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Bennett ponders data center pros and cons

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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.

Bennett man suspected in Aurora home invasion

by Steven Vetter
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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

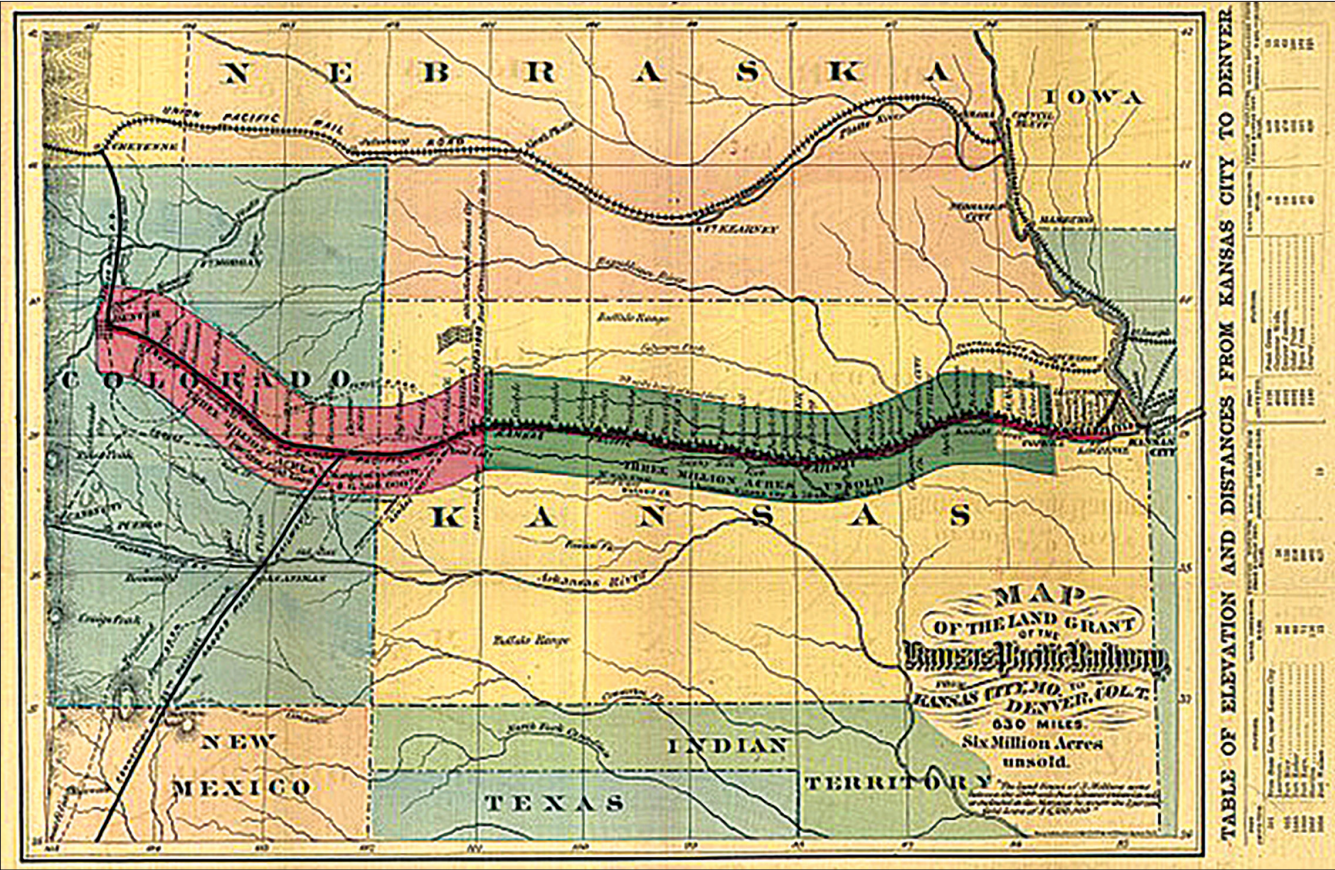
by Kathy Smiley
Special to the Scout

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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