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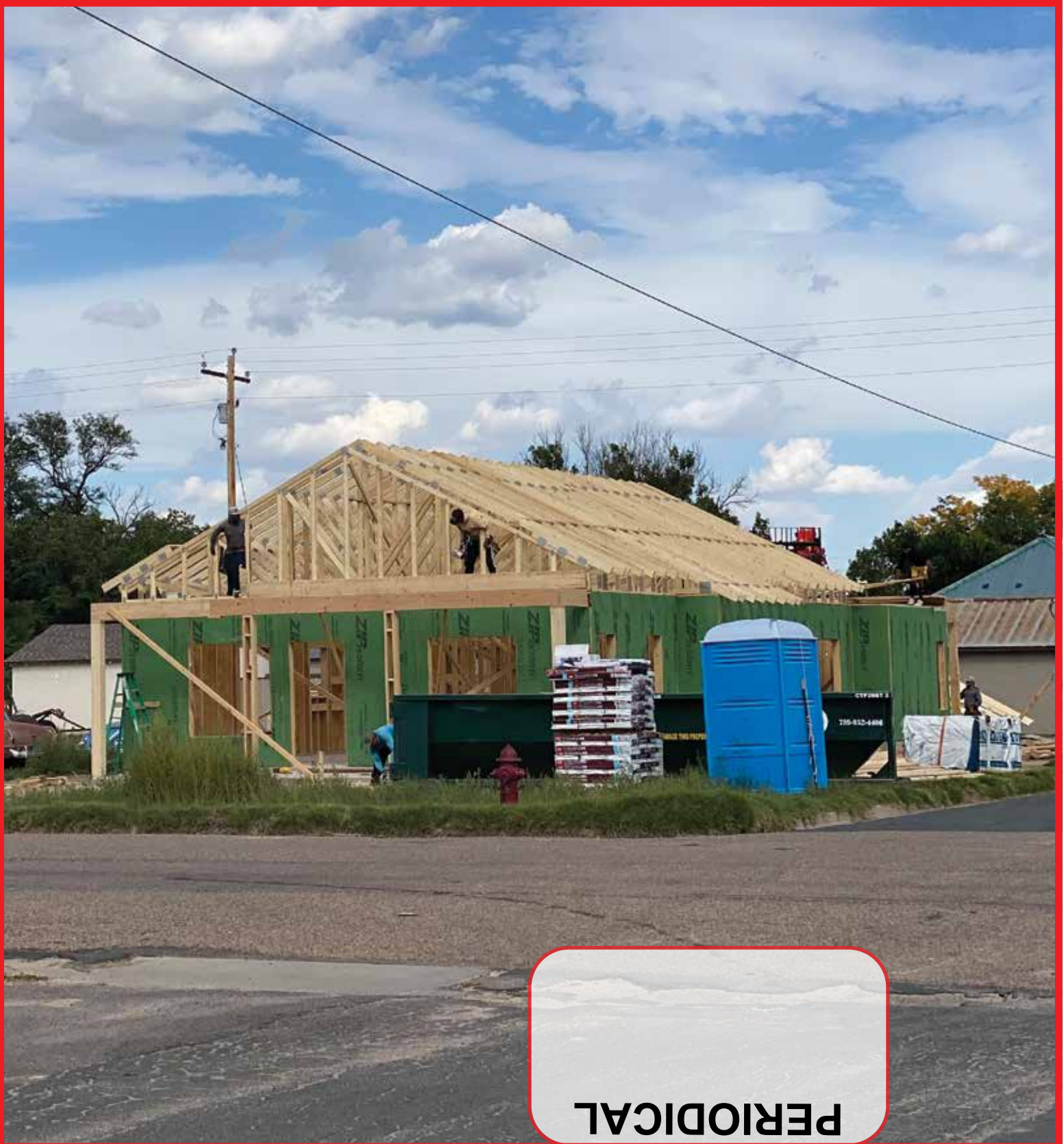
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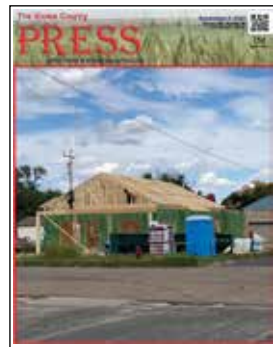


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About the Front Page



Homes have been under construction around Eads for several months. This duplex at 12th and Luther Streets, was commissioned for Weisbrod Hospital to help meet staff housing needs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EMAIL TO KIOWACOUNTYPRESS@GMAIL.COM

September 1

- Eads School RE-1
- 4:00 p.m. MS Volleyball @ Hi-Plains
- 1:00 p.m. MS Football @ Hi-Plains
- 5:30 p.m. HS Volleyball @ Hi-Plains

Plainview School Re-2

- 6:00 p.m. Plainview School Board Meeting

September 2

- Eads School Re-1
- 3:30 p.m. MS Football vs Sierra Grande
- 4:00 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Sierra Grande
- 6:00 p.m. HS Football vs Sierra Grande

September 3

- 10:00 a.m. Dog Races - Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- Eads School RE-1
- 3:00 p.m. MS Volleyball vs Kim
- 4:30 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Kim

September 4

- 10:00 a.m. Kiowa County Riding Club - Kiowa County Fairgrounds

September 7

- 1:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Poultry & Rabbit Show - Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Goat Show - Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- 6:00 p.m. SECCC Barrel Race - Kiowa County Fairgrounds

September 8

- 6:00 a.m. Chuckwagon Breakfast - Maine St. Eads
- Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Swine Show

- 12:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Beef Show
- 1:00 p.m. Dog Trials
- 2:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Sheep Show
- 6:00 p.m. Tea.m. Roping

September 9

- 6:00 a.m. Chuckwagon Breakfast - Maine St. Eads
- Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Livestock Sale
- 12:00 p.m. Beef BBQ
- 1:00 p.m. CPRA Rodeo & Horse Races
- 6:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
- 8:00 p.m. Dance
- Eads RE-1 School
- 5:00 p.m. Eads High

- School Volleyball - Eads High School Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Eads High School Football - Eads Eagles Football Field
- All School Eads Eagles Reunion
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Silent Auction & Apparel Store - Multi-Purpose rm Eads High School
- 9:00 p.m. Live Band-Rodeo Road Apples - Windmill Saloon

September 10

- 10:00 p.m. Parade - Maine St. Eads
- Kiowa County Fairgrounds
- 12:00 p.m. Pork BBQ
- 1:00 p.m. CPRA Rodeo & Horse Races

BIRTHDAYS

September 5

- Charles Johnson
- Kay Thomas
- Creed A. Uhland
- Tom Philips
- Jackson Barnes
- John Wilson
- Elise Crocket
- Mark Nelson
- Kelly Engstrom
- Caleb Korrell* Military Service
- Wendi Phepps
- Mike Dixon
- Cheryl Rehm

September 6

- Paitin Jones
- Hack Howard
- Denny Igou

September 7

- Ella Banion
- Eric J. Murdock
- Jaken Levi Shelden

- Katherine Trospen
- Tristen Sheridan
- September 8
- Kailyn Londo
- Jason Reedy
- Karen Bryant
- Lindsey Jensen
- Kip Peck
- September 9
- Gary Davis
- Maxwell James Owens
- Robert Reed Kliesen
- Sheri Weber
- September 10
- Daniel Campbell
- Carr Ramsey
- Ty Lin Williams
- Mike Jacobs
- Jocelyn Anderson
- Polly Gyurman
- Elizabeth Kent
- September 11
- Matt Prince
- Naomi Phillips
- Abenie Adams

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Starts Friday!
September 2, 2022

6:30 pm Daily PG

PAWS OF FURY
THE LEGEND OF HANK

"From Underdog to Top Dog!"

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8:25 pm Daily R

CLOSED MONDAY LABOR DAY

Coming Soon!
DC League of Super Pets
Bullet Train
Beast

KIOWA COUNTY WEATHER

Aug 23 2022 - Aug 29 2022
8:00 a.m. reading for the previous 24 hours

Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
23	85	56	0.00	0.00
24	88	55	0.00	0.00
25	88	57	0.00	0.00
26	89	56	0.00	0.00
27	91	60	0.12	0.00
28	93	58	0.00	0.00
29	97	65	0.00	0.00

4 DAY FORECAST for KIOWA COUNTY

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Precipitation 0%-10%	Precipitation 0%-0%	Precipitation 0%-0%	Precipitation 0%-0%
93	87	87	87
56	56	55	56

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Last Year High/Low: ... 98/57
Aug. Precip. ('21/'22) ... 0.01/0.89
Year-to-Date ('21/'22) ... 12.94/13.89

Snow ('21/'22)
Month: ... 2.00/15.3
Year: 13.80/ 20.86

ANNIVERSARIES

- September 5
- Mr. & Mrs. Chris Maggart
- September 6
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stoker
- September 7
- Linda & Gary Wright
- Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Shade
- September 9
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mondine
- September 10
- Grady & Erika Weeks
- Ariel & Jesse Phipps
- September 11
- Mr. & Mrs. Terry Laird

ABOUT TOWN

DORIS LESSENDEN



"Dear Friends, let us love one another..." I John 4:7 (NIV)

The Colorado State Fair began in Pueblo Friday, but many exhibitors, 4-H members, Future Farmers of America members, vendors, and extension agents have been working and serving at the state fairgrounds last week. Alexa Nelson spent several days there as a senior 4-H member helping after the projects were judged to display them. Michelle Nelson assisted with open class judging. Alexa had the honor and exciting experience to be a model in the State 4-H fashion show, wearing the lovely black peplum jacket she constructed. County extension agent Tearle Lessenden assisted in several areas, as well as a day in the horse show judging.

The State Fair, Camp Tobin, and all those exhibits and vendors, rodeos, and musical shows bring back such pleasant memories from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and through the 90s as an exhibitor, mentor to 4-H demonstrations, or judging. When I heard

that Michelle and Alexa stayed at Camp Tobin, that brought back a lot of memories of happy days at the state fair. Some last names of 4-H members that pop into my mind from years past are: Peck, Blooding, Kelley, Wissel, Berry, Jacobs, Laird, Griswold, Lessenden, Polleris, Teal, Anderson, Weber, Graham, Spady, Larrew, Nelson, Garner, Ruthhardt, Johnston, Brown, Barlow, Fickenscher, Ellicott, Glover, Negley, Weeks, Weisdorfer, and others.

Shaelynn McCracken was married last weekend to Rustin Robbins of Springfield. Their wedding reception was at the American Legion Hall in Eads. Shaelynn is the daughter of Andrew and Kathy McCracken of Eads. Christina Wolf showed photos to me of the gorgeous wedding cake she baked and decorated for their wedding. Christina said she had other opportunities to bake for people, but her time is really filled because she and Tim are having a new home moved into Haswell on Spencer Street.

How nice to read in both Eads newspapers the results of the 4-H member's winning awards on their projects at the county 4-H day and the Colorado State Fair.

The children and youth I have talked to are glad to be back in school again. The school hallways and bulletin boards in both schools look so

attractive.

Nancy Walker and Jennifer Walker have been working so diligently all summer to keep our schools looking super. We were very pleased when we went to the elementary school to walk on a nice smooth cement walkway that has replaced that old bumpy sidewalk. The children are happy to have swings and slides in the play yard.

We are sorry to lose Ken and Amber Grant's children, and this dear couple. They are moving to a coastal state nearer to their daughters. Ken will be a pastor in a Baptist church there.

Good news: September 4, the Fun Day rodeo begins with registration of cowboys and corgirls at 9:00 a.m. By Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the livestock exhibits are to be in place under the pavilion. Open class exhibits can be taken to the community building

Thank You to everyone who came to my retirement party. It meant so much to me! I appreciate all the gifts, cards and the wonderful refreshments. I will miss seeing all my friends at the courthouse.

Pat Roper

from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., or from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Thursday. Exhibitors: please get those entry forms into Krystal at the Extension Office by September 1.

Thank you, ahead of time, to the adult committee members who will oversee the care and livestock shows. They are Tim Trospen, Chairman, Rod Cole, Vice Chair, Trent Jones, Junior

McDowell, Mark Nelson, Michelle Nelson, Nathaniel Mitchek and Holly Mitchek.

Thursday after the Chamber of Commerce breakfast north of the bank, the youth and parents will be bustling around for the showing and judging of 4-H and FFA swine, sheep, beef, and horse class-

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Pages from the Past

15 Years Ago
August 31, 2007
About Town- Melissa Peterson & Doris Lessenden: Our very own Gloria Peck was asked to display one of her award winning quilts of the CO State Fair at the Quilt Museum in Golden CO.

25 Years Ago
August 29, 1997
The Union Pacific is preparing to discontinue through traffic from Pueblo to Towner, including coal & vehicle

carrier trains. UP will continue providing local service while negotiations with a short line operator to take over the line.

40 Years Ago
August 27, 1982
The "dish" for the cable TV system was put into place and won't be long until hookups of customers begin and the system is in operation.
The Dickinson Ranch, Calhan, CO, recently air mailed two Texas Longhorns bulls from

Denver to Nanton, Alberta, Canada

50 Years Ago
September 1, 1972
Test pumping is continuing this week on what may be a record producing oil well in the Brandon Field of Kiowa County.

100 Years Ago
September 1, 1922
From Arlington News: Several were caught at the lake for fishing without licenses & it cost them pretty heavily. Others should take warning.

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USDA UPDATE

EADS USDA SERVICE STAFF

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

• **NAP DEADLINE** - September 1, 2022, for Triticale, Rye, Canola, and asparagus

• **SERVICE CENTER CLOSED** - Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

• **FAIR** - Open M-F 8:00 to 4:30

• **EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM** - Phase 1 - Deadline TBD

• **LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM** - Applications are being accepted. Deadline to submit signed applica-

tion - **January 30, 2023.**

• **CRP GRASSLANDS SU 204 - Conservation Plan deadline September 9, 2022**

Disclaimer: Information in this UPDATE is pertinent to Kiowa County FSA only. Producers reading this and that do not have FSA interest in Kiowa County are advised to contact their local FSA Office.

THE USDA SERVICE CENTER HAS A DROP BOX AVAILABLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

SERVICE CENTER CLOSED

USDA Service Centers will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day Holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

The Service Center will be open regular hours Monday - Friday, 8:00 to 4:30 during the Kiowa County Fair.

GRASSLAND CRP CONSERVATION PLANS

Producers with Grassland CRP accepted offers waiting to sign the NRCS Conservation Plan to complete the offer process, will be notified this week. The Eads NRCS Office will begin mailing and emailing the conservation plans this week to producers. The NRCS staff will be making a phone call to the contact person on the offer to inform that person of the method of notification. NRCS has a tight deadline to complete these plans, which is September 9, 2022. It's imperative producers that are notified remain diligent in checking email and the mailbox.

Before You Break Out New Ground, Ensure Your Farm Meets Conservation Compliance

The term "sodbusting" is used to identify the conversion of land from native vegetation to commodity crop production after December 23, 1985. As part of the conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, if you're proposing to produce agricultural commodities (crops that require annual tillage including one pass planting operations and sugar cane) on land that has been determined highly erodible and that has no crop history prior to December 23, 1985, that land must be farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system that ensures no substantial increase in soil erosion.

Eligibility for many USDA programs requires compliance with a conservation plan or system on highly erodible land (HEL) used to produce agricultural commodities. This includes Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan, disaster assistance, safety net, price support, and conservation programs; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation programs; and Risk Management Agency (RMA) Federal crop insurance.

Before you clear or prepare areas not presently under production for crops that require annual tillage, you are required to file Form AD-1026 "Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification," with FSA indicating the area to be brought into production. The notification will be referred to NRCS to determine if the field is considered highly erodible land. If the field is considered HEL, you are required to implement a conservation plan or system that limits the erosion to the tolerable soil loss (T) for the predominant HEL soil on those fields.

In addition, prior to removing trees or conducting any other land manipulations that may affect wetlands, remember to update form AD-1026, to ensure you remain in compliance with the wetland conservation provisions.

Prior to purchasing or renting new cropland acres, it is recommended that you check with your local USDA Service Center to ensure your activities will be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions.

For additional information on highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation compliance, contact your local USDA Service Center

LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM AKA LFP

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Kiowa County's Cathryn Anderson is Among 17 Contestants Vying for Colorado Silver Queen title

Whether baton twirling or rock painting, singing or dancing, 17 of the region's grand dames are expected to bring their talents to the Colorado Building on the Colorado State Fairgrounds September 1 as they vie for the title of Colorado's Silver Queen. The contest is slated to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Now in its 48th year, the annual pageant has highlighted the area's senior women in good-natured judging of a live interview and display of talent. The contest is open to hopefuls ages 60 and over, with contestants nominated by staff and administrators of local skilled-nursing, assisted living and independent-living facilities.

The victor will be crowned at the Colorado State Fair September 1.

Here's a snapshot of the contestants:

Bessie Bradford, 92, Hildebrand Care Center, Canon City: Bessie Bradford grew up in Limestone County, Texas. She graduated as her school

salutatorian, and later was involved in Toastmaster's International, where she learned leadership skills by attending meetings and completing community projects. She also taught Sunday School.

Cathryn Anderson, 83, Evergreen Gardens, La Junta: Cathryn Anderson was a mid-wife, helping deliver many babies. She also was a second-generation mail lady. She also worked at the courthouse and for the local health department, as well as working with cattle ranching.

Antonia Torrez, 87, Bent County Healthcare Center, La Junta: Antonia worked as a kindergarten teacher's aide or eight years at the Primary School in Las Animas. She worked at the high school as a library aid for more than 20 years and as a tutor for all grades at the Community Center in reading and in art. She has been a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary and would help serve dinners for funerals or

any area meetings.

Elizabeth Stanford, 79, Rock Canyon, Pueblo: Elizabeth "Liz" Stanford was a member of the Spanish Club and girl's pageants in high school. Later, she taught Sunday School and experienced mission work across the United States, especially during Christmas and the holidays. She plays the organ and piano. When asked as she describes her early life, she said it is "a series of mystery, grief, joy and wonder."

Sylvia Lopez, 74, Genesis, Pueblo: Sylvia Lopez hails from San Diego and was a hospital cook for 18 years. Her favorite memory was when she put the school bully in his place. She loves to make people smile and laugh.

Shawnee Benton, 69, Sharmar Village, Pueblo: Shawnee Benton lived in Oahu, Hawaii for six years. Her grandfather, Roland, Carper, was in the Navy during Pearl Harbor. She was a member of the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church and

often helped with the youth and vacation bible school. She also was a volunteer at Irving Elementary School for many years.

Irene Kelso, 91, The Chateau at Sharmar, Pueblo: Originally from Muskogee, Okla., Irene Kelso was a music teacher for kindergarten, fifth and sixth grade. She and her daughter went on a cruise with Steve Har-

vey, and she was nominated as "Queen of the Cruise."

Maxene Leonard, 99, Bonaventure, Pueblo: During World War II, Leonard served the nation by working for the Quartermaster Corps as a seamstress. She worked as a cook at of the (now closed) Idlewild Ski Area near Winter

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cations for 2022 LFP or Livestock Forage Program. Kiowa County is eligible for a one-month payment for small grains for grazing and three-month payment on native grass.

For the three-month payment on native grass, the office will need to know the number of weaned livestock eligible producers owned, share or cash leased or were a contract grower as of May 17, 2022. For the one-month payment

on small grains, such as wheat certified for grazing the date will be January 31, 2022, and the number of cattle that grazed or would have grazed the small grain crop.

