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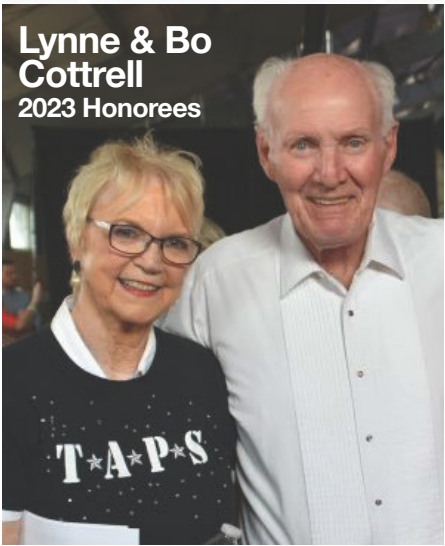
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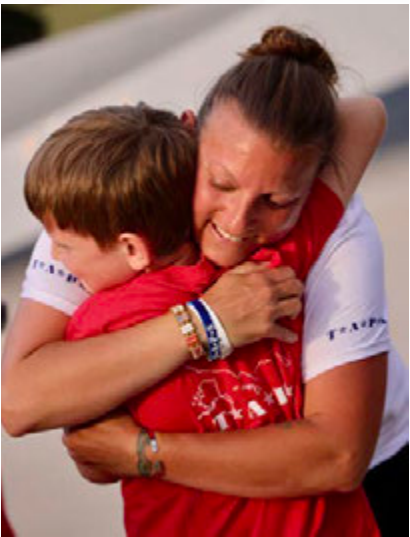

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On September 9, 2023, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors will be at the Wings Over the Rockies with their annual Colorado Celebrity Classic. This year’s event will feature country legend Pam Tillis and singer/songwriter Gary Morris. there will also be performances by Frank Myers, Jimmy Nichols and Franki Moscato, an American Idol Gold Ticket winner.

For 18 years the Colorado Celebrity Classic has been hosted in Denver to raise critical funds for the military survivors in Colorado and to share the TAPS mission with those who are in need of TAPS services. Currently, TAPS is supporting over 4,000 Coloradans who are grieving the death of a military loved one. The Classic is responsible for raising \$350,000 - \$400,000 each year to support these families.

The Colorado Celebrity Classic started as the brainchild of Lynne and Bo Cottrell in 2005 to bring singer-songwriters to Colorado for a fun evening of music

and patriotism. That has grown into a 400+ person event with premier entertainers, live and silent auctions and fantastic friends and support for our military families. In 2023, the Cottrells will be stepping down as Chairs of this event. “We will be honoring their legacy of service to TAPS,” said Bonnie Carroll, TAPS President and Founder. “They have brought awareness to the services TAPS provides for military survivors as well as building a strong group of supporters for TAPS. We are forever grateful.”

Lynne Cottrell added, “Our passion for TAPS has only grown since Bo and I were first introduced to it 18 years ago. It has been the most humbling and rewarding experience for us to be able to help and honor the many TAPS survivors...they will be forever in our hearts.”

TAPS is the national nonprofit organi-

zation offering compassion, comfort and care to the thousands of family members coping with the death of a loved one serving in the military, or in support of, the military mission. TAPS helps surviving families cope and heal in the aftermath of their loss through a variety of programs, including a national peer support network, the annual National Survivor Seminar, Good Grief Camps, grief and trauma resources, and a toll-free 24-hour helpline. All services are free of charge to the families and provided through the generosity of private corporations, foundations and individuals.

Tickets and Sponsorships are still available. If you are not able to join TAPS on September 9, please consider making a donation to support the military families in Colorado. For more information, please visit TAPS.org/Colorado.

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Wings of Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Research announces 2023 Evening of Hope gala

Event featuring Hazel Miller will celebrate recent successes while raising funds to continue the battle

BY PETER JONES

It will be an Evening of Hope, and good times, when Hazel Miller and the Collective return to support Wings of Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Research and the groundbreaking work taking place at the University of Colorado Cancer Center on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora.

The 11th annual Evening of Hope will return Sept. 8 to the Blue Sky Hangar at Centennial Airport in Arapahoe County. All proceeds will support ongoing pancreatic cancer research and raise awareness – and hope – for those suffering from one of the most challenging and deadly cancers.

“The generous support from those who attend our Evening of Hope events has been tremendously impactful in moving the research forward,” said Maureen Shul, Wings of Hope’s founder and executive director.

Colorado’s own Hazel Miller is thrilled to bring back her powerhouse of blues, R&B and soul to the 2023 Evening of Hope after an amazing performance two years ago.

“Who doesn’t have somebody in their family who has had cancer?” the longtime singer and band leader said. “We’re happy to be a part of this.”

Research supported by Wings of Hope has recently made important strides. This spring, a peer-reviewed study on a treatment combining radiation and immunotherapy was published by the journal *Cancer Cell*, a significant step in the arduous scientific process.

“It is among the highest honors to get published in *Cancer Cell*. The editors were amazing at recognizing the impact of this work,” said Dr. Sana Karam, a radi-



Wings of Hope board members and volunteers (L-R): Marty Dickerson, Doug Fox, Ann Adams, Jim Noon, Kayla Pisani, Cathy Noon, Maureen Shul, Colin Daugherty



Distributing Courage In Action bags to infusion patients (L-R): Kathryn Senft, Cheryl Meguid, Maureen Shul

Evening of Hope begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner, a live auction and a musical performance. Individual tickets are \$100. Sponsorships are also available. For more information, visit wingsofhopepcr.org or call 720-733-0491.

ation oncologist and the study’s lead author. “I can’t wait to get it to trials.” Karam’s was one of three \$50,000 grants awarded in 2019 by Wings of Hope. “It is extremely rewarding to see one of the seed projects Wings of Hope helped fund produce such significant results,” Shul said. “This deadly disease needs new and innovative treatment options.”

In 2021, Wings of Hope awarded Karam \$300,000 for her study on how targeted radiation therapy can help inhibit a protein that promotes tumor cell survival. Evening of Hope will also include a tribute to author and retired pilot Brian Shul, a previous speaker at the event. Near the end of the Vietnam War, Shul was shot down and badly burned. Though told that he would never fly again, he defied the odds and eventually took to new heights on the SR-71, the highest flying and fastest jet ever flown. The true survivor suffered cardiac arrest earlier this year and tragically died in the hospital. Brian’s sister, Maureen, founded Wings of Hope more than a decade ago after their mother and another brother died of pancreatic cancer within months of each other. “Brian understood more than anyone the power of hope and remains my inspiration in this effort and all things moving forward,” Maureen said.



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A mathematician's lament

In a column for Education Week, writer and teacher Larry Ferlazzo assembled a series of essays promoting the idea of “Art in Every Class.” As an educator, writer, artist, and art aficionado, I was intrigued by that idea.

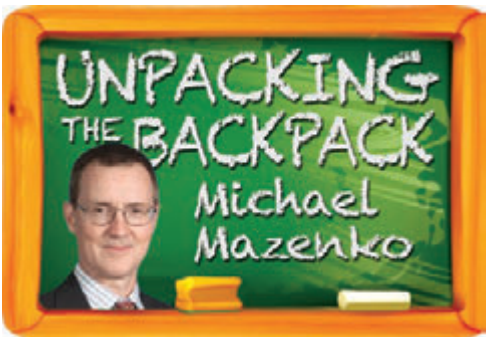
Art plays a significant role in children’s brain development, and it can be an engaging way to connect students with new content. I’ve used various forms of art in my high school English classes for years. From writing an analysis of a painting to demonstrating knowledge of a subject by crafting sketch notes instead of an essay, my students benefit from art as part of their learning. I’ve even asked my students to do an interpretive dance of a piece of literature.

Of course, many people inevitably wonder how visual arts apply to STEM subjects. Sure it can be relevant and valuable to bring art into humanities classes, which are generally more focused on right-brain creative thinking, allowing for open interpretations. But how about math and science, especially subjects like algebra or physics? With the exception of geometry, most people would not consider math to be a remotely artsy subject. Mathematician and professor Paul Lockhart, however, disagrees.

Lockhart laments the state of mathematics education in America because it fails to promote the beautiful art of math. In 2002, he first published a twenty-five page essay which he called “A Mathematician’s Lament,” and it became the talk of the math world in higher education when it was published on the blog for the Mathematical Association of America. A passionate math student, Lockhart had dropped out of college when he became bored and disillusioned by the way math was studied and taught. In pursuing his own math research, he was later accepted by Columbia University where he earned his Ph.D.

Lockhart’s criticism of math education is not unusual. USA Today recently reported that a majority of American parents are not happy with how math is taught in their children’s schools. That’s not surprising, as national and international test results often suggest American kids struggle. More than 30% of Americans report not liking math and believing math is a natural skill people are either good at or not. Of course, the counter is that vast majorities of Americans report liking math in school. The problem may be in the nature of the instruction geared toward assessments and basic computation, rather than an emphasis on discovery and creative thinking.

