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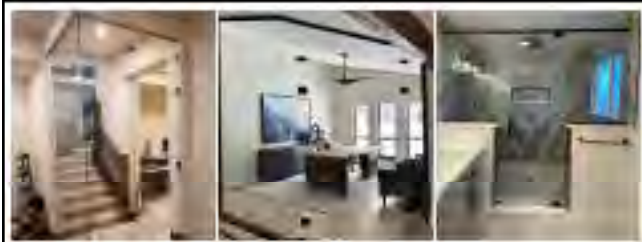


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COMING EVENTS

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Summer Concert Series

Thursdays | 20115 Mainstreet | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

The lineup for this year's free concert series:

June 4 - The Elegant Plums	July 2 - 101st Army Band
June 11 - The Violet Pines	July 9 - Isaac Points Jakarta Band
June 18 - Lucky Catch	July 16 - Caltucky
June 25 - Boogie Machine	July 23 - El Paso Lasso



Mother's Day 5K

May 9 | 12335 Canterbury Pkwy | 8:00 am

Start your Mother's Day celebration with the Miles Over the Meadow Mother's Day 5K and Family Fun Trek, a family-friendly 5K open to EVERYONE (not just moms!). Every participant will receive a souvenir numbered bib and can refuel with a delicious breakfast.



H2O'Brien Pool Open for Season

May 23 | 10795 Victorian Dr. | All Day

H2O'Brien Pool and the Discovery Park Play Fountain open for the season. The kid-friendly water park offering 2 slides, a splash pad & lap pool, plus a snack bar & picnic areas is a local favorite. For more information on both please visit parkerrec.com.



High School Graduations

Celebrate the Class of 2025 during Graduation Week:

Ponderosa - Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.	at Echo Park Stadium
Chaparral - Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.	at Echo Park Stadium
Lutheran - Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.	at Southeast Christian Church
Legend - Friday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.	at Echo Park Stadium

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AROUND TOWN

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Free Rideshare Service

The town launched a two-year pilot program to offer FREE rideshare services in select areas of Parker. Link On Demand operates similarly to a rideshare service, riders can schedule free trips either on demand or in advance through the Via mobile app or by phone.



Flexential Data Center

Flexential's \$192M data center is scheduled to be completed by January of next year. It is projected to generate \$500k to \$700k per year in new revenue for the Town that will support public safety; public infrastructure; and parks, recreation and open space.



DC Zebulon Sports Complex

Douglas County plans for Zebulon include three NHL-sized hockey rinks, a practice ice rink, eight full multi-sport courts, a sports dome with turf and a removable roof, a 15,000 square foot fitness center and baseball/softball fields.



Road Closure

Starting the week of April 27, PACE Center Drive adjacent to Discovery Park will be closed to accommodate construction at the EastMain property. This closure is expected to last several weeks.

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Giddy up! - It's Summer Reading Time

by *KIMBERLY DEMERS* | *photo provided by DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES*

The days are warmer, the wildflowers are popping up, and schools are out in just a few weeks - that summertime feeling is here.

It's about this time of year I get the itch to make our family's summer bucket list. There's nothing too fancy when it comes to creating our plan for the summer. I round up ideas from our family of five and then add them all to one page. I make sure to post the list up for everyone to see and then we work through as many things as we can throughout the summer break.

No idea is too small for the summer bucket list. Interesting crafts to try, friends to see, food to enjoy, and events to attend are most of the items that have a spot in our summertime plans. Though things change from year to year, there's one thing that rarely gets forgotten.

Every summer, I pile my three daughters in the car, book tote in hand, and head to our nearest library branch to register for the summer reading program. My girls' excitement is contagious as we grab our summer reading packet and a large, teetering stack of books. They get right to it as soon as we get home.

Our family has participated in a few different summer library programs over the years, but my favorite has been the program put on by our Douglas County Libraries.

Each year brings a new immersive theme and list of events for patrons of all ages. No matter your age or interest, there's something for you during the summer reading event.

Patrons can track reading goals through a physical booklet found at any library branch or online when you

register for summer reading. While individual goals can be created, each reading minute tracked is added to a collective counter. This logs each minute towards a community-wide goal. Reaching this goal helps support local organizations doing good in Douglas County.

As a loyal library patron and DCL volunteer, I can tell you the summer reading program is one of the most anticipated programs of the year (besides Brew Tour). Last year, with over seven thousand participants registered, it's clear I'm not the only one excited to read along.

During DCL's summer reading program, I can't wait to participate in all the unique events that come only during this time of year. I love volunteering at the outdoor storytime and bringing my daughters to themed educational classes held inside the library. There's so much to be a part of, and it's right here in our own town.

For 2026, enjoy a bit of Western charm with this year's theme, "Howdy Partner, Let's Read!" Preregister online or head to your closest DCL branch on or after June 6th for the kick-off event. While you're there, grab your full summer reading packet and a pile of books to get started on a mighty fine summer of reading.