To qualify for LFP; producers must have interest in both livestock and grazing acres. Interest in one of the qualifying factors and not the other negates eligibility. Grazing land interest is determined by the data available on the FSA-578, report of commodities filed in the administrative

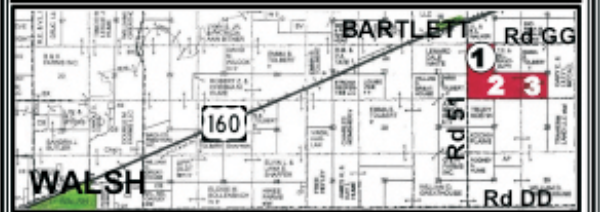
FSA county office. The livestock ownership can be determined by names on registered brand and/or sale documentation or other documentation approved by the County Committee.

Majority of all Colorado counties are eligible for LFP; it is the producer's responsibility to contact the office and schedule an appointment. The final date to submit a complete application for 2022 LFP is January 30, 2023

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TR 1: NW/4 of Sec 22-30-42 - 156.95 ac cropland
TR 2: S/2 of Sec 22-30-42 - 318.71 ac cropland
TR 3: SW/4 of Sec 23-30-42 - 153.07 ac cropland



- **CROPS:** No growing crops. There is an annual forage policy in effect for any 2023 wheat w/Golden Plains Ins, Lamar
- **MINERAL RIGHTS:** All Seller's interest to Buyers
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Kiowa County Sheriff Report July 8- July 31, 2022



July 8, 2022

6:06 PM-Traffic Problem-Eads, CO

Sergeant Murdock was called to Highway 287 MM 114 for construction cones that had been hit and blocking the roadway. Murdock cleared the cones and the scene.

7:52 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 84 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

8:33 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a

traffic stop and issued a citation for 72 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

July 9, 2022

2:02 PM-Traffic Problem-Eads, CO

Deputy Negley while on routine patrol on Highway 287 at approximately Mile Marker 122 initiated a traffic stop for speeding. Negley issued the driver a summons into court. Negley cleared the scene.

6:26 PM-Traffic Accident-Eads, CO Sergeant Murdock and

Deputy Negley responded to Highway 287 at approximately Mile Marker 116 for a 2-vehicle crash resulting in a single vehicle rollover. Negley arrived on scene and assisted the ambulance crew for the passengers. Deputies assisted Colorado State Patrol in the crash investigation and cleared the scene.

9:53 PM-Burglary-Eads, CO

Deputy Negley during a proactive community business check in the 600 block of Wansted, was informed of a possible break into their storage shed. Negley talked to the manager on duty and was advised no further action from the sheriff's office was needed for the incident.

10:24 PM -Public Peace-Eads, CO

Deputy Negley responded to the 1200 block of Luther Street for a report of disturbing the peace. Negley was able to use their experience and training to combat and deescalate the tense situation at hand. Negley

cleared the scene.

10:22 AM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Sergeant Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

12:07 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Sergeant Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 85 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

12:12 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 81 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

1:50 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Sergeant Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 83 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

2:04 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 83 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

2:11 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Sergeant Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 71 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

4:56 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Sergeant Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 70 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

5:03 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 74 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

5:18 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Sergeant Murdock made

a traffic stop and issued a citation for 74 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

10:10 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 74 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

July 10, 2022

12:05 PM-Agency Assistant-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover responded to Highway 287 North of Eads for a vehicle fire. Upon arrival Snover assisted the Fire Department with the incident.

2:23 PM -Controlled Substance-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover conducted a welfare check at the Love's Truck Stop in Eads. Upon investigation, Snover seized a small amount of possible drugs without charging anyone then cleared without issue.

4:14 PM-Agency Assistant-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover responded to the 100 block of Wansted Street for a fire alarm. Upon being enroute, Snover was stood down.

7:03 PM-Traffic (Criminal Violation)-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover conducted a traffic stop on Highway 287 South of Eads. Upon investigation Snover issued a summons to the driver for going 99 mph in a posted 65 mph zone.

8:19 PM-Weapons

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Sheriff Report
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Offense-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover conducted a traffic stop in Eads, Colorado for a moving violation. Upon investigation, Carlton Moore, (DOB 6/12/1985) of Denver was arrested for multiple warrants along with additional local charges including 42-4-1101 Speeding 69 in a posted 50 zone, 42-4-1409, Failed to present insurance upon request, 42-2-138, Drove motor/off-highway when license under restraint (suspended), 18-12-108, Possession of weapon by previous offender and taken to Bent County Jail and held on \$4,000 bond.

July 11, 2022

4:15 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 79 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

5:00 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

5:44 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for driving vehicle without a valid driver's license.

6:30 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

9:47 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

10:14 PM -Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

July 12, 2022

5:47 PM-Public Service-Eads, CO Deputy Snover responded

to the 1300 block of Rittgers Street for a vehicle unlock. Snover assisted the driver then cleared.

12:51 AM -Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

10:15 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

July 13, 2022

8:15 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

8:27 PM-Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 71 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

July 14, 2022

6:44 AM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO Sergeant Murdock was called out to the 1200 block of Kerr Street for an agency assist with the ambulance. Murdock helped transport the patient to the hospital and cleared.

4:41 PM-Urinalysis Eads, CO Kiowa County Deputies conducted U.A for an individual.

4:23 PM-Agency Assist-Prowers County Sergeant Murdock responded to Highway 385- South for an agency assist with Prowers County who had one individual running. Murdock stood down when Prowers apprehended the subject.

9:50 PM-Agency Assist-Haswell, CO Deputy Negley was dispatched to assist fire crews with a fire on Highway 96 at Mile Marker 146. Negley arrived on scene and the fire had already been put out. Negley assisted the motorist with his truck that started the fire. Negley cleared

the scene.

11:37 PM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO Sergeant Murdock was called out to the 1200 block of Kerr Street to assist EMS with a medical call. Murdock helped load the patient and take her to Weisbrod Memorial Hospital.

9:16 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

July 15, 2022

9:19 AM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO Sergeant Murdock was dispatched to Highway 287 MM 122 at the Cheyenne County Line to assist in transporting a transient. Murdock transported the male party to the Prowers County line and cleared the scene.

7:06 PM -Public Peace-Eads, CO Deputy Negley responded to the 1100 block of Kerr Street in Eads for a report of a party trying to sell fake jewelry. Negley was unable to locate the party. Negley cleared the scene.

7:28 PM-Theft-Eads, CO Deputy Negley while on routine patrol were flagged down for a report of theft. The victim said his wallet was stolen while his car was on the side of the road. Victim was advised to cancel his credit card. Negley cleared the scene.

6:32 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

9:49 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

10:33 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:05 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a

traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:21 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for driving vehicle without valid driver's license.

11:56 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 89 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

July 16, 2022

9:25 AM -Fire-Eads, CO Deputy Negley was called out to the 100 block of South Maine Street in Eads for a report of a couch on fire. Negley was unable to locate the fire or the burned couch. Negley cleared the scene.

12:01 PM -Traffic Stop-County RD 49 CR N Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for failure to yield right of way to a stationary emergency vehicle.

4:17 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 89 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

July 17, 2022

7:46 PM -Animal Problem-Eads, CO Sergeant Murdock was on routine patrol when they came across an abandoned dog in the road on CR 40 and Horizon Way. Murdock recognized the dog and found the owner out at Jackson's Pond. Murdock returned the dog and cleared the scene.

6:20 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

7:06 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

9:37 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South

Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

10:32 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:01 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:12 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:21 PM -Traffic Stop-8th and Wansted Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:43 PM -Traffic Stop-8th and Wansted Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

July 18, 2022

12:12 AM-Traffic Stop-15th and Kerr Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

12:29 AM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

12:48 AM -Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

12:55 AM -Traffic Stop-15th and Wansted Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:26 AM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 East Undersheriff Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 77 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

3:02 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 East Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

3:11 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Undersheriff Murdock made a traffic stop and

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issued a citation for 86 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

6:31 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

9:51 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:31 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:55 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a summons for 91 MPH in a 50 MPH zone, reckless driving, driving vehicle without valid driver's license on person, and failure to present evidence of insurance on request.

July 19, 2022

11:58 AM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 79 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

3:50 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 80 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

4:06 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation.

10:34 PM-Traffic Stop-15th and Maine Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 49 MPH in a 30 MPH zone.

10:50 PM -Traffic Stop-15th and Wansted Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

11:00 PM -Traffic Stop-Wansted and 13th Eads, CO Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a

warning.

July, 20, 2022

5:36 AM-Alarm-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock was called out to an active burglar alarm in the 38000 block of Highway 96. Murdock made contact with the keyholder on scene, and he hadn't realized he set the alarm off.

5:17 PM-Process Service-Chivington, CO Deputy Negley while on routine patrol attempted to serve a party for civil papers. Receiving party no longer lived at that location. Negley cleared the scene.

5:33 PM-Animal Problem-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock responded to Highway 287 MM 112 near CR 41 for goats on the highway. Murdock contacted the owner and assisted with getting the goats behind the fence.

6:58 PM-Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 74 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

July 21 2022

1:50 AM-Public Service-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was called out for a motorist assist on Highway 96 at approximate mile marker 172. Murdock was unable to locate the two vehicles the reporting party described.

4:53 AM-Alarm-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was called out to 1100 block of Maine Street in Eads for a burglar alarm. When Murdock arrived on scene, the keyholder was already present and hadn't deactivated the alarm in time.

5:45 AM -Suspicious-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was called out to CR 49 & E for a male party impeding traffic. Deputies

spoke with the subject who exhibited a mental health crisis, however, didn't have any criminal actions to hold him. Murdock followed up with local and regional departments to obtain a parole violation and helped ensure detainment in Baca County.

7:36 AM -Animal Problem-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to CR 49 and CR N for cattle on the roadway. When Murdock arrived, the cattle were already cleared and the owner was fixing the fence.

10:22 PM-DUI-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was notified about a possible drunk driver. Murdock found the driver in his vehicle with it running, and after voluntary roadides, arrested Chester McKinnis (DOB 08/11/1956) and transported to Bent County Jail to be held on \$1,000 bond.

4:03 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 West Undersheriff Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

4:15 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 West Undersheriff Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

4:27 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 West Undersheriff Murdock made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 79 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

July 22, 2022

10:04 AM-Controlled Substance-Sheridan Lake, CO Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to the 300 block of Highway 96 in Sheridan Lake for a report of paraphernalia found in a vehicle. Deputies tested and destroyed the instrument.

11:09 AM -Vehicle Lockout-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to the

600 block of Wansted for a vehicle unlock.

5:22 PM-Agency Assist-Towner, CO Deputy Negley was dispatched to a possible fire on Highway 385 at approximately Mile Marker 109. Negley arrived on scene and discovered the possible smoke was just dirt picked up by the wind. Negley cleared the scene.

8:59 PM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO Deputy Negley was dispatched to Highway 287 at Mile Marker 122 for a report of a hit and run accident involving injuries. Negley assisted Colorado State Patrol and Emergency Medical Services. Negley cleared the scene.

10:33 PM -Security Check-Eads, CO Deputy Negley while on routine patrol performed a security check of a business on the 200 block of West 14th Street in Eads. Negley cleared the scene.

6:36 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 96 East Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

10:21 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 North Deputy Negley made a traffic stop and issued a citation for passing when prohibited by signs/markings.

July 23, 2022

101 PM-DUI-Brandon, CO Deputy Negley received a call for a vehicle stalled out on Highway 96 At approximately Mile Marker 186. Negley arrived on scene and took Datin Travis (DOB 12/13/1992) of Kentucky into custody for Driving Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Driving Without Valid Driver's License, Failure to Present Evidence of Insurance on Request, operated a Vehicle with Unsafe/

Improper Tires, and Display/Possess/Sale/Fictitious/Cancelled/Revoked/Altered/Stolen Title/Plate/Valid Tab. Travis was transported to Bent County Jail and held on \$1,000 bond.

1:39 PM-Traffic Accident-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to Slater and 13th for a two-vehicle accident. Murdock investigated the accident and issued a citation.

10:01 PM -Vehicle Lockout-Eads, CO Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to the 600 block of Wansted for a vehicle lockout. Deputies unlocked the vehicle and cleared the scene.

11:43 PM -Security Check-Eads, CO Deputy Negley while on routine patrol performed a security check on the 200 block of West 14th Street in Eads. Negley cleared the scene.

July 24, 2022

6:03 AM-Animal Problem-Chivington, CO Deputy Snover responded to Highway 96 and County Road N for livestock on the highway. Upon arrival Snover was unable to locate anything then cleared.

12:40 PM -Accident-Sheridan Lake, CO Deputy Snover and Corporal Marlow were dispatched to CR 72 to look for a possible plane crash. Deputies were unable to locate the plane.

6:24 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

6:46 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for 95 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

7:04 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a

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citation for 90 MPH in a 65 MPH zone.

8:34 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287

Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a warning.

July 25, 2022

1:37 PM -Welfare Check-Eads, CO

Deputies were dispatched to the 1300 block of CR 39.5 for a possible domestic dispute. Deputies spoke with the reporting party before responding and was told it was civil. Deputies spoke with both parties and explained to them the court process for the next steps to take.

2:44 PM -Urinalysis-Eads, CO

Kiowa County Deputies conducted U.A for an individual.

3:01 PM -Warrant-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock responded to the 1300 block of Goff for a warrant for Failure to Appear on a Probation Violation on Nicholas Brooks (10/24/1977) of Fort Lupton, CO. Deputies served the warrant and cleared it with a PR Bond after fingerprinting the individual.

3:49 PM -Urinalysis-Eads, CO

Kiowa County Deputies conducted U.A for an individual.

4:23 PM -Urinalysis-Eads, CO

Kiowa County Deputies conducted U.A for an individual.

11:16 PM -Vehicle Lockout-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock was dispatched to the 600 block of Wansted for a vehicle lockout. Deputies unlocked the vehicle and cleared the scene.

July 26, 2022

7:26 AM-Animal

Problem-Eads, CO

Corporal Marlow responded to the 1300 block of Kerr Street for a report of a skunk. Upon arrival Marlow provided the reporting party with the phone number of pest control.

10:55 PM-Trespassing-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock was called out to the 600 block of Wansted for a report of trespassing. Deputies asked the individuals to leave and cleared the scene.

11:23 PM -Security Check-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock conducted a security check for a business at the 100 block of West 14th Street.

July 27, 2022

6:21 AM-Traffic Accident-Eads, CO

Deputy West responded to the 100 block of E Lowell Street for a reported traffic accident. Upon further investigation West cleared without a citation being issued.

12:59 PM -Vehicle Lockout-Eads, CO

Undersheriff Murdock was called to the 1200 block of Luther for a vehicle unlock. Deputies unlocked the vehicle and cleared the scene.

3:32 PM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO

Corporal Marlow responded to the 1100 block of Goff Street for an ambulance assist. Upon arrival Marlow assisted the ambulance and cleared the scene.

7:47 PM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover responded to the 100 block of East Lowell Street for an ambulance assist. Upon arrival Snover assisted the EMS crew then cleared.

7:08 PM-Agency Assist-Eads, CO

Deputy West responded to the helicopter pad for an agency assist. West remained on scene until

the helicopter was clear.

10:58 PM-Public Service-Eads, CO

Deputy West responded to a vehicle that was stuck in mud on CR J and CR 47. West received another call and cleared the scene.

11:40 PM -Traffic Problem-Eads, CO

Deputy West responded to a possible vehicle crash on HWY 287 north of Eads. Upon arrival West was unable to locate any wrecks.

July 28, 2022

6:06 PM -Threats-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover conducted a call back in regards to a threat incident, upon investigation it was found to be out of Kiowa County's jurisdiction.

9:05 PM-Assist Other Agency-Eads, CO

Deputy West was called out to the 600 block of Wansted Street for a transient that was dropped off by Cheyenne County deputies. The party declined assistance and deputies cleared scene.

8:50 PM -Traffic Stop-Highway 287 South

Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for passing on left when unsafe.

July 29, 2022

1:22 PM-Motorist Assist-Eads, CO

Deputy West responded to HWY 287 and CR V for a motorist assist. The motorist declined help. Deputies cleared scene.

1:30 PM-Public Service-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover and Deputy West responded to the 1200 block of Maine for a drunk party in front of the Kiowa County Press building. The party declined a ride from deputies back home and deputies cleared scene.

2:51 PM-Process Service-Sheridan Lake, CO

Deputy Snover conduct-

ed civil service in the 600 block of Burnett Street in Sheridan Lake.

5:23 PM-Motorist Assist-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover gave a courtesy ride to a male party to the Prowers County line after a trespass complaint from Loves Truck Stop employees.

7:38 PM -Accident-Eads, CO

Deputy West was called to the 600 block of Wansted Street for a traffic accident. Upon investigation a citation was issued and deputies cleared scene.

7:55 PM-Traffic Stop-Eads, CO

Deputy Snover made a traffic stop and issued a citation for Improper/Unsafe Backing.

July 30, 2022

11:18 AM -Traffic Problem-Eads, CO

Deputies received a walk up complaint about a vehicle blocking a driveway. Deputies had the owner of the vehicle move the vehicle. Deputies cleared the scene.

4:54 PM-Traffic Problem-Sheridan Lake, CO

Deputy West and Deputy Snover were called to mm 133 on HWY 385 for a semi stuck in the ditch. Deputies assisted CSP with traffic control. Deputies cleared the

scene.

1:48 AM -Assault-Sheridan Lake, CO

Deputy West and Deputy Snover received a call about an alleged domestic violence. Upon investigation deputies found that no crime had occurred.

July 31, 2022

3:20 PM-Traffic Problem-Eads, CO

Deputy Negley was dispatched to Highway 287 and County Road P for a report of a dangerous semi. Negley was unable to contact the semi. Negley cleared the scene.

10:30 PM -Security Check-Eads, CO

Deputy Negley stopped to perform a security check of a business on the 200 block of West 14th Street in Eads. Deputies cleared the scene.