Lockhart’s lament emphasizes that distinction. He explains how “The first thing to under-



stand is that mathematics is an art. The difference between math and the other arts, such as music and painting, is that our culture does not recognize it as such.” In Lockhart’s world, math is a beautiful exploration of relationships, not a sequential drilling of definitions, formulas, and equations in isolation. The puzzling nature of math can and should be one of the key engagement strategies. Kids love puzzles and riddles and games, and a focus on the fun in those challenges is one way Lockhart encourages a re-

turn to joy and discovery in the math classroom.

Of course, the problem for teachers is pressure that mistakenly leaves little time for fun. In commentary for US News & World Reports, Elie Vane-sky attempts to explain why “The United States is so Bad at Math.” And, to be honest that assumption is not an entirely accurate statement. Vanesky does not intend to bash teachers for poor instruction. Instead, he challenges the very nature of the system that hems teachers into a singular focus on standardized tests. Rather than looking at test scores and criticizing teachers for failing to teach, he wants “to be very clear that the problem is not with our teachers. The problem is with the way math must be taught in school because of the emphasis on the very exams on which students underperform.”

As an English teacher, I might be inclined to say I don’t like math. But actually I do – I read about it all the time. Books like “When Godel Walked with Einstein,” a collection of essays on math, and “How Not to Be Wrong: the Power of Mathematical Thinking” by Jordan Ellen-berg fascinate me, and I love reading about math’s practical relevance. Many people enjoy television shows like NUM-B3RS or movies like Hidden Figures because the math is inherently intriguing and enlightening. And it is truly an art form. Thinking of it that way could be the key to changing American’s attitudes toward math class.

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Join County commissioners, the sheriff and other officials in a safe space for a listening session on **Sept. 27** at the **Second Chance Center** from **6:30–8:30 p.m.** All ages are welcome, childcare will be provided on site. We hope to see you there! **Scan the QR code for details.**

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OPINION

BARBWIRE BOB Ramblin' around the corral with Bob Sweeney

Attack on the Fourth Estate

I have longtime friends, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, who have owned newspapers in Kansas; they had newspapers in the San Luis Valley and sold them years ago, purchasing a chain of weekly newspapers in Western Kansas, working out of the Oberlin headquarters. They recently sold their five Kansas weeklies to the Mullen brothers, two energetic young men following in their father Tom Mullen's footsteps. Tom Sr. has had a lengthy newspaper career in Wyoming et al., starting in Newcastle, Wyoming. A third brother J. Tom Mullen recently purchased some of the Haynes' newspapers in the San Luis Valley and daily *Alamosa-Courier*, bringing his stable to over 30 newspapers.

One of our editors, Becky Osterwald, was the editor of the *Alamosa Valley Courier* before returning to *The Villager* and now is the editor of *The Weekly Register-Call* in Gilpin County. Osterwald spent 18 years on the far reaches of Eastern Colorado, owning the *Hugo Eastern Colorado Plainsman*, just a few miles from the Kansas border. Becky and I have been involved with The Colorado Press Association for decades. Steve Haynes, Tom Mullen, and I have been longtime members of the National Newspaper Association.



BY BOB SWEENEY

I had the pleasure of meeting J. Tom Mullen in Cody, Wyoming, last summer at the summer board meeting of NNA. He had just purchased the local *Cody Citizen* newspaper. He hosted his colleagues at the historical newspaper dating Buffalo Bill, who started the town named after him, and where the fabulous Cody Buffalo Bill Museum is located. Buffalo Bill is buried directly west of Denver on Lookout Mountain. The City of Denver has a fantastic museum near his gravesite overlooking the vast Eastern Slope. There is quite a story about Cody, Wyoming wanting Bill's body back, but to no avail, according to historical accounts and attempts to steal his body from the gravesite.

All this chatter about newspapers, especially Kansas, relates to a growing national controversy over the raid by law enforcement officers of the 150-year-old *Marion County Record* offices in the rural community of 2,000 residents. The new police chief, with a questionable background, was fired from his last job. He led a task force of lawmen, raiding the newspaper from its owner and editor, Eric Meyer. They seized computers and phones from Myer and his staff, apparently searching for information they thought the

newspaper might print about a local restaurant and bar owner driving without a driver's license after her DUI conviction.

Editor Myer, 69, grew up in Marion and is an experienced journalist, serving as a reporter and editor of the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, and a journalism professor at the University of Illinois. He returned to his family newspaper roots in 2021 and was a partner with his mother, Joan, in her 90s, who died Aug. 12, the day after the raid on the family newspaper. Joan resided with her son Eric, and he relates in *The New York Times* that the raid stress contributed to her untimely death.

There is controversy about the local prodigal son's return to the community, with increased critical editorials about local schools and a fired city employee. *The Times* relates about the firing by the city council, "The Record objected to the private sessions and became embroiled in disagreements about the state's open meeting law. Coverage of local incidents has continued under Myer's watchful eye that led to the raid of the newspaper office, apparently seeking information that might lead to a controversial story.

In my lengthy newspaper career, I've never observed a raid over what might be printed in a local newspaper. Usually, controversy rages over the content and facts in a published story. The raid over an anticipated sto-

ry is chilling for the newspaper industry, large or small. *The New York Times* story about the Marion fracas was reprinted in Sunday *Denver Post* and has made national and international news. Full story details can be read in the Sunday *Post* edition of Aug. 20. No doubt lawsuits will be filed, and editor Myer will be on the newspaper speaking circuit for years.

It does beg the question of what newspapers report on and how far we can go under the First Amendment. Freedom of speech, press and religion are under fire in recent times. I've always believed that you can say or write whatever you want, but be ready to defend your statements, verbally or written. If you stick to the truth, you're on solid ground.

Newspapers have always been the cornerstone of reporting local news at the time and place of events. We write the news while it is happening. Whether you agree or disagree, recent attempts have been made to rewrite history and crowd out the thoughts, values, and traditions of the events that occurred throughout history, like the taking down of Civil War statues, changing the names of military bases, and mountain names that were once honored. We may not be proud of all of America's history, especially concerning the treatment of native Indians and their lands. But our nation has prevailed as one of the last bastions of freedom for its citizens and journalists.

The incident in a small town is troubling and infringes on the freedom of the press, even in Marion, Kansas. It is vital to citizens to have the Fourth Estate doing the historical duty of watching public servants and elected officials and commenting pro or con on performance.

More positive comments could be helpful for both large and small news outlets about all the good news that occurs.

In Marion, the devices have been returned, lawsuits are being filed, and the newspaper has added 2,000 new subscribers in the past week, primarily from across America. Editor Myer may retire as a nationally known pundit and First Amendment speaker.

Myer states that if his coverage changes, it would be only to dig into things more. "We may have found a few topics that we want to investigate further as a result of this," he said.

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2020 Member

QUOTE of the WEEK

Roses are red,
violets are blue, I'm
schizophrenic, and
so am I.
— Oscar Levant

Bonjour from Denver Lyric Opera Guild!

Tears, goose bumps and standing ovation for Mark Van Arsdale at DLOG's ultimate French Party

How do we have the privilege of enjoying a performance by a star opera singer who started his European career at Opera national du Rhin in Strasbourg? Whose distinctive career has included 250 performances of 50 different operatic and concert productions, across Europe and four continents. (Whose resume, advanced education degrees and highlights from all his performances, beginning at age six, would fill two pages in this newspaper). We had that honor at Denver Lyric Opera Guild's (DLOG) annual summer party because that star is our own! Mark Van Arsdale is a 4th generation Coloradan and his parents fostered rich opportunities for him in the world of arts in Denver. His mom was his first music teacher and just happens to be president of Denver Lyric Opera Guild! She is also a past chair of the guild's *Competition for Colorado Singers* that has launched and supported the careers of young singers. Mark was a past winner of that competition. At age six, he was already in Colorado Children's Chorale. By age 13, he had his first role with Central City Opera. He is a product of Cherry Creek Schools and Kathy Van Arsdale thanked

BY SCOTTIE TAYLOR IVERSON



Bill Erickson who was Mark's high school choir teacher at Cherry Creek High School. Kathy also graciously recognized and thanked an entire cast of Mark's supporters (many in the audience) and those responsible for the success of the party.

Guests were encouraged to dress French with blue, white or red ensembles. There were plenty of berets, Chanel jewelry and Monet-inspired prints. The committee paid attention to every detail with décor, favors, wines and the ambiance and staff of Columbine Country Club were perfect. In European style, the delectable all-French-themed luncheon was served in five memorable courses with Mark charmingly introducing and translating each selection before performing between courses.

Merci beaucoup Mark, Jeremy and DLOG! 🇫🇷



Tenor Mark Van Arsdale on stage accompanied by Dr. Jeremy Reger at the piano.

Photos by Scottie Iverson

"Thank you for letting me share my music and emotions!"
- Mark Van Arsdale



Mark Van Arsdale with his proud parents Kathy and Peter Van Arsdale.



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CHV Police Chief Lyons tells residents about recent crime spree



BY **FREDA MIKLIN**
GOVERNMENTAL
REPORTER

On August 10, Cherry Hills Village Chief of Police Jason Lyons presided over a town hall for CHV residents about new criminal activity in the city. In addition to a healthy contingent of residents, CHV City Council Members Al Blum, Dan Sheldon, Earl Hoellen, Susan Maguire, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Weil, and Interim City Manager Jim Thorsen were there.

