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Jeffco Sheriff and partner organizations solve 38-year-old cold case

18-year-old Jeannie Moore was found dead in August 1981

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Thanks to advancements in technology in genealogical DNA matching, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office has solved a cold case that was nearly four decades old. At a press conference on Sept. 10, Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Shrader announced that Donald Steven Perea had kidnapped, sexually assaulted and killed Jeannie Moore in August 1981. Perea died on May 28, 2012, from health issues. He was 54.

“While her family is pleased the suspect has been identified, they’re still struggling with the memories and pain this discovery has brought back,” Shrader said. In a press release he added, “we would have preferred to place handcuffs on the suspect (but) we hope knowing who and where he is brings them some degree of closure.”

On Aug. 25, 1981, at about 7 a.m., Moore, who was 18 at the time, was hitchhiking from her residence near West 48th Avenue and Depew Street in Lakewood to her place of employment near West 13th Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard in Westminster. It was common for Moore to hitchhike to work, said Elias Alberti, a cold case investigator with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office. On Aug. 25, 1981, she walked to a gas station near I-70 and Harlan Street, and in the vicinity of that area, witnesses saw her get into a red car, Alberti said. About 30 minutes later when Moore did not show up for her shift that morning, Moore’s manager called her mother to find out why. The mother expressed concern, and five days later, picnickers found Moore’s body in Genesee Park, which is located in the Jefferson County foothills. This is when the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office got involved with the investigation, Alberti said.

“Over this many years, there’s been thousands and thousands of hours put into the case,” Alberti said. “When we solve cases like these,” said Mitch Morrissey, owner of United Data Connect for the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, “I really believe that it has an impact on our community.”

Three organizations can be credited for solving Moore’s case — the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office a for profit company called United Data Connect and Metro Denver Crime Stoppers, a local nonprofit organization.

In 2008, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office re-examined the evidence in Moore’s case collected in 1981 with new technology specific to DNA, Alberti said. In 2011, the evidence was submitted to CBI and a DNA profile for the suspect was developed. It was uploaded into the FBI’s Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) but had “no successful hits,” Alberti said.

In May this year, the sheriff’s office looked into the case again because of recent advancements in forensic genetic genealogy, Alberti said. Once learning that the DNA evidence in Moore’s case could be reanalyzed, Alberti said, the sheriff’s office reached out to United Data Connect for the analysis, and Denver Metro Crime Stoppers for funding assistance.

United Data Connect used the DNA profile of the unknown suspect to look for ancestry matches through public databases, and found potential family members of the unknown suspect.

This is what led investigators to determine that Perea was the suspect, but because he was deceased, they had to collect DNA from his biological daughter and perform a reverse paternity test.

Perea “was 3.3 trillion times more likely than anybody else to be the suspect,” Alberti said. He added that the department is committed to solving its other cold cases — 38 homicides, seven missing persons and two unidentified remains.

“Our commitment is bringing closure for all of those families,” Shrader said.

NREL gets its first autonomous shuttle

Driverless vehicle to transport employees around the Golden campus

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From wireless charging for electric vehicles to vehicles that run on hydrogen fuel, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden has been doing research on transportation for a long time.

“Pushing the boundaries of science,” said Johney Green, associate laboratory director in NREL’s mechanical and thermal engineering services, the latest in transportation research to come to NREL is an electric-powered autonomous shuttle.

“We want to be on the ground floor with transportation technologies,” Green said. “This gives us an opportunity to take a peek into the future.”

Driverless vehicle to transport employees around the Golden campus

Christian Elmiger, a deployment engineer, rides inside the EZ10 to ensure the safety and efficiency during the autonomous shuttle’s debut on Sept. 9 on the National Renewable Energy Laboratory’s campus.
Nothing Would Spur the Real Estate Market More Than Payoff of Student Debt

A recurring idea among many of the Democratic presidential candidates is that the payoff of student debt combined with making public universities and colleges tuition-free.

If that were to be done, I think we’d see an amazing increase in home purchases by those who are currently saddled with tens of thousands of dollars in debt. Freeing them from monthly payments of that debt could unleash a lot of buying power, and not just for real estate. Dollar-for-dollar, there is probably no investment the government could make of equal scope that would have as great a stimulating effect on the economy.

According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “Student loan debt has topped $1.5 trillion in recent years, making it the largest type of consumer debt outstanding other than mortgages. The average student loan borrower graduates with nearly $30,000 in debt.”

Moreover, according to the Center, The CFPB estimates that over a quarter of borrowers are delinquent or have defaulted on their student loan debt. Such defaults wreak havoc on the borrower’s credit rating, making home financing impossible rather than just difficult.

It’s hard to imagine the impact of having literally millions of home buyers entering the market if this were to happen. It may, in fact, prove to be too much stimulation of an already tight housing market. Meanwhile, the rental market could have the depressing impact of so many renters vacating apartments and homes to buy their own condos and single-family homes.

Speaking of the economy, I read an article last week that the RV industry is experiencing a 20% decline in sales, and that it’s considered a leading indicator of recessions. In my Sept. 5th column I wrote about fears of recession sticking a major dent in home buying activity, although market statistics don’t yet show that happening.

However, the article on RV sales got me thinking. What makes it a leading indicator of a coming recession is that RVs are an extreme example of discretionary spending, the kind that is reduced when consumers fear for their financial future.

Well, real estate purchases are often discretionary, too. People don’t always have to sell their current home or leave their rental to purchase a home. If they are in fear of economic pain, it’s understandable that they would postpone such a purchase.

So, although the statistics don’t yet reflect such a slowdown in real estate activity, I think the prospect of that slowdown is quite real, and I’ll be watching for statistical evidence of it.

Now, if we could get 10 or 20 million graduates relieved of their student debt, that could be a strong countervailing influence on the real estate market.

Some Takeaways from Last Saturday’s Electric Car Event

This was the sixth year that Golden Real Estate has hosted a local “Drive Electric Week” event. As you’d expect, it has grown each year.

This year we got our first glimpse of EVs built to compete with Tesla’s high-end electric cars. I got to drive the new Jaguar I-Pace and ride in Audi’s eTron, and they are certainly worthy competitors for Tesla in the luxury EV field.

The Jaguar has four electric motors — one in each wheel hub — which is a step above Tesla’s two motors and is likely to become a favored design for high-end EVs. The difference in performance and handling is perceptible.

The Audi eTron has dual electric motors, like Tesla, centered between the front and rear wheels.

Just Listed: Awesome Home in Hills Above Boulder

Nowadays, it’s rare to find a Boulder home this special on the market for less than $1 million. This fabulous home at 1670 Timber Lane is located in coveted Pine Brook Hills, 4 miles northwest of downtown Boulder and the Pearl Street mall. It’s a 4-bedroom, 3-bath ranch-style home with walk-out basement and 3,793 finished square feet of living space on 1 acre. It has a 2-car attached garage and a ramp making it wheelchair-accessible. It was just listed by Chuck Brown for $999,000. Enjoy the best of both worlds here — in the wooded foothills close to the restaurants and nightlife of Boulder. You’ll love the view of city lights from the recently rebuilt wraparound deck. You can take a narrated video tour of the home at www.Boulder-Home.info, then come to Chuck’s open house this Saturday, Sept. 21st, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. OR call Chuck at 303-885-7855 for a private showing.

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100TH TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE

On Sept. 14, U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-07) held his 100th of his Government in the Grocery events. He started the Government in the Grocery program when he first took office in 2007 to meet directly with 7th congressional district constituents in their community. The first Government in the Grocery was held on Jan. 27, 2007 in Wheat Ridge, and the 100th was held in Lakewood. “I believe being accessible and engaging often with constituents is essential to the fabric of our democracy,” Perlmutter said in a statement. “The Government in the Grocery program is an easy and convenient way for constituents to share their concerns, ideas and questions and, in turn, makes us a better representative.” A schedule of upcoming events, including the dates and locations of future Government in the Grocery gatherings are available at perlmutter.house.gov.

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By JIM SMITH, Realtor®

Coming Soon: North Golden Home With Mountain Views

Check back here next week for all the details on 301 Cliff Line Rd., a luxury custom home within the City of Golden, high up on the western slopes of North Table Mountain. For advance info, call listing agent Kristi Brunel at 303-525-2520.

Big Price Reduction on Golden Horse Property

If you drive Easley Road, perhaps you’ve seen this banner on the fence of my listing at 16826 W. 57th Ave. It was originally listed at $750,000 — a great price, I felt, for a one-acre horse property within 4 miles of downtown Golden. Now, however, the price is reduced to $699,000. Such a deal!

In addition to the half-acre pasture, the property includes a 5-bedroom, 3-bath multi-level home with a 3-car garage. Separate from the pasture is a fenced backyard which is sheltered from any traffic noise. The master bedroom upstairs has a private deck with a view of North Table Mountain. You’ll have the experience of being in the country here, close to bridle trails, bike trails and walking paths up the east slope of North Table Mountain. There’s no HOA, and you’re in unincorporated Jefferson County, so you’re free to build another outbuilding as big as you’d like or to use the pasture for storing your cars, RVs and other toys. You can take a narrated video tour at www.JeffcoHorseProperties.com, or call me for a showing. Open Sat. 11-1.
Celebrating 50 years of the Action Center

Block party honors 50th anniversary

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The Action Center reflected on 50 years of service to Jeffco residents and looked ahead to its next 50 years at its block party on Sept. 14. The party was held at the resource center’s headquarters, located at 8755 W. 14 Ave in honor of its 50th anniversary. Attendees could enjoy food, music, games, face painting and other forms of entertainment. For more information about the Action Center, visit theactioncenter.org or call 303-237-7704.

From left, West Metro Chamber President Pam Bales, Red Rocks Community College President Michele Haney, Lakewood Mayor Adam Paul, Jeffco Public Schools board member Amanda Stevens, Edgewater Mayor Laura Keegan, Action Center Executive Director Pam Brier, Action Center Board President Cindy Baroway and Colin Larson, a Republican candidate for HD22. The group cut a ribbon celebrating the next 50 years of the Action Center.

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Lakewood High School’s drumline kicked off the festivities at the Action Center’s block party.

Guests could share messages to the Action Center as the resource center turned 50. The Action Center provides services to struggling Jeffco residents and homeless people.

JoAnn Martinez gets her face painted by Kara Bruze. Among other activities at the Action Center’s block party included games, music, a dunking tank and more.

Mohamed Hadidi, owner of Lord of the Wings, cooks up some wings for the Action Center’s block party. Other vendors included Kona Ice.

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9/11 remembered at Colorado Memorial Stair Climb

Thousands gathered on Sept. 11 for Red Rocks event

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When the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York happened on Sept. 11, 2001, West Metro Fire firefighter Brad Harmon was sitting in a classroom for paramedics school. He was sent home from class, but his day was far from over.

Harmon served in the U.S. Air Force at the time, and he was sent to the Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, where he stayed the night.

“Life stops. I remember the surreal-ness of it,” Harmon said. “I remember how scary that night was. Everybody thought the next attack was coming to that base that night. We were on full alert.”

Harmon joined 2,500 others at Red Rocks the morning of Sept. 11 to pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 people — including 343 New York City firefighters — who were killed in the World Trade Center attacks. Harmon, other firefighters from multiple depart-ments and area residents climbed the equivalent of the 110 stories of the WTC.

Before the climb ensued, recordings from New York news stations when the attacks occurred were played, music from the Colorado Emerald Society was performed and the Honor Bell was rung to pay homage to those who died 18 years ago.

“I still see those buildings being hit by a plane. Can you imagine the firefighters going up into those build-ings, and what it took,” said Durant Carpenter, of Centennial.

It was the 11th year the climb at Red Rocks took place. The event benefits the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs provided by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to support the families of our nation’s fallen. Organizers say more than $1 million is raised each year.