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Southeast Colorado High School Football Scores – August 25-27, 2022**August 25**

Bethune @ Arickaree (Non-League)
Bethune 0
•Arickaree 54

August 26

La Junta @ Burlington (Non-League)
•La Junta 42
Burlington 34

Lamar @ Trinidad (Non-League)
•Lamar 44
Trinidad 0

Genoa-Hugo @ Eads (Non-League)
•Genoa-Hugo 70
Eads 50

Cheyenne Wells @ Stratton (Non-League)
Cheyenne Wells 6
•Stratton 53

Walsh @ La Veta (Non-League)
Walsh 62
•La Veta 64

Manzanola @ Sierra Grande (Non-League)
Manzanola 6
•Sierra Grande 78

Calhan @ Las Animas (Non-League)
•Calhan 50
Las Animas 0

Hi-Plains @ Weldon Valley (Non-League)
Hi-Plains 16
•Weldon Valley 37

Rocky Ford @ Monte Vista (Non-League)
Rocky Ford 0
•Monte Vista 54

Flagler @ Deer Trail (Non-League)
Flagler 6
•Deer Trail 54

Kit Carson @ Otis (Non-League)
Kit Carson 0
•Otis 53

Florence @ Limon (Non-League)
Florence 3
•Limon 20

Swink @ Fowler (Non-League)
Swink 44
•Fowler 34

August 27

McClave @ Crowley County (Non-League)
McClave 24
•Crowley County 44

Custer County @ Holly (Non-League)
Custer County 8
•Holly 44

Granada @ Branson/Kim (Non-League)
•Granada 68
Branson/Kim 24

Cheraw @Prairie (Non-League)
•Cheraw 55
Prairie 36

Southeast Colorado High School Volleyball Scores – August 23-27, 2022**August 23**

Las Animas @ McClave (Non-League)
Las Animas 1
•McClave 3

Kim/Branson @ Walsh (League)
•Kim/Branson 3
Walsh 2

Genoa-Hugo/Karval @ Arickaree/Woodlin (Non-League)
•Geno-Hugo/Karval 3
Arickaree/Woodlin 0

John Mall @ Swink (League)
John Mall 0
•Swink 3

Manitou Springs @ Fowler (Non-League)
Manitou Springs 0
•Fowler 3

Springfield @ South Baca (Campo/Vilas/Pritchett) (League)
•Spring field 3
South Baca 0

Crowley County @ Rocky Ford (League)
•Crowley County 3
Rocky Ford 0

Wiley @ Eads (Non-League)
•Wiley 3
Eads 0

August 24

Limon @ Strasburg (League)
Limon 1
•Strasburg 3

August 25

Pikes Peak Christian @ Manzanola (Non-League)
Pikes Peak Christian 1
•Manzanola 3

Kim/Branson @ Granada (Non-League)
Kim/Branson 0
•Granada 3

Crowley County @ Fowler (League)
Crowley County 0
•Fowler 3

Cheraw @ Wiley (Non-League)
Cheraw 2
•Wiley 3

South Baca (Campo/Vilas/Pritchett) @ Cheyenne Wells (Non-League)
South Baca 1
•Cheyenne Wells 3

Las Animas @ Rocky Ford (League)
Las Animas 2
•Rocky Ford 3

August 26

Kim/Branson @ La Junta (Non-League)
Kim/Branson 0
•La Junta 3

Wiley @ Sangre de Cristo (Non-League)
•Wiley 3
Sangre de Cristo 0

Stratton @ Cheyenne Wells (Non-League)
•Stratton 3

Hi-Plains @ Weldon Valley (Non-League)
Hi-Plains 0
•Weldon Valley 3

Eads @ Genoa-Hugo/Karval (Non-League)
•Eads 3
Genoa-Hugo/Karval 0

Flagler @ Deer Trail (League)
•Flagler 3
Deer Trail 0

Sierra Grande @ Manzanola (Non-League)
Sierra Grande 1
•Manzanola 3

Holly @ Swink (League)
Holly 1
•Swink 3

Walsh @ La Veta (Non-League)
Walsh 0
•La Veta 3

August 27

Centauri @ Lamar (Non-League)
Centauri 0
•Lamar 3

Sedgwick County @ Burlington (Non-League)
•Sedgwick County 3
Burlington 2

Sanford @ Swink (Non-League)
•Sanford 3
Swink 0

Pikes Peak Christian @ Flagler (Tournament)
Pikes Peak Christian 0
•Flagler 2

Miami-Yoder @Flagler (Tournament)
Miami-Yoder 0
•Flagler 2

Manzanola @ Antonito (Tournament)
•Manzanola 2
Antonito 1

Elbert @ Limon (Non-League)
Elbert 0
•Limon 3

Cheraw @ Prairie (Non-League)
•Cheraw 3
Prairie 1

Flagler @ Deer Trail (Tournament)
•Flagler 2
Deer Trail 0

Lone Star @ McClave (Non-League)
Lone Star 0
•McClave 3

Wiggins @ Stratton (Non-League)
•Wiggins 3
Stratton 1

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es. Open class is to be in place by 9:00 a.m. for judging. A new rule is that open class exhibits will not be released until 4:00 p.m. The highlight of Friday morning will be the Chamber breakfast and the spectacular livestock sale before the beef barbeque. To have a meal Friday and Saturday, one must buy a rodeo ticket since it is free to come in the gate at the fairgrounds. There is a new plan to have a beer garden on the north end of the grandstands. We expect large crowds for these last two rodeos of the summer and since it is also the 105th alumni reunion for Eads High School.

We anticipate a fine parade Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Stores and the Eads Senior

Citizen Center will be opened along Maine Street. In the Center, there is a wonderful art display related to Sand Creek that Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Superintendent Janet Frederick set up. Also, there will be many tables of items one can bid on for the silent auction.

Thank you to the Kiowa County Fair Board members, who put in many hours each month to plan our fair. They are: David Walker, President; Cody Fox, Vice President; Talli Lane, Secretary; Tabitha Ferris, Treasurer-Vendor Liaison; Areta Laird, Open Class Liaison, and Talli Lane, Horse Race Liaison. Thank you to this fine board.

Another huge thank you ahead of time goes to Tearle Lessenden, Extension Agent, and Krystal Eikenberg, Adminis-

trative Assistant, who work to see that the general fair all falls smoothly together.

The three county commissioners, Donald Oswald, Mike Lening, and Butch Robertson, will be at their assigned places, and they have had a hand in these plans, too.

Reining over all these days of festivities is the Rodeo Royalty court: Kiya Leonard, Queen; Braya Ferris, Princess; Braxtyn Ferris, Prince; Selena Fehr, Princess First Attendant; and Ayden Hose, Prince First Attendant.

Coach Trey Eder has a roster of eager players on the Eads football team. They are Jaden Self, Stokton Mitchek, Spencer Uhland, Johnny Vasquez, Keenan Smith, Shane Winder, Connor Woolert, Porter Spady, A. J. Vasquez. Case

Nelson, Karsten Buller, Bo Arnold, Brenden Reifeshneider, and Kaiden Dunlap.

Eagle fans can look forward to seeing a

home game September 9. At halftime, former Eagle cheer leaders and pompon girls will be invited to the center field to lead the fight songs.

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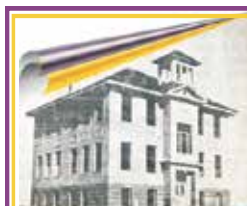
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Friday Sept 9 Events @ Multi-Purpose Rm High School Silent Auction & Apparel Store to be held during the Volleyball & football games 9:00 pm Drag Maine After Football game	Saturday Sept 10 --EVENTS ON Maine St. 8:00 am-8:00 pm Apparel Store 8:00 am-8:00 pm Silent Auction 5:00 pm Cornhole Tournament 6:00 pm Meet on Maine
Fri Sept 9 6:00 am Breakfasts on Maine St 12:00 pm BBQ Kiowa County Fairgrounds 1:00 pm Rodeo Kiowa County Fairgrounds 6:00 pm Team Roping KC Fairgrounds 8:00 pm Dance Kiowa County Fairgrounds	Kiowa County Fair & Rodeo Schedule Sat Sept 10 10:00 am Parade Maine St Eads 12:00 pm BBQ Kiowa County Fairgrounds 1:00 pm Rodeo Kiowa County Fairgrounds 6:00 pm Ranch Bronc Riding Calcutta 7:00 pm Ranch Bronc Ride

Eads Eagles School Events
Fri Sept 9
4:00 pm Volleyball
7:00 pm Football



Final preparations are underway for the Eads Eagles All-School Reunion.

The reunion will be held in conjunction with the Kiowa County Fair and Rodeo events on Friday and Saturday, September 9th, and 10th. The first reunion was held in 1987 and the event has been held every five years since. This year's reunion will have a different venue as most of the events will be held on Maine Street on Saturday evening.

There will be a reunion registration table available at the fair breakfasts on both Thursday and Friday mornings. Stop by the table and update your contact information, register for the cornhole tournament, and pick up a wristband for the Saturday night event. There is no charge for admission into the event.

Below is a brief overview of the scheduled events.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th –

EHS Volleyball and Football games vs. Tribune Jackrabbits
Volleyball begins @

5:00 p.m. Football @ 7:00 p.m. – All faithful and true-hearted past and present EHS cheerleaders will meet on the field during halftime to lead the fans in the school song. Don't worry if you don't remember the words, the words will be on back of the roster program.

Alumni Scholarship Fund Silent Auction –

The silent auction will be set up in the multi-purpose room in the High School during the ball games. The proceeds from the auction will benefit the EHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. The first scholarships were awarded to two seniors from the Class of 2003 and has **continued every year.**

EHS Apparel Store – Ashley's Graphics will have a variety of designed EHS t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts available for purchase. Ashley will have a trailer parked out in front of the High School on Friday and will move to the football field.

Drag Maine

Remember the days of your youth and 'dragging main' with your friends or high school sweetheart, fill up those gas tanks and let's take a spin. The friends and sweetheart may not be the same people; but we're hoping people will join in on the ride down memory lane; if even for just for a u-turn or two.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

Silent Auction

The silent auction will be moved from the high school to the new Senior Citizens Center located on Maine Street, across from the theatre. The auction will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. stop by and tour the facility and place another bid or two before locating your spot to enjoy the Fair parade.

EHS Apparel Store

Ashley's Graphics trailer will be set up in front of the Senior Citizens building on Saturday morning and will be there until late evening.

School Tours

Alumni who are interested in touring the EHS campus, two options are available. Tours will be conducted at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., meet the tour guide on the south playground area of the elementary building.

Cornhole tournament

Grab a partner and sign up for the tournament, the entry fee is \$40.00 per team. Teams can register on the reunion Facebook page or call 720-261-2082. Registration will close Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the fair breakfast alumni registration table. The tournament will start at 5:00 by the GN Bank, look for the boards.

Meet on Maine – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and relax while renewing friendships, meeting new people, and reminiscing about your time at EHS. There will be something for everyone.

•Food trucks

•Beer garden

•Crow-Luther theatre will be showing 'Elvis' at

7:00 p.m.

•Maine scoop will be selling ice cream

•Silent auction in Senior Citizens building until 8:00 p.m.

•Kiowa County Museum will be open.

•Cornhole tournament beginning at 5:00

•Shuffleboard and horseshoe park will be available.

•Class pictures

The event will wrap up at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night and the clean-up will begin. If there are any people that would like to help with setting up and taking down tables and chairs on Maine Street; all volunteers are appreciated. Setup will begin at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The planning committee hopes all the alumni enjoy the events; everyone walks away with renewed friendships, treasured memories and are looking forward to the next reunion in 2027.

Once an Eagle always an Eagle!

Cathryn Anderson continued from A5

Park and she was a cook for the Devil's Thumb Dude Ranch. During the time that she owned and operated the Fraser Valley Cloth Company, she learned to modify ski suits for para-Olympic skiers. (Skiing with a disability was a new concept at that time.) She will turn 100 in December.

Vada Acrey, 88, Bonaventure, Pueblo: Vada Acrey was a schoolteacher for 30 years, starting as a special needs teacher then moved to Park Hill Christian Academy. After retiring, she worked at

Pueblo Community College until she was 80.

Fran Lenzotti, 99, Primrose of Pueblo, Pueblo: Fran Lenzotti just celebrated her 99th birthday. She owned Lenzotti's Grocery store in Walsenburg and worked at the Huerfano Hospital for 25 years. She has volunteered at St. Mary's Catholic Church, mainly as a lector, and has volunteered at the Veteran's Home Hospital in Walsenburg from her retirement until she moved into Primrose.

Becky Helmsing, 61, Pueblo Regent, of Pueblo: Formerly the garden manager at Walmart and a firefighter queen in 1980 in Powhatan

Point, Ohio, Helmsing faced critical heart valve surgery in 2018. She had three strokes at once on the operating room table and was in a coma for three months. She had to relearn "everything," the facility said. "Becky is one of the strongest ladies we know," said activities director Natasha Cason of The Pueblo Regent.

Natalie Stevens, 52, Belmont Lodge, Pueblo: Natalie Stevens is a talented artist, earning national awards for her artwork. She was a high school history teacher and was the "Den Mom" for her son's Boy Scouts Troop.

Audrey Lewis, 91,

Pueblo Regent, Pueblo: Audrey Lewis was the office secretary at Central High School and taught catechism and bible study at the Shrine of St. Therese. She also is part of the garden club.

Tamra "T.J." Laskey, 57, Brookdale Senior Living, Pueblo: She is the top active member of the facilities Diamond Art Club.

Barbara Sena, 76, Life Care Center, Pueblo: A degree in computer science, Barbara Sena worked in Seattle as a seamstress, making coats for department stores. She belongs to the Legion of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Faye Archer, 96, Des-

ert Willow Health and Rehabilitation Center, Pueblo: A secretary for five years and clerk for a general store for 29 years, Faye Archer has been an active volunteer in helping with community events at the Church of Christ.

Gloria Chacon, 86, University Park Care Center, Pueblo: Gloria Chacon worked as a psychiatric tech/mental health worker at Colorado State Hospital for the Criminally Insane for more than 20 years. She won state contests in her teen years for her poetry submissions and for her paintings

Kiowa County Commissioners Minutes - August 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on August 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Robertson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in Attendance:

- Donald Oswald, Chairman
- Howard Robertson, Commissioner
- Mike Lening, Commissioner
- Delisa Weeks, County Clerk absent
- Tina Adamson, County Administrator
- Ginger McPherson, Deputy Clerk

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Cindy McCloud stated mini DOLA grants through SECED are all approved.

Eads Senior Citizens went under their request and would like to submit another grant request up to the full \$5,000 with 50% match of \$10,000 project. The application due date is August 24, 2022.

McCloud spoke about **housing in Sheridan Lake**, preliminary conversations about an RV park.

Kiowa County Road & Bridge Foreman, Rick Spady joined the meeting at 10:00 am to discuss the oven at the Fair Grounds. The gas lines were replaced on the BBQ oven, discussion

ensued. Spady said he would check with Wild Cat in Cheyenne Wells about parts. There was discussion about Wi-Fi and the availability to use it for monitoring the oven during cooking time for the Fair BBQ.

Spady spoke in regard to a complaint he received from 2 farmers about spray jugs blowing around countryside. Spady will take pictures and return them to the Commissioners.

Adamson said, she had received some **bids for the Fair Ground lighting**. She is waiting for more bids to come in.

Discussion of the **door size for the new building** being purchased at the fairgrounds ensued. No action was taken.

Adamson stated the **RREO Grant is final**.

SECOG Mini Grant: Adamson stated waiting on bids for the electrical and flooring.

EM Grant: Adamson stated the County yet to receive any bids on a generator for the Courthouse.

Landfill/Recycling Update: Both buses are now working.

P & Z Update: The 1041 process was discussed. Administrator Adamson will be attending a weekly meeting with the attorney and consultant through ZOOM to ensure the process stays on the required timeline for each development.

Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded to recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. **Dennis Pearson, Director of Social Services** joined the meeting at 1:00 pm to provide a monthly report for DSS.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve a one year contract with Shawny Comer as the

Child Support Advocate for Kiowa County. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded to **sign the CORE Service Program**. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded to sign tariff policies. Motion carried.

County Diversion Policy 31-1001-CWP, Disaster Assistance 31-1002-CWP, Substance Abuse 31-1003-CWP, Hardship Extensions 31-1004-CWP, Other Assistance and Supportive Assistance 31-1005-CWP, Domestic Violence 31-1006-CWP, Workforce Requirements and Employment Outcome 31-1007-CWP, County Approved Settings 31-1008-CWP.

Kari Linker, with Senator Hickenlooper Office joined meeting at 1:30 pm to provide an update for the Senator's Office. Linker exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Fair: Adamson provided an update on the wristband sales for the Grandstands and BBQ Meals. Lacy Van Campen and Claire Prince have volunteered to sell the wrist bands. There will be more information forthcoming. There is a need for County employee volunteers for inflatables. All county staff is required to work during fair.

Listening Session Topics: There was discussion of a Head Start Program and childcare.

Will Arthur, from Attentive and Cigna, presented an additional insurance proposal for county employees. All three commissioners agreed to let the employees decide for themselves if they choose to enroll. A meeting will be scheduled for the week of September 19, 2022.

RREO Grant: Dustin Nelson and Jeff Scranton joined a zoom meeting

with Katie Ramero CDPHE, Sage Gilbert CDPHE and Megan Vinet CDPHE. Waste tire pile shredding, 9 roll off trailers and landfill cover were line items discussed. Pictures of the completed project, proof of purchase, trailer tags and insurance must be completed before reimbursement is processed. After completion of removal reports will be filled out every 6 months for waste diversion.

New Business:

Upcoming Meetings and Reports: Reports and meetings were reviewed and discussed.

Post 125 Agreement: The Agreement was signed.

Tri-State: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to set the Pre-Permit Fee to \$12,000 and the Post-Permit Fee to \$10,000. A Public Hearing Date is set for September 29, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Terracon Letters: The towers in Towner and Sheridan Lake were reviewed. No concerns

noted. **Gifford Memorial:** Larry and Carla Gifford entered meeting at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the idea of renaming Highway 96 from Eads to Brandon after Zach Gifford or some kind of signage as a memorial marker. The Commissioners will look into the processes this would take; due to the fact it is a State Highway and not a county road.

RETAC Grant: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the RETAC Grant as presented. Motion carried.

Circus: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded, to rent the fairground arena for a flat fee of \$200.00 for a circus that is coming to Eads on Monday, September 12, 2022. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business to conduct, Lening moved to adjourn meeting at 4:10 p.m. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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In Memory

**Marie G.
Koester**

**July 28, 1925
August 24, 2022**

Marie G. Koester (nee Remes) entered into rest August 24, 2022, at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph & Stella (nee Skapik) Remes; baby brother, Joseph; grand-

son, Braden Lane; and great-granddaughter, Shania Lane.

Marie was the beloved wife of the late Herbert F. Koester for 70 years.

Dearest mother of Janet (Danny) Richards, David (Pam) Koester, and Gary (Lisa) Koester;

Loving grandmother of Nicole (Andrew) Boerschig, Valerie (Doug) Southard and Darren

Koester.

Cherished great grandmother of 16, and great great grandmother of four.

Dear sister of Henry Remes; sister-in-law; aunt; great aunt; cousin and friend.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2022, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Funeral Service at 11:30 am at John L. Ziegenhein & Sons South County Chapel in St. Louis, Missouri.

Interment will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of John L. Ziegenhein & Son Funeral Homes.



In Memory

**William
(Gary)
Forrest**

**March 11, 1949
August 23, 2022**

William "Gary" Forrest (73) passed away Tuesday, August 23rd at his home in Eagle, Idaho.

He was born on March 11, 1949, in Grants Pass, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Terri, in 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda (Cloyd); two sons: Brandon of Greeley, CO and Ryan (Heather) of Boulder, CO; three granddaughters: Teagan, Kyndle, and Avery; a step-son, Tyler (Leah) Schroeder of Nampa, ID; a step-daughter, Kas-

sa (Joe) Hartley of Middleton, ID; seven step-grandchildren: Kylie, Abigail, Zoey, Hudson, Quincy, Quade, and Quenna; three brothers: Karl Edward, John (Barbara), and Larry; one aunt: Verna Ebright; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 25, 2022 at 2:00pm at Cielo Event Center in Castle Pines, Colorado. 485 W. Happy Canyon Rd., Castle Rock, Colorado

Bowman Funeral Parlor is in charge of arrangements



In Memory

**Sherrill Ann
Jackson**

**May 4, 1955
August 22, 2022**

Sherrill was born May 4, 1955, to Dr. Marion and Roberta Christensen in Kiowa, Kansas and was called home on August 22, 2022.

She recently laid her husband of nearly 49 years to rest. Together, they were blessed with two sons, Michael and Evan, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The family is comforted by knowing Mom and Dad are together again.

Sherrill was raised and educated in Kiowa, Kansas and graduated from Kiowa High School in 1973. In addition to be-

ing a home maker, Sherrill was Miss Kiowa in 1972, a cub scout master, a nurse and worked for the U.S. Postal Service. She loved the mountains and enjoyed the beauty of nature, especially rocks. Her grandchildren and her Scottie dogs brought her the greatest joy.

Sherrill is survived by her mother, Roberta Christensen of Kiowa, KS; sons Michael and wife Tiffini of Oklahoma City, OK, and Evan and Kim Jackson of Burlington, OK; brother Dennis Christensen; sister Kathy Gilchrist; brother Steve Christensen, nine grandchildren Cadence

and Delaney, Kaci, Bentley, Tamiya, Faith, Kailey, Dilan and Brennan; three great grandchildren and numerous beloved nephews, nieces and cousins.

Sherrill was preceded in death by her husband Duane Jackson, father Dr. Marion Christensen and her daughter Christine Jackson.