The chief told residents about a group of criminals who have recently, “targeted areas from Longmont to Castle Rock,” including CHV, where they engaged in a “crime spree,” defined as, “two or more of the same crimes committed by the same offender/s without a cooling off period.” Put more simply, Chief Lyons said, “Over the past few days, a group of bad guys came in—they hit us, they hit us hard, and they left.”

The chief explained, “Saturday night into Sunday morning (August 5 and 6) we had a couple of vehicles stolen, we had a residence or two broken into ...No indication (at that time) that suspects were armed,” but there was a suspicion that the perpetrators were the same ones who had committed similar crimes in other cities in Colorado.”

He continued, “Monday night into Tuesday morning (August 7 and 8), the same group came back targeting a similar area. This time,

we were able to get photographs and video (and determine that) there were a number of suspects and they were armed.”

The Charlou neighborhood, along with homes on Meade Lane and Random Road were impacted by the overnight criminal activities on the two nights that were identified.

Chief Lyons also reported that, “We know that our vehicles that were stolen from this city were used in other crimes as far away as Commerce City and Broomfield the following night.”

Providing context, Chief Lyon told residents, “The same group was featured on the news several weeks ago by the Parker Police Department.” He named Longmont, Commerce City, Parker, Castle Rock, and Aurora as cities that have been targeted by this group of criminals, in addition to CHV.

In response to a question, the chief shared that the Douglas County Sheriff’s office is the lead agency investigating the group committing this crime spree and they have already arrested one person, adding that a dozen area law enforcement agencies and multiple district attorneys’ offices are involved.

He went on, “Most people who commit property crime do not arm themselves in the commission of that crime...They move down the street...find that target of opportunity...take what they can quickly...and get out of town. It is unusual that people who are

targeting property have armed themselves...”

Chief Lyons also told residents about changes and improvements he has made at CHVPD since taking over on May 23, 2022, including the use of automatic license plate readers around the city. He shared, “There are 24 cameras that we have access to and we will have another three coming online soon that the city has funded,” adding that he hopes to have 32 in place by next year.

He explained that the city has seven cameras of its own, the balance being cameras that have been funded and installed by CHV HOAs who have given the police department access to them, continuing, “On any given week, we have around 150 wanted vehicles or people passing just the seven city-funded cameras.” Though some of those 150 hits turn out to not warrant follow-up, he said, “We’re also seeing daily stolen vehicles coming through our city, which isn’t something new, but now we have the technology to see it.”

CHVPD also has begun employing drones that are flown over the city at night, using thermal imaging to look for persons or activity that seem out of place. Officer training has also been increased from 24 hours to 100 hours per year.

While he had residents’ attention, Chief Lyon also talked about other criminal activity in the city.

He shared that there had only been two “crimes against persons”

this year and both were road rage incidents, one on Hampden Avenue and one on Bellevue Avenue. In both cases, Chief Lyons explained, there were aggravated assaults committed “by people who do not live in our community.” In one case, he explained, “Somebody pulled a knife and showed it through the window,” and in the other, “Somebody fired rounds at a passing vehicle on Hampden.” Chief Lyons emphasized that CHV “is among the safest cities in the entire state,” because of the paucity of crimes against persons.

Crimes that have increased slightly in CHV are burglary and vehicle trespass, considered “crimes against property.” Burglary, he reminded his audience, is taking property that doesn’t belong to the person taking it, but it does not involve a person, only the property. He used, as an example, having something stolen from one’s garage when no one is looking, including if the garage door has been inadvertently left open. Chief Lyons distinguished it from robbery, which he explained “is directed to a person,” and, “It is a felony.”

The other crime that has seen an increase in CHV is what Chief Lyons called, “first degree criminal trespass or vehicle trespass,” which is, “going into a vehicle with the intent to commit another crime while you’re in there,” such as stealing something that is in the car, which is burglary.

After clarifying that all increases in criminal activity in CHV of any

kind are a major concern to him, Chief Lyons reported that, “Of the 20 burglaries that we have, year-to-date, 79% of those occurred to... open doors, unlocked doors.”

Similarly, 65% of vehicle trespasses were to vehicles that were not locked. The chief pointed out that seven locked vehicles were broken into at the Brave Church, 3800 E. Hampden Avenue, on one day. “Taking those out of the equation,” he said, “80% of our vehicle trespasses were unlocked vehicle doors.”

There were five vehicles stolen in CHV this year. Four of those had the keys left inside them, Chief Lyons reported, adding, “Sadly, this is true in nearly every community across the United States.”

He continued, “Having CHV citizens feeling safe is the number one priority of every member of (the CHV Police Department),” but, he said, “I need our community to meet us halfway on this.” Though repeating more than once that he did not intend to admonish the citizens of the city, he emphasized what a difference it would make if people “adopted crime mitigation strategies” like locking their doors, turning on their outside lights at night, and “not leaving loaded weapons in your car at night.”

He also recommended that residents remove not only their keys, but their valuables from their vehicles at night, in addition to locking all vehicle doors, as well as garage doors and all exterior home doors.

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CMAS performance diverged across and within school districts



BY **FREDA MIKLIN**
STAFF WRITER

The results from the Spring 2022 Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) testing, administered by the state board of education annually, except during the 2019-2020 school year when the pandemic hit, varied widely.

CMAS tests are administered to all public-school students in grades three to eight in mathematics and English Language Arts (English). Private schools are not required to participate in CMAS testing and they generally choose not to do so.

Statewide, 44% of public-school students met or exceeded grade-level expectations in English and 32% of students did so in math.

Local results tell a more individualized story. The highest performing elementary school in the state was Polaris Elementary, a Denver Public K-5 magnet school for students who have been tested and determined to be gifted. At Polaris 96% of students tested demonstrated English skills at or above grade level and 92% demonstrated grade level or above skills in math.

The highest-ranking Cherry Creek District (CCSD) school on the list was the Challenge School, a K-8 facility that also admits only students who have been deemed gifted through testing, where 88% of students demonstrated English skills at grade level or higher and 85% did so in math.

In Littleton Public Schools (LPS) overall, 60% of students met or exceeded grade-level expectation in English and 51% did so in math.

Among area elementary schools, Lois Lenski shined with performance rates of 69% at or above grade level in English and 64% in math, while 23% grade-level of Field Elementary students performed at or above grade level in English and 22% did so in math.

Also making a strong showing for LPS was nearby Newton Middle School that got a sparkling new campus this year, with scores of 73% in English and 69% in math. Littleton Academy, a well-regarded LPS K-8 charter school, had scores of 72% in

English and 56% in math.

According to U.S. News & World Report, the student population of LPS' 15 elementary schools, six middle schools, and three high schools is 30% minority and 13% are economically disadvantaged.

Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) posted overall scores of 50% performing at or above grade level in English and 40% in math.

Its highest performing school, outside of the Challenge School, was Cherry Creek Academy, a K-8 charter school open to all district students. There, 80% of students performed at or above grade level in English and 72% did so in math.

Other area Cherry Creek district elementary schools' results as a percentage of students who performed at or above grade level on spring 2022 CMAS tests are:

% of students at or above grade level in		
Elementary School		
	English Language Arts	Mathematics
Bellevue	67%	62%
Cherry Hills Village	74%	72%
Cottonwood Creek	77%	66%
Dry Creek	68%	61%
Greenwood	67%	48%
Heritage	64%	65%
High Plains	57%	45%
Holly Hills	39%	27%
Homestead	70%	63%
Walnut Hills	64%	62%
Willow Creek	71%	59%

CCSD elementary schools that fared less well were 1) Eastridge Community Elementary with scores of 23% in English and 16% in math;

students tested performed at a minimum of grade level expectations in English and 53% did so in math.

CCSD Horizon Middle School students fared less well, with only 23% performing at grade level or above in English and 10% doing so in math. Prairie Middle School had even weaker results, with 17% of students attaining at least grade level performance in English and 8% doing so in math. Both schools are in south Aurora.

Results at Colorado Skies Academy, an aerospace-focused CCSD charter middle school located on the campus of Centennial Airport, were 47% grade level or above performance in English and 22% in math.

At Cherry Creek Elevation, the district's fully online school, 41% of its students tested at grade level or better in English, while 23% did so

in math.

According to U.S. News & World Report, the student population of CCSD's 47 elementary schools, 18 middle schools, and 10 high schools is 50% minority and 20% are economically disadvantaged.

In Douglas County, reported to have 30% minority enrollment and

2) Highline Community Elementary with scores of 20% in English and 12% in math; and 3) Sunrise Elementary, where 20% of students tested demonstrated at least grade level proficiency in English and 9% did so in math.

Cherry Creek middle schools had widely fluctuating results on CMAS tests, as well. In our area, 73% of Campus Middle School students performed at or above grade level in English and 64% did so in math. At West Middle School, 65% of stu-

8% of students who are economically disadvantaged, the overall performance was 62% with English scores at or above grade level and 51% with math scores of grade level or higher.