“It not only took so many lives, but it took a symbol of who we were in our way of life. You can’t forget that sort of thing,” said Michelle Malin, executive director of the Honor Bell Foundation who brought the Honor Bell to Red Rocks. “If you forget, then we lose our reason to fight for the way of life we have.”

The American flag hangs high over 2,500 firefighters and residents at the Colorado Memorial Stair Climb.

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Effort to recall Colorado state Sen. Brittany Pettersen fails

Petition for her to be recalled needed more than 18,000 signatures

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Lakewood native and Republican Nancy Pallozzi propelled a petition to recall Pettersen over the summer. The petition read that Pettersen should be recalled for bills she’s voted yes on in the past, including votes on an updated sex education curriculum, a bill that increases regulation on the oil and gas industry in Colorado and the red flag law—a law that gives Colorado judges the right to temporarily remove firearms from citizens considered to be at risk of harming themselves or others.

“I knew my constituents wouldn’t fall for this scam. These are out of touch extremists that are trying to have an election redo when I won overwhelmingly,” said Pettersen. “Recalls are for egregious behavior, not for policy disagreements.”

The petition needed more than 18,000 signatures from registered voters in District 22 by 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Senate District 22 stretches from C-470 and Ken Caryl in the south, through Lakewood and north to Edgewater. Pettersen was elected to her position last November when she defeated Republican Tony Sanchez by a 17% margin. Pallozzi ran against Pettersen for a seat on the Colorado House of Representatives in 2018, but lost by nearly a 20% margin.

“We just need to work harder on elections and try to win elections instead of having to try to recall people,” said Alex Inscoe, the field director for the Jefferson County Republican Party and a District 22 resident.

Another petition failed to recall Colorado state Sen. Pete Lee, D-Colorado Springs, who represents Senate District 11 in Colorado Springs. Petitioners said Lee should be recalled “because he sponsored legislation to create a paid family and medical leave program to be funded by a mandatory tax on businesses and employees, disingenuously referring to it as a ‘fee’ instead of a tax,” The Colorado Springs Gazette reported. Petitioners failed to obtain 11,304 signatures by Sept. 10 to send a question to voters about whether or not to recall Lee. He had defeated Republican Pat McIntire by a 24% margin at last November’s election.

Pallozzi says petition efforts against the state senators might not yet be done as next steps are being discussed.

“We are confident in the success of our future efforts to recall both of these elected officials. In the meantime, we continue to educate the public regarding the party-line politics being played in both districts that completely undermine the will of the people,” said Pallozzi in an emailed statement. “We want to thank each and every volunteer who fought through extreme heat, countless sunburns and the harassment of dissenters which was not limited to vile name calling and crude gestures.”

Democrats outnumber Republicans in the State Senate 19 to 16 and in the State House, 41 to 24.

“Considering that both Senators Lee and Pettersen won their 2018 elections overwhelmingly by double digits, it is hardly surprising the sore losers are throwing these sham recalls are throwing in the towel. As has been the case with previous failed recalls, this was never about their votes,” said Colorado Democratic Party Chair Morgan Carroll in a statement.

Home Equity Loans for Seniors—A Safe Option

by Kathy Muni

“I called to ask questions about accessing the equity in my home to help cover monthly expenses, but my son was against it. He doesn’t live with me or pay my bills, he just thought it was a bad idea. He spoke with my loan officer, who was able to meet all of his objections. I am so glad I didn’t stop when my son said he didn’t like it!”

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Objection #2: “But Dad, there will be no inheritance for us kids!” Children do not realize that the property can be willed to the kids. With new safeguards (including lower lending limits and reduced mortgage insurance costs), the loan balance grows more slowly, allowing the heirs to decide to refinance or sell the home.

Seniors have worked all their lives to provide for their families. Rather than struggling financially in retirement, they can unlock the equity in their home, and provide a more secure life in their golden years.

Listen to Kathy on Muni for Your Money: The Reverse Mortgage Show on Legends 810AM at 9am on Saturdays or 10:30am on Sundays.
Polling generally supports move, but some states depend heavily on drilling method

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI
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Several Democratic presidential candidates are running on a promise to ban fracking — and stepping on unstable political ground as they do so.

An all-out prohibition on the controversial natural gas extraction process — backed by Sens. Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren — has been well received by the liberal and climate-focused voters closely watching the primary. But the proposal also threatens to antagonize unions and voters in areas that depend on oil and gas for jobs.

That opposition may be fiercest in some of the states Democrats care about most. Banning fracking could have a dramatic impact on the economy in Pennsylvania, a state Democrats consider a must-win in their pursuit of the White House. It could also jeopardize the party’s hold on Colorado, a swing state trending its way not to mention Democrats’ dreams of winning statewide in Texas, the headquarters of the energy industry and home to 137,000 natural gas wells.

The candidates’ support for a ban is one of the clearest examples of the party’s move to the left in its 2020 primary. Only a few years ago, President Barack Obama celebrated the benefits of fracking — welcoming the economic benefits of fracking, which he saw as a part of his “all-of-the-above” energy policy.

“Everybody’s talking about ACES,” said Jeremy Nichols, director of the Energy Program at the Sierra Club. “It’s a really exciting time in transportation.”

“It’s a really exciting time in transportation,” added Jeffrey Gonder, executive director of the American Public Transportation Association. “We’re excited to see the EZ10 taking the stage.”

Candidates split on ban

In recent climate-change town halls, Harris, Sanders and Warren called for bans on fracking. Others, like former Vice President Joe Biden and the two Texans in the race — former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro and former Rep. Beto O’Rourke — have balked at such a step, which some campaigns acknowledge would require legislative action.

The politics of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, are complex. The process involves injecting chemicals into the earth to free natural gas trapped in rock. The technology has enabled energy companies to drill in previously inaccessible areas, including in suburban neighborhoods where new gas wells can cause opposition that defies traditional partisan lines. Active energy wells can crush property values and cause tension in suburban areas where the technology has been adopted.

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But Polis and most Democrats have stressed they’re not out to ban fracking statewide. Wild Earth Guardians, an environmental group pushing for the end of fracking, has been urging Polis to come out against the technique with no success.

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For the El Dorado Mexican Restaurant in Golden, the path to success is easy – keep the menu simple, customer service good and always support the community that has allowed you to thrive.

Eric Duran, owner of the restaurant, said he and his family purchased the Golden location about 11 years ago. At the time, the restaurant was called La Carreta.

Duran said he was hesitant to get back into the restaurant business, but when his dad told him to check out the Golden location, he reluctantly did. “I came out here and was just blown away,” he said. “This place was hopping. I knew there were so many things we could do here.”

In the first year, Duran said he sat back and watched what customers wanted and liked. After that year, he went to his dad and brother, which are business partners, with the idea of changing the name and menu.

“They thought I was crazy,” Duran explained. “Changing a name and menu can be really risky for a restaurant. Basically, my family said it was on me to sink or swim.”

In this case, he swam. Duran began a search for the perfect restaurant name. He ordered a Spanish dictionary out of Mexico, and started testing out ideas. In the end, Duran joked that the answer was right there the entire time.

“I tried so many different ideas,” he said. “They just didn’t fit. Then, one day, I was thinking what is Golden? What does it mean in Spanish? I looked it up, and right there it was - dorado.”

The name was changed to El Dorado and Duran simplified the menu to feature recipes from his grandmother who came from Chihuahua, Mexico.

“I consider this my house,” he said. “My grandmother always said when you have guests, you welcome them. You treat them as family. I am grateful for this community that has welcomed me by welcoming them into my home. I couldn’t be anymore gracious to the community.”

Welcoming is exactly what Duran is. The in-the-trenches manager can be seen mingling with customers on Taco Tuesday as he welcomes a table of regulars with a hug, a smile and friendly banter.

Duran said while tourists are always welcome, the work he does is to make sure local residents and longtime customers are happy.

Mike and Lisa Thomsen said they’ve been eating at El Dorado for more than 10 years, and El Dorado is their go-to for perfect Mexican food.

“I’m always a little bit hesitant to tell people about this place because we don’t want to let the secret out,” Mike said. “It’s one of those things, you go to a variety of Mexican restaurants and they all taste the same. You come here and it’s different. It’s different because they care. They care about the quality and care about everyone they serve.”

The food

With a 4-foot pot steaming in the kitchen with a fresh batch of the day’s green chili, Duran said they take pride in making the food on El Dorado’s menu.

“My grandmother taught me that with Mexican food – less is more,” Duran said. “It shouldn’t be fancy. It shouldn’t be too much. It should be simple. It should be made with love.”

At El Dorado, the goal is to get the food out quick so the customers can enjoy eating and drinking with family.

Duran said the two most popular dishes are the carnitas and crispy chili relleno.

Duran fondly remembers his grandma making new batch of carnitas. She would be cooking with two bottles of beer opened. Duran said he once asked her what the two bottles were for and smiled as he said his grandmother explained that one bottle was to drink and the other was “love” in the recipe.

The carnitas and chili rellenos are event better smothered in the house-made green chili. The green chili is a perfect combination of smokiness from the green chilies complimented by savory nuggets of pork. Made to order, the green chili comes in mild, medium, or hot.

Lisa Thomsen said she’s biased because this has become their go-to place.

“Everything is fresh. The customer service is amazing. They do anything for you and treat us as family,” she said. “When you find something as great as El Dorado, why would you go anywhere else?”

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**LET’S EAT**

**RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT**

El Dorado Mexican Restaurant focuses on good service, food
Golden Rotary helps install Cool Down Corners at Shelton, Welchester

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Sometimes we all need to step away and take a moment for a breather to calm our emotions and refocus.

This is the idea behind a Cool Down Corner.

“The idea resonates with people,” said Golden Rotarian Colleen Jorgensen. “These are skills that everyone needs — how to deal with the things that life throws at us.”

The Rotary Club of Golden is in the midst of providing materials and training for teachers at Shelton Elementary to install Cool Down Corners in their classrooms. The first installment and training included eight teachers, and Rotary plans to get Cool Down Corners in every classroom at Shelton throughout the school year.

Golden Rotary learned about Cool Down Corners from Thomson Elementary School in Arvada, where Cool Down Corners are in some classrooms. Golden Rotary first brought the project to Welchester Elementary in Golden during the 2017-18 school year. Welchester now has Cool Down Corners in five classrooms, Jorgensen said.

Bringing the Cool Down Corners to Golden schools is part of Golden Rotary’s mental health initiative — the club placed raising awareness of mental health issues among youth as one of its priorities a few years ago. Since then, the club formed its wellness work group to focus on mental health; hosted community events dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues, reducing stigma and providing resources; and formed a partnership with the Jefferson Center.

“We were becoming more and more aware of the needs in schools,” said Martha Tate, who is co-leading the Golden Rotary’s Cool Down Corners project with Jorgensen. “Even children in kindergarten can learn to self-soothe. Working with children will help them with their mental health and self-regulation at an early age.”

Cool Down Corners can be customized to the classroom, the teacher and grade level. Pictured is a Cool Down Corner in one of the classrooms at Thomson Elementary School in Arvada. As part of its mental health initiative, the Rotary Club of Golden is bringing Cool Down Corners to Shelton Elementary this school year, beginning the project at Welchester during the 2017-18 school year.

Every Cool Down Corner can be customized to the classroom, the teacher and grade level. However, generally Cool Down Corners have various items that serve as tools for self-soothing. For example, a pinwheel or scented playdough can help a child take deep breaths in a fun way or a set of headphones can be used for sound reduction or for listening to soothing music. Cool Down Corners can have writing materials so students can jot down their thoughts or emotions, and comfort items such as pillows and stuffed animals.

There is a subtle but profound difference between a Cool Down Corner and a time-out, Jorgensen said.

“A child that’s sad is not a discipline issue,” she said. “It but it still affects their performance in the classroom.”

A Cool Down Corner is not a place to go for punishment because of misbehavior, Tate added.

“It’s a place (for students) to become aware of emotions and calm themselves down in order to get back to class as quickly as possible,” Tate said.