The services celebrating and honoring the life of Sherrill Ann Jackson, were held on Sunday, August 27 at Capron United Methodist Church.

Complete cremation care and services were under the direction of Brown-Cummings Funeral Home, Enid, Oklahoma

Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family online at www.Brown-Cummings.com.

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Pursuant to Rule 523 d, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Western Operating Company to adjudicate the allegations made in Notice of Alleged Violation Nos. 402282191 and 402277076.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under C.R.S. § 34-60-105; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-106; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at C.R.S. § 24-4-105; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 C.C.R. 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing before a COGCC Hearing Officer at the following date, time, and location (subject to change):

Date: November 2, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place:
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

The Notice and documents related to this matter can be found on our "Hearing eFiling System Document Search" page at <https://oitco.hyland-cloud.com/DNRCOGPublicAccess/index.html>. Select "Search for Docket Related Documents" from the pull-down menu, use the above "Docket Number," and select "Search."

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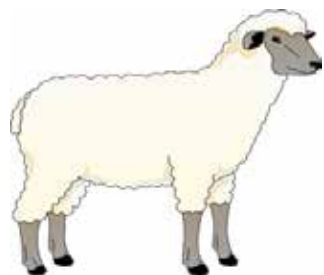
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Wednesday September 7

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7 pm Exhibit Hall closes



Sunday September 4

10 am Kiowa County Riding Club
Open Gymkhana Contact Cody Fox

Thursday September 8

6 am Chuckwagon Breakfast on Maine St.
7-9 am Exhibit Hall opens to receive
Open Class entries
9 am 4-H and FFA Swine Show
10 am Exhibit Hall closes Judging Begins
11 am-5 pm Kid's Inflatables Open
12 pm 4-H FFA Beef Show
1 pm Dog Trials Contact: Gary Wollert
2 pm 4-H and FFA Sheep Show
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Round Robin Showmanship
6 pm Team Roping contact JW McCuiston
6 pm Exhibit Hall closes



Friday September 9

6 am Chuckwagon Breakfast on Maine St
8 am Exhibit Hall opens
9:30 am 4-H & Livestock Sale
11am-5pm Kid's Inflatables open
12 pm Beef BBQ
12 pm-midnight Beer Tent open
1 pm CPRA Rodeo and Horse Races
6 pm Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Calcutta
CASH ONLY
7 pm Ranch Rodeo starts- Contact: JW McCuiston
8 pm-midnight Dance to "Little Wing"



Saturday September 10

10 am Parade on Maine Street
11 am Exhibit Hall opens
11 am-5pm kid's Inflatables open
12 pm-midnight Beer tent open
12 pm Pork BBQ
1 pm CPRA and Horse Races Contact David Walker or Cody Fox
2 pm Premium List posted in Community Building
4 pm All exhibits released after checkout by secretary
6 pm Ranch Bronc Riding Calcutta CASH ONLY
7 pm Ranch Bronc Ride starts- Contact: Salt River Rodeo CO



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Colorado State Senator Priola flips parties from Republican to Democrat

DEREK DRAPLIN

State Sen. Kevin Priola is flipping his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat, the lawmaker announced on Monday.

Priola, who represents Senate District 25 in Adams County, cited the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and 2020 election conspiracies as reasons for switching parties in a [letter](#) announcing his decision.

"I cannot continue to be a part of a political party that is okay with a violent attempt to overturn a free and fair election and continues to peddle claims that the 2020 election was stolen," Priola said in the letter.

Priola also criticized the Republican Party's stance on climate change and environmental regulation.

"Today, my Republican colleagues would rather deny the existence of



human-caused climate change than take action," he said. "I increasingly believe this inaction is counter to our responsibility as political leaders." The senator from Henderson said he won't

change how he votes on bills but that "there is too much at stake right now for Republicans to be in charge."

"Simply put, we need Democrats in charge because our planet and our democracy depend on it," Priola said.

Priola notably sponsored [legislation](#) during the 2019 session that put Proposition CC on the ballot, which asked voters to allow the state to retain excess revenue instead of giving refunds back to taxpayers under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). Voters [defeated](#) the measure.

During the last legislative session, Priola sponsored a [bill](#) with Democrats to ban flavored nicotine and tobacco products, but the legislation failed.

Priola's move comes as Colorado Republicans are amid a campaign

season in which they could retake control of the state Senate. Democrats currently control 20 of the 35 chamber seats. There are 17 total open seats for the November election, with eight of those seats open with no incumbent running, according to Ballotpedia.

Colorado GOP Chairwoman Kristi Burton Brown said in a statement that Priola "finally made the move to the party he's consistently voted with."

"After lying to his constituents and routinely voting for tax increases that hurt the everyday working families of his district, he's now admitted his true affiliation: a pro tax-increase Democrat," she said.

Senate Minority Leader John Cooke, R-Greeley, suggested in a statement that Priola's move wasn't surprising.

"For the last several sessions he voted with the Democrats and championed their legislative causes," Cooke said. "This event will not change the trajectory of this election cycle, nor the outcome of this year's fight for the state Senate."

"As for Sen. Priola, his new district will likely not be happy with this announcement and may explore their options for new representation," he added.

Senate President Steve Fenberg, D-Boulder, said Priola "chose his constituents and Colorado's future over partisan politics."

"Senator Priola has made it clear that the people of Colorado deserve leaders who will boldly take action against the most serious threats facing our country today," he added.

Priola faces recall effort after joining Democrats

DEREK DRAPLIN

State Sen. Kevin Priola is facing a recall effort just days after switching his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat.

Weld County residents Louisa Andersen and Jeff Sloan filed for the recall with the secretary of state's office on Wednesday. Michael Fields of Advance Colorado Action, a conservative advocacy group, also filed for a "Recall Priola" issue committee with the office.

Priola currently represents Senate District 25, which covers Adams County, but due to redistricting he will represent Senate District 13, which includes parts of Weld County and Greeley.

The effort's backers said the recall would be in Senate District 13.

"Recalling Kevin Priola would be good for SD 13 and good for the State of Colorado," Fields said in a statement. "His record at the Capitol has been terrible. He vot-

ed for higher fees and taxes, to take away our TABOR refund checks, for 'safe' injection sites, and to decriminalize fentanyl."

"Voters in SD 13 deserve to decide who they want to represent them," he added. "My guess is they'll pick someone they can actually trust and who more closely reflects their views."

Priola did not immediately return The Center Square's request for comment.

Priola [cited](#) Republicans' responses to the 2020 election, the Jan. 6 riot, and climate change as reasons for switching parties in a [letter](#) on Monday.

"There is too much at stake right now for Republicans to be in charge," the senator wrote, adding, "we need Democrats in charge because our planet and our democracy depend on it."

Senate Minority Leader John Cooke, R-Greeley, who currently represents Senate District 13, criticized Priola's move in a state-

ment Monday, saying, "his new district will likely not be happy with this announcement and may explore their options for new representation."

The Colorado GOP is supporting the recall effort, chairwoman Kristi Burton Brown said in a statement.

"Kevin Priola lied to voters and broke the trust of those who elected him," she said. "He does not represent the views of voters in [Senate District 13]. They deserve to choose whether or not they want to be represented by a Democrat who has a record of raising taxes on working families and supporting drug injection sites."

Backers of the effort need to collect 18,291 valid signatures to get the recall question placed on the ballot after the secretary of state's office approves the petition.

Affordable housing subsidy initiative makes November ballot

DEREK DRAPLIN

A measure that proposes dedicating tax revenue towards affordable housing programs has collected enough valid signatures to appear on November's ballot.

Backers of **Initiative #108**, which will appear on the ballot titled "Dedicated State Income Tax Revenue for Affordable Housing Programs," submitted over 230,000 signatures, with 149,072 projected to be valid, the Colorado secretary of state's office **said** Friday. The initiative needed 124,632 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Initiative #108 proposes dedicating one-tenth of 1 percent of income tax revenue "for affordable housing and exempting the dedicated revenues from the constitutional limitation on state fiscal year spending," according to the **ballot title**.

If passed, the measure would put 60 percent of the revenue collected towards financing affordable housing programs and 40 percent towards "programs that support



affordable home ownership" and homelessness programs.

A **fiscal summary** for the initiative estimates it would reduce Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) refunds by \$135 million

in fiscal year 2022 and \$270 million in 2023.

Colorado had a housing shortage of between 93,000 and 216,000 units through 2020, ac-

ording to a recent **report** by the Common Sense Institute. Another report ranked Colorado as the eighth most pricey state for renters.

Since July 2021, housing in the Denver metro area has increased 7.1 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' **consumer price index** shows.

Initiative #108 is backed by the group Make Colorado Affordable, which **claims** the measure "would unlock \$6 billion to build 170,000 new homes and rental units that Coloradans can afford now and in the future" if passed.

Advance Colorado Action, a conservative advocacy group, is opposing the initiative, calling it "a flawed housing measure" in a statement earlier this month.

"There is nothing 'affordable' about taking \$300 million of our TABOR tax refunds for a flawed housing measure," said Michael Fields, a senior advisor for the group. "To fix our state's housing crisis, we need to build more, not tax more. Coloradans are struggling – and they want their full TABOR refund in upcoming years."

Colorado's unemployment rate drops to 3.3 percent

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Colorado's unemployment rate dropped to 3.3 percent last month as the state added 2,200 payroll jobs, according to new state data.

Colorado's unemployment rate in July is also the lowest it's been since February 2020, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment **said** in a news release Friday. The state's unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in June.

The national unemployment rate is 3.5 percent, down from 3.6 percent the prior month.

Of the jobs added last

month, 200 were private sector payroll jobs while 2,000 were government jobs, CDLE data shows.

The state's labor force participation rate was 69.5 percent last month, according to an analysis of employment data by the Common Sense Institute, a free-enterprise think tank.

"This alongside job growth, especially that indicated by June's revision, led to a decline in the state's unemployment rate to 3.3 percent," CSI said.

Since May, Colorado has added 10,000 jobs, the think tank added.

Permits to build new housing units in Colorado dropped by 20 percent last month, which indicates the state's housing supply "may not continue to recover as needed," according to a new analysis.

The **analysis** by the Common Sense Institute, a free-enterprise think tank, found that a 0.28 percent decrease in home prices and a 5.3 percent average mortgage rate led to a 0.33 percent decline in the Colorado Homebuyer Misery Index, which CSI calculates to measure new home affordability.

CSI said that July

marked the first decline for the index since August 2020.

"Even though affordability may have turned a corner, there isn't as much to celebrate if new housing production slows, CSI Vice President of Policy and Research Chris Brown said in a statement.

"The number to watch will be the monthly permitting levels, and whether we fall outside the range of what is needed to dig the state out of a sizeable supply deficit," Brown added.

There were 3,967 new units permitted in July, the analysis said. There needs to be 2,883 to

6,050 new units allowed every month over the next five years "to close the statewide housing deficit and meet new demand for housing from population growth," according to CSI.

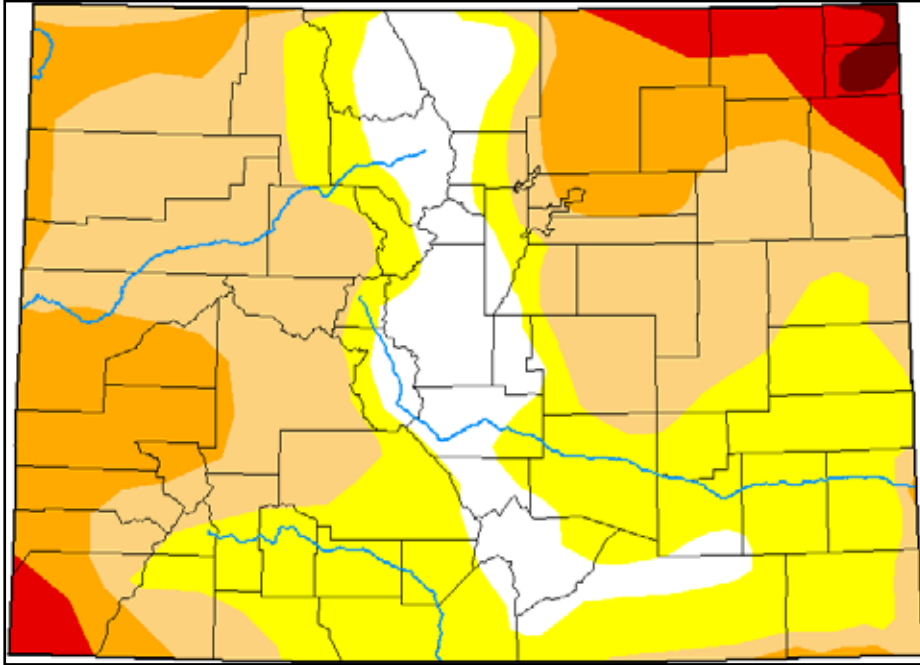
That's a total of between 46,600 and 72,600 permits each year through 2025 to close the state's deficit, CSI's analysis from last month **said**.

"To avoid a similar collapse in new home building that followed the last recession, permitting must remain at elevated levels for the next several years," last month's analysis said.

New housing unit permits in Colorado down 20 percent last month

DEREK DRAPLIN

Arkansas River report for August 25, 2022



The current weather pattern continues to bring precipitation to Colorado, lifting more than 12% of the state out of drought conditions and lessening drought severity in the rest of the state, according to today's [U.S. Drought Monitor](#) report. The report categorizes most of the Arkansas Basin as abnormally dry with only a thin sliver of severe drought along the Oklahoma state line.

Precipitation

The [CoCoRaHS](#) (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow) Network reports the following precipitation amounts for the past week:

- Leadville - 0.33 inch.
- Buena Vista - 0.54-1.59 inches.
- Salida - 1.22 inches.
- Westcliffe - 0.30-1.06 inches.
- Cañon City - 0.18 inch.

- Walsenburg - 0.52 inch.
- Trinidad - 0.41 inch.
- Pueblo - 0.01 inch.
- Colorado Springs - 0.14-0.94 inch.
- Rocky Ford - 0.02 inch.
- Pritchett - none.
- Lamar - none.

For the current water year, the [August report](#) from the Governor's Water Availability Task Force indicates Colorado

is still 1.75 inches below the long-term average for precipitation.

Reservoir Storage

Water storage in [Pueblo Reservoir](#) remains little changed this week - 184,178 acre-feet, or 57% full - according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Water storage in [Turquoise Lake](#) decreased to 97,904.2 acre-feet or 75.7% full. The water level in [Twin Lakes](#) increased to 106,773 acre-feet, also 75.7% full. With [Voluntary Flow Management Program](#) (VFMP) targets for recreational boating done for 2022, the Bureau of Reclamation has reduced releases from Twin Lakes to its 15 cfs minimum flow. Data for [John Martin Reservoir](#) is not available at this time.

River Flows

[Arkansas River flows](#) near Leadville declined to 52.7 cfs this week, while the gauge below Granite currently registers 274 cfs. The flow at the Wellsville gauge is 440 cfs with an almost identical flow

of 444 cfs at Cañon City. The river flow below Pueblo Reservoir has dropped to 258 cfs, and the gauge near Avondale reports 408 cfs after peaking at 860 cfs this past week. The gauge near Rocky Ford reports 73.6 cfs after peaking at 217 cfs Monday. Flows are 82.4 cfs below John Martin Reservoir but held steady at a high of 256 cfs Saturday through Monday. The gauge at Lamar currently reports 27.6 cfs after spiking to 94.5 cfs just before midnight Monday.

River Calls

The Arkansas Basin currently has 15 [calling water rights](#), including the usual number, four, on the mainstem: the Catlin Canal (1884 priority), the Lamar Canal (1886), the X-Y Irrigating Ditch (1889) and the Arkansas River Compact call at the Kansas state line. The most senior calling water right is the Tom Wanless Ditch (1864) at the confluence of Fountain Creek and the Arkansas River. Next in seniority is the Gonzales Ditch (1866) on the Apishapa River, followed by the Coleman Ditch (1867) on Hardscrabble Creek and the Pulaski Ditch (1868) on the Purgatoire River.

Additional calling water rights include the Adams Ditch (1869) on Fourmile Creek, Hill Ditch (1873) on Howard Creek, the Cottonwood and Maxwell Ditch (1874) on Cottonwood Creek, the Marmaduke Ditch (1878) on Stout Creek, the Dotson Ditch No. 1 (1881) on the St. Charles River, the Hoosier Ditch (1882) on the North Fork of the South Arkansas River and the JM Murray Ditch (1887) on Muddy Creek.

Trio of alcohol measures qualify for ballot

[DEREK DRAPLIN](#)

Coloradans will get a say in changing the landscape of retail alcohol sales in the state come November after a trio of alcohol-related measures qualified for the ballot.

Backers of each of the three measures - Initiative #96, Initiative #121, and Initiative #122 - collected enough valid signatures for each to appear on the ballot, the Colorado secretary of state's office said Friday.

[Initiative #96](#) proposes gradually increasing the number of liquor



store licenses that a person can hold to as many as eight in 2026, 13 in 2031, 20 in 2036, and an

unlimited number after 2037.

The office projected that backers of the measure collected 149,799 valid signatures. Initiatives need 124,632 valid signatures to make a ballot.

[Initiative #121](#) proposes allowing grocery stores to sell wine and allow wine tastings. Grocery stores in the state currently can only sell beer.

A projected 142,697 signatures collected were valid.

[Initiative #122](#) would allow licensed retail establishments to deliver alcoholic beverages via a third party.

The measure had 139,312 projected valid signatures, according to the office.

Colorado voters will also decide on an [initiative](#) that proposes lowering the income tax rate, a [measure](#) to subsidize affordable housing, and a [measure](#) to decriminalize psychedelic mushrooms.

Four candidates running for governor of Kansas

JANIE VALENTINE |
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Incumbent Laura Kelly (D), Derek Schmidt (R), Seth Cordell (L), and Dennis Pyle (Independent) are running in the general election for governor of Kansas November 8.

This is the only governorship Democrats are defending in 2022 in a state that Donald Trump (R) won in 2020. Major independent observers rate the election as a toss-up.

Kelly was first elected in 2018, defeating Republican Kris Kobach by a margin of five percentage points. Kobach defeated then-incumbent Gov. Jeff Colyer (R) in the Republican primary by 343 votes, or one-tenth of a percentage point. At the time Kelly was elect-



ed, Republicans had held trifecta control of Kansas state government for eight years, preceded by eight years of divided government. Democrats have not had a majority in either chamber of the Kansas State Legislature since 1992.

Schmidt was elected Kansas attorney general in 2010 and re-elected twice.

According to The Kansas City Star's Jonathan Shorman and Katie Bernard, the last

time a Democratic governor was elected while a Democratic president was in office was in 1978, and the last time a Democratic governor won re-election under a Democratic president was in 1968. Shorman and Bernard wrote, "Throughout modern Kansas history, Republicans and Democrats have regularly traded control of the governor's office. But another rule that has also held firm over the past 50 years

is that incumbent governors don't win reelection when their party also holds the presidency."

July 26, 2022, the Topeka Capital-Journal's Andrew Bahl wrote that the election was "shaping up to be the most expensive in state history," with Kelly and Schmidt having spent a combined \$3.7 million at that time. According to Shorman and Bernard, Kelly and Schmidt have been "running a general election-style race since September 2021," and "[b]oth Republicans and Democrats have centered the race about Kelly's record."

In Kansas, the lieutenant governor is elected on a joint ticket with the governor. Kelly's running mate is incumbent Lt. Gov. David Toland (D), Schmidt's running mate is Katie Sawyer (R), Cordell's running mate is Evan Laudick-Gains (L), and Pyle's running mate is Kathleen Garrison (Independent).

This election is one of 36 gubernatorial elections taking place in 2022. There are currently 28 Republican governors and 22 Democratic governors. The office of governor is the only executive office that is elected in all 50 states.

