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Front Range Air Pollution and Photochemistry Experiment (FRAPPE) Research Aircraft at RMMA

Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 3:34:06 PM | Julie 

by *Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director*
comments open from July 30 until August 19



Have you seen some low flying aircraft along the Front Range? The National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) are working with National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) on a pollution study conducted along the Front Range. The month long air quality study is from July 16, 2014 to August 16, 2014. There are various aircraft conducting the study "Snowflake" NCAR EC-130C which will be flying between altitudes of 2,000 feet to 27,000 feet above the ground, and NASA P-3B which will be flying as low as 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet above the ground. The reasoning behind the study is because the Front Range often experience ozone levels in the summer well above the US National Health Standards that are caused by various factors such as agriculture, transportation, oil and gas extraction, wildfires, power generation, and population concentrations. Other areas that have participated in the study are Baltimore, Washington, Houston, Texas, and San Joaquin Valley, California.

The extensive study of the ozone and the pollution levels will allow a better understanding of the cause and affects of ozone pollution. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved the flight patterns and researchers want the public to know that it is necessary for the study to be conducted at those altitude levels because that is where the pollutants are affecting the air quality.

If you are interested in seeing the research aircraft that are involved in the study there will be an Open House on Saturday August 2, 2014 from 8am to 12pm at:

NCAR/EOL Research Aviation Facility

10802 Airport Ct
Broomfield, CO 80021

**Please note the entrance is off of W. 120th Ave.*

[Research Aircraft Open House Flyer](#)

[Air Quality Research Information from UCAR](#)

[CBS4 story about the Study](#)

Join us For 'A Gathering of the Guilds'

Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 12:10:25 PM | Julie →

by Cynthia Shaw, Boettcher Mansion Director
comments open from April 23 until May 12



Have you ever wondered how to hammer copper, spin wool, turn wood or make a gouache print? You can find out at the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society's 5th annual "Gathering of the Guilds," which celebrates local artisans and their handcrafted works. The event is just around the corner, on Sunday, April 27, from 9 AM - 4 PM at the [historic Boettcher Mansion](#) atop Lookout Mountain in Golden.

This unusual event, sponsored by the Boettcher Mansion and the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society (CACS), will highlight more than 25 vendors and provide attendees with a rare opportunity to meet and learn from a variety of passionate and talented folks. In addition to ongoing demonstrations on ceramics, metals, printing, weaving and woodworking (to name just a few of the trades that will be represented), many one-of-a-kind items will be available for sale.

Remember, Mother's Day is exactly two weeks after this event, so be sure to shop the wares! Refreshments will also be available for purchase on site. General admission is \$5 per person. CACS and participating guild members can participate free of charge. For more information, visit the [CACS website](#) or call Cynthia Shaw at 720-497-7632.

Rocky Mountain Air Show Coming to RMMA

Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 11:36:22 AM | Julie →

by Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director
comments open from July 23 until August 11



The Rocky Mountain Air Show was voted "one of the top nine airshows to see this summer" by Popular Mechanics, July 2013.

The Rocky Mountain Air Show has been scheduled for Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18 at [Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport](#) in Jefferson County.

The Rocky Mountain Airshow is excited to announce that they are going to be the first show that will have a Large Sport Rocket. United Launch Alliance has worked in conjunction with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to establish guidelines for the never-before-seen demonstrations at airshows and we are the first to launch a rocket in front of fans.

Additional acts include Greg Shelton and his F-4 Wildcat. Greg Shelton will also perform with Ashley Battles - "Wing Walking" a Stearman. You will enjoy the Friday night twilight airshow, balloon glow and pyrotechnics along with many other acts throughout the weekend. This year's grand finale is going to be a "Warbird Spectacular" with the biggest warbird show in the region.



Come out and enjoy the extensive range of static displays, hot air balloons, aerobatics, formation demonstrations and the rocky mountain regional fly-in. You can even enjoy a ride on the worlds only flying CAF (Commemorative Air Force) B-29 "FIFI." There will be a wide variety of food vendors for your appetite. The kids will enjoy the "Adventure Zone and Space Pavilion," where they get to experience the excitement and fun

of aviation hands on. We hope to see you there!

For more details on the event and to purchase tickets, please visit www.rmairshow.com.

