzle of olive oil and a generous drizzle of honey. Top salad with flaky sea salt and more mint and feta for garnish. Enjoy as is, or on top of a slice of toasted buttered sourdough bread.

— Recipe courtesy Colorado Proud

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE

Thursday, Sept. 3: Corn dogs.
Monday, Sept. 7: No school.
Tuesday, Sept. 8: Turkey meatballs.
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Barbecue chicken sandwich.

BYERS

Thursday, Sept. 3: Soft chicken tacos, Spanish rice.
Monday, Sept. 7: No school.
Tuesday, Sept. 8: Chicken patty sandwich, French fries.
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Loaded barbecue pork potatoes, garden salad.

DEER TRAIL

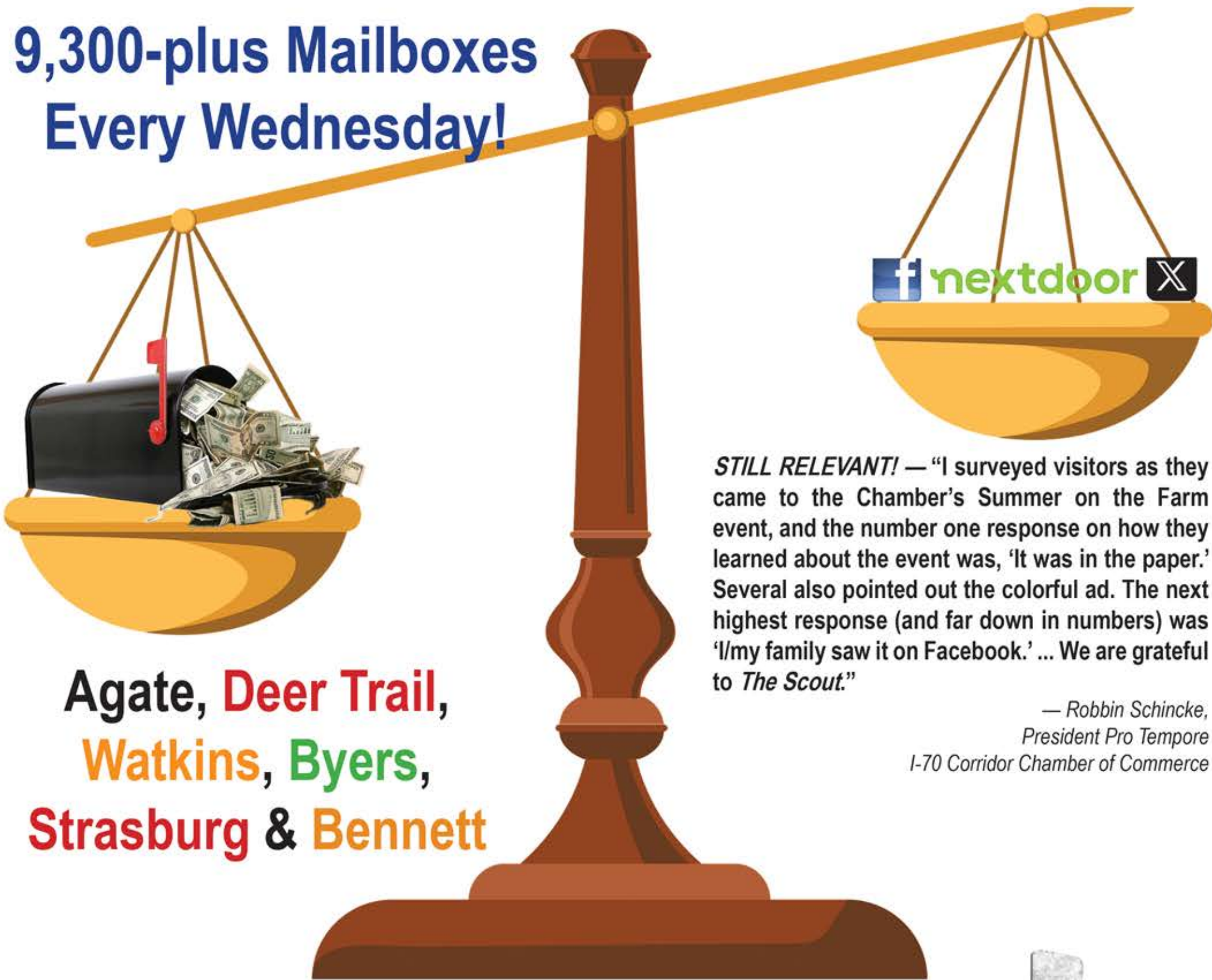
Thursday, Sept. 3: Cheeseburger, French fries.
Monday, Sept. 7: No School
Tuesday, Sept. 8: Bean and Cheese Burrito, salad.
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Chicken tenders, corn.

STRASBURG

Thursday, Sept. 3: Cold ham and cheese sandwich, veggies.
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11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Free BBQ Lunch at SouthState Bank Bennett

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Trucks and Beer Garden sponsored by **Launch Pad Brewery** \$

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Professional Bull Riding hosted by No Credit Productions sponsored by **Oxy**

Saturday, September 12 - Trupp Park

10:00 AM	"Rooted" Parade Participants line up at 8:30 a.m. Must be in line by 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required but recommended online at bennettco.gov .
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Vendor Street Fair hosted by the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce \$
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Town Booth Enter to win a bike! Must be 18 and under.
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Board of Trustees Booth Stop by for a chance to win prizes! Donate \$10 to the Holiday Help Program for an extra chance to win.
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Health and Safety Fair Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue, the Arapahoe County Sheriff, Adams County OEM, Adams & Arapahoe County Public Health, ARES and Rampart Search and Rescue
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Bookmobile hosted by Anythink Libraries
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Family Fun Zone sponsored by McDonalds All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Play at your own risk.
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Touch-a-Truck hosted by Waste Management and Simon Concrete
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Nerf Terf sponsored by Aqua Engineering
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Open field games sponsored by Dream Finder Homes, Lennar and Oakwood Homes
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Face Painting sponsored by Fischer Construction & Caricatures sponsored by Moore Lumber/Ace Hardware
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11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Beer Garden sponsored by Launch Pad Brewery \$
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11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	High Plains Music Ensemble at the Terramax Grandstand
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Stage Performances
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Bennett Days Car Show hosted by Kost Racing Bennett Baptist Church
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Foam Party with the Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Professional Freestyle Bullfighting and Bull Games hosted by No Credit Productions sponsored by Oxy
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Headline concert featuring Atomic Fusion Initiative
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Fireworks hosted by the Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue sponsored by KB Homes* *Fireworks are subject to fire restrictions in effect at the time of the event.

Sunday, September 13 - Trupp Park

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Sunday Service in the Park with Cornerstone Fellowship
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Cookout hosted by Cornerstone Fellowship

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