Standouts were Lone Tree Elementary with 80% of students being at grade level or higher in English and 70% performing at that level in math. Stone Mountain Elementary did even better, with scores of 83% in English and 79% in math.
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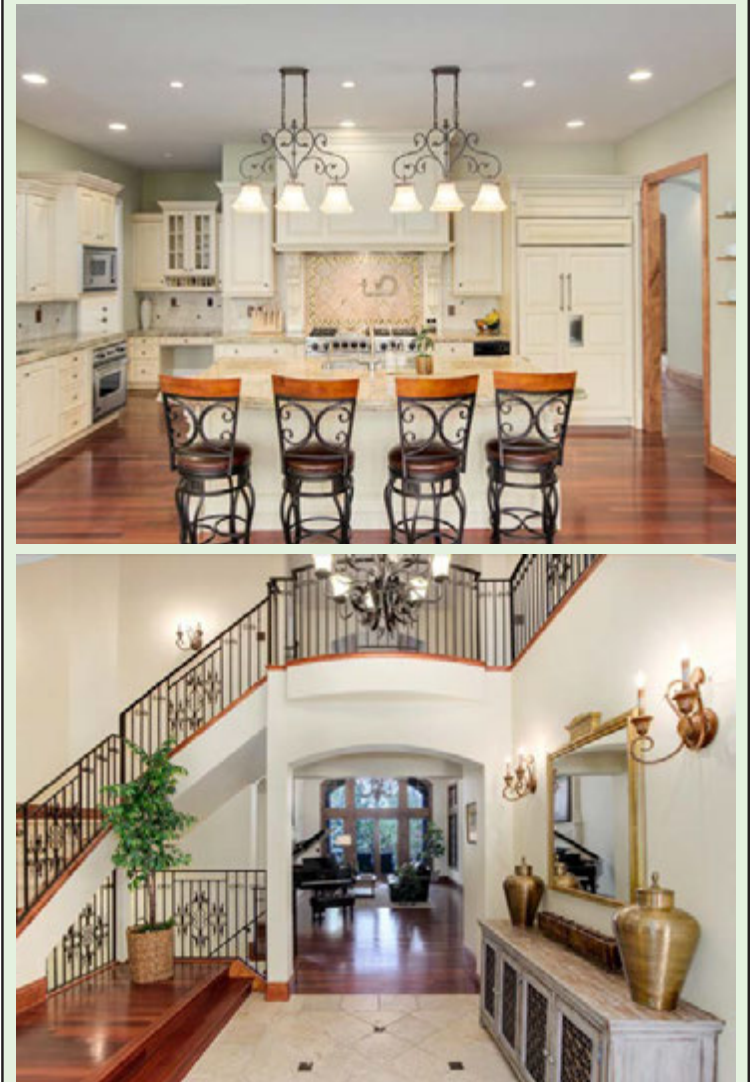
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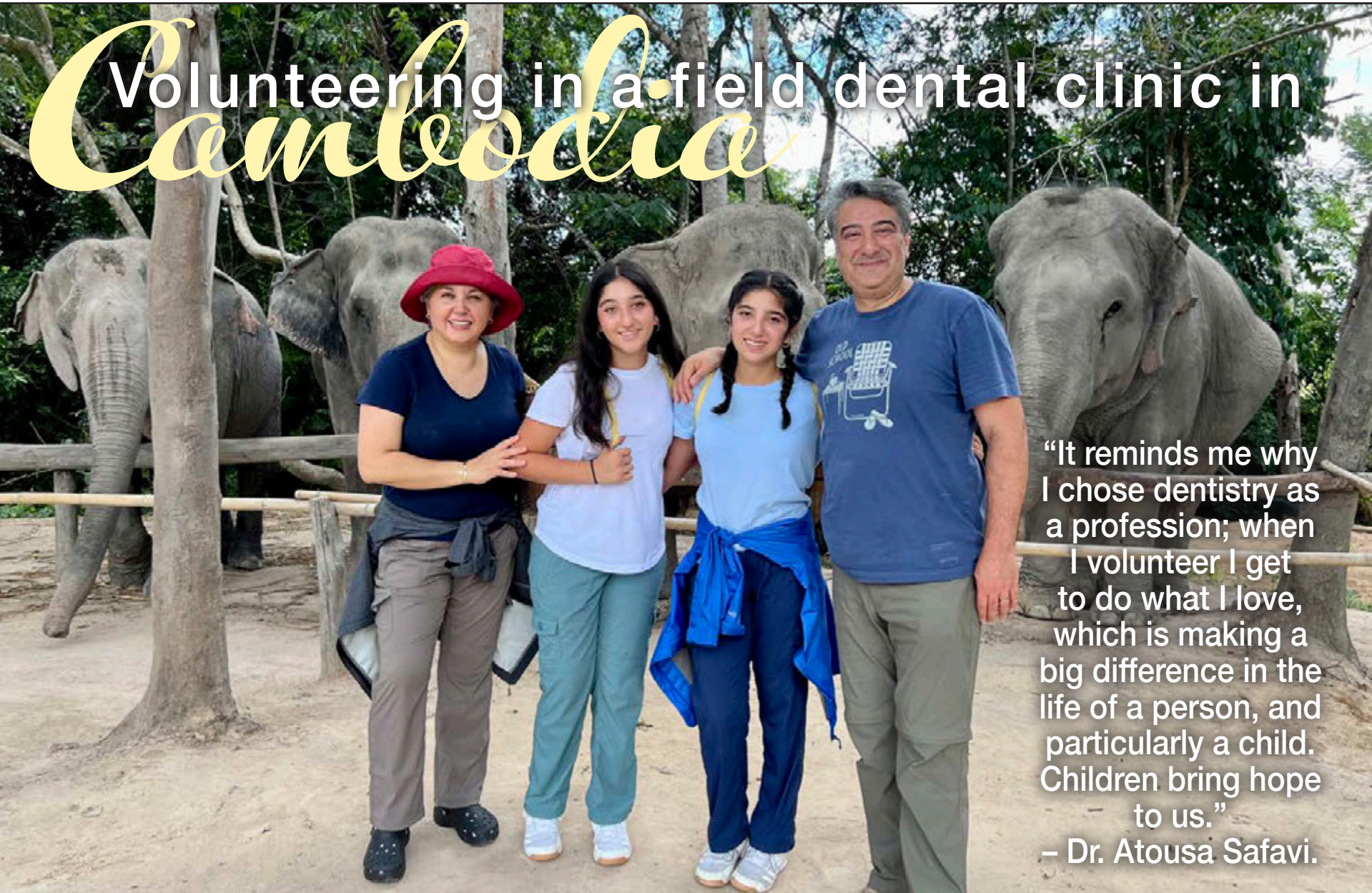
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“It reminds me why I chose dentistry as a profession; when I volunteer I get to do what I love, which is making a big difference in the life of a person, and particularly a child. Children bring hope to us.”
– Dr. Atousa Safavi.

BY KIM TROGGIO
It was a sun-drenched, 95-degree summer day in Siem Reap, Cambodia when I sat down with Dr. Atousa Safavi, DDS and her twin teenage girls, Ava and Darya, from Denver, Colorado. Dr. Safavi and her girls hadn’t traveled to this particular corner of paradise to enjoy a leisurely vacation, they were in Cambodia with a greater purpose in mind.
Their mission: To work out of a temporary dental clinic to provide comprehensive dental care to impoverished children from the Cambodian countryside. Alongside a team of four other dentists, a hygienist, and a handful of general volunteers, including Darya and Ava, Dr. Safavi and the rest of the team spent a week giving dental exams, cleanings, restorations and extractions to 700 children with no other access to care.
The Safavi family volunteered with Global Dental Relief (GDR), a charity that brings dental care to children in seven countries across the globe. Since 2001, Global Dental Relief volunteers have treated over 210,000 children. This work combines the opportunity to do immense good for children in need, with cultural excursions that immerse volunteers in the host culture and local sights.
Global Dental Relief’s mission is to bring free dental care to children throughout the world. Volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants and non-dental volunteers deliver treatment and preventive care in dental clinics that serve children in schools, orphanages and remote villages. With a vision to transform lives and

cultivate community through volunteerism, GDR provides opportunities for diverse groups of volunteers to explore the world and bring free dental care and oral health education to thousands of impoverished children.
Dr. Safavi’s current trip to Cambodia is her second with Global Dental Relief. In addition to Cambodia, the Safavi’s volunteered with GDR in the Guatemalan highlands in July 2022 where they quickly fell in love the enormous impact they were able to have on the health of children in the area. “It reminds me why I chose dentistry as a profession; when I volunteer I get to do what I love, which is making a big difference in the life of a person, and particularly a child. Children bring hope to us,” says Dr. Safavi.
Global Dental Relief hosts 29 clinics a year in Nepal, India, Kenya, Cambodia, Kentucky, Mexico and Guatemala. All dental equipment and supplies are provided, volunteers only need to bring their enthusiasm and open hearts to the clinic. GDR project leaders fly in a few days before the dentists to set up the clinic and ensure populations of children are ready to be seen. The result is a well-oiled machine, in which 100 plus children receive complete dental care each day.
After a week of hard work and many smiles, volunteers who arrived strangers, are now lifelong friends, connected by their common mission to help children live happier, healthier lives.
Dr. Atousa loves the cultural immersion and ability to improve the lives of children in need. She says: “I love meeting new people and cultures,




