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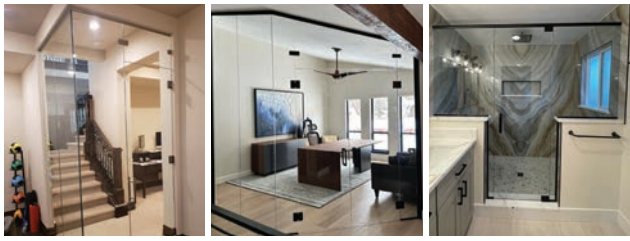
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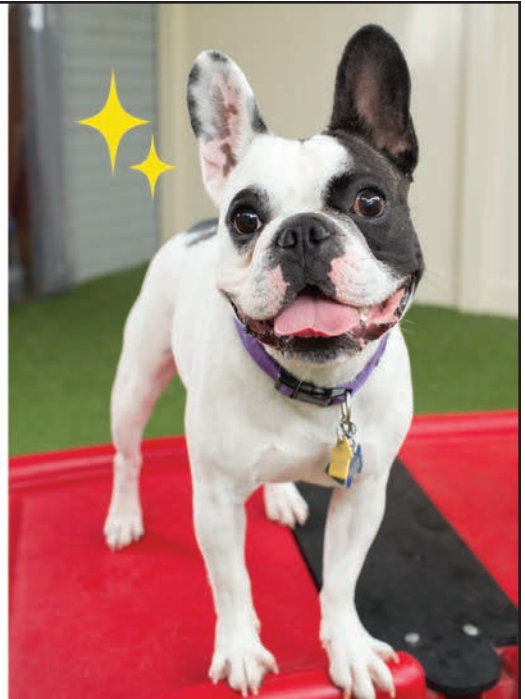
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COMING EVENTS

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Parker Proud Showcase

September 12 | 10795 Victorian Dr | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Bring the whole family to this hands-on, all-ages community experience with interactive booths and family-friendly activities! Meet the hardworking teams from each department serving the town as well as your elected officials and members of various town boards and commissions. Come learn about and celebrate our amazing community.



Mayor's Day Of Service

September 19 | 11920 N. Moisenbocker Rd. | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join the Mayor for a community service project to improve Salisbury Park and the surrounding area. Multiple projects will occur at the same time: fire mitigation in the new fireworks launch area, fence repair and painting, landscaping, trail clean-up, and beaver tree wrapping.



Fall Fest

September 26 | 10795 Victorian Dr | 4:00 - 7:30 pm

This year's event includes the Artisan Market, Children's Entrepreneurial Market, Interactive historical exhibits, carnival games, inflatable corn maze, classic old-time games and races, rock climbing walls, face painters, food trucks, live country music and a patriotic drone show.



So Long To Summer 5k/10k

September 26 | 11920 N. Moisenbocker Rd. | 8:00 am

Enjoy the end of another Colorado summer with a workout along side family and friends, and then reward yourself with delicious pancakes! Awards for overall male/female in 5K and 10K finishers. Top three 5K and 10K male/female finishers in each division will receive a medal

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	SPEAKER	TOPIC	TIME
1	Dr. Karen Mitchell Health First	Healthy Aging: Small Steps, Big Impact	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
2	John Peterson Parker Police Dept.	Senior Safety & Fraud Prevention	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM
3	Lisa Rodriguez Aging Well Colorado	Navigating Resources for Older Adults	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4	Mark Stevens Medicare Solutions	Understanding Medicare Choices	11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
5	Emily Carter Parker Rac Center	Staying Active for Strength & Independence	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
6	David Thompson Local Estate Planning	Protecting What Matters: Estate Planning Basics	12:45 PM - 1:15 PM

AROUND TOWN

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Town Hall Expansion

the Town held a ribbon cutting to commemorate completion of the Town Hall Addition and Renovation Project. The completed project adds more than 32,000 square feet of office and public space while modernizing the facility to better serve residents.



Stroh Road

Following 16 months of construction, Stroh Road reopened. Drivers will now find two traffic lanes in each direction, a new eastbound bridge over Cherry Creek, a new sidewalk along the north side of Stroh Road, and a new traffic signal providing access to Stroh Ranch Soccer Park.



Fire Ban

The Town's Office of Emergency Management has reduced fire restrictions to Stage 1. While this is a lower level of restriction, fire safety remains important, especially during dry conditions. Prohibited activities include no open burning and no fireworks.



Honey Festival

An impressive turnout (despite the heat) of over 5000 attendees visited over 40 vendors, watched live beekeeping demonstrations, shopped bee-inspired products, and enjoyed a morning of family fun. They also sampled local honeys and voted for their favorite.