Oklahoma governor questions the legality of payroll deductions for teachers' union dues

KIM JARRETT

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt ordered the State Department of Education to check payroll deductions for union dues to ensure they complied with state and federal law.

In his [executive order](#) issued Friday, the governor said he wanted to make sure educators knew their rights when it came to unions.

"It is time we fight back against the liberal unions that have been keeping a stranglehold on their cut of teacher pay, and stand up for Oklahoma educators' First Amendment rights," Stitt said in a news release. "Teachers should know they have the freedom to opt-in not opt-out of unions."

Education Secretary Ryan Walters praised the executive order.

"This is another step in the right direction to focus our classrooms on parents, teachers and kids," Walters said. "We are cutting the liberal union chains off of our teachers."

The Oklahoma Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union, said the organization follows all state laws.

"The Oklahoma Education Association is a respected organization that works tirelessly to protect and advocate for our public schools," Oklahoma Education Association President Katherine Bishop said in a statement. "We have always been an opt-in organization since our first meeting in 1889. We follow all state and federal laws and always have. The Executive Order filed on August 19, 2022, is a baseless attack on the voices of educators ahead of an important election. This only distracts from real issues like the educator shortage crisis and Oklahoma ranking 49th in education funding. The 90 percent of Oklahoma children who attend public schools and the professionals who serve them deserve better."

Solving homelessness key to success in multiple national priorities

ERIC GALATAS

"Opportunity Starts at Home," a short documentary film released this week by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, exposes how housing affordability is central to other national priorities, including health care, food security, education and more.

Cathy Alderman, chief communications and public policy officer for the Coalition, said having a safe place to eat, bathe and sleep at night is the foundation upon which every other aspect of our lives depends.

"It is very difficult to maintain employment, or to maintain attendance at school, if you don't have a home," Alderman explained. "It's very important for your health and for your mental health to have a stable place to be."

The film release is part of a national campaign aiming to open a win-

dow for communities, and politicians, to see the far-reaching impacts of the housing crisis, especially on children. As the gap between rents and incomes continues to grow, the campaign wants to correct long-standing racial inequities preventing access to affordable, quality housing for families with low incomes.

The film can be screened online on the Coalition's [YouTube channel](#).

According to the [most recent data](#), 18,000 children on average experience homelessness each year in Colorado. Because getting an accurate count can be challenging, Alderman pointed out the actual number could be much higher.

"Because those are oftentimes the people that are sleeping in their cars, and they often don't want to be found and counted," Alderman not-

ed. "Because they have fears about being separated, or losing custody of their children."

The Coalition is planning additional public events in an effort to convince voters, and their elected representatives in Congress, ramping up federal funding for affordable housing to pre-Reagan administration levels is necessary to meet current and future needs.

Alderman emphasized investments in housing are also investments in children's educational achievement, economic opportunities for families and so much more.

"We need to be investing more in housing and homelessness resolution if we want to achieve better outcomes in the education system, in our health care system, in our criminal-justice system, etc.," Alderman stressed.

Judge says Utah's transgender law likely violates constitution

KIM JARRETT

Transgender girls in Utah will have an opportunity to play sports after a district court judge issued a preliminary injunction that prohibits the law banning them from doing so from taking effect.

Utah legislators passed [House Bill 11](#) earlier this year that stopped transgender girls from competing in middle school and high school sports. Gov. Spencer Cox vetoed the bill and asked lawmakers to set aside an indemnity fund for future lawsuits. Lawmakers overrode the veto in a special session and approved a \$500,000 indemnity fund.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati sued on behalf of three transgender girls.

Judge Keith H. Kelly ruled the plaintiffs "face irreparable harm due to violations of their rights under Utah's uniform operation of law clause." The ACLU provided a [copy](#) of the ruling. "The United States Tenth Circuit has explained that '[w]hen an



alleged constitutional right is involved, most courts hold that no further showing of irreparable injury is necessary," Kelly said in the ruling. "The United States Supreme Court has explained that the loss of First Amendment freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury."

Applying this standard, the ban causes irreparable harm to the plaintiffs simply by violating their constitutional rights."

The plaintiffs said they were pleased with the decision.

"This law is based on stereotypes and misconceptions that are harmful to all girls," said Jean Noe the mother of one of the plaintiffs in a

news release issued by the ACLU and NCLR. "I am grateful the court has put this dangerous law on pause and that, at least for the moment, all Utah children can know that they are valued and supported."

Transgender girls must now go before a statewide commission that will determine if it is fair for them to play on girls' sports teams, according to the law.

Rep. Kera Birkeland, the bill's sponsor, said in a social media post her intention was to "protect and preserve girls sports."

"Although the judge did not rule in our favor, female athletes can still be assured they can compete fairly as we will soon have a commission in place," Birkeland said in her post. "For every girl who is feeling unseen or unheard right now, I hear you."

Governor declares state of emergency as floods sweep through part of Utah

KIM JARRETT

Utah Governor Spencer Cox declared a state of emergency for three counties hit with torrential rains that caused flash flooding, leading to one death.

Extreme drought conditions exacerbated the flooding risk, Cox said in his emergency order.

"We've seen destructive flash floods tear through communities, damage homes and businesses, and endanger lives throughout southern Utah. State government remains ready to offer emergency coordination and expertise as these areas recover and rebuild," Cox said in news release. "We mourn the loss of Jetal Agnihotri of Tucson and pray for her loved ones. About 170 individuals spent 1,700 hours on search and rescue and we can't thank

them enough for their relentless efforts."

The declaration is for Grand, Emery and Wayne counties. Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson visited Moab, a city in Grand County, on Tuesday. The move frees up state funds and allots more resources to the counties named in the declaration.

"I'm shocked by the size and scope of the flooding that swept through Moab causing damage to homes, businesses, and local infrastructure," Henderson said. "Moab is open for business and the clean-up is well underway. If you want to help, here's how: Visit Moab. Locals need your business and support - now more than ever."

The emergency order remains in effect for 30 days.

Survey Ranks Utah Last Among States for Women's Equality

MARK RICHARDSON

In the 1960s, women were told in ad campaigns, "You've come a long way, baby." But in Utah, that may not be the case.

[Women's Equality Day](#) is this Friday, but a [statistical survey by researchers at the website WalletHub](#) ranks Utah last among the 50 states for women's equality. The study looked at 17 key indicators, from the gap between female and male executives to the disparity in employment rates for women and men, as well as education and health care.

Jill Gonzalez, communications director at [WalletHub](#), said the survey found wide discrepancies in Utah - in education, health, and wealth.

"Utah ranked last when it comes to income," she said. "It has the largest gap between what women are making and what men are making. In the bottom five for its executive positions gap - so, there are about six times more men in executive positions than women."

The survey analyzed 17 key indicators of workplace environment, education and health, and political empowerment. On the global scale, the World Economic Forum has ranked the United States 27th this year out of 146 countries - and that's an improvement over last year's 30th place.

A recent [study by Utah State University](#) found Utah women have historically been underrep-

resented in politics. The state currently has no women in its eight-member congressional delegation, and women hold only 24 percent of the 104 state legislative seats. Gonzalez said that won't change unless more women run for office.

"In the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, substantially more men in the state Legislature and state elections," she said. "We see the same issue in Utah, and there's really not many women there. So, I think even before looking at policy, it's looking at who's making policy."

The survey also ranks Utah last for the number of women with post-graduate or other advanced degrees.

Utah suing over management of national monument

KIM JARRETT

Utah state officials have filed a lawsuit against the Biden administration over the management of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

The Biden administration announced in 2021 the federal government would manage the two monuments, which comprise more than 3.23 million acres. The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service in June announced they had reached a deal with area tribes to co-manage the Bears Ears monument.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday by Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes, and plaintiffs in-

clude Gov. Spencer Cox, Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, the Utah congressional administration and other officials. They called the action a “federal overreach” and violated the Antiquities Act of 1906.

“The vast size of the expanded Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments draws unmanageable visitation levels to these lands without providing any of the tools necessary to adequately conserve and protect these resources,” they said in a statement. “A congressional solution would be the more effective path for the conservation and management of Utah lands. This would include col-

laboration from state and federal agencies, tribal nations, local governments, citizens, the legislature, and Utah’s congressional delegation. A congressional solution could better guard the area’s resources by ensuring tribal access to sacred sites, providing federal agencies with the management tools and funding they need, channeling visitation into appropriate protected locations, and giving local communities the funding and flexibility they need to thrive economically.”

The plaintiffs are asking for an injunction to stop the Biden administration’s order from being enforced.

Jennifer Rokala, executive director of the Center for Western Priorities, said the state made a “poor decision” in filing a lawsuit. The organization identifies itself as a nonpartisan conserva-



tion and advocacy organization.

“Not only do the people of Utah support the protection of these impressive and significant landscapes, the legal case against the monuments is thin,” Rokala said in a statement. “By filing a lawsuit against

the federal government over these monuments, the State of Utah is wasting taxpayer money trying to undermine something that is evident to anyone who spends time in these remarkable landscapes—that Bears Ears and Grand Staircase deserve protection.”

Montana among toughest states for employers hiring workers

CHRIS WOODWARD

Montana is among the top states where employers are having a tough time hiring workers.

Montana is sixth in a ranking by the personal finance website [WalletHub](#) with 7.3 percent of jobs opening open last month and 8.14 percent open over the last 12 months.

WalletHub used federal data to compare the 50 states and Washington, D.C. based on the rate of job openings for both the latest month and the previous 12 months.

Only Alaska, Georgia, Kentucky, Vermont, and West Virginia ranked as tougher states for employers hiring workers.

Tanner Avery, communications director for Frontier Institute, a free-market think tank, said business is booming across Montana, but one reason for the lack of workers is the affordable housing shortage.

“As a result of exclusionary zoning regulations like Single-Family

Zoning and Minimum Lot Areas, 70 percent of primary residential areas in Montana’s most in-demand cities either outright prohibit or penalize affordable multi-family housing development,” Avery told The Center Square. “Thankfully, Governor Gianforte has recently created the Housing Task Force, to address the affordable housing crisis.”

By removing those barriers to affordable housing development, Avery said “Montana communities can continue to grow while remaining vibrant, entrepreneurial, and affordable for all Montanans.”

Miren Ivankovic, an adjunct professor at Clemson University, said in a statement that another reason for hiring difficulties “is due to what is called structural unemployment.”

“Simply put, there is a mismatch in the supply of labor and demand for labor based on set of skills,” Ivankovic said.

In housing crisis, Montanans with criminal records face higher hurdles

ERIC TEGETHOFF

It’s hard for almost anyone to find housing in Montana right now, but the barriers are even higher for people with criminal records.

Low availability and rising housing prices mean landlords typically have the pick of the litter, and they can relegate people who’ve been in jail or prison to the bottom of the pile. Katrina Everhart is in Missoula and has experienced the frustration firsthand.

“Every time I would fill out an application for housing it was such a letdown,” said Everhart, “because every time I’d come to that one provision on the application, I would already feel as though I was defeated.”

Everhart received a felony seven years ago for conspiracy to sell methamphetamine, but said

she’s been clean since then. She works as a day supervisor at the Poverello Center, an emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Missoula.

Earlier this year, [the Biden administration released guidance designed to make it easier](#) for people with criminal records to get housing. However, housing advocates have noted it did not designate them as a “protected class,” which could have helped stop discrimination against people with records.

But Everhart said there are other ways to make it easier for folks like her to find housing.

“One of the things I feel real strongly about,” said Everhart, “is asking about the criminal history on an application.”

Jill Bonny, executive

director of the Poverello Center, agreed that allowing people to explain their criminal history could help put landlords at ease.

Bonny said she’s written character references for her employees to facilitate this. Ultimately, she said housing is foundational to the other parts of people’s lives.

“If you don’t have to think about where you’re going to sleep every night,” said Bonny, “then you can spend time working on doing a great job at work, or working on your mental health, or getting caught up with your dental appointments. But when you don’t know where you’re going to sleep every night, that’s all-consuming, and that’s all you think about.”

North Dakota lawmakers question AG's office over cost overruns, deleted emails

MERRILEE GASSER

North Dakota lawmakers were left with more questions than answers after building renovations ordered by the state attorney general's office went almost \$2 million over budget and emails related to the project were deleted.

Deputy Attorney General Claire Ness told the Government Administrative Committee Wednesday that most of the events regarding the lease happened before her tenure and that the original lease was executed by her predecessor Troy Seibel when the late Wayne Stenehjem was still attorney general.

Stenehjem died unexpectedly in January of

this year at the age of 68. "Unfortunately, it was not reviewed by the attorneys who generally negotiate state contracts," Ness said of the building lease. She said information concerning some of the lease payments was also missing.

The nearly \$2 million in cost overrun was due to construction, according to Ness.

"It was a 'billed-to-suit' project so the cost of outfitting the building for our divisions was wrapped into our payments and it went over budget," Ness said.

When the new Attorney General, Drew Wrigley, discovered his office was going to need to find a way to pay ex-

tra for the project, he informed the auditor and legislative assembly, said Ness.

Some details concerning the lease may be lost forever since the email accounts of both Stene-



hjem and Seibel were deleted. Ness said the email deletions were requested by Liz Brocker, who served as the administrative assistant for Stenehjem.

"The records management statutes indicate that there is a procedure for this," said Sen. Tracy Potter, D-Bismarck. "For instance, in the case of the attorney general, the records of state officials are retained if they have any historical value, and I would think that

20 years as the longest serving attorney general in North Dakota would have some historical value. The archivist needs to be involved in that and the archivist was not contacted to the best of my knowledge. In fact, I asked him about it and he wasn't. So there seems to be a violation of state law here. Are there any consequences for

the violations?"

Ness said, to her knowledge, that no criminal statute was broken.

"This was a very lengthy analysis that no criminal laws were broken and that this was not something to be prosecuted," Ness said.

Rep. Rick Becker, R-Bismarck, said it at least appeared that protocol concerning record retention was not followed.

"By what interpretation of the law can we

be assured no law was broken?" asked Becker. "Because simply to say, 'Trust us, we're the experts and no law was broken,' simply is not good enough."

Ness said she did not have a formal written document that spelled out the analytical process the attorney general's office used to arrive at its conclusion that no law was broken, but she said steps were being taken to make sure a similar incident wouldn't happen again.

"Our predecessors' emails would be extremely helpful to us in any number of activities that we undertake every day," said Ness.

"We did not know about the deletions. We absolutely wish they would not have happened and we have taken steps to make sure that this will not happen again. There is a standing order in our office that this will not happen again. Email accounts are not being deleted."

South Dakota correctional officers getting pay raises

KIM JARRETT

The starting salary for South Dakota correctional officers will increase from \$20 an hour to \$23.50 an hour beginning immediately, Gov. Kristi Noem said Thursday.

"These permanent pay increases will assist us with recruiting and retaining quality correctional security officers," Noem said in a news release. "These increases show officers our appreciation for their service to our state. Sec. [Kellie] Wasko and I will continue to focus on solving problems and prioritizing the security of both our correctional officers and the inmates that they manage."

Security officers will receive raises that will boost their pay to up to \$28 an hour, according to the news release.

"This is the latest step to improve safety and the overall culture

at DOC. We are proud of our corrections employees and grateful for their service," said Kellie Wasko, Secretary of the Department of Corrections. "Our department has made tremendous progress in the past several months. There is still much work left to do, including newer and safer facilities, and we are committed to getting that accomplished."

Lawmakers are currently studying the state prison system. At a meeting of the [Incarceration Construction Fund Legislative Task Force](#) held last month, the Department of Corrections said a 1,372-bed correctional facility and a new female community work center in Rapid City are needed.

The state's inmate population is expected to rise moderately over the next 20 years, according to a report from a consultant.

North Dakota lawmakers will consider flat tax

KIM JARRETT

The North Dakota Legislature will consider a proposal to eliminate the state income tax and replace it with a flat tax.

Gov. Doug Burgum, State Tax Commissioner Brian Kroshus, House Tax Committee chairman and Rep. Craig Headland, R-Montpelier, said in a joint announcement Wednesday the plan would save taxpayers about \$250 million a year.

State income taxes would be erased for single filers making \$54,725 or less and married filers making \$95,000 or less, according to the plan, which would affect about 388,000 North

Dakotans. Those who make more money would pay a flat tax of 1.5 percent. The current rate is 2.04 percent to 2.9 percent, according to the news release.

"Under this proposal, almost 60 percent of taxpayers won't have to pay state income tax, and those who do will see their income tax liability reduced by roughly one-quarter to one-half, allowing North Dakotans to keep more of their hard-earned money to offset expenses and invest in their families and communities," Burgum said in a statement.

The plan will be introduced when the North Dakota Legislature

meets January 3.

"This is the largest income tax relief package in state history and will establish North Dakota as the lowest flat-tax state in the nation, while still retaining a state income tax collection system to fund priorities," Kroshus said.

One Democratic lawmaker said the plan also takes away revenue.

"This eliminates income tax for low to middle income North Dakotans, but also a giant giveaway to the wealthiest of us, reducing revenue for childcare, township roads & behavioral health," Rep. Joshua Boschee, D-Fargo, said in a Twitter post.

Poll: Arizona voters divided on abortion, energy subsidies; united against higher taxes and bad economy

THE CENTER SQUARE

A tight race for Arizona governor is within the margin of error, according to a new survey from [Scott Rasmussen's RMG Research](#), and incumbent U.S. Sen. [Mark Kelly](#), D-AZ, holds a 7-point lead over Republican challenger [Blake Masters](#). On hot-button issues such as the economy, Arizonans took positions Rasmussen believes could further benefit the pair of Republicans.

Asked to name the top issue that would most influence their vote, 47 percent selected inflation and the economy – far and away the dominant concern. The next nine issues combined accounted for the remaining 53 percent.

“When people’s pockets are getting pummeled, that hurts the party holding the White House,” Rasmussen said. “This poll reveals Republicans could exploit that advantage and several other issues.”

The survey of 750 likely voters was conducted from August 16-22 and has a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points.

In the gubernatorial showdown, it shows Republican [Kari Lake](#) leading Democrat [Katie Hobbs](#), 46 percent to 44 percent, with a combined 9 percent unsure or supporting another candidate. Kelly leads Masters, 50 percent to 43 percent in the U.S. Senate race.

Abortion was the top election concern selected by 12 percent of poll respondents, good for third place but still far behind economic worries. Democrats have been hoping to use abortion as a wedge issue following the Supreme

Court’s overturning of *Roe v Wade* this summer. The poll indicates this could be a challenge in Arizona.

Asked their position regarding a candidate who “voted to make



abortion legal up until the moment of birth,” 48 percent said they would be less likely to vote for such a person, while 41 percent said they would be more likely to support that candidate.

Mark Kelly [voted for](#) an unsuccessful U.S. Senate proposal that would have created a federal abortion law even more permissive than the “abortion on demand” standard of the *Roe* decision. The bill would have voided even some state-level abortion restrictions that had still been compliant with *Roe*. Abortion opponents announced they would use this vote in an advertising blitz criticizing Kelly for “voting in favor of abortion on-demand, up until birth...”

Regarding the biggest issue, 63 percent believe the economy is in a recession and 48 percent reported their finances were getting worse. And a clear majority were pessimistic about the future: 59 percent said the overall economy is getting worse, and 36 per-

cent selected the “much worse” characterization.

Rasmussen said responses to at least three other poll questions tipped the scales toward traditional Republican positions.

Regarding general policy preferences, 52 percent combined said they preferred a candidate who either supported Donald Trump’s policies or those of a “more traditional Republican.” This was compared with 44

percent who said they preferred either a traditional Democrat or one aligned with the views of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

The building of a border wall between Arizona and Mexico was favored by 62 percent. “Immigration and border security” was listed by 13 percent of poll respondents as their top election issue, good for second place, just ahead of abortion.