we learn so much with every trip. It makes me and the girls grateful for all the blessings we have and sharing some of those blessings with others is wonderful.” People like Dr. Safavi and her family have a deep well of compassion and a healthy sense of adventure. She says that she is constantly struck not just by the quality of her fellow volunteers, but by how “warm, welcoming and good-natured” local people are everywhere that she has traveled with Global Dental Relief.
In addition, it is the “immense need of the kids” that motivates Dr. Safavi to volunteer time and again. She explains, “You see things you don’t see at home—bombed

out molars, and infections are the rule, not the exception.” She tells the story of a girl she had just finished treating. Practically every tooth in the child’s mouth was heavily decayed, yet the girl kept great cheer throughout his extensive treatment. “She always had a smile of gratitude on her face,” Dr. Safavi explains. “Ten years from now, I’ll still have that image in my mind.” Thanks to Dr. Safavi, in just two visits, this sweet patient made the transition from longstanding chronic infection to good dental health.
Dr. Safavi says she too has been transformed by this work. “I particularly love volunteering at this stage

of my life. Dr. Safavi says, my daughters are at an age that I can share it with them. Watching them experience the joy of helping someone else and the transformation for some of these children is an unmatched feeling. Volunteering with such high-need populations, you just want to take care of the kids as best you can—it’s the only thing on your mind.”
Dr. Safavi, Ava, Darya and the whole volunteer team provided \$163,000 in dental care to children in rural Cambodia. The Safavi’s eagerly await their next adventure in service—maybe next summer they will head to Kenya to help the children there.

**Global Dental Relief**
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Mark Friday

How/ when did you know you liked creating art?

My father was an amateur artist, so I saw him working on oil paintings, creating greeting cards,

doing pen and ink drawings, making Halloween costumes, and other projects. It was easy to followed in his footsteps.

What inspires your creativity?

My creativity is inspired by seeing works of art by the great artists of the past and present, and also art by my friends and peers. The antique stores, thrift stores and junk yards, where I find materials for my assemblage sculptures also gives me many new insights.

What is your favorite piece of art by you or someone else?

My favorite piece of art is usually my newest good piece that I have just finished. After awhile, the specialness fades, so I am compelled to make a new favorite piece.to stand tall and proud, enthralling us all with her beauty and strength.

What do you enjoy most about being an artist?

I enjoy many things about being an artist, but my favorite thing is experiencing the magic that happens in the studio between the inception of a piece and its completion.



Jeanne Cahn

How/ when did you know you liked creating art?

I have been making things since I can remem-

ber. I had an elementary

What is your favorite piece of art by you or someone else?

ber. I had an elementary school teacher who made me feel very special by letting me color her classroom displays using her amazing array of markers. I loved "Arts & Crafts" in camp best of all - I used clay for the first time and fell in love with it

What inspires your creativity?

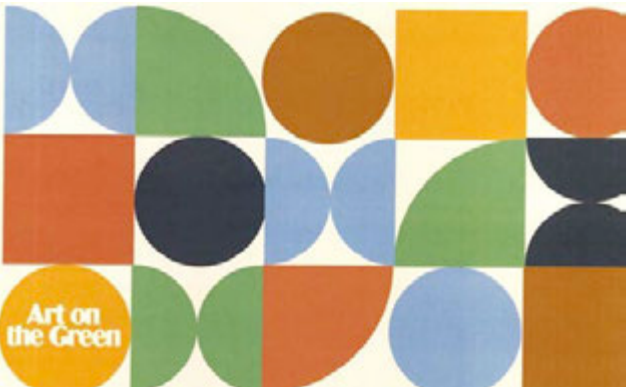
I am drawn to words and funny interpretations of common expressions and idioms. I'm constantly always acquiring new ideas from family and friends. I love word games



I love art that me me smile and I hope to return the favor through my work. I love Red Grooms' and Keith Harings' work for the whimsy and joy they both projected.

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Expect more day and night shutdowns along I-70 Floyd Hill

As rock-scaling operations come to a close along I-70 at Floyd Hill, CDOT said rock-blasting activities will continue in the weeks ahead.

Rock scaling and blasting are anticipated between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays between the Floyd Hill/Highland Hills exit (Exit 247 – top of Floyd Hill) and the U.S. 6 on-ramp at the bottom of the hill.

Crews will scale rocks multiple times per day during off-peak travel hours. At the same time, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., crews will conduct rock blasting once a day and up to two times per week along I-70. Traffic will be halted, and a series of airhorn blasts will precede each detonation to warn people in the area. There will be times that U.S. 40, which runs parallel to Floyd Hill, may be shut down temporarily due to potential safety concerns for motorists.

The blasting operations are planned to continue through the fall. Although traffic on the road is halted for 20 minutes during the blasting, traffic back-ups lasting as long as 45 minutes could occur afterward. During traffic holds, CDOT recommends that motorists turn off their vehicles to help with air quality.

Emergency patching

CDOT expects to conduct overnight asphalt patching along I-70 in the coming weeks, during which lane restrictions will occur between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays on Floyd Hill.

Because of the work, CDOT has halted plans to conduct overnight work for the remainder of the year along Highway 6 between Golden and the Highway 119 intersection south of Black Hawk.

However, daytime, single-lane closures along Highway 6 just west of Tunnel 1 will continue as the next three-mile-long Peaks to Plains trail segment is built adjacent to the highway. The daytime, single-lane closures are planned from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. There could also be single-lane closures on Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., although no such closures have been scheduled.

Holiday weekend



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New roundabouts are being installed along Highway 40 at County Road 65 and Homestead Road.

No holiday weekend work is planned for Labor Day along I-70 or Highway 6 because of anticipated Labor Day traffic. About 70,000 vehicles travel on Floyd Hill on a typical weekend.

Project overview

The \$700 million I-70 Floyd Hill project includes eight miles of the I-70 mountain corridor from west of Evergreen to eastern Idaho Springs.

The Project will deliver a third westbound I-70 travel lane, which will function as an Express Lane, to improve the current two-lane bottleneck. Other major elements include:

Constructing a missing two-mile section of the frontage road between Evergreen and Idaho Springs.

Building an eastbound I-70 extended on-ramp for slow-moving vehicles.

Improving traffic flow and access at interchanges and intersections within the project limits.

Improving sight distance on roadway curves.

Improving the Clear Creek Greenway trail. Implementing environmental mitigation to create safer wildlife movements and improve air and water quality, stream conditions and recreation.

Project sections

The Floyd Hill project is divided into three sections. The East Section is from the west of Evergreen to midway down Floyd Hill near the Black Hawk interchange (Exit 244). The West Section is from near Exit 243 (Central City Parkway) to the Veterans Memorial Tunnels near Idaho Springs. The Central Section is from the middle of Floyd Hill through Exit 243 (Central City/Hidden Valley exit).

The east section began this spring and continues through June 2026. The West section is expected to start this fall and will conclude in the fall of 2027. The Central section has begun and will continue into 2028.

The East part of the project includes installing two new traffic roundabouts along Highway 40, at County Road 65 and Homestead Road. Flagmen control traffic during some of the daytime work.

Traffic cautions

CDOT said motorists should expect narrower lanes and shoulders, reduced speed limits as low as 45 mph and increased truck traffic entering and exiting the work zones. All construction activities are weather dependent and subject to change. During construction, the existing I-70

travel lanes will remain open in each direction during peak daytime travel hours. Lane closure hours for the duration of construction will vary based on the season, day of the week, number of lanes being closed and travel direction.

Effective Sunday, Oct. 29, the closure timeframe will be 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to account for the seasonal I-70 sun glare safety closures. These I-70 eastbound closures, which periodically occur at the bottom of Floyd Hill, can potentially direct more traffic into Clear Creek Canyon, so crews will be off the road by 6 a.m. when the safety closures are implemented.

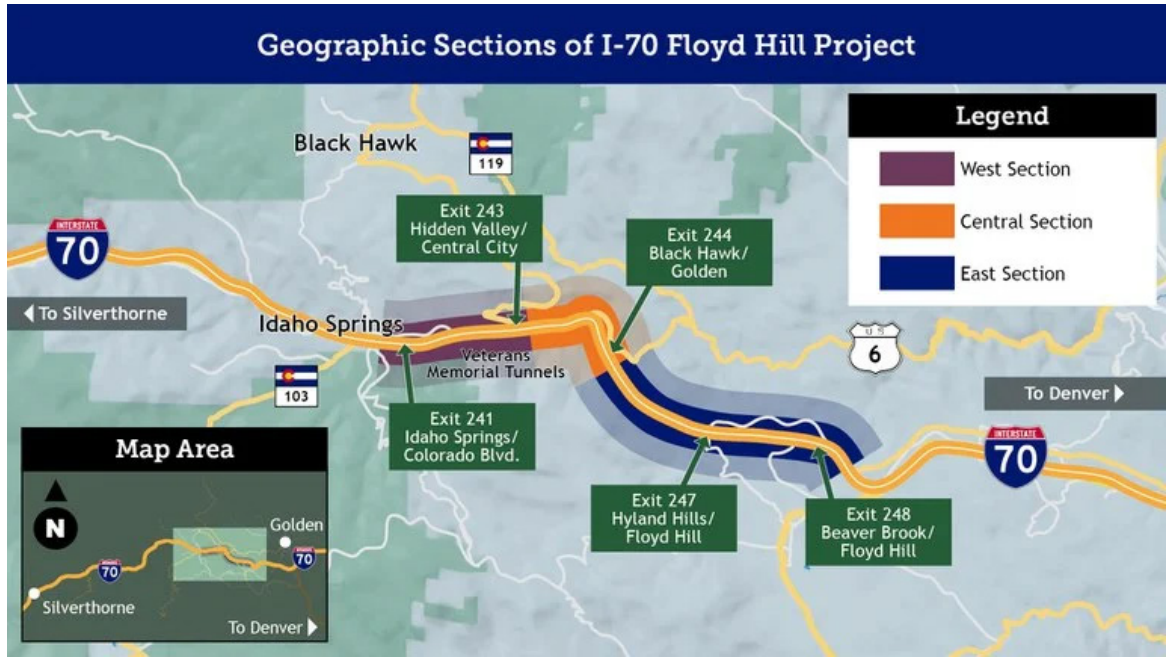
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The map shows where rock scaling continues along I-70 Floyd Hill.