Georgia Wallace, a fourth-grade teacher at Shelton, introduced the Cool Down Corner to her students on the first day of school this year.

“I encouraged all students to try it for the first few days, even if they were not feeling overwhelmed or frustrated, in order to make it feel like it is a tool for us all to use (and) not just certain students,” Wallace said. “The calming corner gets taken away for the day if we are not using the tools in the bin like we should.”

Likewise, Cheryl O’Haire, who has been teaching for 27 years and currently teaches second grade at Shelton, added that Cool Down Corners are a healthy “way of dealing with upset feelings instead of taking teacher time to calm down.”

“My hope is that students will begin to increase their ability to calm down on their own, which will increase instructional time,” O’Haire said. “Students are not told to go there, as opposed to a behavior break when misbehaving. (And) all students are still held accountable for the work they miss while there so that it doesn’t become a (school work) avoidance place.”

Wallace believes that Cool Down Corners will overall enhance student learning.

“It is helping teach students about how to recognize our emotions and it provides a responsible outlet for releasing any frustrations or feelings of anxiety,” Wallace said. “These are skills they can take with them beyond the classroom.”

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Parents appeal decision not to designate feeder for option school

Request, if granted, could spur similar requests from Golden, Wheat Ridge schools

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Neighboring schools Maple Grove Elementary for kindergarteners through fifth graders and the Manning School of Academics and Arts for sixth through eighth graders are at odds over a decision on school enrollment from Superintendent Jason Glass.

The schools, located in Golden, sit next door to one another on Alkire Street; however, Maple Grove does not feed directly into Manning, an option school. With some believing the neighborhood elementary school should be a feeder for Manning, community members and Manning’s Parent Partnership Committee met back in 2018 to discuss the enrollment pattern, which is based on a lottery system.

Based on the committee’s recommendations, Glass made a decision to change the system, by extending priority to siblings not only of seventh and sixth graders at Manning, as in previous years, but also of outgoing eighth graders.

However, the change still did not prioritize acceptance of Maple Grove students, who will continue to have an equal chance of getting into Manning as other district students do. Maple Grove parents came to the school board’s Sept. 5 meeting to request an appeal of Glass’s decision, as Maple Grove children “are disproportionately affected” by rejection from Manning as compared to other students, according to former Maple Grove principal Ian Stone.

The parents said that because the majority of Maple Grove students matriculate to Manning, students who are not accepted become separated from their peer group and face a greater emotional impact than other students do.

According to data from the Manning School, 88%, or just over 40 of Maple Grove’s fifth graders, applied to Manning for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kyllin, Prospect Valley and Raiston elementary schools saw similar numbers of Manning applicants. However, at each school less than 70% of fifth graders applied to Manning.

Parents also presented data from the “2019 Survey of 5th Grade Parents for Continuation.” According to the data, every Jeffco middle school will have five or fewer sixth graders from Maple Grove this year, as opposed to the 34 at Manning.

“We are only talking about a small number of children,” said Danielle Piper, chairperson of Maple Grove’s school accountability committee.

The accommodation for Maple Grove students “will have very little impact on the enrollment process but a comparatively large impact” on Maple Grove students who would otherwise be rejected from Manning, she said.

She and her fellow parents pointed to other district examples of schools feeding into option schools, such as Denison Elementary, which feeds into D’Evelyn Junior/Senior High.

But Glass and board members said that, though there may be some similarities between the two situations, no situation quite like this one exists in Jeffco.

“The difference is that those schools wanted that connection,” Glass said of D’Evelyn and Denison. “But in this case, we’re seeking an accommodation, which (does not) wish to have that preference.”

Further, board member Amanda Stevens suggested that, if the board were to overturn the decision and make an accommodation for Maple Grove students, it would create “a situation in which we may overstep our role as a governing body.”

She suggested the district instead look into writing a district-wide policy to address this issue and any similar ones in the future.

The board has yet to decide whether to hold a formal vote on overturning Glass’s decision. Should the board choose not to vote, Glass’s decision would not be overturned, but that does not “mean we have not heard” the parents, said board president Ron Mitchell.

Conversely, if board members decide it is necessary to vote on the decision, the vote would take place at the regular meeting on Oct. 10.

Meanwhile, Manning principal Jeena Templeton urged the board not to overturn Glass’s decision, as it reflects the input of the entire community, she said.

“We understand the desire to have (students) ride their bikes to school and matriculate from elementary school to middle school with their friends,” she said. But with an equal lottery, Manning “does not have to choose one family’s reason for choosing Manning as more important than another.”

She added that other nearby schools, such as Prospect Valley located less than two miles from Manning, have said they would attempt to make similar requests should Maple Grove’s be granted.

“It threatens our status as a true option,” she said. And should the board overturn the decision, “I believe it would be very difficult for the relationship between the Maple Grove community and the larger Manning community to heal.”

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STEM SCHOLARS SUPPORTED

District talks tactics to engage ‘kids on the outer circle’

Survey finds more than 16% of middle, high school students feel unsafe

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Since 2018-2019 data came back for the school district’s Make Your Voice Heard Survey — with 20.4% of middle schoolers and 16.3% of high schoolers saying they do not feel safe at school — district staff have aimed to continue bolstering school safety.

“The events occurring around this country are having an impact on how our kids and staff are feeling,” said John McDonald, executive director of Safety Security and Emergency Management. As a result, “it’s going to be a big lift to keep” even the percentages the district saw this year, he said.

At the Sept. 5 school board meeting, McDonald and his colleagues provided an update on school safety goals, which state the district not only seeks to maintain the above percentages, but increase them. By 2022, the district aims for at least 90% of all students to say they feel safe on the Make Your Voice Heard Survey.

Additionally, the district has set a goal for 95% of educators to feel their school is safe on the Teaching & Learning Conditions Colorado (TLCC) survey. For 2019, that number was 90.3%.

Safety strategies

To meet its goals, the district has been using recommendations of the School Safety Task Force.

One notable recommendation has been the Middle School Campus Security Program, McDonald said. Through the program, both Carmody and Creighton middle schools have received additional campus supervisors to engage with students on a regular basis.

“The district would like to implement the program in every Jeffco middle school within the next two years,” said Jeff Pierson, director of Safe School Environments.

The team highlighted several other successes during its presentation, including improved preparation of administrators. This year, safety specialists provided the district’s yearly safety information to groups of about 30 administrators at a time, instead of the bigger groups of presentations, making safety presentations more engagement-based as opposed to lecture-based.

“The feedback we got was great,” Pierson said, with administrators saying they felt “better prepared with the right information.”

McDonald and Pierson also highlighted the district’s School Nurse Response Team, through which 33 school nurses have learned safety tactics from first responders — a program which McDonald says has attracted national recognition as other districts call to do the same.

Surge in Safe2Tell reports

McDonald and Pierson said these safety changes already had an effect on student perceptions of school safety, and it’s showed in the year’s Safe2Tell data. Safe2Tell is a website and tip line through which students can anonymously report safety concerns, which are then addressed by both the school and law enforcement.

There were 2,396 Safe2Tell reports in Jeffco last year; as opposed to five years ago, when there were less than 800 reports, McDonald said. For 2018-2019, the most common type of Safe2Tell submission were student reports that they or a classmate was at risk for suicide, with 388 reports in the suicide threat category.

The upticks represent that the district has more students “in crisis than we’ve ever seen,” McDonald said. But it also shows “our kids believe that we’ll respond and help them when they’re in crisis, and we certainly will.”

While personnel believe these increases partially stem from new programming, the gains also reflect statewide trends. August 2019 marked a new record for total Safe2Tell reports, with 1,501 tips coming in statewide, which is a 75% increase from August 2018, according to the Colorado Attorney General’s Office.

“These growth statistics are a testament to the effectiveness of statewide training and awareness efforts as well as the support Safe2Tell receives from our school, law enforcement, and mental health partners,” said Safe2Tell program director Essie Ellis.

But even amidst a celebration that students are relying more on school officials and law enforcement, board member Susan Harman called on the district to address the “upsetting” number of suicide threats in the district.

The team said that a more in-depth presentation on the social-emotional health of students, and tactics to improve suicidal actions, will occur at a future meeting.

In the meantime, Pierson said he and his colleagues have been meeting with student groups to hear more about what would make them feel safe at school.

Additionally, they have met individually with school principals to strategize on engaging students who feel they do not belong in the school, he said.

“The number one (contributor to students’ safety) is having a trusting, caring adult in those schools,” Pierson said. “We’ve pushed (principals) to rethink how you teach teachers to engage. Rethink how you engage kids on the outer circle.”
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2020 National Merit semifinalists named

STAFF REPORT

Semifinals in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program have been announced.

The program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education in a specific school.

Nationwide, about 16,000 students qualified as semifinalists. They will continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $31 million in total. The winners will be named in the spring.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships are awarded. Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit $2,500 Scholarships, awarded on a state-representational basis.

About 1,000 corporately funded Merit Scholarships will be provided by corporations and business organizations who meet their specified criteria. In addition, about 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance about 4,000 college-sponsored awards for finalists who attend the sponsor institution.

Winners will be announced beginning in April 2020 through July. Students in the Colorado Community Media coverage area who are semifinalists are:

**Aurora**
- Regis Jesuit High School, girls division: Molly X. Bowers, Isalina Colsman

**Broombroid**
- Jefferson Academy High School: Alan F. Sujansky
- Legacy High School: Colin M. England, Sophia L. Hendrix, Ashley Miller, Faiza F. Shaik, Brynn E. Siles

**Castle Rock**
- Douglas County High School: Kyle L. Lewis, Ramyukta P. Vakkalanaka

**Centennial**
- Arapahoe High School: Tanner W. Brummund, Delia G. Guibert, Jallie T. Rezek, Andrew M. Wood

**Golden**
- Golden High School: Natsumi L. Burde, Devin Christopher Prehn

**Greenwood Village**

**Highlands Ranch**
- Highlands Ranch High School: Sophia C. Mickus, Isaac C. Rosniokoff, Devin J. Warner

**Mountain Vista High School**
- Andrew G. Burcham, Trevor W. Fox, Keelin D. Hunt, Christopher M. Kraft, Allison J. O’Brien

**Rock Canyon High School**
- Jayendra S. Chauhan, Derek B. Fearn, Viyan A. Giri, Hope E. James, Ashley S. Koziowski, Wesley Shih, Sage J. Wheeler, Felix S. Wilson, Emily Yi, Vivian Zheng

**Skyview Academy**
- Rachel K. Bigler, Anand M. Chundi

**ThunderRidge High School**
- Brady D. LeBeau, Reed A. Rohr, Melanie Z. Zhou

**Valor Christian High School**
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**Littleton**
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There seem to be a lot of “I’s” in these teams

“A do me! Adore me! More! Louder! On your feet! Adore me!”

I write this as I’m watching the first of five football games I’ll take in during the next 36 hours or so, now that Monday Night Football is a double header. The Broncos, of course, are the pivotal game for me, but, overall, I just can’t seem to get enough football.

What I have had my fill of, already, is the “adore me” attitude of some — too many — players. You’ve seen it — a player makes a tackle or a catch or a sack or a first-down, he celebrates with a fist pump or something similar, and the crowd cheers for his accomplishment. After all, that’s his job and the stadium, his office (albeit a loud and raucous one). But sometimes somehow this just isn’t enough. The player holds his arms up in the air and waggles his hands and fingers: “C’mon, more, more, more for me!”

Yawn.

Imagine such big-headed behavior — from an adult — at your place of work, your kid’s school, your dentist’s office, or, perhaps most importantly, in your own kitchen as your emergency after-hours plumber stops the spraying leak under your sink.

Any of these settings — especially your kitchen — are great places for celebrating a job well done. But I hope the image of any of these job-doers leaping around, taking a sweeping bow, throwing up his or her hands and begging for additional adulation is as hilarious to you as it is to me.