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THINGS TO DO

In and around Douglas County

Turns out there's only so much Netflix you can watch.
We've compiled a list for whenever you need some inspiration, motivation,
or just a little guidance when it comes to deciding on something to do.
We guarantee there's something for everyone on this list.

- 1- Chatfield State Park
- 2- Castlewood Canyon
- 3- The EDGE Ziplines & Adventures
- 4- Roxborough State Park
- 5- Cherokee Ranch & Castle
- 6- East/West Regional Trail
- 7- Cherry Creek Trail
- 8- The Homestead
- 9- Rock Park
- 10- Theatre of Dreams
- 11- DCF Guns Shooting Range
- 12- Vehicle Vault
- 13- PACE Center
- 14- Rueter-Hess Reservoir
- 15- Discovery Park
- 16- Parker Days
- 17- DC Fair & Rodeo
- 18- K1 Speed Indoor Go Karts
- 19- Highlands Ranch Mansion
- 20- The Ice Ranch
- 21- South Suburban Sports Complex
- 22- Sagebrush Stables
- 23- DC Library
- 24- Colorado Renaissance Festival
- 25- Outlets at Castle Rock
- 26- Miller Activity Complex
- 27- Mini Incline CR
- 28- Festival Park CR
- 29- The Barn Antiques CR
- 30- Parker Fieldhouse



- 31- Pollywog Station Lavender Farm
- 32- Parker Rec Center
- 33- Rueter-Hess Incline
- 34- The Red Farm House
- 35- Lone Creek Farms
- 36- Rocky Mountain Freedom Festival
- 37- CR Historical Society and Museum
- 38- The Emporium CR
- 39- H2O'Brien Pool
- 40- Parker Symphony Orchestra
- 41- FAF Air Soft
- 42- Echo Park Stadium
- 43- Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre
- 44- Bingham Lake
- 45- Four Mile Historic Park
- 46- Bayou Gulch Regional Park
- 47- Bluffs Regional Park and Trail
- 48- Challenger Regional Park
- 49- Fairgrounds Regional Park
- 50- Highland Heritage Regional Park
- 51- Cherry Creek Regional Trail
- 52- East West Regional Trail
- 53- High Line Canal Regional Trail
- 54- Pinery Loop Trail
- 55- Colorado Front Range Trail
- 56- Dawson Butte Ranch Open Space
- 57- Lincoln Mountain Open Space
- 58- Hidden Mesa Open Space
- 59- Spruce Meadows Open Space
- 60- Castle Pines Golf Club

- 61- Colorado Golf Club
- 62- The Club at Ravenna
- 63- Golf Club At Bear Dance
- 64- Red Hawk Ridge
- 65- Sanctuary Golf Club
- 66- Perry Park Country Club
- 67- The Club At Pradera
- 68- Sandbox VR
- 69- Civic Green Park
- 70- Taste of Highlands Ranch
- 71- LEGO Americana Roadshow
- 72- iFLY Indoor Skydiving
- 73- Park Meadows Mall
- 74- Lone Tree Arts Center
- 75- Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center
- 76- Big Horn Stables
- 77- Tiny Town & Railroad
- 78- Shredder: Indoor Ski & Snowboard
- 79- Play Street Museum
- 80- Wings Over The Rockies