Map shows the three project phases for the \$700 million project.

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All roads lead to Central City and RCI Holdings Inc.



UCHealth offers 12-month program to become a paramedic



BY **FREDA MIKLIN**
STAFF WRITER

A new 12-month program, Medical Education on the Delivery of Innovative Care (MEDIC), is being offered by UCHealth, designed for certified and experienced EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians)

who want to become paramedics. The advantage of this program over others is that it is provided at the University of Colorado Hospital, offering opportunities for hands-on training in a variety of hospital settings, including the emergency department and intensive care units because the program is administered by the hospital's Department of Prehospital Care.

According to the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care, EMTs are trained to assess a patient to determine if there are any life-threatening injuries or illnesses. They can administer CPR to a patient in cardiac arrest, oxygen if required to assist breathing, some medications, and even deliver a baby if necessary. Typical training is around 170 hours.

Paramedic training builds on EMT training, usually consisting of 1,200 to 1,800 hours over six to 12 months. The training includes courses in cardiology, anatomy & physiology, starting intravenous lines, interpreting EKG results, and administering life-saving medical treatment at the scene of accidents and traumatic emergencies. Professional firefighters

are typically certified EMTs because, the National Fire Protection Association tells us, two-thirds of all fire department calls across the country are for medical assistance. To be even more effective at treating patients in the field before or in lieu of admitting them to the hospital, fire departments everywhere, including Colorado, are seeking more certified paramedics.

The MEDIC program was created by the University of Colorado Hospital in partnership with the Aurora Fire Department and opened its doors in April 2023. Its first group of future paramedics are Aurora firefighters who began their 12-month training program, designed around firefighters' schedules, in May.

The next paramedic class will begin September 5. To be eligible, students must hold current EMT certification. Classes meet weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm, plus one Saturday each month. Applications are being accepted through September 1. Tuition for the yearlong program is \$11,000. Financial assistance sources are available.

In addition to working as first responders on ambulances, S.W.A.T. teams, and with fire departments, paramedics can provide services in hospital emergency departments, at special events, and even on cruise ships.

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Silver for Hall a step; Paris Games beckon

The heptathlon at the World Track and Field Championships in Budapest last Sunday came down to the seventh and final event, the 800-meter run. It quickly became a head-to-head test of will between Anna Hall, who grew up in Greenwood Village, and Katarina Johnson-Thompson of Great Britain.

And it was a duel for the ages.

Hall, who won the gold medal at the U.S. Track and Field Championships last month and came within 12 points of becoming only the fifth woman ever to reach 7,000 points in a heptathlon when she won the prestigious Hypo-Meeting in Gotzis, Austria last May, needed to beat Johnson-Thompson by about 2.5 seconds in Sunday's race to claim the gold medal.

Despite a knee injury suffered two weeks earlier while training for this heptathlon, she led the entire way and finished in 2:04.09.

But Johnson-Thompson—making a stirring comeback from a career-threatening Achilles rupture shortly after she won the 2019 world heptathlon gold medal, doggedly chased Hall twice around the oval.

In the end, the British champion had run the fastest 800 of her career—2:05.63. Beating her previous personal best of 2:07.26, set in 2019, put her 1.54 behind Hall. With that, she finished with 6,740 points to Hall's 6,720.

The 20-point final difference was the closest in world heptathlon history.

"I went for it—very bitter-sweet," Hall was quoted in a Team USA story afterward.

"I really wanted gold, and fought my heart out. Kat was just better today. I got beat, and I just have to take that and use it for motivation next year."

That "next year" includes the Summer Olympics in Paris, where Hall is sure to be a medal contender.

But she'll be in a very



BY DENNY DRESSMAN

competitive field that will include not only Johnson-Thompson and bronze medalist Anouk Vetter of The Netherlands but also Belgium's Nafi Thiam, who missed this year's World Championships to avoid aggravating her own troublesome Achilles.

Thiam is the only woman besides Hall's mentor, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, to win the heptathlon twice at both the Olympics and the World Championships. In addition to this year's bronze at Worlds, Vetter took the silver last year.

For the record, here are Hall's performances in the seven events (finish in paren-

some perspective is called for. Most significant is that knee injury, sustained from a slip on the long jump board.

"I hyperextended my knee, had a little bit of a PCL (posterior cruciate ligament) injury and bone bruise—not ideal two weeks out from the world championships," she said. "We did everything we could, through all the treatments and rehabs, and I thought I was ready to go."

And the silver medal, it should be noted, is a step forward, expectations notwithstanding. Hall claimed the bronze last year.

"It was exceeding everyone's and my expectations to get a bronze (last year)," she said. "And this year, we're disappointed with silver. I think that says a lot about how far we've come."

There's also the matter of experience. Hall is 22, Johnson-Thompson 30.

"It's so fun to see her grow," says teammate Chari Hawkins, who at 32 finished eighth with a personal best score of 6,366. "Anna Hall is a generational talent. I said to her as soon as she crossed the finish line, 'Babe, you're going to break the world record.'"

Joyner-Kersey, now 61, set the heptathlon world record while winning gold at the Olympic

Games in Seoul 35 years ago. Her total was 7,291.

"It's not if, it's when," Hawkins assures.

David and Ronette Hall were in Budapest to watch the competition.

"We are so proud of Anna, the way she fought through adversity," said her mother. "She gave everything she had."

Chari Hawkins' comment suggests Anna has more time to grow. And Anna agrees.

"I'm still young," she said. "We're going to keep climbing."

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theses):

110-meter hurdles: 12.97 seconds (2nd)

High jump: 1.83 meters (3rd)

Shot put: 14.54 meters (3rd)

200-meter dash: 23.56 seconds (2nd)

Long jump: 6.19 meters (5th)

Javelin throw: 44.88 meters (10th)

800-meter run: 2:04.09, i.e. 2 minutes 4.19 seconds (1st)

"Honestly, I think the only thing that was up to my standards were the shot put and the 800," she said. "Everything could have gone better, but that's what championships are."

With Thiam sidelined, Hall was the favorite heading into this year's world heptathlon. So not winning gold is no doubt a disappointment. But,

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As a parent you can assist your child by informing them that teachers are aware of their feelings regarding the first day of school and they are ready to address them. Teachers are taught to introduce themselves and to help students get oriented and know what to expect. Experienced teachers provide ice-breakers encouraging students to get to know one another and increase connections to reduce anxiety and stress.



BY JONEEN MACKENZIE

According to the Search Institute, relationships and healthy connections help students succeed in school and in life. Relationships are at the heart of what youth need to learn, grow, and thrive. High-quality relationships are essential to the development of resilience and overcoming obstacles and life hardships. The National Research Council on the Developing Child opined, “Whether burdens come from the hardships of poverty, the challenges of parental substance abuse or serious mental illness, the threats of violence or chronic neglect, or a combination of factors, the single most common finding is that children

who end up doing well have had at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult.” To learn, grow, and develop, research informs us that supportive relationships are critical. They provide an environment of reinforcement, modeling, and constructive feedback for physical, intellectual, and social growth. Additionally, healthy relationships are the rich soil in which students thrive regarding social and emotional competencies. Educational researchers Pianta, Hamre and Allen write, “Positive relationships with adults and peers are perhaps the single most important ingredient in promoting positive youth development. Educational scholar, Bronfenbrenner, declared, “No society can long

sustain itself unless its members have learned the sensitivities, motivations, and skills involved in assisting and caring for other human beings.”

This research is not new but needs to be operationalized and invested in now more than ever. The U.S. Surgeon General has issued a new report entitled, The Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation. According to this report as many as 40 percent of students feel lonely and isolated from meaningful support.

If relationships really matter, we must make them a priority for young people. We need to invest in high-quality relationships in our families, schools, and youth programs. Growing evidence suggests that strategically investing in building healthy, high-quality relationships can be catalytic for effective education, pro-

grams, and services for children, youth, and families. Educational experts throughout the country have stated that the effectiveness of youth-serving programs, practices, and policies is determined by whether they strengthen or weaken relationships. When healthy, high-quality relationships are prevalent, development is promoted, and when supportive relationships are not available or diluted, other educational interventions show limited effects.