Before you say it, yes, I know … this is football, and most fans willingly comply with such requests for full-throated awe. Some people I know find even these self-aggrandizing performances amusing and regard them as entertainment — in an industry that makes its money from fans’ investment in the entertainers.

Football is a physical sport and oversized egos are part of the game. Last I heard, though, football is also a team sport. Play together, win together, celebrate together … with the operative word being “together.”

Oh, I’m not talking about spiking the ball after a touchdown, serving up the Mile High Salute (which was once deemed as “excessive celebration” by the often-unfathomable NFL) or the elaborate meme-worthy dances in the end zone.

Yet I do long for the poise of Eddie McCaffery who simply dropped the ball to the turf after he scored, and I appreciate the focus of Phillip Lindsey who — rather than spending time applauding his own achievements — bounces back up for the next play with his team.

By the way, have you ever noticed a field goal kicker egg the crowd on? No, me either.

Top Golf and a tough teenage topic

S ticky notes. Mechanical pencils. Urinal cakes. The snooze button.

Have you ever thought about some of the simple things that make life immeasurably easier and better? Like the sticky note — before those came along, what did people do to leave positive messages to themselves or their family on the mirror in the morning? Write in lipstick? Savages.

And, for the insight of putting tiny pieces of paper together with bits of re-usable glue, surely the inventor of the sticky note is in retirement on a beach front somewhere, putting notes in bottles and tossing them into the sea with howls of ironic laughter. A well-earned retreat into oblivion.

Well, dangit, somebody else beat me to another of these simple inventions. Actually, it’s not simple, and isn’t an every day sort of innovation, but it’s insightful, and it’s brilliant, and I’m sure the person who thought of it is sitting on a beach somewhere, counting their residuals, and laughing at their ability to take advantage of peoples’ addictions.

That’s right. I am talking about Top Golf, of course.

What madman would invent a place where people will go, with their friends and family, and pay to hit a golf ball around? And, even more brilliant, there’s no putting involved. No scoring involved. No five-hour commitments in the heat and sun. No walking and searching and knowing the arcane rules of a game that — not coincidentally — was invented in the same century as Scratch and Sniff.

Golf is supposed to be miserable … and I absolutely love the game. It’s supposed to be frustrating and confusing — golf is a test of character. And then, right when every golfer is ready to toss their clubs in the lake so they can be reunited with the golf balls you just put in there, it gives you one, glorious, awesome shot. So that you come back next week.
Elizabeth Higgins Wegher, long-time resident of Denver and Golden, passed away on August 29. She had had a lengthy struggle with multiple sclerosis. She was 85. She had no children. She was the daughter of Brendan V. Higgins and Helen Ellis Higgins of Delaware Water Gap, PA. Her parents predeceased her, as did her husband, Arnold Wegher, and her brother James J. Higgins. She is survived by four siblings and their spouses, Thomas B. Higgins (Julie) of Vancouver, WA; John V. Higgins (Penny) of Easton, PA; Daniel F. Higgins (Sherry) of Pueblo West, CO; Anne M. Grau (Thomas) of Pittsburgh, PA; her aunt Alice Ellis Splain of Nashua, NH and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was well beloved of her family. A graduate of the University of Denver College of Law and a respected attorney, she was an associate of the Wegher & Associates law firm in Denver. In her professional work she was known for her cases in international law, international family law and immigration law. She dealt with international adoptions, immigration and enforcement of the Hague Convention, sometimes in defense of children illegally taken out of the country by an estranged spouse. She was a humanitarian, taking a personal interest in the well being of the asylum seekers, immigrants, children and parents she represented. Her first degree was in English, and she was a talented wordsmith. Thorough in her work, careful and particular in her choice of words, she was well suited to the practice of law. She was an entertaining conversationalist with a wry sense of humor. She was compassionate and sensitive to those who had suffered loss, often going well out of her way to console them. She was a problem solver, willing to research possible solutions for people in difficulty, encouraging them to explore promising new directions. She will be sorely missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Saint Maria Goretti church in Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, September 13. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (www.nationalmssociety.org).
Don’t be a TRAIL TROLL

Open space officials, volunteers discuss outdoor etiquette amid increasing use

When a bicyclist encounters a horseback rider on the trail, do they know what to do? When hikers walk their dogs through local open spaces, do they know the do’s and don’ts of taking pets along for the adventure? Denver metro area open space officials and volunteers who spoke to Colorado Community Media said the majority of people are considerate and follow trails rules. But they’ve also seen an influx of people hitting the trails as the Front Range’s population booms. That heightens the need for trail etiquette education, they said.

“You’ve got experienced people who don’t think twice about (etiquette) and your inexperienced people who just aren’t used to it yet,” said Open Space Specialist Hans Reichgelt with the City of Westminster.

In general, trail etiquette stipulates that cyclists yield to hikers and horseback riders, while hikers yield to horses. Yielding means moving off the trail until a user with the right-of-way has passed.

People should also stay to the right and keep pets on the right as well.

Pass others on the left. People should announce themselves before passing. Clean up after pets.

Douglas County recently produced informational materials concerning trail etiquette in light of the county’s population growth and increase in trail use, said Assistant Director of Open Space Scott McEldowney.

“We anticipate roughly 600,000 users on open space this year,” McEldowney said. “I believe this year we will be about 5% over last year. The previous few years, we have seen a 15% to 20% increase.”

That’s a lot of people to fit in a relatively confined area, McEldowney said.

Total, the county manages 90 miles of open space trails and another 63 miles in Douglas County parks. That’s not counting municipalities, state parks or federal forest land in the area.

In the north metro, Westminster offers 150 miles of trail surface, most of which is multimodal, Reichgelt said.

People can walk, run, bike or ride and keep pets on the right as well.

Part of trail etiquette means staying to the right and allowing oncoming trail users space to pass, not taking up the width of the trail like these pedestrians at Bingham Lake Park in The Pinery, near Parker.

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Archtop guitars bring beauty, music to festival

For many people, there are just two kinds of guitars — acoustic and electric. But those in search of some of the clearest notes the instrument is capable of know there’s another kind — the archtop.

The go-to choice for jazz and rockabilly guitarists, archtops are among the most difficult to build. Unlike the most common acoustic and electric guitars that have flat tops where the strings are, archtops are curved outward. The end result is as often a piece of sculpture as a fully functional instrument. And that’s something luthier Greg German knows all about.

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As part of the festival, luthiers (custom guitar makers) like German and others will be performing and demonstrating their craft. There will be performances held throughout the weekend and workshops and presentations on a variety of topics, including the past, present and future of archtop guitar building, melodic guitar playing and more.

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Reichgelt said the city expects to surpass last year’s count “very soon for 2019.” He cautioned the city does not have counters on all trails, so the true numbers could be higher.

Open space officials aren’t the only ones advocating for responsible trail use and etiquette.

Throughout Jefferson County, the nonprofit Golden Giddypup Trail Team partners with Jefferson County Open Space to maintain trails. The organization began in 2013 after floods devastated the local trail system.

This summer, members surpassed 10,000 hours of volunteer work. Those hours have included pop-up events where they encourage people to follow open space rules and regulations.

“Working with open space and staff, we’ve specifically targeted mountain bikers at some of the most heavily used parks,” said Executive Director Jeff Watabrka.

The group is mostly comprised of mountain bikers. Watabrka himself averages 40 to 50 miles a week. He believes an important part of trail etiquette is understanding a trail’s difficulty level before setting out.

Then, he said, check the weather. It’s important for trail users to pay attention to recent weather events. Different trails are comprised of different soil types, he said.

Some lend themselves well to biking or horseback riding when wet, but others do not. Those with heavy clay content can be damaged if used too soon after rain or snow, he said.

If he could grade Douglas County trail users, McEldowney said he’d give them a B-plus. There’s a low frequency of accidents, which can partially be attributed to how the system was planned, he said, but also to educated users.

When it comes to areas of improvement, Reichgelt, McEldowney and Watabrka all urged trail users to remain aware of their surroundings.

Ditch the headphones. Be on the lookout for wildlife, and other trail users. Lastly, leash the family dog, and keep it close.

When people make complaints, it’s frequently about unleashed dogs, McEldowney said. Similarly, Reichgelt said allowing dogs to extend their leash across the trail is a common mistake people make.

“That’s just a clothesline for anyone coming through on a bike,” he said.

Mostly, the men encouraged people to follow the golden rule and take care of the trail as though it were their home.

“Just be nice,” Reichgelt said.

“Everyone is trying to do the same thing — just get out there and enjoy the outdoors.”

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and guitars since he was a child and built electric guitar amplifiers when he was younger. From there, it wasn’t a far leap to building guitars. He apprenticed at the Olde Town Pickin Parlour and worked there until 2006, before going off to do work out of his own shop.

“I’ve been to shows where some people in crowd have no experience at all with the musical instrument, instead they see the guitars as sculptures,” German said. “Every guitar you see are going to be one-of-a-kind objects that are tools to make music but are also art objects. It could be an eye-opening experience.”

For information and tickets, visit www.archtopfestival.com.

Open the doors to Denver’s architecture

There’s a lot of great architecture around the metro area, and you can explore much of it at Doors Open Denver 2019.

Organized by the Denver Architecture Foundation, the event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22 at locations as varied as the Women’s Press Club, Mile High Stadium, graffiti locations and Capitol Hill.

Participants can explore the city through self-guided or expert-guided tours. Self-guided tours can be taken from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., while expert-guided tours go at scheduled times.

Visit www.denverarchitecture.org for the details and go exploring.

Who could miss the HOOTenanny?

If you’re a fan of owls or just looking for a unique way to spend a Saturday, the 9th Annual HOOTenanny Owl and Music Festival will be up your alley.

Held at the Audubon Center at Chatfield, 11280 Waterton Road near Littleton, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, this is the organization’s largest family event of the year and only owl festival in the Denver metro area (surprising there’s not a whole bunch, right?).

The event will feature owl demonstrations with Nature’s Educators, a hidden owl scavenger hunt in the Native Plant Gardens, owl pellet dissections, educational owl booths, owl crafts, live folk music from local Denver band Nearly There, eats from the Migration Taco food truck, and owl merchandise from local vendors.

Visit www.denveraudubon.org/events for details.

Clarke’s Concert of the Week — Chance the Rapper at Pepsi Center

If you think about it, it’s amazing Chance the Rapper has become the massive star he is. He started out making knotty, Kanye West-influenced backpack rap and really blew up when he injected a heavy dose of gospel and his Christian faith into his tunes. I suppose if you’re really good at what you do and sincere about it as well, things can work out.

In support of “The Big Day,” his long-awaited “debut album” (whatever that means in the modern music industry) he’ll be performing at the Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Circle in Denver; at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Visit www.altitudetickets.com to get your tickets to what is sure to be one of the best rap shows of the year.

Clarke Reader’s column on culture appears on a weekly basis. He can be reached at Clarke.Reader@hotmail.com.

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Wednesday

Kiwanis Club of Alameda West: 7-8 a.m. Wednesdays at Sunrise Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Alameda West Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving the community through various service and fundraising projects. Our club has been of service to our community for more than 50 years. Join us at one of our meetings or for a service project. Contact Toni Merrells at 303-238-8527 or visit us at Alameda West Kiwanis on Facebook.

Let's Dance: 11:15-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays at Wheat Ridge Library, 5475 W. 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge. Wiggle, dance and have fun while building little brains. For preschoolers and younger.

Music Teachers Association Suburban Northwest meets 9:30 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of the month at Community in Christ Church, 12229 W. 80th Ave, Arvada. Meetings are open to the public and include refreshments, business meeting and program featuring music teaching professionals from around the state lecturing on the latest teaching developments.

New Apostolic Church Food Pantry: Open from 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday at 5290 Vance St., Arvada, rear entrance. All are welcome. We provide food to anyone in need. Please visit us once a month. Call 720-722-FOOD (3663) or email foodpantry@nac-denver.org. Go to http://www.nac-denver.org/foodbank.html.

