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DENNIS BELL

PLANNER I
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Providing outstanding customer service is a time-consuming job requiring the right attitude - and Dennis Bell has it. Answering planning-related inquiries, Dennis prepares maps, researches issues, and provides extensive verbal consultation to citizens. His background in GIS and map development, along with the ingenuity to implement an easier method of processing permits, makes Dennis a true asset to the Planning and Development Department.

NOVEMBER

MARIA SANDOVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN
FACILITY OPERATIONS AND PLANNING



Just because an employee works "behind the scenes" more often than most, does not mean a polite demeanor and willingness to go the extra mile goes unnoticed. Maria is recognized for just that, as well as a conscientious work ethic and her constant smile. Always eager to learn and improve, Maria has developed her skills over the years by getting involved in special projects and attending training classes. It's these things that have earned her the respect of co-workers and customers alike.

DECEMBER

MARGIE KELLEY

VICTIM ADVOCATE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The job title says a lot about Margie Kelley. An emotionally challenging position, Margie transports victims, visits them in the hospital, assists them with paperwork, and even attends funerals. As a grant-funded position, her job is "up for renewal" every year. Trained in many crisis techniques, Margie is highly-sought out by detective and patrol personnel and never seems to run out of time when a crisis arises. This compassionate attitude is a rare gift valued by those around her.

congratulations to...

JENNIFER STANLEY, senior recovery technician in the county attorney's office, who recently completed both the Supervisory-Technical and Professional Skills Development and the Supervisory-Conceptual and Administration Skills Development sections of the Adams County Employee Training and Management Development Program. Recently promoted, Jennifer found the transition easier having taken the courses she did. "Through training I now have a better understanding of the big picture." From being specific in performance documentation to guidelines for effective meetings, Jennifer learned a variety of skills that will enhance her work life on a daily basis.

SAMUEL GOMEZ, construction manager in the public works department, who received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in October 2002. Taking advantage of the county's tuition reimbursement program, Sam now calls himself a college graduate.

tell us

Nominate a co-worker, supervisor, or manager, whether in your department or another, for Employee of the Month!

Visit the Intranet to get a form, <http://adamscounty>, and click on "Human Resources;" call 303.654.6070; or stop by the Human Resources Department to pick one up.

POP QUIZ PART TWO

We had a winner of POP QUIZ part one: GEORGIA NEILSEN from the Perl Mack library. Congratulations to her! She'll be celebrating down-under style at Outback Steakhouse. So, if you didn't give part one a shot, try part two! Remember, you can find the answers in *Adams County, Colorado: A Centennial History 1902 - 2002*. Many thanks again to Dorene Wagner for the quiz idea and for choosing excellent questions!

Send your completed quizzes to Cameron Bell in human resources (HRD) by Friday, March 21, 2003. Names of those with 100% accuracy will be put into a "hat" and a winner will be drawn to receive a \$25 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse. (*You may submit a copy of this page.*)



Dorene and Albin Wagner - sibling historians.

What stagecoach line ran through this area? _____

Who was the first president of Denver Pacific Railroad? _____

On what street was the first church in Brighton located? _____

By what other name is State Highway 7 known? _____

Adams County was originally part of what county? _____

What did they call each winner of the popular bicycle races of the 1890s? _____

Who was the first settler in the area that is now Westminster? _____

What was the name of the location of the first permanent Adams County Courthouse? _____

What was the name of the Colorado National Guard division that was formed in Brighton in 1888? _____

What was the name of the first railroad engine to pull a passenger train from Hughes to Denver? _____

Who was the first woman to serve on the Adams County Board of Commissioners? _____

Who was the first Fish Commissioner? _____

What was the name of the building that once held the Brighton Opera House? _____

Which of the first three county commissioners left office after just one month? _____

What were the monthly gatherings at the fairgrounds called prior to the first official fair and rodeo in 1904? _____

Solution to POP QUIZ, part one

After whom is Adams County named? Alva Adams, a popular governor of the State of Colorado
 Adams County was developed as a result of what industrial revolution? Railroading
 Name the first three county commissioners. Benbow, Smith, and Watts
 What was the city of Aurora originally called? Fletcher
 What was the name of the first church in Brighton? First Presbyterian
 What was the political slogan used to establish Brighton as county seat? "Do You Want a County Seat on Wheels?"
 What battle took place in Arikaree County? Battle of Beecher Island
 Who first purchased real estate in Brighton? Daniel Carmichael
 What city was originally known as Madison Orchard? Westminster
 The Administration Building now stands where what used to be? Adams County Fairgrounds
 Which president of the United States visited the Brighton Sugar Factory? Dwight D. Eisenhower
 Bromley Lane is named after which sheriff? Emmitt Bromley, brother of Sheriff Martin Bromley (*this question was written incorrectly*)
 In 1915, what item associated with the American Revolution traveled through Brighton? Liberty Bell
 The city of Brighton was originally known as Hughes Station
 Adams County Regional Park was once a farm named Denver Poor Farm

Please complete:

name

department/office

phone



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our centennial celebration

100...AND COUNTING

The year 2002 was not an ordinary year for Adams County. It was the year we celebrated one hundred years in the service business. So if you weren't able to take part in the events, take a look at what you missed!