In conclusion, for this school year to be the best, let us work together to make healthy, high-quality relationships a priority for ourselves and our students. Let’s teach and model the foundational skills it takes to develop relationships and watch the school year unfold. joneen@myrelationshipcenter.org



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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO
Petitioner,

In the Interest of:

GIOVONNI RAUL FIERRO,
Child,

and concerning,

ERICA RAMONA FIERRO AND
JOHN DOE,
Respondents.

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**Case No: 23JV30087
Division: 22**

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATORY
HEARING
AND DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Adjudicatory Hearing and Default Judgement regarding Respondents, **ERICA FIERRO AND JOHN DOE**, is set for **SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 at 8:30 A.M.** in Division 22 at the Arapahoe County District Court, 7325 South Potomac Street, Centennial, Colorado 80112. You have the right to be represented by an attorney during these proceedings; if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you. In the event you fail to appear for said hearing at the date and time indicated, the Petitioner, the People of the State of Colorado, will request that the Court enter a default judgment against you and adjudicate the child dependent and neglected in accordance with the Colorado Children’s Code.

The Arapahoe County District Court is holding this hearing via Cisco WebEx Meetings to allow for audiovisual and/or audio participation. Participants may use any computer, tablet or smart

phone equipped with a camera and microphone for audiovisual participation. Parties should use the following link:
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•Enter your name and email address (so we know who you are). You will then be in the virtual courtroom.
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•If you do not have a device that will support a video connection, you may still participate by audio only by calling 720-650-7664. When prompted enter Access code: 2594 887 9073 then press #, # (no attendee ID is needed).

**YOU ARE FURTHER
COMMANDED** to appear before the Court at said time and place, either in person or by Cisco WebEx Meetings. If you elect to appear in person, you must be at the Courthouse a half hour before the hearing is scheduled to begin. Date: August __, 2023

Erinn Walz, Esq. #43200
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**DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE,
STATE OF COLORADO**
7325 South Potomac Street
Centennial, Colorado 80112
(303) 649-6355 Telephone

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO
Petitioner,

In the Interest Of:

ZSATAVIUS GORLOVO-CURLISS,
Child,

and concerning,
EKATERINA CURLISS, ANH
TIEN VO AND DAVID FAUSTINO
MARTIN,
Respondents.

Sarah Simchowitz, Reg. #44890
Assistant County Attorney
Office of the County Attorney
14980 E. Alameda Drive

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Aurora, CO 80012
Phone: 720-800-5788

**Case No: 23JV145
Division: 22**

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATORY
HEARING
AND DEFAULT JUDGMENT
CONCERNING
ANH TIEN VO AND DAVID
FAUSTINO MARTIN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Adjudicatory Hearing and Default Judgment regarding **ANH TIEN VO and DAVID FAUSTINO MARTIN** is set on **September 25, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.** in Division 22 at the Arapahoe County District Court, 7325 South Potomac Street, Centennial, Colorado 80112.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney during these proceedings; if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you. In the event you fail to appear for said hearing at the date and time indicated, the Petitioner, the People of the State of Colorado, will request that the Court enter a default judgment against you and adjudicate the child dependent and neglected in accordance with the Colorado Children’s Code.

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**Case No: 23JV16
Division: 22**

**NOTICE OF PARENTAGE
HEARING CONCERNING THE
MINOR CHILD
ADRA HUDSON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above captioned matter has been set for a **Parentage Hearing** in this action regarding the minor child, **ADRA HUDSON**, on **September 22, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. (MST)** in

If you elect to appear in person, you must be at the Courthouse a half hour before the hearing is scheduled to begin.

Date: August 16, 2023

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**DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE,
STATE OF COLORADO**
7325 South Potomac Street
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(303) 649-6355 Telephone

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO
In the Interest of:

ADRA HUDSON,
Child,

and concerning,

SHAWNA VILLANUEBA,
JOVANNA VILLANUEBA,
CHRISTOPHER BAHL and JOHN
DOE,
Respondents,

and concerning,

DKOTA HALEY,
Special Respondent.
Sarah Simchowitz, Reg. #44890
Attorney for the Petitioner
14980 E. Alameda Dr.
Aurora, CO 80012
(720) 800-5788

Division 22 at the Arapahoe County District Court, 7325 South Potomac Street, Centennial, Colorado 80112.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the People of the State of Colorado may request the Court enter an order finding that you are the legal parent of the above named child(ren), entering an order requiring you to pay reasonable and necessary support pursuant to §19-4-116(6), on a monthly basis on a monthly basis commencing immediately for the support of the child(ren), entering a judgment for child support debt pursuant to §14-14-104, C.R.S., medical support, and to grant such further relief as the Court deems proper.

YOU ARE ADVISED, that you have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of these proceedings. In accordance with C.R.S. §19-4-105.5, you also may have the right to request genetic testing. A request for genetic test shall not prejudice the requesting party in matters concerning allocation of parental responsibilities. If genetic tests are not obtained prior to the legal establishment of paternity and submitted into evidence prior to the entry of the final order establishing paternity, the genetic tests may not be allowed into evidence at a later date.

The Arapahoe County District Court is holding hearings via Cisco WebEx Meetings to allow for audiovisual and/or audio participation. Participants may use any computer, tablet or smart phone equipped with a camera and microphone for audiovisual participation. Parties should use the following link:
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Date: August 16, 2023

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NAME
CHANGE

**District Court
Arapahoe County, Colorado
1700 West Littleton Blvd
Littleton, CO 80120**

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Parent Petitioner: **JESSICA MUÑOZ**
For minor child: **GENAVIEVE MARY PEREZ**
For a Change of Name to: **GENA KELLER**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 23CV100516**

The last known address of the non-custodial parent was: 1154 Kalamath St, Denver CO 80204
Public Notice is given on January 27, 2023, that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor has been filed with the District Court. The Petition requests that the name of: **GENAVIEVE MARY PEREZ** be changed to **GENA KELLER**
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT /s/ CTR
Dated: August 4, 2023
Published in The Villager
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Last Publication: September 7, 2023
Legal # 11072

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PARK MEADOWS SUMMER SUNSET SERIES

AUG. 24. Thursday, 4- 9 p.m. Enjoy a summer sunset stroll in the Vistas at Park Meadows with a cocktail in hand, live music, shopping, photo ops, activities for kids and a chance to win a summer get away.

5K ARAPAHOE COUNTY TRAIL RUN

AUG. 24, Thurs., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Begin at Tagawa Gardens and run along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. Funds support trail maintenance and Arapahoe County Open Spaces. Includes dinner, craft beer or sports drink, and live music at the finish line. Walkers and all ages welcome. Details: arapahoecountyeventcenter.com/5ktrailseries

PARKER ARTISTS BUILD PRESENTS ART IN THE PARK

AUG. 26 - 10-5 P.M.; **AUG. 27- 10-4 P.M.** Free event. Silent Auction, art, music, food trucks at O'Brien Park, 10795 Victoria Dr., Parker.

ENGLEWOOD CHAMBER BLOCK PARTY

AUG. 26, 4-10 p.m., 3400 S. Broadway. Live music, local vendors, beer & cocktails, food trucks and family fun. Info: lindsey@myenglewoodchamber.com

ENGLEWOOD CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING

AUGUST 30, 4-6 p.m. at UrgentVet Englewood, 5124 S. Broadway, Englewood. Free & open to the public. Tours, food, and refreshments. RSVP: myenglewoodchamber.com

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

AUG. 31. A global event that aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death. Visit overdoseday.com

PARIS STREET MARKET

SEPT. 2, OCT. 7 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Aspen Grove, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton. Open-Air, Vintage, Boutique, Artisan.

CANCER LEAGUE OF COLORADO OVER THE EDGE

SEPT. 7-9. Join in the fight against cancer by repelling down McGregor Square. Registration now open for 2023. www.cancerleague.org or Call 303-281-9864.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

SEPT. 7 & SEPT. 14. Bring a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy a movie under the stars. Sept. 7 - "Back to the Future" and Sept. 14, "Maverick." Pre-movie activities, giveaways, and life entertainment. Screenings in partnership with Arapahoe Libraries. Tickets are \$5 online/ \$7 at the door. 2 & under free. Tickets at arapahoecountyeventcenter.com/picturesonthelains

34TH ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP POWWOW

Denver Art Museum Martin Bldg. Sie Welcome Center. **SAT., SEPT., 9** 10-5 p.m. Native American dance competitions, hands on activities, food &

vender booths, beadwork art making activities and local native artists. Fry bread & Indian tacos. Vendors showcasing jewelry, art, crafts, clothing, etc. Info. 720-865-5000.