Order Sons of Italy in America/Denver Lodge 2075 meets every third Wednesday of the month at 5925 W. 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting follows at 7 p.m. Lots of fun activities planned for summer meetings. Everyone welcome. Call 303-238-8055.

Professional women NW Metro Business and Professional Women meets the first Wednesday of each month from September to May. Our mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Call Marcia at 303-827-3283 to RSVP.

Seasonal Slim-Down: 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Centennial Lutheran Church, 3595 W. Belleview Ave, Englewood. Presented by TOPS, a 70-year-old organization that helps members take off pounds sensibly. Contact Jack Boettcher at 303-999-6665.

Wheat Ridge Quilt Circle: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in the red brick house at Historic Park, 4610 Robbins St., Wheat Ridge. Info: 303-421-9111 or www.wheatridgehistoricalsociety.org.

Thursdays

All Comforting Things of Colorado Inc. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing comfort and encouragement to individuals by providing them items made by hand. We encourage you to bring your skills and enthusiasm to our fun group. We meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Phillips Methodist Church, 1450 S. Pierce, Lakewood. Contact actofcrico@gmail.com for more information.

Arvada Associated Modelers: hosting “Training Night” every Thursday (May to September) from 4-8 p.m. (weather permitting) at the Arvada Airpark, 7608 Highway 93, Golden, CO 80403 (Pioneer entrance between Leyden Rd and 64th Ave). We welcome anyone interested in learning to fly radio control models: to take a no obligation, introductory flight with an instructor. No previous experience is needed and the club provides radios and airplanes. Training is free and open to everyone (it’s fun for the entire family). For information, visit www.arvadaassociatedmodelers.com/pilot-training.

Business spirituality Business Honoring Spirituality meets 7-9 a.m. every Thursday at the Community Center of Milly Hi Church, 9079 W. Alameda Ave. Lakewood. Meetings include networking, a brief meditation by a licensed practitioner, guest speaker and breakfast. For additional information, visit www.bhsmilehi.com or call Patty Whiteclot at 303-274-0933.

CERTUS Professional Network meets for its Lakewood networking event from 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of the month at Panera Bread, 650 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood. Build your network, grow your business, network less. Our events are structured to connect professionals with the resources, power partners and leaders to expand their business and the business of others. Open to all industries, includes 30 minutes of open networking and organized introductions to the group. Cost: $12 non-CERTUS members at the door. First participants pay half price, RSVP not required. More info about CERTUS™ Professional Network at http://www.certusnetwork.com.

Community Coffee: Join Rep. Tracy Kraft-Tharp on the fourth Thursday of each month to talk about issues that are important to you. Community Coffee will be from 7-9 a.m. at La Dolce Vita, Ice Cream Room, 5766 Olde Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada; and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Panera Bread, 10450 Town Center Drive, Westminster.

Current Events Discussion: 1 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada. Call 303-425-9583 or go to www.apexpurd.org. Discuss local, national, and international issues while sharing your views in a non-judgmental environment.

Drop-In Discovery: 10 a.m. first Thursday, third Monday, Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison St., Arvada. Explore different themes using hands-on activities, books, puzzles, crafts and more. Info: arvada.org or 720-810-7405.

Evergreen/Golden Women’s Community Bible Study: meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Rockland Community Church, 17 S. Mount Vernon Country Club Road, Golden. Children’s Ministry for birth through kindergarten available. Remote groups available Tuesday (Rockland) and Thursday (other location) evenings. Go to http://bibleclass.org/everygreengolden.

Golden Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays at The Table Mountain Inn, 1130 Washington Ave., Golden. Contact Roger Wagstaff at 720-287-0072 or go to www.goldenlionsclub.org

Golden Men’s Support Group meets from 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays near the National Renewable Energy Lab. Call Roger at 720-289-6396 or Terry at 303-748-3748.

Kiwanis Club of Belmar: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at Sunrise Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood. Our group is service-minded, community-based, and most of all, kid-focused. Our Kiwanis group formed 12 years ago and supports Patterson International Elementary, Karlis House and more. Contact Shirley Otto at 303-985-5596 or ottol87@comcast.net. Learn more at http://kiwanisclubofbelmar.org.

Lakewood Rotary Club meets at 7:15 a.m. the first, second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Egg and I, 7830 W. Alameda Ave., Lakewood. The club meets at Baker Street, 7260 W. Alaska Drive, for happy hour social at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday. Rotary is a service organization dedicated to helping children in the community. If you are interested in speaking to the club please contact Genie at 303-506-3923. Visitors are always welcome.

New Connection: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Arvada Public Library, 7525 W. 57th Ave., Arvada. Networking and support group for job seekers and budding entrepreneurs. Contact Jane Grogan at JGrogan@careermatch.com. LinkedIn group page: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/6753121.

Parkinson’s Support Group: 1-2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Apex Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd. Led by HomewatchCareGivers. Share ideas and resources. Call Melinda Yearie at (866) 944-1355 or e-mail MYeary@HomewatchCareGivers.com for information.

Rocky Mountain Team Survivor, a health, education and fitness program for women of all abilities who have experienced cancer or are currently in treatment, offers weekly free, fun, supportive activities. Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Boulder Creek Walk (meet at Boulder Public Library main entrance), Tuesday, 11-11:30 a.m., Yoga, Boulder Senior Center, 300 Arapahoe Avenue. Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., Fitness Training, Boulder Center for Sports Medicine, 311 Mapleton...
Wilmore-Richter, American Legion Post 161 has it Veterans Helping Veterans membership meetings at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at 6:230 W. 60th Ave., Arvada. Contact 303-424-0324 for cost and other information.

**Fridays**

American Legion Post 161 Bingo: 12:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 390A N. Sheridan, Arvada. Bingo events help raise money to support the post’s many charitable programs. Contact 303-424-0324.

CalmUp Journey: Prefer to help yourself rather than do the coaching or psychotherapy thing? Let me share with you free information about the CalmUp Journey, a one-page self-examination worksheet for men and women. Join me for coffee or tea from 8-9 a.m. most Fridays at Whole Foods Market Belmar, 444 S. Wadsworth Blvd. in Lakewood. Let me know you’re planning to be there so we’re sure to connect. Contact www.DrLorieGose.com or 303-500-2340.

Golden Gate Community Grange, 25201 Golden Gate Canyon Road, has meetings at 7 p.m. the second Friday of the month. Activities include yoga, dances, eggmania, special wildlife programs, and various yard sales. Hall is available for rental for weddings, parties, reunions, etc. Call Rich Phillips at 303-277-1933 or go to www.goldengategrange.com. New members welcome.

Jeff-West Community Forum: 7:30-8:30 a.m. the fourth Friday of each month at Walnut Creek Golf Preserve (formerly Heritage Golf Course), 10555 Moorwood Drive. Jeff-West Community Forum seeks to strengthen connections among residents of the Jeffco portion of Westminster by providing information about the area’s organizations, agencies, and events. Forum is free and open to the public; breakfast can be ordered from the menu. See the group’s Facebook page or contact Evie Hudak, Eviehudak@gmail.com.

**Saturdays**

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Baugh House Open House, Tours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second Saturday of each month, 44th and Robb Street, Wheat Ridge. Baugh House is a log cabin encircled in a Victorian 1900s house. Event includes tours, craft demonstrations and rocking in the chairs reminiscing about Wheat Ridge “back in the day” with local historians. Presented by Wheat Ridge Historical Society. Info: 303-421-9111 or www.wheatridgethistoricalsociety.org.

Colorado Citizens for Peace Women: meetings are 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday at the intersections of West 52nd and Wadsworth Boulevard to try to bring an end to the wars. Signs will be furnished for those who do not have them.
Common Earth Community Garden: Garden project for entire community of Arvada.
Need: Volunteers to help build and work in garden
Contact: Anthony at 303-204-0840 or squiggy.as@gmail.com

Dinosaur Ridge: Dinosaur Ridge, in Morrison, is a nonprofit, outdoor museum whose mission is to educate the public about, and ensure the preservation of, the natural and historic resources of Dinosaur Ridge, Triceratops Trail, and the surrounding areas.
Need: Individuals interested in volunteering as a docent, interpretive guide, office worker, track painter, fossil sculptor, or events and outreach liaison. Training is available. Learn more at dinoridge.org/volunteer
Contact: volunteer@dinoridge.org

Elevation Hospice of Colorado: Family-owned local hospice based in Broomfield, looking for volunteers. We have a variety of locations where our patients live in the greater Denver/Arvada area.
Need: Volunteers needed for companionship with clients/families at end-of-life. We can tailor volunteer experience to each person’s skills, passion, and interest. This could be spending time through companionship, listening to life stories, light cleaning, light yard work, assisting in admin work, bereavement support, event planning, massage, reli, art, beauty services, etc.
Requirements: make commitment of at least 1-2 hours a week for one year; must have valid auto insurance/license and ability to drive to visit in Boulder/Denver surrounding areas; complete 12-plus hours of training/orientation with volunteer coordinator/associate administrator and attend required in-services; must have effective communication skills to work with the terminally ill and families. Volunteers must listen without imposing spiritual, social, political values or beliefs; comply with state and federal regulations and pre-employment requirements including background check, TB test, and flu shot (if required at assigned facility).
Contact: Erica Chilin erica@elevationhhd.com or call 719-659-7275.

English as A Second Language: Provides English as a Second Language and citizenship tutoring to adults at Arvada United Methodist Church.
Need: Adult tutor volunteers; no prior teaching experience required. Tutors do not need to know a second language. Need volunteers for small projects. Financial donations welcome.
Contact: Arvadaeslprogram@gmail.com or Kathy at 303-882-2751.

Front Range BEST: Hosts free robotics competitions for middle and high school students.
Need: Volunteers to help test and repair vex controller and motor parts; to count and organize miscellaneous materials.
Training: Provided; kit team meets weekly in Highlands Ranch.
Contact: Tami Kirkland, 720-323-6827 or tami.kirkland@frontrangebest.org. Go to www.frbest.org.

Gateway Battered Women's Services: Serves domestic violence victims in Aurora and Arapahoe County.
Need: Volunteers for various fundraising, planning committees
Contact: Jeneen Klippel, 303-343-1856; email jkwooden@gatewayshelter.com.

Girl Scouts: Youth organization for girls.
Need: Volunteers for jobs ranging from running troops to helping with a science event or office work
Age requirement: Men and women, 18-plus
Contact: girlscoutsofcolorado.org, email inquiry@gscolorado.org or call 717-404-5708

Global Goods and Coffee Shop: Supports the efforts of Global Refuge International, which provides medical support and training to refugees in Uganda. Shop sells fairly traded global goods and coffee, lattes, homemade paninis and pies.
Need: Volunteers at the coffee shop; barista experience a plus but not required. Also need musicians to provide live music in the evenings, especially Fridays and Saturdays. We'd love to hear a sample of your music.
Location: Old Town Arvada
Requirement: Must be at least 16 years old; cashiers must be willing to volunteer at least one shift per week, for at least six months. Must love coffee and serving others.
Contact: scheduling@globalgoodsandcoffeeshop.com or stop by the shop to fill out a volunteer application.

Global Orphan Relief: Develops and supports programs bringing light, comfort and security to orphans around the world.
Need: Super stars with website development, user of the abundant resources of social media. Those with great connection ability are needed to help with the development of the donor pool.
Contact: Those interested serving this faith-based Colorado nonprofit can contact Deitra Dupray, 303-895-7536 or dadupray@comcast.net.

Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle: Group helps repair or recycle bicycles in the community.
Need: All ages, knowledge levels to work on bicycles.
Contact: www.goldenoptimists.org

Golden Visitors Center: Provides information about Golden and surrounding areas.
Need: Volunteers to man front desk and greet visitors, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., two 4-hour shifts offered
Requirement: Must be 18 and older, training provided
Contact: Mary Gonzales, 303-279-2282 or marygonzavisitorcenter@gmail.com

Habitat ReStore: Nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers.
Need: Volunteers for Wheat Ridge, Denver or Littleton Habitat ReStores, helping with the cash register, dock and warehouse floor
Contact: 303-996-5468, email Alice Goble at alice@habitatmetrodener.org

Legacy Grace Community Development Corp.: Starts social enterprises, provides low-cost transitional housing and job training/placement for all people in the Denver area.
Need: Volunteers to help with resumes, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays. Also need help in the art gallery (from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday); training provided.
Contact: legacysource@live.com or Rick Roberts, 303-815-4914

The Learning Source: Nonprofit resource for adult education classes and family literacy
Need: Volunteers in Aurora, Centennial, Denver and Thornton. Join the volunteer pool of more than 130 individuals to help tutor adult students. Will work one-on-one or small group work.
Contact: debby@thelearningsource.org. Learn more at TheLearningSource.org or call 303-922-4683.

Literacy Coalition of Colorado: Volunteer to support literacy in MetroDenver and impact state-wide literacy programs.
Need: Volunteer for special projects, training classes or provide clerical and administrative support. Volunteer for a few hours a week or occasionally as needed.
Contact: literacyvolunteercolorado@gmail.com or 720-251-3414. Go to Literacycolorado.org to volunteer for literacy providers nearest you.

Lutheran Family Services: Cultural Orientation Program: We welcome refugee families and help them adjust to their new home.
Need: People who can commit to working with refugees on skills for self-sufficiency and helping them learn about their new home.
Requirements: Must be 18 or older (although children of volunteers are welcome to participate). One-hour training and orientation required.
Contact: David Comish, 303-225-0199 or david.comish@lfsfm.org; go to www.lfsfm.org

Lutheran Hospice
Need: Volunteers to assist in a couple of areas: 1. Be a friendly visitor by providing companionship or emotional support to patients and their families from their own home or visit patients in nursing facilities. Visits may include providing respite for caregivers. 2. Work at the Colfax Hospice Center reception desk, welcoming family members and visitors, and assisting with administrative...
Population study gives mixed duck bill of health

Regardless if you are a waterfowl hunter or a bird watcher, the annual U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s (FWS) annual “trends in duck breeding populations” report is a highly anticipated annual document we look forward to reading.

The FWS in cooperation with the Canadian Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited and other partners over many decades, has cooperated to enhance both the wetlands breeding grounds of both the Canadian province’s and northern border states wetlands and provide a reporting system to all who track migrating waterfowl.

According to the report total 2019 duck breeding populations are estimated at 38.9 million in the survey areas, 6 percent lower than last year’s estimate of 41.2 million, yet 10 percent above the long-term populations average, surveyed since 1955.

A closer look at the variety of species counted shows a more encouraging picture of duck species and numbers that migrate down Colorado’s eastern slope Front Range and eastern prairie regions. This eastern plains is all in the Central Flyway, which represents the bulk of land area hunted and water ponds and rivers that supports the migrating ducks.

As an example, the popular Mallard duck shows a 2% increase, the Gadwall a 13% gain and the Green-winged teal a 4% increase, with no change among the American wigeon duck numbers. Other ducks in the Colorado’s Central Flyway show a more discouraging count with a 16% decrease among the Blue-winged teal and a 13% decrease among Northern shovelers.

Other ducks counted in the FWS report including the Redhead, Canvasback and Scaup unfortunately show a decrease in numbers. The bulk of these species of breeding ducks’ nest and travel the Eastern flyway, well beyond Colorado.

As the duck migration gradually takes shape with fall Canadian weather bringing on cooler days and shorter days, duck hunters and observers of the waterfowl migration focus on preparing during September for the coming waterfowl season.

Hunters’ to do list includes purchasing a Colorado small game hunting license and a Colorado Habitat stamp. The recently published Colorado Parks & Wildlife 2019 Colorado Small Game & “Waterfowl” regulations is a vital resource that contain hunting regulations as well as specific hunting seasons. Sportsmen will also require a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (Duck stamp) and Colorado Waterfowl Stamp. In addition to the regulations a helpful resource is the Professional Parks & Wildlife staff available at 303-291-7227. 

Outdoorsman and Westminster resident Ron Hellbusch can be reached at RonHellbusch@comcast.net.
Fingers make the best painting tools. Bright colored commercial finger paint works just fine and washes out easily from clothes. It is even more fun to finger paint with products you have around the house.

You will need vanilla pudding, shaving cream, food coloring, paper, gallon size sealable plastic bags, waxed paper, and cookie sheet.

Homemade Pudding
For homemade pudding gather 1/3 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/8 teaspoon salt, 2 cups milk, 2 egg yolks slightly beaten, 2 tablespoons butter; and 2 teaspoons vanilla. In a medium saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch and milk. Gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils gently.

Boil and stir 1 minute. Gradually stir at least half of the hot mixture into egg yolks in a bowl. Then stir back into hot mixture in saucepan. Boil and stir 1 minute; remove from heat. Stir in butter and vanilla. Pour pudding into small bowls. Cover and refrigerate about 1 hour until chilled. Add food coloring for painting with vinyl gloves to avoid stained fingers.

Making pudding under supervision is a great learning experience for measuring and following directions. Stirring is also important for brain development. Before painting with pudding make sure everyone washes hands. Who can resist licking fingers? Pudding paintings can be made on paper covered with waxed paper, cookie sheets, or clean countertop.

Another great finger painting medium is white shaving cream in a can. Because it is a soap product, cleanup is very easy. Shaving cream can be sprayed directly on a table, counter top, cookie sheet, or colored paper. Bright colored computer paper covered with waxed paper works well and is fun to have around for other projects. Children can make their designs and make prints by pressing a paper onto the design. The three dimensional designs will harden. Teach children not to touch their eyes with their soapy fingers. Food colored shaving cream can make some beautiful finger paint but vinyl gloves are needed to avoid stained fingers.

Fall in a Bag
Another great learning project with shaving cream is color mixing in a sealable plastic bag. Spray the shaving cream into a bag. Children add a drop of primary food colors. They can squish and squeeze the bag to make secondary fall colors.

Esther Macalady is a retired school teacher in Golden. For more see grandparentstechtoo.blogspot.com and wmafjm.org/Learning Through The Seasons.

TOURING DENVER AS A DORAY
I am just over it, the persistent “me, me, me first, and all me” arrogance of some players (Antonio Brown, anyone?). I am aware that the nature of the game today does favor the super-talented, the larger-than-life stars whose celebrity can define, if not dominate, the team’s personality … which is not always a bad thing. Patrick Mahomes comes even reaching back to the American Revolution. It was a GREAT conversation! And if anything stuck with my son, I certainly hope it was that the world is complicated, that nothing happens in a vacuum, and that events from 50 years ago do still have an effect on our lives today.

And all that, from one social studies teacher trusting their students with reality.

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Giddyup is gone so it’s time to gallop!

Last week I wrote about the Golden Gallup mountain bike race. Just to confuse everyone, this week my column is about the Golden Gallup 5 and 10K running race that takes place two weeks before the bike race. Yes, the Golden Gallup is the biggest race of the year in Golden and there could be well over a thousand people participating this year. As of this writing, a week before the event, there are already 566 entrants signed up. It’s happening on Sunday, Sept. 22 with the start and finish under the Golden Welcome Arch on Washington Ave., with race activities and registration in Parmet Park at the corner of 10th St. and Washington Ave. They even have their own version of the Golden slogan on the Arch. Howdy folks, welcome to Golden where the West RUNS!

So what is the Gallup? It’s a fundraising marathon type running race to raise money for the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) to use for various types of educational funding. This can include Enrichment Grants, Teaching Excellence and Teacher Recognition Awards, Summer Academy Intervention Camps and College Scholarships. The GSF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and they raise money for Kyffin, Mitchell, Shelton, Ralston and Welcheister Elementary Schools, Bell Middle School as well as Golden High School.

Participants in the run can choose either the 5k or 10k course that they want to run and they offer a $150 first prize, $100 second prize and $50 third prize for each category for both men and women, so they are awarding 12 cash prizes. In addition to that they have a $100 bonus prize for anyone setting a new course record. But, you don’t have to actually run hard to participate. You can walk the course or jog along, and jogging strollers are permitted too. It’s not the Olympics, so just have fun.

Now, for those of you with families, this run isn’t just limited to adults. They also have a fun run for kids ages 2 to 10 and they divide them up into age groups. This is a non-competitive run where the idea is to finish so there are no winners’ prizes but each kid gets a Fun Run Bib, Participants Medal and Kid’s Fun Run T-Shirt.

I looked at all 57 pages of those who have already registered and the youngest so far is 3 years old and there are both a man and a woman who are 78 years old on the roster. That’s quite an age spread.

You still have time to register on line and save a few bucks if you do it by Saturday, Sept. 21. Pre-registration runs $40 for the 5k, $45 for the 10k and $15 for the Kid’s Fun Run. Tack on $5 in each category if you register up on race day.

Be aware, this event has a pretty early start time. The 10k heads out at 7:45 a.m., the 5k at 8 a.m. and the Kid’s Run kicks off once everyone else has finished, at 10 a.m. ... So, if you want to register on race day, you better get there early enough. Keep in mind that with all those participants, you might have to park a little ways away.

The race routes are posted on their website, but it pretty much runs loops around Downtown, Fossil Trace Golf Course and S. Golden Rd. There’s also a parking map, all the race info and a link for registration on the website.

You can even see the multitude of sponsors for this event. They raised over $500,000 last year and I’m sure they’ll beat that number this year.

This is my last column for a bit. Keep in mind that I will still be there for you on Sundays around noon to answer any questions you may have about this year’s race.

For more information on the Golden Gallup 5 and 10K race, go to www.goldengallup.com. For more on the Golden Schools Foundation, go to gsforg.com.
**THEATER**

Up Next at Colorado ACTS:
**Candyland:** 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 & 28 at Colorado ACTS Theatre, 11455 West Irwindale St., Lakewood. Tickets, purchased at the door, are $7 for adults, $3 for students and seniors. Children five and under are always free. Visit coloradoacts.org or call 303-987-6772 for more information.

Tomáš Kubínek performs in his brilliant one-man show "Miracle Man": 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood. Hailed by The New York Times as "absolutely excellent and consistently charming," Tomáš Kubínek has packed theaters, opera houses and international festivals in over 30 countries and won the hearts of thousands in his unique, full of special performance. Tickets start at $22 at Lakewood.org/LCCPresents or 303-987-7845.

Once on this Island: Through Oct. 13 at Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave., Golden. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. "Once on this island" is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune embarks on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. Call 303-935-3044 or go to minersalley.com.

**ART**

**Change and Beauty:** On display at Lakewood in September at Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave., Golden. "All of my artwork is a translation of experiences, person and observations I had in the natural landscape and its elements." -Wolfgang Vaatz, Artist. Visit spiritsinthewindgallery.com for more information.

**Welcome to the Big City:** Exhibit runs through February 16, 2020 in the hallway gallery, Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Squirrel St., Lakewood. Celebrate Lakewood’s 50th anniversary of city incorporation with a look back at life in 1969! Immerse yourself with clothes and music of the time, while enjoying some fabulous local photographs and political archives. Visit lakewood.org for more information.

**MUSIC**

**Ring of Fire: the Music of Johnny Cash:** Through Sept. 22 at Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. A unique musical about love and faith, rowdiness and redemption, struggle and success, and the healing power of home and family. Tickets: $20-$36. Visit performancecenter.org or call 303-987-7845 for more information.

**EVENTS**

14th annual Lakewood High School Tiger Prowl 5K fun run / walk: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at Lakewood High School, 9700 W. 8th Ave., Lakewood. Lakewood High School (LHS) Foundation Tiger Prowl 5K Run and Walk to benefit Lakewood High School’s athletic and activity programs. There are over 1000 students, parents, alumni, and friends of LHS to attend this event. All proceeds go back to the clubs, sports and activities at Lakewood High School. Register @ Tigerprowl5K.com.