Requiring voters to show a photo identification before casting a ballot was also popular. Asked about a candidate who opposed such a measure, 57 percent reported they would be less likely to support that politician. This appears to be another issue where Kelly’s Senate votes and Arizona opinion are on different sides.

Asked if they would be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who in-

creased federal taxes by \$430 billion, 57 percent said they would be less likely to vote for that person, versus 29 percent more likely.

In August, Kelly voted in favor of the so-called Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), a Democratic proposal that a [Reuters report](#) described as “\$430 billion in new spending along with raising more than \$740 billion in new revenues.”

But the IRA might also include a bright spot for Democrats such as Kelly, as 51 percent said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who voted for “\$300 billion in new government spending on clean energy projects.” The IRA provides [\\$300 billion](#) in spending on so-called “clean energy” projects, [including subsidies](#) for weather-restricted wind and solar power systems.

Thousands joined Arizona’s workforce last month

COLE LAUTERBACH

Arizona’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady, remaining at 3.3 percent from June 2022 to July 2022. In that stretch, the state’s seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 7,209 individuals (0.2 percent); plus, Arizona added 18,300 jobs in that span, according to a report from the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Arizona made these gains despite July typically being a month of job loss in the state. From 2010 to 2019, the state typically lost 6,900 private-sector jobs each July, according to the Arizona Commerce Authority.

These new job numbers also mean that total non-farm employ-

ment had increased by 117,700 jobs year over year.

The strongest month-over-month employment gains came in these fields:

- Professional & Business Services (6,400 jobs)
- Education & Health Services (5,200 jobs)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities (4,600 jobs)
- Manufacturing (2,600 jobs)
- Leisure & Hospitality (1,400 jobs)

Meanwhile, 3,000 government jobs were lost month-over-month.

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey praised the jobs report, especially the addition of new man-

ufacturing jobs.

“The takeaway: Arizona job growth remains strong with gains in manufacturing and rural communities,” Ducey [tweeted](#).

Labor force participation has continued to grow in Arizona over the past couple of years. July 2022 marked the 25th consecutive month where Arizona added people to its labor force; the state has added 57,000 workers to its labor force over the past 12 months.

Arizona has a lower unemployment rate than the United States as a whole (3.5 percent). Nationally, the U.S. saw its unemployment rate drop by one-tenth of a point from June 2022 to July 2022.

Initiative to limit interest rates on debt from healthcare services certified for Arizona ballot

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Arizonans will decide on a ballot initiative designed to limit interest rates on debt from health-care services. The proposal is the first initiative certified for the ballot in Arizona for November, and the first of three initiatives with signatures under review to be certified. There are also eight legislative referrals on the ballot in Arizona.

This comes after legal challenges to the initiative that were rejected by a judge. On Aug. 17,

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Frank Moskowitz rejected a legal challenge to the measure saying that paid petition circulators were improperly registered with the secretary of state's office.

If approved by voters, the measure would set limits on interest rates for debt accumulated from receiving health-care services equal to either the weekly average one-year constant maturity treasury yield or 3%, whichever is less. It would increase the amount of homestead exempt from debt col-



for in-person voting Proposition 310, which would create a sales tax to fund Arizona's fire districts

Proposition 182, which would allow the legislature to amend or repeal voter-approved ballot measures that contain provisions ruled unconstitutional or invalid by the state or federal supreme court

Proposition 129, which would require citizen-initiated ballot measures to embrace a single subject

Proposition 130, which would allow the legislature to set certain property tax exemption amounts and qualifications rather than determining details in the constitution

Proposition 131, which would create the office of lieutenant governor

Proposition 132, which would require a three-fifths supermajority vote to pass ballot initiatives and legislatively referred amendments that would approve taxes

Proposition 133, which would require a three-fifths supermajority vote to pass ballot initiatives and legislatively referred amendments that would approve taxes

Panel discussion tonight on future of Nevada's water

SUZANNE POTTER

Some of the state's top experts will speak out tonight on the greatest water issues facing Nevada.

The event, sponsored by the [Nevada Conservation League](#), takes place at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas.

John Entsminger, general manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said even though the feds just cut Nevada's water allocation by 8 percent for next year, Nevada water users are not facing drastic cuts.

"What it is, is an 8 percent cut to our legal entitlements," Entsminger explained. "But because we spent the last two decades leading the world in urban water conservation, we will actually still have extra water next year."

Entsminger pointed out the aridification of the American West means by midcentury, the Colorado River will have about 25 percent to 30 percent less wa-

ter compared with last century. The plan is to cut average daily water use from 110 gallons per person per day to 86 gallons by 2035. New rules on watering only three days a week go into effect Sept. 1.

Kristen Averyt, senior climate adviser to Gov. Steve Sisolak, said agencies are targeting specific changes to help secure Nevada's water supply.

"It's really about leaky septic tanks, making sure that we're not losing water with evaporative cooling," Averyt noted. "And watering grass that you don't walk on. It's the medians. And that's about 10 percent of the consumptive use here in Southern Nevada."

The seven states around the Colorado River Basin missed a deadline last week to come up with a regional plan to draw less water from Lake Mead, but they are still negotiating in hopes of avoiding a solution imposed by the federal government.

lection from \$150,000 to \$400,000. It would also increase the amount of value of household furnishings, motor vehicles, bank account funds, and disposable earnings exempt from debt collection processes.

To qualify for the ballot, signature petitioners needed to collect at least 237,645 valid signatures. Signatures were verified through a random sampling process. On July 7, the Arizonans Fed Up with Failing Healthcare campaign submitted 472,296 sig-

natures to the secretary of state. Out of these signatures, 333,958 signatures are projected to be valid.

Currently, there are eight other certified measures on the ballot in Arizona. They are:

Proposition 308, which would allow in-state tuition for certain non-citizen residents

Proposition 309, which would require date of birth and voter identification number for mail-in ballots and eliminate the two-document alternative to photo ID

New property tax transparency process begins next month in Nebraska

CHRIS WOODWARD

Nebraska taxpayers will soon be notified of proposals to increase their property taxes because of a law passed last year.

[Legislative Bill 644](#), the Property Tax Request Act, was signed into law in May 2021. Starting next month, it requires local governments to notify taxpayers of public hearings related to property tax increase proposals of over two percent.

Jim Vokal, CEO of the Platte Institute, which backed the legislation, said the new law will

provide more transparency for taxpayers.

"It will get more people involved in the process because they will be notified and they will have an opportunity to participate in these hearings," Vokal told The Center Square. "Ultimately, we can provide some accountability to elected officials that historically have not heard from taxpayers and raised property taxes."

Utah and Kansas have adopted similar laws, known as "truth in taxation" laws. According to Vokal, both states have seen success.

"We have the eighth-highest property tax rates and we've also watched valuation increases that have happened across the state," he said. "We've watched elected officials raise property taxes and we also have seen a public that hasn't necessarily fully understood the landscape."

The law applies to proposals from counties, cities, school districts, and community colleges. Political subdivisions must give property owners one week notice of a public hearing via a postcard.

California officially requires all new cars sold to be zero-emission by 2035

MADISON HIRNEISEN

California air regulators have set a 2035 deadline for all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the state to be zero-emission vehicles, a move that will make the Golden State one of the first jurisdictions in the world to enact this increasingly-costly requirement.

The [state's plan](#), adopted by the California Air Resources Board on Thursday, sets specified targets to phase out sales of zero-emission vehicles in the state starting in 2026. According to the plan, 35 percent of vehicles sold in the state will be required to be zero-emission in 2026, 68 percent in 2030, and 100 percent in 2035.

The regulations will largely phase out the sale of gas-powered vehicles in California, though there is an allowance for a small portion of vehicle sales to be plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, which can run on gas. These vehicles are "designed to prioritize their electric function and use their gas engines in limited circumstances," according to CARB.

Officials acknowledged Thursday that, despite the new regulations, combustion engine vehicles will likely remain on California roads for years after 2035.

Electric vehicles tend to be more expensive than their combustion engine counterparts, raising concerns among consumers regarding affordability. In October 2020, the average transaction price for a new gas-powered vehicle was \$46,000, while the average EV averaged above \$56,000, according to [Kelley Blue Book](#). Costs have inflated since

2020 due to a worldwide microchip shortage and record inflation.

The new rules also include incentives to expand electric vehicle access to more Californians, particularly in low-income and disad-

duced greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change in the Golden State.

"A clean transportation sector is essential to protect the health of both our communities and our climate," CARB

and individuals who purchase these vehicles.

"Much of the [total cost of ownership] savings stem from reduced gasoline consumption, with gas prices conservatively assumed to remain relatively constant around

United States."

"At Ford, combating climate change is a strategic priority, and we're proud of our partnership with California for stronger vehicle emissions standards, forged during a time when climate action was under attack," Holycross said.

The Advanced Energy Economy, a national business group, also praised the board's decision on Thursday, saying the decision "charts the path toward a zero-emissions transportation future for the whole country."

"The California program will have a major ripple effect nationally, opening the door for states to increase EV adoption, encourage economic growth, and reduce emissions," AEE Transportation Policy Director Ryan Gallentine said in a statement. "We call on other states to take this opportunity to drive the growth of electric transportation nationwide."

California has historically set the standard for more than a dozen of other states when it comes to vehicle emission standards, and 16 other states could follow California's lead with these new standards, according to the [New York Times](#).

CARB staff said Thursday that the plan to transition away from gas-powered vehicles is "well-supported" by the recently signed state budget, which includes \$2.9 billion this year and \$3.9 billion over three years to invest in the state's electric vehicle infrastructure and provide incentives for in-state manufacturing.



vantaged communities. The board's resolution directs officials to continue working with manufacturers and environmental justice advocates to develop strategies and incentives to expand zero-emission vehicle access to low-income communities starting in 2025.

The rules also set minimum durability standards for zero-emission vehicles, which aim to ensure vehicles can maintain 70 percent of their electric range for 10 years in the first few years after the regulation takes effect in 2026. Come 2030, that percentage will rise to 80 percent of electric range.

Officials emphasized Thursday that the new regulations will help re-

duce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change in the Golden State. "A clean transportation sector is essential to protect the health of both our communities and our climate," CARB

Chair Liane M. Randolph said Thursday. "More stringent mobile source emission controls are necessary to help California achieve federal air quality standards and the state's greenhouse gas target that will protect public health and mitigate the effects of climate change." The regulations are expected to result in additional cumulative costs of \$29.9 billion to manufacturers between 2026 and 2040, representing \$2 billion on average per year, according to an analysis from CARB. The board estimates that the regulations will result in the total statewide cost of ownership net cost savings of \$92.9 billion between 2026 and 2040 for businesses, fleets

\$4 per gallon, with even greater savings if prices remain at their current elevated levels or increase further," CARB's summary states.

The adopted regulations implement Gov. Gavin Newsom's [previous executive order](#) that required new car sales to be zero-emission by 2035. Newsom called the CARB's new regulations "groundbreaking" and "world-leading" in a statement Thursday.

The board's regulations garnered praise from vehicle manufacturers, including Ford. In a statement, Ford's Chief Sustainability Officer Bob Holycross called the regulations a "landmark standard that will define clean transportation and set an example for the

COVID-19 emergencies linger throughout U.S. 30 months into pandemic

BRETT ROWLAND AND TOM GANTERT

In October 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court stripped Governor Gretchen Whitmer of the unilateral powers she was using when she declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whitmer had been using a 1945 law – which was prompted by a three-day race riot in Detroit three years earlier – that had no sunset provision in it and didn't require approval by the state legislature.

In May 2021, Whitmer told a news agency that if she still had that 1945 state-of-emergency law, she would use those powers, but not for anything related to a pandemic.

Instead, the Democratic governor said she would use it to strike down legislation she opposed that held third graders back from being promoted to fourth grade if they were not

proficient in reading. With a GOP-controlled legislature, Whitmer would have no ability to overturn the law.

"I know it's creating a lot of anxiety. If I had the 1945 emergency powers, I would unilaterally keep that from happening," Whitmer said according to the Michigan Information & Research Service.

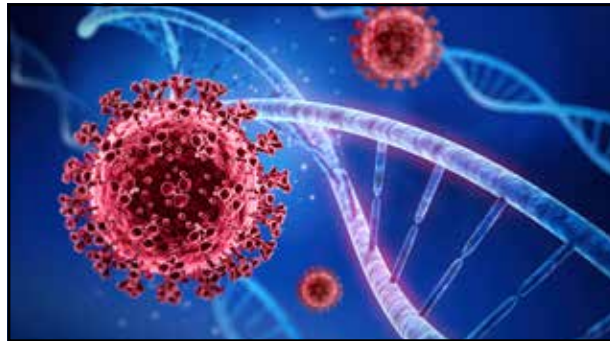
It's that type of scenario The Federalist Society's Regulatory Transparency Project

warned about in a [2021 report](#) that looked at potential abuses of power with emergency orders.

"The time to consider the scope of emergency powers acts is before the asserted emergency," the paper warned. "If an ambitious executive sees an opportunity in an emer-

gency to achieve signature accomplishments that would otherwise remain stubbornly out of reach owing to political realities, it will be too late to foil this ambition once the declaration is made."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the



first case of COVID-19 was in the U.S. January 20, 2020. December 14, 2020, the first person in the U.S. received a vaccine against COVID-19 and as of August 18, 2022, more than 108 million people have had at least one dose of a vaccine against

COVID-19.

More than two-and-half years later, at least 12 states are still under a state-of-emergency due to the pandemic. The states are Washington, California, Rhode Island, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Illinois, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut, and Delaware.

Tracking which states have kept states of emergency can be confusing. For example, [Ballotpedia](#) had 21 states

being under COVID-19 emergencies in place as of August 1. The [National Academy for State Health Policy](#) had 14 states under COVID-19 emergencies as of July 26. The Center Square's research found 12 states to be under a state of emergency, but even that requires context. The state of Georgia's COVID-19 emergency ended April 15, 2022, according to the National Academy for State Health Policy. But Georgia Governor Brian Kemp issued a supply chain disruption state of emergency that is still in existence. That supply chain order blamed disruptions on COVID-19.

By extending a state of emergency declaration, states receive additional funding. For example, a COVID-19 state of emergency in Connecticut allowed the state to get an additional \$748 million for its food assistance program. State officials said it "was vital to offsetting the effects of food insecurity."

It also gives government extended powers.

In the state of Washington, Governor Jay Inslee used his emergency powers to mandate anyone "engaged in work with a state agency" to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

In California, the COVID-19 state of emergency is in force, but the state has been scaling back its powers. In February, Governor Gavin Newsom lifted all but 5 percent of the COVID-19 related executive order provisions.

The state of North Carolina terminated its COVID-19 state of emergency August 15. The executive order stated it was no longer necessary "with vaccines, treatments, and other tools to combat COVID-19 widely available, and with legislation now providing the flexibility for NCDHHS [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services] and North Carolina's health care providers to respond to COVID-19."

The COVID-19 virus will not be eradicated, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the chief medical advisor to the president. Fauci said it's not clear how the COVID-19 pandemic will play out, according to [National Public Radio](#).

That raises some concerns about how long expanded powers should be allowed.

"There is a real need to put concrete limits on emergency powers because the pandemic restrictions have demonstrated just how much unfettered powers governors wield during a declared emergency," Luke Wake, an attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, said.

Dr. Anthony Fauci stepping down in December

CASEY HARPER

The face of the COVID-19 era and a regular source of controversy, Anthony Fauci announced Monday he is stepping down from his role as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, and Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden.

In a statement, Fauci said he would leave the roles in December "to pursue the next chapter of my career."

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to have led the NIAID, an extraordinary institution, for so many years and through so many scientific and

public health challenges," he said. "I am very proud of our many accomplishments. I have worked with — and learned from — countless talented and dedicated people in my own laboratory, at NIAID, at NIH and beyond. To them I express my abiding respect and gratitude."

Fauci served as NIAID director for 38 years across several administrations. He came into the spotlight in 2020 when he became a leading voice for the response to COVID-19 and, subsequently, a leading critic of former President Donald Trump.

"While I am moving on from my current positions, I am not retiring,"

he said. "After more than 50 years of government service, I plan to pursue the next phase of my career while I still have so much energy and passion for my field. I want to use what I have learned as NIAID Director to continue to advance science and public health and to inspire and mentor the next generation of scientific leaders as they help prepare the world to face future infectious disease threats."

Though Fauci said he is not retiring, a recent [analysis](#) from Open the Books found that the first year of Fauci's retirement pension will be over \$414,000 annually, more than the president's salary.

Pandemic triggers 89% increase in U.S. food stamp spending

BRETT ROWLAND

Spending on food stamps has increased by \$53.5 billion – an 89 percent increase – in the two pandemic years. By comparison, that's how much the entire program cost in 2009 during the Great Recession.

Spending on the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program grew 88.5 percent from \$60.3 billion in 2019 to \$113.8 billion in 2021. Spending on the SNAP program had previously peaked at \$79.8 billion in 2013 before declining for the next six years.

The average monthly benefit per person increased 68 percent, from \$129.83 per person to \$217.88 per person, from 2019 to 2021, according to [figures](#) from the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

The federal program helps supplement the food budget of people who qualify. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income people through an Electronic Benefits Transfer card that can be used at stores to buy food.

Emergency orders are helping some states collect more federal help. For example, by having a COVID-19 state of emergency in place, "Connecticut has received and distributed an additional \$748 million of emergency SNAP benefits," Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said in a June 28 [executive order](#). "The continued receipt of these funds is vital to offsetting the effects of food insecurity in Connecticut during the COVID-19 pandemic."

About 35.7 million people nationwide used SNAP benefits in 2019,

the lowest number since 2013. Participation in the program increased to 39.9 million in 2020 before climbing to 41.6 million in 2021, according to USDA [documents](#).

More people are expected to participate in SNAP in the coming years.

For 2023, the USDA estimated participation would increase to an average level of 43.5 million participants per month, up from 42.3 million in 2022.

"This post-recession uptick in SNAP is consistent with participation trends following past economic crisis," USDA officials noted in the agency's 2023 [budget](#). "While participation is expected to increase, the overall cost of the program is expected to decrease."

The lower costs are expected to come from the

expiration of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the expiration of a 15 percent benefit increase from the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 and the American Rescue Plan at the end of fiscal year 2021, according to the budget.

The emergency autho-

rization payments that were provided through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and other program waivers are expected to continue for the length of the Public Health Emergency, likely through the majority of 2022, according to the budget.

Online tool helps create legally valid will in 20 minutes

ERIC GALATAS

August is [National Make-a-Will Month](#), a gentle reminder to some seven in ten Americans who don't currently have a will or estate plan that it's never too early to complete this important step in charting their end-of-life journey.

Sam Young - senior director of legacy and planned giving with the group Compassion & Choices - said having a legal, up-to-date will is a powerful way to protect your loved ones, make important decisions about the future on your own terms, and support the causes you value.

"This is something that is really a critical and essential document for every person to have," said Young, "and it's something that we want to encourage them and help them complete."

Many people think wills are just for the rich, but Young said no matter what your "estate" includes, everyone needs a plan.

Compassion & Choices has partnered with [the firm Free Will](#) to help Coloradans get their affairs in order, in the comfort of their own home, with a free and easy-to-use online tool available at [compassionandchoices.org](#).

Tayo Okunade is the founding partner at the

Denver-based law firm Okunade, LLP - which specializes in helping families navigate probate, the legal process of assigning who will receive heirlooms, property and financial assets.

He said completing a will can help heirs and extended family members avoid potentially contentious debates on what the deceased might have wanted, and costly legal fees.

"When there isn't a will, there's uncertainty about how assets are distributed and who they go to," said Okunade. "That's when those parties find themselves in court."