Dressed for lunch at the turn of the century, Commissioners Marty Flaum, Elaine Valente, and Ted Strickland celebrate at the centennial luncheon at the Denver Merchandise Mart on November 15, 2002.



In an effort to involve teens in the Adams County centennial celebration, the commissioners sponsored an historical essay contest. First place went to Brian Reid, 2nd place to Candace Gerke, and 3rd place to Ronald John Werth III, all students at Brighton High School. The winners were recognized and awarded prizes in public hearing on November 13, 2002.

Also at the Heritage Festival, the tee pee exhibit.

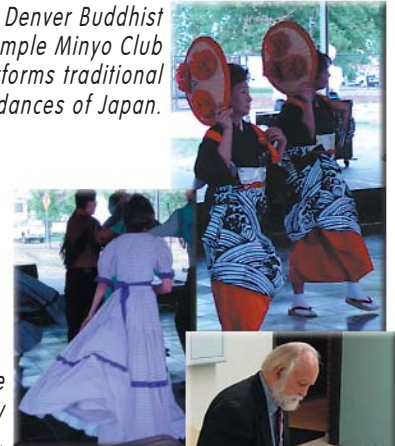


The Quilt Exhibit at the Heritage Festival.

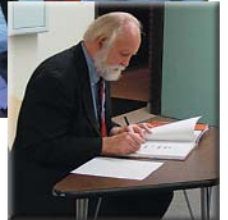
A demonstration of the traditional art of blacksmithing.



Denver Buddhist Temple Minyo Club performs traditional dances of Japan.



American folk dances are the specialty of the Rocky Mountain Dancers.



Adams County historian and author Albin Wagner signs copies of his book "Adams County, Colorado: A Centennial History 1902 - 2002."

Third- and fourth-generation Japanese-American self-taught drummers make up Denver Taiko.



Wagon rides are fun for everyone.



Historic photos on display.



Did you get some gold?



Grupo Huitzilopochtli is a colorful Aztec music and dance group, which focuses on teaching the ancient Mexican culture through their performances.



Life in Adams County as a mountain man.

CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE ON SALE

Adams County centennial merchandise is now on sale at 50% off! Visit our web site or Best Pack 'n Ship in Brighton to get yours today. The centennial history book is still available to employees for \$32.50 in the commissioners' office.

updates and other information

info you should know

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR: TERRY FUNDERBURK



Adams County Administrator Terry Funderburk was named 2002 Colorado County Administrator of the Year during an awards banquet at the annual winter conference of Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) on Wednesday, December 4, in Colorado Springs.

Funderburk was praised for his strong financial experience and his ability to manage diverse county issues, from drainage to financing capital improvement projects, along with his ability to advance difficult issues to a variety of stakeholders.

Frank Lancaster, county manager for Larimer County and president of the Association of Colorado County Administrators (ACCA), noted that Funderburk "continually models a standard of professional and personal accountability to which few can measure up."

CCI is a membership organization open to all 64 counties in Colorado that seeks solutions to issues faced by counties through legislative representation and education. ACCA is a professional organization comprised of county administrators and managers in Colorado that helps advance the profession of county management through educational workshops and networking.

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Meet the New Elected Officials

UPDATE CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Customer Service Initiative has completed its first year, during which the commissioners addressed all employees on the value and importance of the initiative.

You may have noticed the newly-installed comment boxes throughout the county. The customer service committee, Barbara DesMarteau (*Human Development*), Ruth Kedzior (*Commissioners' Office*), Stef Pipkin (*Fleet Management*) and Stuart Shepard (*Human Resources*), has begun collecting the comments for evaluation and to determine actions required.

The next step towards completion of the implementation is to gather enough information to identify issues and assess the level of satisfaction with the initiative.

FROM THE LIBRARY: HOMEBOUND READERS

Arlene Levine loves mysteries. Her husband can't see well enough to read, but devours audio books. The thing is, this homebound couple can't drive to pick-up these much-loved library materials, yet the Levines get a fresh batch of books and tapes delivered right to their door each month.

They're one of 139 stops the Adams County Library System makes on its homebound routes, a service that is part of the Extension branch, which also runs the bookmobile. For Arlene Levine, the door-to-door library service has been a life-saver, "It's very important to us. Even though we are shut in physically, we don't have to be shut in mentally and I am so thankful for the service."

For some, the kind visit and caring attitude are just as important as the favorite books. Homebound customer Mary Rohdekelly says, "They're my contact with the outside world. I always look forward to having them come."

That feeling is mutual. Homebound Supervisor Vicki Ahlswede says, "My staff forms a close relationship with each homebound person. The homebound routes are truly one of the most gratifying aspects of our work."

While some homebound customers live in private residences, others live in assisted living complexes or nursing homes throughout Adams County. This winter, the homebound staff is adding several slots to the routes. Anyone interested in obtaining this valuable service can contact Homebound Supervisor Vicky Ahlswede at 303.288.2001.

--Ann Myers

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RETIREES



Lawrence Allen
30 years
Public Works

Frank Carillo
7 years
Sheriff's Office

Jane Donat
6 years
Treasurer's Office

Bonnie Ervin
17 years
Social Services

Robert Garcia
25 years
Fleet Management

Judy Hale
9 years
Social Services

Robert Tufte
6 years
Facility Operations and Planning

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