Nature Writing Book Club: 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25 at American Alpine Club Library, 710 Tenth Street, Suite 15, Golden. Join fellow nature lovers to discuss the "literature of the environment." For more information and book selections, please visit PackAnimalMagazine.com/bookclub for more information.

Closing reception for "The Parks": 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 at the American Alpine Club Library, 710 Tenth Street, Suite 15, Golden. The "Parks" is an exhibit of Genesee artist Topher Straus’ artwork featuring his National Parks series. Straus will entertain an artist’s talk at 7:30 p.m. The closing reception is free and open to the public. Food and drink will be provided. To learn more, call the museum at 303-996-2747.

**THINGS TO DO**

**this week’s TOP FIVE**

**LEGO® Play & Build at the Wheat Ridge Library:** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 at Wheat Ridge Library, 5475 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge. Calling all LEGO® fans! Builders of all ages are welcome to drop in and build their own creations. What story will you tell? We provide the LEGO® bricks and LEGO DUVOL® for younger kids. Visit jeffcolibrary.org for more information.

Arvada Art Studio Tour: Artists across Arvada open their studios for the weekend, Sept. 21 and 22. This event is free and open to the public. Visit www.arvadaart.org for more information and a list of participating artists, brochures with more information on each artist and a map to all locations are available from any participating artist or from the Arvada Visitors Center, 7305 Grandview Ave., Arvada.

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison St. Celebrate birds in Colorado from 10-11 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month (weather permitting) at the church, 5970 W. 60th Ave. in Arvada. ALCC provides this service to all qualifying Colorado residence. Call 303-431-6481 to see if you qualify.

Golden Sidewalk Sale: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., Golden. Head to Golden for deep discounts at the Golden Sidewalk Sale. The sale is citywide and most Downtown Golden merchants are participating. Visit visitgolden.com for more information.

Golden Backpack Program’s 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser: 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at Calvary Church 3132 Arapahoe St., Golden. What started as a simple idea for sending kids home with a backpack of food for the weekend turned into programs that feed entire families who might otherwise not have access to healthy food. Visit goldenbackpack.org for more information.

**HEALTH**

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**EDUCATION**

Compost 101: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Wheat Ridge Library, 5475 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge. Organic material such as leaves and branches, grass clippings and food scraps make up half of what is sent to the landfill. Instead of trashing these valuable resources, learn how to turn them into compost in your own backyard. Use this finished compost around your home and garden and reap the many benefits of your own backyard composting system! Event is free. Visit jeffcolibrary.org for more information.

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500+ people seek to clean up trash in Clear Creek Canyon

Jeffco Open Space hosts large volunteer event in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28

By Christy Steadman
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Allan Reid, who has lived in Jefferson County for about 50 years, identifies with the saying that goes like this: If not me, who? And if not now, when?

“I’m retired,” said the 74-year-old volunteer with Jefferson County Open Space. “But National Public Lands Day is an opportunity for everybody to give back.”

Jefferson County Open Space will be hosting a large-scale volunteer clean-up opportunity on Sept. 28 in Clear Creek Canyon Park in celebration of National Public Lands Day. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be closing U.S. 6, the road that runs through Clear Creek Canyon, so that more than 500 volunteers can participate in stream bank and roadside trash collection, habitat restoration and erosion control through a 13-mile section of the canyon.

“We think that Clear Creek Canyon Park offers a unique challenge for the county,” Matt Robbins, Open Space’s community connections manager, said in a press release. “As we continue to make improvements to the Peaks to Plains Trail, it has become apparent that it needs some love.”

Reid has been volunteering with Open Space since 2014 and currently volunteers as a park patrol and on trail building and maintenance about twice a week. This is in addition to all the time he spends recreating — hiking, mostly — and enjoying the trails, he said.

“People have to recreate and get away from the city. It’s critical to have that environment,” Reid said. But “the trails and parks don’t magically maintain themselves. Weekend projects are ideal for people who work fulltime.” According to CDOT, about 10,000 vehicles travel though Clear Creek Canyon daily, Robbins said. So lots of debris and trash ends up making its way into the river, and eventually into Golden and beyond, Robbins said. He added that a lot of people will likely be surprised how much trash is collected during the few hours of cleanup on National Public Lands Day.

Jefferson County Open Space is hoping to get 500 volunteers to help clean up a 13-mile stretch in Clear Creek Canyon Park in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be closing U.S. 6, which is the road that runs through Clear Creek Canyon, for the large-scale volunteer event.

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**Golden Giddyup**

A celebration of mountain biking and trail stewardship

Between the race and the expo, about 3,000 people attended the Golden Giddyup on Sept. 15 in Lions Park. The event celebrates trail stewardship, mountain bikes, outdoor recreation and community. The event, featuring multiple race routes, incorporating Jefferson County Open Space trails in North Table Mountain, and Apex, was formed by and in support of the Golden Giddyup Trails Team, which works to organize volunteer trail work opportunities to help maintain and improve area trails.

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Lakewood softball on the rise

AURORA — It’s been more than 20 years since Lakewood’s softball team won back-to-back Class 4A state titles. However, memories of those state championship teams coached by Ray Baker are still in the forefront for the Tigers’ program. Lakewood’s softball titles from 1997 and 1998 to this day are the lone state team championships won by a girls sports program at Lakewood.

“We talk about Ray Baker all the time. We see him all the time. We talk about the history of this program,” said Lakewood coach Dannielle “Gunner” Engler, a 2005 Lakewood graduate who played for Baker before he retired from coaching. “We let them (players) know that our goal is to bring back that TigerBall and what that really means.”

Baker’s 1997 squad claimed the state title with a dominating 14-3 victory over Jeffco rival Dakota Ridge at the old Olympic Park in Aurora. Lakewood traveled to Grand Junction to repeat as state champions the following year with a 6-0 shutout victory against Niwot in the title game.

Engler was an assistant coach before taking over the helm last season. The influence of Baker, who still makes a lot of the Tigers’ games, can still be felt. The softball field at Lakewood High School is named after Baker.
Ralston Valley football cruises to win in home opener

BY DENNIS PLEUSS
JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ARVADA — Three-sport athlete Caleb Rillos knows how to turn a negative into the positive.

Rillos suffered a broken wrist during basketball season last winter. Besides missing the remainder of the hoops season, Rillos was out the entire spring lacrosse season.

“During the off-season I worked on getting my basketball shot better with my right hand, dribbling with my right hand and catching footballs one-handed,” Rillos said after catching two third-quarter touchdowns in Ralston Valley’s 40-7 victory over Poudre, Sept. 13, at the North Area Athletic Complex in the Mustangs’ home opener. “I tried to make the best of a bad situation.”

Ralston Valley — No. 5 in the latest CHSAANow.com Class 5A football rankings — is definitely in a good situation with an impressive 3-0 start to the season. The Mustangs have out-scored their three opponents — Mountain Vista, Fairview and Poudre — by a score of 132-40.

“We did really good, but we definitely have to fix somethings for sure,” Ralston Valley senior linebacker Braden Siders said. “There is always room for improvement.”

The Mustangs got to a 40-0 lead to induce a running clock midway through the third quarter after back-to-back touchdown catches by Rillos. Senior quarterback Walker Brickle tossed three touchdowns. Seniors Ben Takata and Caleb Tischler each had a touchdown catch to add to Rillos’ pair of touchdown catches.

The last touchdown catch by Rillos came from sophomore back-up quarterback Zach Friedman. Junior Tyler Royal had a 5-yard touchdown run. Ralston Valley’s defense also got involved with the scoring.

Siders hit Poudre quarterback Sergio Tarango early in the second quarter for a touchdown. Junior Will Lester scooped up the loose ball and took it back 20 yards for a defensive score.

“I think the defense has gotten better each week,” Ralston Valley coach Matt Loyd said. “We played hard Week 1, but had too many mistakes. We’ve eliminated those mistakes, but we need to keep getting better.”

With Brickle — second-year starting quarterback — back behind center along with the running back tandem of Roybal and Chase Wilson returning, the Mustangs have plenty of experience at their skilled positions.

“We have a lot of threats,” Rillos said of the offense. “There are a lot of threats to guard.”

Rillos had monster games receiving in the first two weeks. The senior had 13 catches for 231 yards and three touchdowns coming into Friday’s game.

“I came back with so much more fight in me,” Rillos said. “It’s so hard to sit out when you are hurt and can’t do anything. I was ready to come back and get after it.”

The Mustangs are back at NAAC on Thursday, Sept. 19. Ralston Valley squares off against Loveland. The Indians — No. 7 in the 4A rankings — defeated the Mustangs up north last season.

“We are trying to play every game as hard as we can,” Siders said. “We try not to worry as much about the competition as much as playing as hard as we can.”

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RALSTON VALLEY senior Braden Siders, left, reaches for a pass near the end zone late in the first half Friday, Sept. 13, at the North Area Athletic Complex. Rillos, who is coming back from a broken wrist he suffered last winter during basketball season, already has five touchdown catches during the Mustangs’ 3-0 start.

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SOFTBALL

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“I love Bake (Ray Baker) and I really look up to him and appreciate everything that he does for the LHS softball program,” Engler said.

Lakewood remained a powerhouse in Jeffco even after moving up to the 5A classification, but hasn’t won a conference title since the 1998 season.

“Our big goal is to get us back on Jeffco coverage, go online at CHSAANow.com.

The Tigers haven’t had a winning season in more than a decade, but are off to their best start since the glory days of the late-1990s and early-2000s under Baker.

Lakewood (13-2 record) has already surpassed its win total from last year when the Tigers went 10-13 in Engler first year as the head coach.

“It’s really big and it is keeping our energy up too,” Lakewood junior Allison Fleischman said of the Tigers’ strong start to the season. “It’s really fun to play with all these girls. All of them are really happy and we want to win.”

Swartz said of hopefully playing back to their best start since the glory days of the late-1990s and early-2000s.

“This is our turn into the season. Our goal this year was to make it to the state tournament next month. Lakewood and Columbine co-host the Dave Sanders Memorial Softball Tournament every year. The final two days of the tournament are played in Aurora.

“We really what to get here,” Swartz said of hopefully playing back to the Aurora Sports Park during the state tournament Oct. 25 and 26. “It’s a huge drive for us this year.”

Before Lakewood focuses on the state qualifying regional tournaments, the Tigers must face the gauntlet of the 5A Jeffco League.

Lakewood begins conference play Tuesday afternoon on the road against Dakota Ridge.

“We are ready to roll,” Engler said of starting conference play this week.

“This is our turn into the season. Our big goal is to stick our playing our game no matter who we play.”

Chatfield and Columbine are the clear favorites heading into league play. The Chargers and Rebels have a combined record of 29-0.

“It’s going to get harder, but our goal this year was to make it to the playoffs,” Swartz said of starting league play. “We are going to keep going. We aren’t going to stop this year.”

Dennis Pleuss is a media specialist for Jeffco Public Schools with a focus on athletics and activities. For more Jeffco coverage, go online at CHSAANow.com.

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The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) estimates that about 10,000 vehicles travel through Clear Creek Canyon daily, and with that comes trash and debris that eventually makes its way into the river. In celebration of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28, Jefferson County Open Space is hosting a large-scale volunteer event for people to participate in stream bank and roadside trash collection, habitat restoration and erosion control in the canyon.

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But, Robbins said, “everyone will benefit.” Getting the trash out of the water will help with water quality, Robbins said, as well as making the canyon more esthetically beautiful for all that passes through it.

Steve Williams of Arvada has had an appreciation for the outdoors ever since his childhood, he said. Today, Williams enjoys climbing, biking, mountain biking and bird watching, and it’s not uncommon to see him enjoying any one of those activities in Jeffco Open Space at least once a week, he said.