Kimberly is a wife, mother, and freelance writer. She loves being an active DCL volunteer, where she supports community outreach and children's literacy.



CELEBRATING MOTHERS

BY BRET TUELLER

It has been said that the highest and noblest work in this life is that of a mother. Honestly, I don't know if that gives mothers enough credit.

Think of the myriad roles a mother plays in the life of her children: nurturer, doctor, banker, chauffeur, chef, judge, coach, stylist, housekeeper, manager, party planner, referee, psychologist, repairman, teacher, waitress, photographer ... the list can go on for a while.

I can think of no other venture, accomplishment, or triumph that can have as far-reaching of an impact as that of a mother. Mothers shape our lives, our character, and the very fabric of our reality. To be a mother is to sacrifice for others, and there is no greater love than that. Even the very act of becoming a mother by bringing a child into this world is a miracle, and a true act of sacrifice.

Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." I feel the same way about my mother and the mother of my children. Never underestimate the impact a mother can have.

My heart does go out to those who are not able to be mothers. I cannot imagine their pain and the courage they display to embrace those around them who have the thing they covet most. My admiration and respect is equal for those in that situation.

To all the women out there, you are magnificent. Thank you for your sacrifice, love, and tireless example. Our community is great because of our mothers.

A personal thank you to Cauleen, Connie, and Amber! Happy Mother's Day.



ATHLETES to WATCH

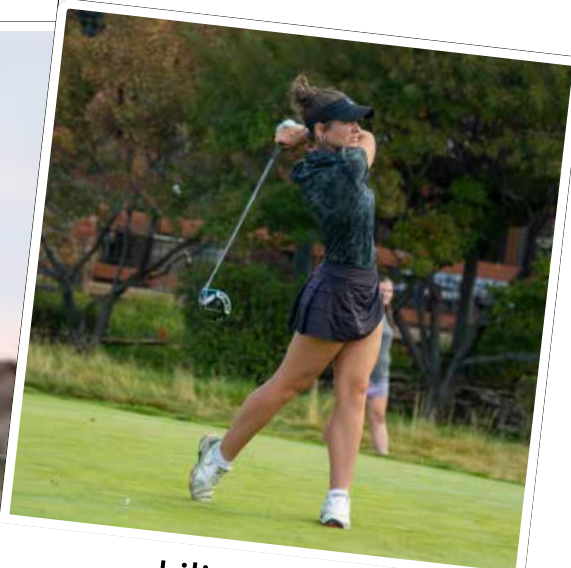
Douglas County has some of the best athletes in the country. Many enter their senior seasons with multiple D1 offers to some of the best universities. During this school year, we will highlight some of those athletes, their accomplishments, and their promising futures.



Rylann Taylor
Class of 2027



Silas Meuli
Class of 2026



Lilie Cohen
Class of 2027



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CHAPARRAL WOLVERINES

GOLF

Lilie is currently ranked No. 1 in the CHSAA Class 5A Girls Division and No. 2 across all classifications, already earning two All-Conference honors and one All - State selection. At Chaparral, Lilie holds the records for the best state tournament finish (5th) and the lowest round ever recorded—a remarkable 68 (-4). She has offers from multiple Division I programs; Lilie remains uncommitted.

SilasMeuli

LEGEND TITANS

BASEBALL

Prepbasketball.com ranks Meuli as a top 12 recruit in the state, and number one at his position. Silas is a three-year varsity starter for Legend High School and earned 1st Team All - State academic honors. MaxPreps named him as a pre-season all state selection. Meuli has committed to Chandler Gilbert Community College.



Rylanntaylor

PONDEROSA MUSTANGS

DANCE

Rylan will be entering her fourth year on the powerhouse Ponderosa Varsity Dance Team. As a freshman, she helped the team win Nationals and was awarded rookie of the year. She was selected as a Continental All - League athlete. Rylann is also a 2x state finalist! She is not committed currently but hoping to attend UNC or CSU after her senior year.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Sat 10 am – 11:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Sun 10 am – 9:00 pm

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Music All Day — Highlights

Friday, June 12

8:15 pm: Brian Humboldt

8:45 pm: Jacob Larson

Saturday, June 13

5:45 pm: The Hot Lunch Band

8:30 pm: Minneapolis Sound

(Prince Tribute)

Sunday, June 14

8:45 pm: HomeSick

8:45 pm: Little Sal

MAIN STAGE — Music All Day — Highlights

Friday, June 12 presented by KXGO

8:45 pm: YACHT ROCK

9:00 pm: THE LONG RUN

Saturday, June 13 presented by KOSI IOL1

7:00 pm: RYAN CHRYX

9:15 pm: WASHPARK

Sunday, June 14 presented by KOSI IOL1

4:00 pm: NINETY% 90s

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