More than half a million people have used the Free Will platform to complete a legally valid will. Young said for many, it brings peace of mind about the future, and there is no obligation to do anything after you print it out.

He encouraged anyone who hasn't completed this important task to give it a try.

"It really takes you through a process where you can complete the will, you can review it, and you can complete the process in about 20 minutes," said Young. "You're one click away from getting started, and I always like to use, from the Nike ad, 'Just do it.'"

Numerous reasons why people delay end-of-life planning

EDWIN J. VIERA

August is National Make-A-Will Month, which experts say is an opportune time for people to begin end-of-life planning.

According to a [2021 Gallup poll](#), only around 46 percent of Americans have a will, and most of those are age 50 and older. Even fewer have what's known as a "living will," which includes medical-care preferences if they're unable to speak for themselves.

It can be easy to put off, because people assume it's too expensive or might be too complicated, said Sam Young, director of legacy and planned giving for the nonprofit [Compassion & Choices](#). But he said another big reason is that it's tough to come to terms with the fact that they won't

live forever.

"It's really hard to have a conversation with someone about their mortality or their death, and COVID has really made us more aware of this," he said. "It's not just being terminally ill or old - it's unfortunately, any of us can have a situation where we have to face that mortality."

Young said some people assume their last wishes will be left to their families to decide, or they don't have a lot of assets and figure they won't need a will. He said both are myths, and only a written will can be used to determine how a person's possessions will be distributed.

There are numerous ways to go about making a will. The most common is consulting an attorney. Compassion & Choices partners with [Free Will](#),

which Young described as a no-cost website that's easy to use, to create a document that then must be witnessed and notarized. But no matter how the will is developed, Young said he just wants to make sure people have one. He said he feels end-of-life planning is a necessity for everyone.

"It's really an opportunity to create a comfort for you and your family," he said, "that your memory and your legacy, and the things that are important to you during your life, are in place at the time of your passing."

He added that Compassion & Choices also provides online guides for dementia directives, power of attorney and other end-of-life-related services.

Home sales decline, mortgage payments up 54%

CASEY HARPER

The National Association of Realtors released new [data](#) Wednesday reporting that mortgage payments have risen more than 50 percent in the last year. The increase hits on the heels of data from the U.S. Census Bureau showing that new home sales fell 12.6 percent in July, down 29.6 percent from a year ago.

According to Zillow, house prices have dropped in 30 of the 50 largest metro areas. Meanwhile, home values are still up 16 percent from last year and 44.5 percent from July of 2019.

"Those who still want to sell are making some necessary price adjustments. And, that's a good thing," said Senior Economist at Zillow Orphe Divounguy. "More than half of homeowners with a mortgage had at



least 50 percent in home equity across the country – a new record – according to data from Attom. Those who can still afford to buy are getting a little breathing room. However, most Americans have been pushed to the sidelines.

"Housing affordability remains the biggest issue afflicting the market

today and an increase in the available housing stock is a necessary condition to keep the market humming," he added.

Pending home sales also dropped by 1 percent in June, the second consecutive month of decline, according to NAR. Those sales have declined in eight of the last nine months.

"In terms of the current

housing cycle, we may be at or close to the bottom in contract signings," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "This month's very modest decline reflects the recent retreat in mortgage rates. Inventories are growing for homes in the upper price ranges, but limited supply at lower price points is hindering transaction activity."

NAR said Americans' ability to afford a home has dropped to the lowest level in decades.

"In June, housing affordability plummeted to its lowest level since 1989, according to NAR," the group said. "Accounting for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and a 20 percent down payment, the monthly mortgage payment on a typical home jumped to \$1,944, an increase of 54 percent, or \$679, from one year ago."

Interest rates have risen significantly in recent months, putting more pressure on homebuyers.

"On the demand side, housing is less affordable than it's ever been," Divounguy said. "On the supply side, potential sellers are not interested in trading their low fixed rate mortgage for today's much higher rate."

Retail sales remain flat, job openings decline

Casey Harper

Retail sales did not meet expectations and the number of job openings declined in states around the country, newly released federal data show.

The U.S. Census Bureau released [data](#) Wednesday showing retail sales remained unchanged for the month of July, despite expectations of a 0.1 percent increase. A drop in gas prices and auto sales helped fuel the decrease.

A separate [report](#) from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released Wednesday showed that the number of job openings in June decreased in 19 states, increased in 2 states and saw almost no change in the remaining states.

"The number of job

openings decreased in 19 states and increased in 2 states in June," BLS said. "The largest decreases in the job openings level occurred in California (-212,000), Pennsylvania (-89,000), and Massachusetts (-53,000). Increases in the job openings level occurred in Georgia (+51,000) and Ohio (+22,000). Nationally, the number of job openings decreased over the month (-605,000)."

The two economic indicators comes after the economy saw inflation flatten in July but still come in at an 8.5 percent increase from the same time last year. At the same time, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product has shrunk for the last two consecutive quarters.

Food prices continued to surge in July, but overall inflation held steady

CASEY HARPER

Consumer prices remained high in July but showed only a slight increase from June, a pause from months of surging prices.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis Friday released the Personal Consumption Expenditure Index [data](#), a key marker of inflation closely watched by the U.S. Federal Reserve when it makes its interest rate decisions.

"The PCE price index decreased 0.1 percent," BEA said. "Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 0.1 percent (table 9). Real DPI increased 0.3 percent in July and real PCE increased 0.2 percent; goods increased 0.2 percent and services increased 0.2 percent..."

Food prices continued to rise.

"From the preceding month, the PCE price index for July decreased 0.1 percent," BEA said. "Prices for goods decreased 0.4 percent and prices for services increased 0.1 percent. Food prices increased 1.3 percent and energy prices decreased 4.8 percent. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 0.1 percent."

Meanwhile, personal income increased as well.

"Personal income increased \$47.0 billion (0.2 percent) in July..." BEA said. "Disposable personal income (DPI) increased \$37.6 billion (0.2 percent) and personal consumption expenditures (PCE) in-

creased \$23.7 billion (0.1 percent)."

Whether this inflation pause is a temporary lull or a permanent shift remains to be seen.

Overall, inflation is much higher than the same time last year because of several months of soaring prices preceding July.

"From the same month one year ago, the PCE price index for July increased 6.3 percent..." BEA said. "Prices for goods increased 9.5 percent and prices for services increased 4.6 percent. Food prices increased 11.9 percent and energy prices increased 34.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 4.6 percent from one year ago."

Feds confirm GDP decreased for two consecutive quarters

CASEY HARPER

The U.S. Gross Domestic Product decreased by 0.6 percent in the second quarter of this year, new data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis released Thursday shows, confirming a recession. In the first quarter of this year, GDP decreased by 1.6 percent.

"Real GDP decreased less in the second quarter than in the first quarter, decreasing 0.6 percent after decreasing 1.6 percent," BEA said. "The smaller decrease reflected an upturn in exports and a smaller decrease in federal government spending that were partly offset by a larger decline in private inventory investment, a slowdown in consumer spending, and downturns in non-residential fixed investment and residential fixed investment. Imports decelerated."

The initial "advance estimates" released in late July reported that GDP decreased by 0.9 percent, setting off national concern since two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth is the standard definition of a recession.

"The GDP estimate released today is based on more complete source data than were available for the 'advance' estimate issued last month," BEA said. "In the advance estimate, the decrease in real GDP was 0.9 percent. The update primarily reflects upward revisions to consumer spending and private inventory investment that were partly offset by a downward revision to residential fixed investment..."

But the BEA's update Thursday shows the numbers were slightly better than originally thought.

"The decrease in real



GDP reflected decreases in private inventory investment, residential fixed investment, federal government spending, and state and local government spending, that were partly offset by increases in exports

and consumer spending," BEA said. "Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, increased..."

The Biden administration has pushed back against economists and analysts who say the U.S. is in a recession by pointing to good unemployment numbers and the recovery from the COVID-era shutdowns, among other things.

But others say the Biden administration is playing politics with the numbers.

"Joe Biden inherited a recovery and created 40-year-high inflation and a recession," Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel said.

Rural economies set for boost from pilot program in CHIPS Act

ERIC TEGETHOFF

A program approved by Congress aims to give rural communities a leg up when applying for federal dollars.

The [CHIPS Act](#), passed last month, boosts semiconductor manufacturing in the United States. It also includes a \$1 billion pilot program to help distressed communities apply for economic development funds.

Jerry Miller, business retention and expansion specialist for the Idaho Department of Commerce, said the biggest hurdle to federal dollars for rural cities is often a lack of staff. He noted that it's going to be critical that they have the capacity in coming months, because big spending packages have recently passed in Congress.

"With the infrastructure bill, there's going to be a lot of programs that are opening up all at once and they're going to have similar deadlines, overlapping deadlines," he said, "and that can be

pretty tough for a single person who this isn't even their full-time job to do."

legislation known as the Recompete Act, written by U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Wash.

cifically to small towns and rural communities, and communities across the country that are economically distressed," he said, "and ensures that they have a shot at getting access to those federal funds as well."

He noted that most communities classified as "economically distressed" are rural.

Hildreth noted that each place has different development needs, from more broadband to help transitioning between industries. He says under this pilot, communities will guide the investments.

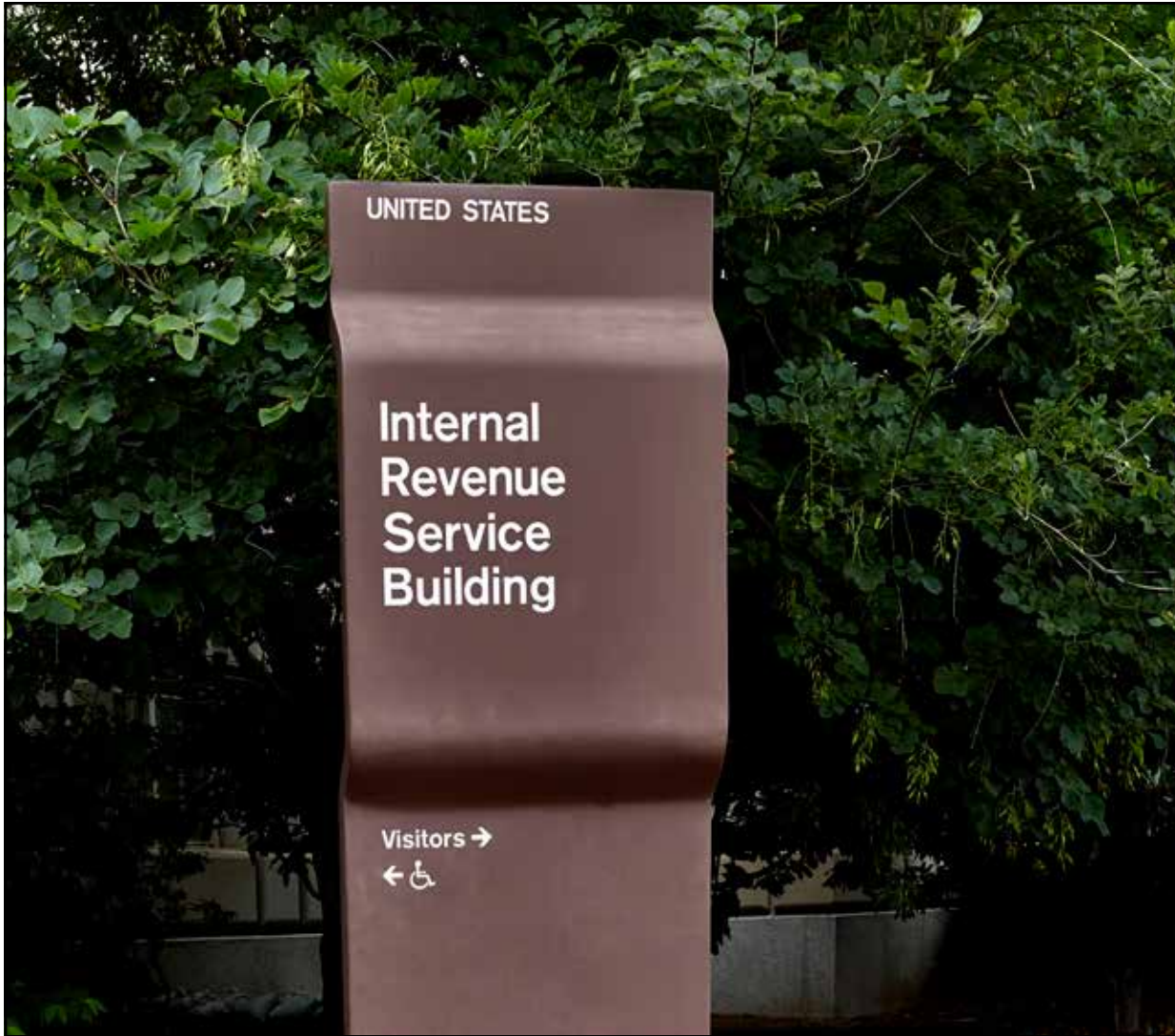
"It allows local leaders to have the flexibility they need to invest in the challenges that they see in their specific community," he said. "It's not a one-size-fits-all approach. It is a locally led approach."



Miller said organizations such as the [Local Infrastructure Hub](#) are helping small and mid-sized cities apply for infrastructure grants. The pilot program in the CHIPS Act is based on

Matt Hildreth, executive director of [RuralOrganizing.org](#), said big cities typically are first in line for federal grants, but he believes this program could change that. "It targets funds spe-

IRS waives penalties for 2019 and 2020 late filers, will issue refunds for those who already paid



CASEY HARPER

Penalties for most Americans who filed their tax returns late for 2019 and 2020 will be waived by the Internal Revenue Service, the agency announced.

On top of that, the roughly 1.6 million taxpayers who already paid the IRS for their penalty will be paid back, totaling \$1.2 billion in refunds. The penalty relief and refunds are automatic so Americans will not need to apply for them and can simply expect the money to be returned to them.

"To qualify for this relief, any eligible income

tax return must be filed on or before September 30, 2022," the IRS said. "In addition, the IRS is providing penalty relief to banks, employers and other businesses required to file various information returns, such as those in the 1099 series. To qualify for relief, the notice states that eligible 2019 returns must have been filed by August 1, 2020, and eligible 2020 returns must have been filed by August 1, 2021."

The penalty relief applies to "failure to file" penalties for 1040 and 1120 series forms, among others. The typi-

cal failure to file penalty is 5 percent per month as well as up to 25 percent of the tax owed when federal income tax return is filed late.

"Throughout the pandemic, the IRS has worked hard to support the nation and provide relief to people in many different ways," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig. "The penalty relief issued today is yet another way the agency is supporting people during this unprecedented time. This penalty relief will be automatic for people or businesses who qualify; there's no need to call."

Meanwhile, the IRS has taken fire for months from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for millions of backlogged returns.

Nearly 100 Republican and Democrat lawmakers in the House and Senate [signed a letter](#) to Rettig earlier this month. The lawmakers argue that the IRS has promised to improve the backlog and staffing situation, but it has only gotten worse.

"Since last year, numerous Members of Congress in the House and Senate have sent several letters regarding customer service issues,

processing delays, and the outstanding backlog of returns," the letter said. "Yet, we are writing again to urge the IRS to extend the suspension of automated collections, continue the pause on automated notices, keep its surge teams in place until hiring challenges and processing backlogs are adequately addressed."

A recent National Taxpayer Advocate report backs up many of the lawmakers claims.

"At the end of May, the IRS had a larger backlog of paper tax returns than it did a year ago, and its pace of processing paper tax returns was slowing," the report said. "That the backlog continues to grow is deeply concerning, primarily because millions of taxpayers have been waiting six months or more to receive their refunds. The IRS's paper processing delays were evident more than a year ago, and the IRS could have addressed them more aggressively at that time. Had the IRS taken steps a year ago to reassign current employees to processing functions, it could have reduced the inventory backlog carried into this filing season and accelerated the payment of refunds to millions of taxpayers."

The IRS cited those backlogs as one of the reasons for waiving penalties.

"Besides providing relief to both individuals and businesses impacted by the pandemic, this step is designed to allow the IRS to focus its resources on processing backlogged tax returns and taxpayer correspondence to help return to normal operations for the 2023 filing season," the agency said.

Released FBI affidavit alleges 'highly classified' documents were kept at Mar-a-Lago

CASEY HARPER

A redacted version of the affidavit used to justify the search of former President Donald Trump's Florida residence was released Friday and is under scrutiny from media and lawmakers.

Roughly half of the 38-page document is redacted. In the affidavit, the FBI says Trump may have violated the law for allegedly keeping classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago residence.

"The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records," the affidavit said.

The affidavit states that the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration tipped off federal law enforcement in February of this year that 15 boxes of documents containing "highly classified" materials had been sent to them from Trump's representatives in Mar-a-Lago.

U.S. Senate Democrat Mark Warner, D-Va., who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, reacted to the "improperly handled" documents, saying the Department of Justice "must be allowed to proceed without interference."

"It appears, based on the affidavit unsealed this morning, that among the improperly handled documents at Mar-a-Lago were some of our most sensitive intelligence – which is one reason the Senate Intelligence Committee has requested, on a bipartisan basis, a damage as-



essment of any national security threat posed by the mishandling of this information," Warner said.

The release comes at the order of Judge Bruce Reinhart, who originally approved the search.

"It is a foundational principle of American law that judicial proceedings should be open to the public," Reinhart said in his Monday ruling.

Reinhart ruled that a redacted version of the affidavit should be re-

leased, in part because the raid on Trump was so "unprecedented."

"Particularly given the intense public and historical interest in an unprecedented search of a former President's residence, the Govern-

ment has not yet shown that these administrative concerns are sufficient to justify sealing," he wrote. "I therefore reject the Government's argument that the present record justifies keeping the entire Affidavit under seal."

Brief urges Supreme Court to uphold Indian Child Welfare Act

ERIC GALATAS

The ACLU of Nebraska has joined a [national brief](#) filed [in a case](#) before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging a 1978 law passed by Congress aiming to stop harmful assimilation practices separating Native American children from their families and tribes.

Misty Flowers, executive director of the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition, said the Indian Child Welfare Act is still very much needed, in part to help kids maintain their cultural identities.

"We see a lot of times that those that don't have

a strong cultural identity have higher rates of substance abuse, mental-health issues, suicide rates," Flowers pointed out. "It's kind of all connected with those assimilation policies and historical trauma."

The ACLU is urging the high court to uphold the constitutionality of the Act, which requires state courts to help keep Native families together. Before its passage, some 35% of Native children were being removed from their homes, from intact families, with 85% placed in non-Native homes.

A U.S. appeals court [in-](#)

[validated portions of the act](#) in a Texas adoption case, for imposing duties on states.

The brief also calls on the Supreme Court to uphold the centuries-long legal precedent of tribal sovereignty, including tribes' right to preserve their unique cultural identities, raise their own children and govern themselves. Flowers explained when the U.S. government consults or does business with tribes, it is nation-to-nation.

"Because we are sovereign nations of this land. We were here first," Flowers asserted. "And

we had the ability, and we still maintain the ability, to govern ourselves."

The Indian Child Welfare Act also establishes preferences for placing adopted Native children in Native homes. Flowers, quoting her social worker mother, said Native children will always find their way home.

"It's like an innate human need to have that connection with your family and your tribe," Flowers noted. "Especially when you look different than other people that are around you."

EarthTalk

RODDY SCHEER & DOUG MOSS

Dear EarthTalk:

Is there any way to counter the epidemic of topsoil erosion that is plaguing farmers here in the U.S. and around the world?

Mary. R., Sarasota, FL

Topsoil holds a balance of organic matter, air, water and minerals and as such is the layer that facilitates life in the soil. Researchers think we have already lost upwards of a third of the topsoil that once blanketed the fertile American Midwest, and that we are losing exponentially more of it all the time.