- 81- Colorado Railroad Museum
- 82- Climb a 14er
- 83- Plains Conservation Center
- 84- Lariat Loop National Scenic Byway
- 85- Devil's Head Lookout Trail
- 86- Manitou Incline
- 87- Dinosaur Ridge
- 88- The Inverness Hotel and Spa
- 89- Cook Creek Pool
- 90- Westridge Recreation Center
- 91- Farmers Market
- 92- Lone Tree Arts Center
- 93- Studio At Mainstreet
- 94- Lone Creek Farms
- 95- iFly
- 96- Uncorked Kitchen
- 97- Colorado Motorcycle Adventure
- 98- Lone Tree Pedestrian Bridge
- 99- Cherry Creek State Park
- 100- Aurora Reservoir
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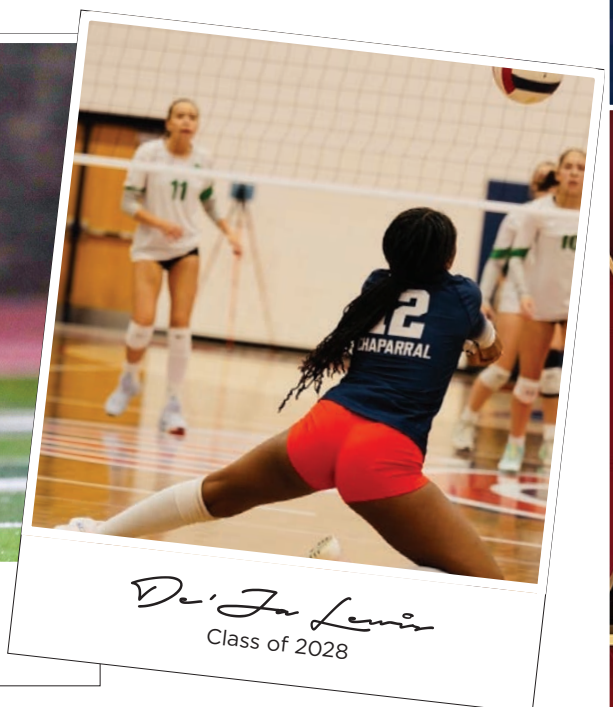
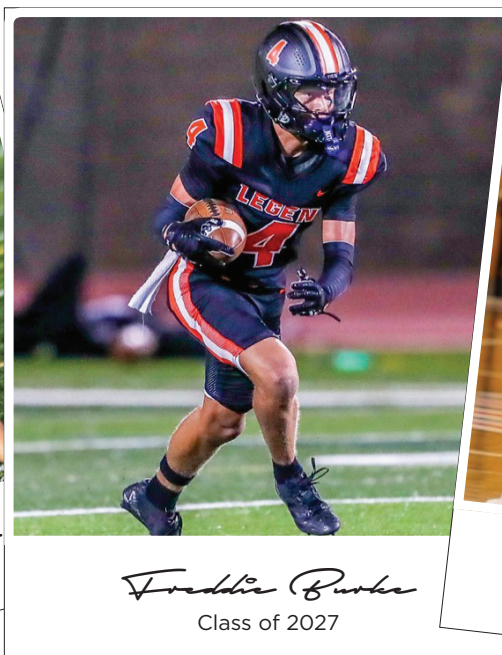
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ATHLETES TO WATCH

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.





DE'JA LEWIS

CHAPARRAL WOLVERINES
VOLLEYBALL

The junior outside hitter at Chap is currently uncommitted but hopes to continue playing volleyball in college. Aside from volleyball, academics are very important to her. She takes on a challenging schedule that includes concurrent enrollment classes through Arapahoe Community College and the Health Science Pathway at the DCSD Legacy Campus.

FREDDIE BURKE

LEGEND TITANS
FOOTBALL

Freddie enters his senior season as the reigning Conference Defensive MVP, 1st team All-Conference, and Honorable Mention All-State. He has offers from Cornell, North Dakota, Harvard, Dartmouth, South Dakota State, South Dakota, Penn, Yale, North Dakota State, UC Davis, Montana, Navy, Montana State, Wyoming, Army, Air Force, Idaho State, and New Mexico State.



MACKENZIE KING

PONDEROSA MUSTANGS
LACROSSE

Mackenzie is a two-time Flag Football Offensive Player of the Year (2023, 2024), Lacrosse Team MVP and 1st Team All-League Midfielder (2026), Lacrosse Defensive MVP and 2nd Team All-League (2025), and a selection to the All-American 2027 Watch List for girls lacrosse. She also serves as Varsity Captain for both sports and earned back-to-back Academic All-State honors (2025, 2026).

The Best BBQ in Town

This county ain't big enough for two "BEST BBQ's" ... actually, we shared our top four. If you haven't tried these offerings, you're missing out.



Fogo de Chao

"Fogo de Chão always lives up to the hype! The fire-roasted meats just keep coming, and that massive salad bar is incredible. It's the perfect spot for a big night out or a group party. And the Guaraná is a must!"



GQue BBQ

"Stopped in for the ribs and they did not disappoint. Incredible flavor and literally fell off the bone. Great environment that makes you want to come back. I heard the chicken wings are amazing, so I'll give those a try next time. Great news is they are opening a Parker location soon."



Bman's BBQ

"Consistently listed among the best BBQ eateries in Douglas County, this family owned 'hole in the wall' gem is well worth the drive to Sedalia. They pride themselves on their sauce, but don't forget to indulge in some sides!"



Smokey Trail BBQ

"Had heard great things and finally made my way out to them. The smoked brisket exceeded my expectations, and that's saying something. These guys run as a mobile setup, so check their Facebook page to find out where they'll be. Well worth finding them!"

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