Williams has been a volunteer with Open Space for about 10 years and does trail building and maintenance, and raptor monitoring.

He believes its important to give back to the outdoors because of all the pleasures it brings him.

“We only have a finite amount of (open space) land,” Williams said. “We need to take care of what we have.”

The main part of the event is a volunteer cleanup effort in Clear Creek Canyon Park, which is located off U.S. 6, west of Golden. This part will start in the morning and last about three or four hours. Families are welcome, and there will be work appropriate available for children as young as age 6.

Following the volunteer cleanup of the canyon, everybody is invited to reconvene at about noon to 2 p.m. for a celebration on the lawn of the Jeffco human services building, 900 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. The celebration is free to attend and will include food and drink, including beer for volunteers who are age 21+, live music; and an expo featuring local businesses and nonprofits, and education booths.

Registration for the cleanup effort in Clear Creek Canyon Park is open now. It is recommended to register early, as there is a cap of 550 volunteers. To register, visit offero.jeffco.us.

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On June 27, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust below to be recorded in the County of Jefferson records.

Original Grantor(s):

Charles M Kaffine and Holly M. Kaffine

Original Beneficiary(ies):

Jefferson

Recording Information:

DATE: 07/03/2019

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

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First Publication: 8/22/2019
Last Publication: 9/19/2019
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Original Grantor(s)
RUSSORD, JEFF
Original Beneficiary(s)
BELCO CREDIT UNION

On June 13, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Jefferson records.

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Long Beach, CA 90822

Date of Deed of Trust
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Recording Date of Deed of Trust
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The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale of all or any part of the property described by the Deed of Trust, as described in said Deed of Trust, and in said Deed of Trust, as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

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The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the evidentiary debt is:

Scott D. Toebben #19011
Randal S. Miller & Associates PC
216 16th Street, Suite 1210,
Denver, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710
Attorney File # 19C000220-1

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NO. J1900219**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Debt of Trust:

On July 3, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Jefferson records.

Pursuant to the described Debt of Trust, there have been violations as follows:

- Failure to pay the indebtedness provided for in evidenced Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorney's fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

Name of Publication: Golden Transcript

**FORECLOSURE SALE NO. J1900220**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Debt of Trust:

On July 11, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Jefferson records.

Also known by street and number as:
12171 QUAKER LANE, CONIFER, CO 80433.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Debt of Trust.

**PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLOSED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Debt of Trust.

**PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLOSED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Debt of Trust.
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Debt:

On July 18, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Jefferson records.

Original Grantor(s):
- Kathleen J. Mothis
- Kathleen M. Mothis

First Publication: 9/19/2019

Notice of Sale

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(b), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

The lien foreclosed may not be a first lien.

 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(b), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

The lien foreclosed may not be a first lien.

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(b), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

The lien foreclosed may not be a first lien.
The Plaintiff named above is the judgment creditor and the costs (including legal fees) have also been included in the total amount of $246,211.94, plus interest from April 1, 2019, until the judgment is paid in full or the foreclosure sale has been ordered. The real property which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, the property described herein, is located in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

The Plaintiff is hereby advised that the property described herein is to be sold on the premises of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1700 E. 12th Ave. Indus Drive, Littleton, CO, 80128.

The Plaintiff is hereby given the opportunity to purchase the property described herein for the highest and best price by making a cash offer for the total amount due and unpaid as of the last date of publication, which amount is $246,211.94, plus interest from April 1, 2019, until the judgment is paid in full.

The Plaintiff is hereby required to submit a cash offer for the property described herein to the Jefferson County Court Clerk, 1700 E. 12th Ave. Indus Drive, Littleton, CO, 80128, on or before the last date of publication, which is May 7, 2020.

The property described herein is subject to the terms and conditions of the Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Action Plan, which are available for public review at the City and County of Arvada, Municipal Building, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado 80008.

The proposed Resolution is available for inspection at the Office of the Planning, Zoning & Land Use Director, Jefferson County, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado. Any interested person may file objections to the Resolution or request a public hearing on the Resolution within 30 days from the date of the last publication.

In case of default, the Plaintiff may execute a written consent or affirmation agreement to the ODP Amendment.

NOTE: The lien being foreclosed may not include the following:

- Unsecured claims
- Municipal liens
- State liens
- Federal liens
- Any liens that are not statutorily secured
- Property taxes, sewer taxes, or interest
- Interest from April 1, 2019, until the judgment is paid in full or the foreclosure sale has been ordered.

The Plaintiff is hereby given the opportunity to purchase the property described herein for the highest and best price by making a cash offer for the total amount due and unpaid as of the last date of publication, which amount is $246,211.94, plus interest from April 1, 2019, until the judgment is paid in full.

The Plaintiff is hereby required to submit a cash offer for the property described herein to the Jefferson County Court Clerk, 1700 E. 12th Ave. Indus Drive, Littleton, CO, 80128, on or before the last date of publication, which is May 7, 2020.

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In case of default, the Plaintiff may execute a written consent or affirmation agreement to the ODP Amendment.
TO THE ABOVE- NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby served with this Summons and Sheriff Sales
in the District Court, Jefferson County, State of Colorado, and
in or to the said Premises and, To Whom it May Concern:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on 
23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2019, the said real estate in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado was sold at public sale, to

JULIANA S. RUNDLE AND RUSSELL J. MCDONALD,

both of said date.

To Every Person in Actual Possession of Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, in
your or any other possession of, and subject to any of said Premises upon, To Whom it May Concern, and especially to

THOMAS J. MCDONALD,

aforesaid, and to the legal holder of the Deed of Record in or to the said Premises and

By cause of the adjudication to the said, JEFFERSON COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

The undersigned, by virtue of the above Stipulation of Sale, and dis

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The above-captioned case concerns parental relations over Blake Williams, a minor child, date

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of MARGARET E. SCHOTT, aka June Haney, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Paul R. Danborn (24528)
Frie, Adkins & Danborn, 7460 Wadsworth Blvd., #201 Afcap Building, Arvada, CO 80003-30342/1234
Attorney for Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary Jo Grant, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Gayle D. McFadden
Personal Representative
Brier, WA 98036

Legal Notice No.: 405675
First Publication: September 12, 2019
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Virginia P. Francis, aka Sandra Rue Fregassos, aka Sandra Fregassos, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Robert Alan Gustafson
Personal Representative
12183 W. 34th Place
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Steven Alan Will, aka Steven Will, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or said claims may be forever barred.

Kim J. Van Eygen
Personal Representative
5775 W. Arkansas Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80232

ph: 303.913.2076

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of MARY ANN BROWN,
aka Consuelo Rosalia Piccarella,
aka ELENA BASEOTTO-GERARDO,
aka Shannon A. Gordon,
aka Sandra Sue Fragleasso,
aka June Haney, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 20, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Christopher T. Nelson
Personal Representative
386 Matsuno Street
Brighton, CO 80601

Legal Notice No.: 405609
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Gretchen Elizabeth Poplin,
aka Paul D. Gregg,
aka ELENA BASEOTTO-GERARDO,
aka Martha Sue Chaffin,
aka Maxine SHIRLEY DIANS,
aka MAXINE S. DEANS,
aka MAXINE S. DEANS, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 21, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Victor Piccarella
Personal Representative
436 S. Reed Court
Lakewood, Colorado 80226

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Catherine O. Runco, aka Sandra Sue Fragleasso, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 23, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Sara S. Price
Co-Personal Representative
12293 W. Mississippi Ave.
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Phone: 303.913.2076

Legal Notice No.: 405614
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Joseph E. Dutton, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Andrea C. Dutton-Freonson
Personal Representative
6876 S. Franklin Circle
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Legal Notice No.: 405669
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate offeltine ON-root, aka June Haney,
aka June Hany,
aka June Haney, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 5, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Rosie Mary Zapor, Esq
Wheat Ridge Legal Center
7475 W. 5th Ave #202
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Legal Notice No.: 405667
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Marissa Rae West, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 5, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Thomas L. Beckmann
P.O. Box 978

Legal Notice No.: 405723
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of A.L. L. Barnett, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 324
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Lee E. Schiller, Esq.
Attorney to the Personal Representative
241 S. Quinlan Street
Englewood, Colorado 80111
303-778-8296
Email: lsshiller@wsmpc.com

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 21, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Christine Ann Kvaal
Personal Representative
5720 South Jefferson Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Legal Notice No: 405608
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Name Changes

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name
Public notice is given on September 11, 2019, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an adult has been filed with the Jefferson County Court.

The Petitions request the name of Bryan Edward Denny Stinchfield be changed to Bryan Edward Stinchfield Dery
Case No.: 19 C 1712
Diana Coffey, Clerk of Court
By: Karla Bostow, Deputy Clerk
Legal Notice No: 405620
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name
Public notice is given on September 11, 2019, that a Petition for a Change of Name of a minor has been filed with the Jefferson County Court.

The Petitions request the name of Peyton Lee Richardson be changed to Peyton Lee Richard
Case No.: 19 C 1712
By: Karla Bostow, Clerk of Court / Deputy Clerk
Legal Notice No: 405628
First Publication: September 19, 2019
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of Petition for Change of Name
Public notice is given on September 11, 2019, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an adult has been filed with the Jefferson County Court.

The Petitions request the name of Katherine Raster Troxler be changed to Katharine Olivia Easton
Case No.: 19C1710
Diana Coffey, Clerk of Court
By: Karla Bostow, Deputy Clerk
Legal Notice No: 405645
First Publication: September 19, 2019
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary Carolyn Lawson, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 331
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Lee E. Schiller, Esq.
Attorney to the Personal Representative
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Christine Ann Kvaal
Personal Representative
5720 South Jefferson Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Alyce C. Silva, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 331
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

A. Silva
Personal Representative
PO Box 558
Morrison, CO 80465

Legal Notice No: 405685
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Teoleforo Perez, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 366
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 13, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Cynthia A. Perez
Personal Representative
3390 W. Chenango Avenue
Englewood, Colorado 80110

Legal Notice No: 405687
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Florence Aedea Semp, aka Florence A. Semp, aka Florence Semp, Deceased
Case Number: 1PR30827
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Monique H. Cooper
Personal Representative
6187 Holmen Street
Arvada, CO 80004

Legal Notice No: 405598
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Florence Aedea Semp, aka Florence A. Semp, aka Florence Semp, Deceased
Case Number: 2019 PR 30847
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 21, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Lee E. Schiller, Esq.
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Englewood, Colorado 80111
303-778-8296
Email: lsshiller@wsmpc.com

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Christine Ann Kvaal
Personal Representative
5720 South Jefferson Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Legal Notice No: 405608
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary Carolyn Lawson, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 331
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Lee E. Schiller, Esq.
Attorney to the Personal Representative
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Englewood, Colorado 80111
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Christine Ann Kvaal
Personal Representative
5720 South Jefferson Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Legal Notice No: 405608
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Alyce C. Silva, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 331
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A. Silva
Personal Representative
PO Box 558
Morrison, CO 80465

Legal Notice No: 405685
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of John C. Fleming, aka John Fleming, aka Jack Fleming, Deceased
Case Number: 19 PR 347
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 21, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel Fleming
Personal Representative
1524 Fulton Court
Davenport, IA 52803

Legal Notice No: 405611
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of David Massar, aka David J. Massar, aka David Jerome Massar, Deceased
Case Number: 19PR30853
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 21, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Virginia A. Frazer-Abel
Personal Representative
4754 Hanley Street
Denver, CO 80212

Legal Notice No: 405636
First Publication: September 19, 2019
Last Publication: October 3, 2019
Publisher: The Golden Transcript

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case Number: 1PR286
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Jefferson County, Colorado on or before January 6, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

Theresa J. Ortiz
Personal Representative
6197 Holman Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Opfer | Campbell | Beck, P.C.
5720 South Jefferson Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123

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