Erosion is the vehicle for topsoil loss. The intensive practices of tilling, overgrazing, deforestation, leaving land barren during the off season and monocultural crop development all weaken the soil, making it more vulnerable to erosion.

The sediment from the soil lost flows downslope into waterways and as such is an environmental

and public health nuisance. Farmers must then use increasing amounts of synthetic additives to make up for the lower nutrient content of their degraded soils. Without the topsoil layer, more water and more inputs are needed to grow crops.

cadecades. However, more carbon is stored in the soil than all Earth plants and atmosphere combined; it's just a matter of letting resilient ecosystems recover.

Cover crops, such as biennial and perennial legumes, cereals, and forage, are inexpensive, supply soil with much needed nitrogen

erate. Adding organic matter before and during the growing season gives the microorganisms in the soil fuel and nutrients. Planting native prairie, which are perennial plants, builds deep reaching, soil building roots.

If a farm is transitioning its practices to build soil,

sectors. Some farms are being creative with their resources, such as planning riparian buffer zones near waterways to hold soil and filter pollutants before they flow into the water. Farmers that are concerned about water usage in drier climates may find the slow work of soil building rewarding in the knowledge that every one percent increase in carbon means 40,000 gallons of water retained on an acre of land. Healthier soil means less water and less fertilizer needed.

The need for transition from monoculture to more perennial crops is essential for the future of food. Annual crops produce one harvest, while perennials provide a harvest year after year. Much like soil building, a perennial harvest can take time. But the long root systems build soil, require less input and water and are more resilient once they reach maturity. Indeed, agricultural researchers are hard at work hybridizing certain perennial crops to give farmers alternatives to planting wheat, corn and other monocultural annuals that degrade instead of building back our precious and fast-fading reserve of topsoil.



The solutions to binding topsoil and replenishing what has been lost are straightforward but time intensive, as building a small amount of soil can take de-

and bind the soil during the offseason. Giving productive land a rest period can help with topsoil loss. Rotational grazing provides time for the pasture to regen-

erate. It takes time, which can be difficult in an industry dependent on production. Carbon building incentives are growing, in both the government and private

Coalition of Western states opens stakeholder input on clean energy hub

DEREK DRAPLIN

A coalition of Western states that have formed a regional "hub" to attract hydrogen development is now taking stakeholder input on the project.

The governors of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah came to an [agreement](#) in February to form a coalition that would vie for part of the \$8 billion in federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding to form a regional hydrogen hub.

Officially called the Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub (WISHH) coalition, the states

Thursday [announced](#) a Request for Expression of Interest for "industry leaders, elected officials, community groups, tribes, and the general public to provide vital input in creating a regional clean hydrogen hub."

"Hydrogen projects will not be developed without major investment and buy-in from private companies," Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon said in a statement. "While our four states have worked out the parameters of our joint efforts, it is now time to find out what projects the public and

industry will find feasible."

The coalition states argue their existing energy infrastructure made up of wind, solar, oil, and gas makes the region "uniquely qualified and situated" to support a hydrogen hub.

"Colorado is excited to be part of this nation-leading, cutting-edge regional coalition to boost hydrogen power to help us reach our goals to save people money, reduce pollution, and create the good paying jobs of the future right here," Colorado Governor Jared Po-

lis said.

The coalition is working with the Rocky Mountain Alliance for Next Generation Energy (RANGE), a nonprofit that created an informational [website](#) where stakeholders can submit their input.

"Given the high levels of interest in the nation's rapidly growing hydrogen sector, the Request for Expression of Interest will serve as a critical avenue for stakeholder input to WISHH and RANGE," said Anja Bendel, the coalition's program director. "We encourage anyone looking

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Dear Dietitian – What is the glycemic index diet?

LEANNE McCRATE, RDN, LD



Dear Dietitian,
I have had diabetes for fifteen years and have kept it under control. But recently, my blood sugars have been higher, around 200 during the day. My daughter thinks I should try the glycemic index diet. What do you think?

Terry

Dear Terry,

The glycemic index diet was introduced by Jenkins et al. in the early 1980s as a ranking system for carbohydrates based on their immediate impact on blood glucose levels (1). It was developed as a meal-planning guide for people with diabetes, with an emphasis on low glycemic index foods. The premise is to choose low GI foods to help control blood sugar levels and avoid spikes. The GI concept has since expanded to include weight loss and disease prevention, although its benefits in these areas lack scientific evidence.

The GI system ranks foods from 0 to 100; the smaller the number, the less impact it has on your blood sugar. Glucose is given the value of 100; all other foods are ranked comparatively

to glucose. The GI values are classified as low, medium, and high. Below are examples of foods in each category (2):

- Low GI (0-55) — old-fashioned oats, apples, peanuts
- Medium GI (56-69)— orange juice, instant oatmeal, whole wheat bread
- High GI: (70 and higher)— watermelon, baked potato, corn chips

Critics of the GI classification say it is not a measure of good nutrition. For example, the GI of ice cream, a food high in calories and fat, is low, whereas the GI of watermelon is high even though it is low in calories and a good source of vitamin A.

Studies on GI and its impact on health-related outcomes have mixed results. The American Diabetes Association states that the overall amount of carbohydrates consumed is more important than GI (5). The glycemic index diet is still debated among dietitians, with this RDN not recommending it. It's a complex system when carb counting is much easier and effective.

Perhaps a more straightforward way of keeping track of foods that drastically raise your blood sugar is to keep a food diary. When you find that a particular food spikes your blood sugar level, you may choose to avoid it or even modify your food choice. For instance, some people complain that white rice

spikes their blood sugar levels. In this case, you have three options: avoid it, eat a smaller portion, or switch to brown rice.

The bottom line is to do what works for you. Maintaining healthy glucose levels and weight is of utmost importance in diabetes management. Talk to your doctor or Dietitian if your blood sugar levels remain high.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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Cooking at Home

Corn Casserole

Makes: 6 Servings

This family favorite casserole is good for breakfast or lunch. Add flavor by topping it with [fresh tomato salsa](#).

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 can low-sodium cream style corn (about 15 ounces)
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup 1% low-fat milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Nonstick cooking spray

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a saucepan, cook onions over medium heat in vegetable oil until tender (about 4 to 5 minutes).

Open canned corn and drain liquid into a measuring cup. If needed, add water to make 1 cup of liquid.

Add liquid and cornmeal to the cooked onions in the saucepan. Stir until the mixture boils.

Remove saucepan from heat. Mix in milk, corn, and eggs.

In a mixing bowl, mix flour and baking powder. Add cornmeal mixture. Mix well.

Spray a 9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Pour mixture into baking pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into 6 servings.

Source: A Harvest of Recipes with USDA Foods, USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Nutrition Information

Serving Size: 1 piece

Nutrients	Amount
Total Calories	214
Total Fat	6 g
Saturated Fat	1 g
Cholesterol	106 mg
Sodium	181 mg
Carbohydrates	36 g
Dietary Fiber	2 g
Total Sugars	5 g
Added Sugars included	0 g
Protein	7 g
Vitamin D	17 mcg
Calcium	65 mg
Iron	1 g
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Movie Review - Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero

BOB GARVER

NOTE: This movie is available in both an English-dubbed version and a Japanese version with English subtitles. This review is based on The English-dubbed version.

Here we are with another anime movie based on a property that is entirely unfamiliar to me. Actually, that's not true – I've at least heard of "Dragon Ball" (though this is the first time I haven't seen a "Z" attached) and I know its main character is named Goku. That's more than I can say for recent big-screen versions of "Demon Slayer" and "Jujutsu Kaisen," but I know it isn't much help. Just remember that everything that follows is from the perspective of someone who is very late to the "Dragon Ball" party.

The film largely follows characters that are descended from supposedly

familiar players. Evil tycoon Magenta, the son of previous villain Commander Red, teams up with Dr. Hedo, the brilliant-but-arrogant grandson of evil scientist Dr. Gero, to reform the defunct Red Ribbon Army and create androids that can take over the world. Hedo creates formidable fighters Gamma 1 and Gamma 2 as a sort of warm-up. The two think they're superheroes working for the good guys, hence the film's title. But Hedo's real assignment is to perfect Cell Max, a massive being capable of unimaginable destruction. I hate it when villains seek to cause irreparable damage to the planet in the name of ruling it – do they really want to take over a massive crater? – but clearly Magenta is set on going in this direction.

Opposing the new evil alliance is Piccolo, a humanoid alien and former adversary of Goku, now an hon-

orable fighter that previously trained Goku's son Gohan and is currently training Gohan's daughter Pan. Piccolo wants Gohan to join the fight against the new Red Ribbon Army, but Gohan may have gone soft since settling down with his family. Perhaps Piccolo can reach out to some old friends for help. Or maybe he can use wishes from a Dragon Ball to make himself more powerful. Wait, that's what the Dragon Balls do, grant wishes three at a time? Quick, somebody use a Dragon Ball to make the bad guys evaporate or something. Someone comments that Piccolo has too much pride to use a Dragon Ball wish like that, but what's everyone else's excuse? Actually, the wasting of two Dragon Ball wishes

is probably the funniest scene in the movie.

By the way, there's a subplot about Goku and friends Vegeta and Broly on a planet controlled by Beerus, the God of Destruction. All Goku and company do

is spar with one another and all Beerus does is feast and nap. There's a tease that they'll get involved in the battle on Earth, but nothing ever comes of it. The sequence only serves as a poor excuse to get Goku in the movie and it's a huge waste of time.

Unnecessary cameos aside, a lot of character-driven scenes in this movie work. I found it easy to get wrapped up in Piccolo and his frustration in trying to find assistance, Dr. Hedo and his drive to continue his search by any means necessary, and Gohan and his reluctant return to heroism. Even the Gamma androids have more personality and a stricter moral code than it would seem at first glance.

As with many animes, "Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero" can't stick the landing with the climactic battle. Cell Max is a big, dumb, hollow character, and Magenta before him was an unremarkable megalomaniac, save for how remarkably hard it was to take him seriously. Death blows are dealt about four times and usually turn out to be fake-outs, forcing the already-overlong battle to continue. Still, there's a lot to like about "Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero," even if you're new to the series, though I'm sure fans will find even more of value.

Grade: B-

"Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero" is rated PG-13 for some action/violence and smoking. Its running time is 100 minutes.

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Home Country – Working on Labor Day

SLIM RANGLES



"Doc, what do you have against Labor Day?"

Doc sighed. "I always have to work. I thought someone invented Labor Day so no one would have to work. Labor Day's about my busiest day of the year!"

"You're kidding. It's a national holiday, why would you have to work? People go fishing, go bowhunting, take the family water skiing, Climb mountains. Fun stuff."

Doc sighed again in case the fellow members of the World Dilemma Think Tank didn't catch the first sigh.

"I hate Labor Day," said Doc, sucking down yet another cup of coffee at the Mule Barn Coffee Shop.

"Ain't here yet," said Dud, reaching for the jelly packets. "Soon though, I guess."

"Few days," said Steve.

"So what happens when

everybody else doesn't go to work, but goes out to have fun?" Doc said. He counted on his fingers ... "Remove fish hooks from thumbs, set broken arms when someone falls off an alp, patch up car crash victims, treat food poisoning after the teenaged son fixes the sandwiches ... you name the fun, someone's going to make me pay for it.

"That's not the worst of it, either," Doc said. "You guys believe in the power of suggestion?"

We just sat there looking stupid.

"I sure do. How many women in this little valley are due to deliver babies in the next month."

He looked around. "The answer is nine."

"And since there's a Labor Day coming up, when do you think they'll start contractions? That's right. Some will be early, some have been trying to wait until the time is right. And that would be Labor Day. I hate Labor Day!"

"Sorry, Doc," said Herb. "I'll get your breakfast this morning."

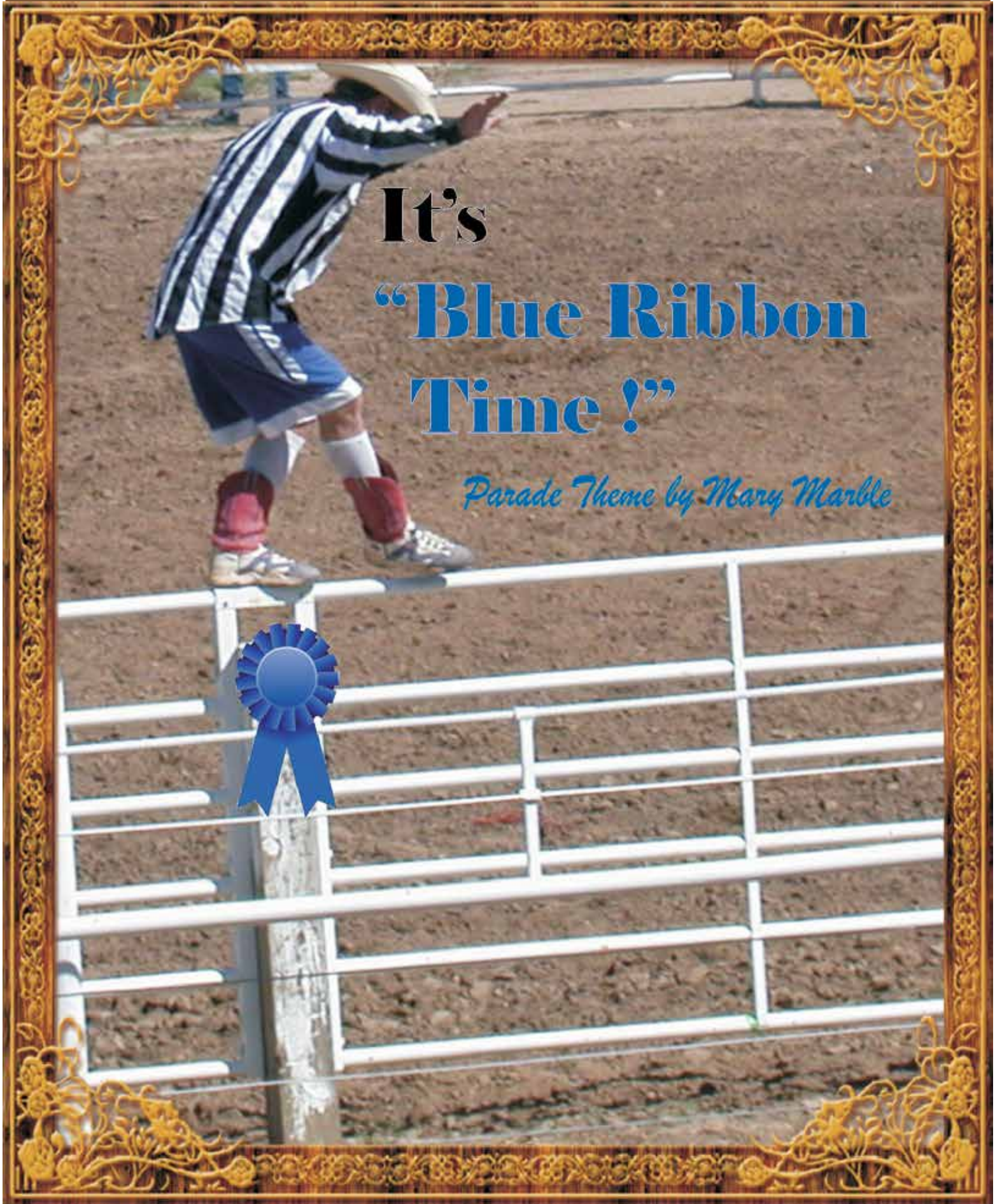
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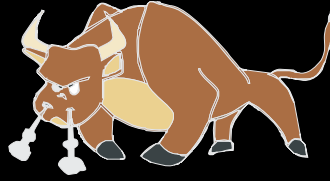


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1304 Goff St - Eads, CO

(719) 438-5811

Come One! Come All! To the Kiowa County Fair & Rodeo
 September 8-10, 2022

**Saffer
 Spray
 Service, Inc.**

Eads, CO 719-438-5346

IT'S **"BLUE RIBBON TIME!"**

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Prairie Pines Serenity Garden
 101 E. Lowell St Eads, CO 719-438-2141
prairiepines@esrta.com

Prairie Pines Assisted Living

<https://www.prairiepinesassistedlivingcommunity.com/>

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Salvation Army Thrift Shop & Volunteers

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Shop Hours Saturdays
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 306 W. 12 St
 PO Box 167
 Eads, CO 81036



Golden Plains INSURANCE

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Lamar - Springfield - Walsh - Eads

GoldenPlainsInsurance.com



Buller Mobile Tire

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<https://www.bullermobiletire.us/>

Experienced Tire Technicians

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Kiowa County Fair

JACKPOT

THUESDAY SEPT. 8TH

KIOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, EADS COLORADO

ENTER AT 6PM ROPE AT 7PM

#13 SLIDE

Money Paid

Enter 6x each way. \$40 a man.
1 1/2 seconds up and 1 1/2 down.
No more than 6 seconds up and
no more than 6 sec off

#10 STRAIGHT

Money Paid

Enter 6x each way.
\$40 a man.

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Hometown Gas & Grill
 719-438-2206 - 809 Wansted St. - Eads CO
Eads Consumer Supply
 719-438-2201- 500 15th St

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 Howdy Y'all
J & J Liquor

111W. 15th Eads, CO 719-438-5754

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Mon-Thru 10 am- 7 pm Fri-Sat 10 am- 9 pm
 Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/jjliquor/>

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2022 Kiowa County
Fair & Rodeo



Kiowa County
Commissioners
 Donald Oswald
 "Butch" Robertson
 Mike Lening

Administrator
 Tina Adamson
 Assistants
 Dawna Peck
 Jordan Weirich

"Come on in and water up,
 or just fan the Breeze"

40549 HWY 287 Eads CO 719-438-2226

Windmill Saloon

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Friday Sept 9
 9:00 pm-1:00 am
 Rodeo Road Apples

Saturday Sept 10
 9:00 pm-1:00 am
 Classic Country Band



1208 Maine St. (719) 438-2110

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plainsnetworkservices01@gmail.com

Uncle Bob's Hobby Shop
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719-424-9620



Eads Auto Supply & Hardware



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404 E. 15 St Eads, CO 719-438-2227



KIOWA COUNTY FAIR
RANCH
RODEO



KIOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS | EADS, CO
FRIDAY, SEPT 9TH

6 O'CLOCK CHECK-IN | RODEO EVENTS START AT 7PM

FIVE MAN TEAMS (LIMIT 12 TEAMS) | ENTRY FEE \$500/TEAM (CASH ONLY)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT (719) 469-1133

JJ'S
Restaurant
 719-438-2002
 505 E. 15th St - Eads
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RED WATER OILFIELD SERVICE
 Tom Haskell Owner 719-688-6067
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 Excavator-Backhoe-Dozer-Trencher
 Dump Trucks-Winch Truck-Welding



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 Window Chip Repair
 Vehicle Maintenance
 "Fixin Everything from daybreak to heartache"
JD-Works
 207 W. 15th Eads, CO 81036 719-438-5545



KIOWA COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO PRESENTS

RANCH BRONC RIDING

SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
 6 PM CALCUTTA
 CASH ONLY
 RIDE STARTS IMMEDIATELY
 AFTER
 FOR ENTRIES CONTACT
 LOGAN DORENKAMP
 (719) 688-1222



**\$1000
 ADDED
 MONEY!**

KIOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 15007 HWY 287
 EADS CO 81036

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 Welding-Machine Shop-Metal Sales-Hydraulic Repair
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 719METALWORKS@GMAIL.COM



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 BRANDON@719SUPPLY.COM
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Stuff & Store LLC
 PO Box 141 - Eads, CO 81036
 107 East 15th Street
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SEE YOU AT THE FAIR
 719-438-5700 or 719-688-9044
 Vinton & Mary Engelhardt