TAPS: TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS WESTERN-THEMED GALA

SEPT. 9 at Wings Over the Rockies. Founders, Lynne and Bo Cottrell, in 2005 will be honored. The Cottrell's will be stepping down as directors of the event. The event raises funds for military survivors. Featuring country legend Pam Tillis and singer/songwriter Gary Morris. Also a special performance by Frank Moscato, an American Idol Gold Ticket winner. INFO: visit TAPS.org/Colorado

MS. COLORADO SENIOR AMERICA - QUEEN'S TEA

SUN, SEPT 10, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. At Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Course, Antero Ballroom. It will be a fun afternoon of sipping tea and tasting the delights of an assortment of finger sandwiches, canapés, appetizers, and desserts. You will be entertained by the Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant Queen 2023 Joanie Ryan and club members including the dance group, The Bella Donna's! Silent auction and Live auction! This is an annual fundraiser that should not be missed. For tickets contact Cyndy Oberdier at: 720-217-3560 colosramerica.com

AUTHORS HALL OF FAME DINNER

SEPT. 11 at the Double Tree Hilton DTC. 12 New Inductees. For the list of all inductees, and tickets to attend the gala visit ColoradoAuthorsHalloffame.org

SOUTH METRO DENVER CHAMBER WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

SEPT. 12 - Comedy Works South. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. A full day of empowerment, engagement, and actionable takeaways focused on equipping women with skills and knowledge to thrive in both professional and personal environments with five outstanding speakers. Tickets: info@bestchamber.com or call 303-795-0142.

CHERRY CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Cherry Creek Republican Women are taking a break from monthly meetings for July and August. Programs resume on **Sept. 12.** Contact Evie Ashmore at 303-746-4608 for information.

CHALK ART FESTIVAL

SAT., SEPT. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Streets at SouthGlenn, 6851 S. Vine St. Watch local artists create sidewalk masterpieces using only chalk and their imaginations. Shopping, live music featuring Some Sweet Day, Family Activities, outdoor concert.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTER GALA

SAT., SEPT. 16, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. Live Music, Auction, Dancing, Casino Gaming. "The Nacho Men" presented by 5 Star Talent & Entertainment. Tickets: MSCenter.org/gala

ART ON THE GREEN ALL-COLORADO ART FAIR

SEPT. 16-17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Curtis Center for the Arts and the City of Greenwood

Village. Featuring dozens of artist booths, food trucks, live music and more at Greenwood Village's Curtis Park. Info: www.aretonthegreencolorado.com

CITY OF AURORA WARD VI TOWN HALL MEETING

SEPT. 20, Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club. Hosted by Council Member Franchise Bergan. Info: Call 303-739-7015 or visit AuroraGov.org/TownMeetings

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOUTH SUBURBAN 2024 BUDGET

SEPT. 27, OCT. 4 Provide input on projects and priorities. Meetings to be held in the Board Room at the Sports Complex (4810 E. County Line Rd., Littleton. Info: Call 303-798-5131. Mon.-Fri from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW

SUN., SEPT. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cherry Hills Village City Hall Parking Lot - 2450 E. Quincy Ave. Live music. To register a car call 303-324-0965.

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW

SUN. SEPT. 30, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cherry Hills Village City Hall Parking Lot - 2450 E. Quincy Ave. No fee for spectators. Info: 303-324-0965 or Email: marklgriffin@msn.com

RODEO ALL STAR RODEO COMPETITION

OCT. 6-7. NEW Denver dates. Three rodeo competitions and a Friday night All-Star Concert.. Also the RAS Mutton Bustin" Sheep Stampede. Registration open. Tickets: rodeoallstar.com

CITY OF CENTENNIAL SIP IN CENTENNIAL

OCT. 21, 1-5 p.m. Centennial Center Park, 13050 E. Peakview Ave. Combining Brew-N-Que and Whiskey Warmer - beer & liquor tastings, food trucks, yard games and live entertainment. Free to attend and open to all ages.

MENTAL HEALTH COLO. 40TH ANNUAL TRIBUTE FUNDRAISING GALA

SAT., OCT. 28, 5:30 p.m. Formal attire. Denver Center for the Performing Arts Seawell Ballroom, 1350 Arap. St., Den. Email: ashaw@mentalhealthcolorado.org

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DIRECTORS ELECTION

NOV. 7, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Three directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms in Director Districts A, B & C for CCSD No. 5. Eligible electors must reside in each District respectively for at least 12 months preceding the election and who are interested in serving on the school board may obtain a Board Candidates Packet for the Director District in which they reside, including a Nomination Petition from the District Designated Election Official (DEO) from Aug. 9-Sept. 1. Dealing to submit a petition is Fri., Sept 1, 4 p.m. Petitions: Sonja - 720-554-4373.

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2023 Volkswagen ID.4 is all-electric model

The brand-new model VW is a technological homer-un. So many controls with a unique transmission turning a knob on the steering wheel column for gear choice.

This is by far the most complex and advanced VW that I have ever enjoyed driving, after a long list of "Beatles" experiences.

The ID.4 is an SUV style, larger than smaller VWs. The major impact of this vehicle is that it is 100 percent battery driven, no fossil fuels in this advanced model. The appearance, attractive cabin, and a 62/ Kwh-Lithium-ion single electric motor, with rear-wheel drive the source of momentum. The ID.4S has four-wheel independent suspension and electric power steering. It has perfection on highway drive handling, never seeing a curve it didn't like. Special nighttime and fog lighting, along with the latest overall LED lights.



This is a "smart" vehicle, loaded with advanced electronics and technology. Along with the many new innovations the ID.4S earns an overall five-star safety rating. Attractive appeal is the final assembly of this vehicle in Chattanooga, TN. with the engine and power train made in the USA.

This vehicle has it all in safety, technology, innovation, and comfort with V-Tex

leatherette seat surfaces. Front seats have 12- way seat adjustment controls and four-way lumbar support with massage memory and function.

I had to consult the manual for some instruction, including heating and cooling information. The air conditioning works well but has an impact on the overall driving range of the vehicle. The range is rated at 209 miles on a full

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THE RIDE
By H. Throttle

charge of six-hours. Driving up mountain highways with air conditioning, the mileage drops fast. Likewise, coming down mountain's mileage increases especially when braking on steep grades. The technology allows the car to apparently use hybrid friction technology to generate and conserve power.

The ID.4S is a masterpiece of new technology, somewhat difficult to adjust to initially, but once into the engineering designs and changes this is an exciting new concept in how vehicles may look and operate today, or later.

The challenge isn't in the engineering but in the power supply source. Drivers must find a charging station that is compatible to the brand, and not in use. A six-hour charge

is a long time for a 209-mile driving experience. The bottom line, this is a well-designed effective electric motor vehicle that can be an excellent commute drive to work. Beware of a trip that is uphill on a hot day, in rural Colorado with unknown charging locations and compatibility to the electric brands.

Electric cars are very effective, very fast, smooth to drive, and loaded with the latest technical and safety features. The challenge seems to be in the power source, availability, location, price, and cost of energy. The principle of using electric motors to drive the car is working magnificently, but refueling is challenging and improving slowly. A road trip in an all-electric vehicle may be a challenging experience. Presently, I prefer the hybrid vehicles with gasoline engines and battery components achieving high mileage.

The new 2023 ID.4S is an innovative step into the future.

12 of Colorado’s pioneering authors will be inducted into the Author’s Hall of Fame in September

The Colorado Authors’ Hall of Fame Induction Gala on September 11th at the Double Tree Hilton Denver Tech Center will celebrate 12 more prolific authors with ties to the sunshine state.

This years’ inductees include autism rights and animal rights activist, Temple Grandin, archaeologist, science fiction writer Kathleen O’Neal Gear, Christian pilgrim Philip Yancey, visionary writer of the American West Patty Limerick and eight others.

Two legacy authors, John Denver, one of the world’s best loved performers, author of his autobiography, and poet laureate of Colorado in 1974. His song, “Rocky Mountain High,” became Colorado’s State song in 2007. The other Legacy recipient is Abelardo Lalo Delgado, considered El Abuelito (grandfather) of Chi-



cano literature. His poetry, frequently anthologized, is part of the lexicon of Chicano Studies programs on college campuses and the basis for his posthumous appointment as Poet Laureate of Denver.

The living inductees, honored at the Induction Gala include bestselling and prolific authors:

- Jeanne Abrams
- Temple Grandin
- Peter Heller
- Mary Kelly
- Patricia Limerick
- Tom Noel
- Linda Wommack
- Philip Yancey

The Author’s Hall of Fame aims to recognize and celebrate outstanding authors

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with ties to the beautiful state of Colorado. Past inductees included former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, former Miss America’s and advocate Marilyn Van Derbur, horror icon Stephen King, Newbury Medal winner Avi, cookbook pioneer Carol Fenster, and Sci-fi writer Kevin J Anderson.

The Colorado Authors’ Hall of Fame is the first in the nation to recognize and celebrate the breadth of work that authors brought forth.

The Hall inducts new authors bi-annually, and the public is invited to nominate their favorite authors with ties to Colorado. Nominations will open again in 2025.

About Colorado Authors’ Hall of Fame®

Authors’ Hall of Fame® strives to educate the people of Colorado and the country about the stories of the authors who shaped their works using their personal presence and the environment of our State with courage, leadership, intelligence, compassion, and creativity. Inductees are authors who’ve made a major impact on others with their words. The Authors’ Hall of Fame® recognition endeavors to ensure their legacies never die.

The 2023 Induction of the Hall of Fame® will be held September 11th at the DoubleTree Hilton Denver Tech Center. Additional information about the upcoming Induction event, inductees, donations, events, and board members is available at www.ColoradoAuthorsHallofFame.org

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