Native Plant Master Program Upcoming Classes

Friday, February 22, 2013, 8:24:27 AM | Julie →

by Public Information

comments open from February 22 until March 13

Interested in learning more about Colorado native plants including which ones you could add to your landscape or what weeds to control on your property this summer? Take native plant landscaping, weed management or one of our 18 other classes! March and April offerings are listed below. For a complete list of Denver/Gilpin/Jeffco classes, see npm.eventbrite.com or see www.conativeplantmaster.org for other offerings in the state.

Register soon as offerings fill quickly. If you would like to be sure to receive notices of future openings, sign up here. Please forward this to your readership, and/or include in your publication. Thank you for helping us get the word out about Colorado plant courses and classes!

Native Plant Landscaping - Tuesday - March 12

Colorado has a wealth of native plants, colorful wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees, which are well adapted to our variable climate, soils, temperatures and elevations. In this 4 hour class taught by CSU's Dr. Irene Shonle, you'll learn how to use native plants in your landscape, and be introduced to many beautiful, hardy native plants.

Basic Botany Class - Tuesday, March 26 and Thursday, April 25

Enjoy an interactive, fun and fact-filled class designed to prepare you for success in your study of Colorado's flora. Participants will be exposed to basic botanical terminology, taxonomy and ecology as we navigate a botanical key and explore some of the more useful bits of the primary reference for field botany in our state, Colorado Flora, Eastern Slope, Fourth Edition.

Plant Families and Keying Class - Tuesday, April 2

This class delves deeper into intricacies of Colorado plant families, including key identifying characteristics, followed by a close-up opportunity to key out plants in the field (weather permitting). It is recommended that participants have basic botany knowledge before attending this class. For those needing an introductory botany class that covers parts of a plant and gives a basic intro to plant recognition, see Basic Botany Class on March 26 or April 25.

Introduction to Invasive Weeds and Management - Thursday - April 4

An entry level class taught by CSU's Dr. George Beck that will cover ID of Colorado's A- and B-list weeds including live specimens; information about our state weed law; weed biology (life cycles, weed evolution, weeds and succession); strategies and methods for weed management and sprayer calibration.

Invasive Weed Management for Experienced Land Owners - Tuesday - April 30

An intermediate to advanced class taught by CSU's Dr. George Beck for those that have experienced previous weed training and will cover weed biology and ecology and how this information is used when designing weed management strategies. Ecologically-based weed management will be emphasized including information on using grazing to manage weeds as well as integrating herbicide use with seeding for site recovery. ID, biology and management of local weeds of importance as identified by course participants also will be included.

Energy Assessment Workshop Offered at Jeffco's CSU Extension

Thursday, August 30, 2012, 11:05:14 AM | Julie →

by Public Information

comments open from August 29 until September 17

Is solar right for you? How does solar leasing work? Is wind energy an option where you live and how much will it cost? How can you reduce your home energy use and bills without breaking the bank?

[Jefferson County's Colorado State University Extension](#) is offering a workshop to explore possibilities and to help people decide what's right for them. Throughout the day, you'll explore:

- >> How to conduct a basic home energy assessment to identify energy saving opportunities.
- >> Tools to decide whether adding solar or wind energy to your specific home makes financial sense.
- >> Fun gadgets that can help you save energy and that can be borrowed from your local Extension office.
- >> How to determine a payback period for renewable energy at their home and how to conduct a basic home energy assessment.

Join CSU Extension at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Golden from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. The workshop costs \$10, payable by check or cash at the door and includes lunch.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. [Visit CSU Extension's energy website](#) to register and learn more!

Rocky Mountain Air Show - a Must-See Event!

Monday, August 20, 2012, 9:10:57 AM | Julie →

by Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director

comments open from August 20 until September 9



The Rocky Mountain Air Show is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, August 24th to the 26th. This annual event takes place at the [Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport](#), in Jefferson County.

This year's event will include exciting demo performances by the F-22 Raptor, which will also be flying a heritage flight with the P-51 Mustang. Kirby Chambliss, a five-time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and two-time Red Bull Air Race World Champion, will also be performing. Additional acts include Dan Buchanan on this hang glider, Kent Piesch in an Interstate Cadet, Trojan Phlyers in a T-28, the US Air Force Academy "Wings of Blue" parachute Demo team and the glider demo team, and many more.



Come out and enjoy the extensive range of static displays, including the National Science Foundation's C-130 research aircraft, two Marine CH46-E Sea Knight helicopters, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and the Flagship Detroit DC-3 just to name a few. There will be a wide variety of vendors and a lot mouth-watering food to enjoy. The Adventure Zone™ Activity Center is a hit for kids of all ages!

More details at www.rmairshow.com.

Climbers Power Trail Building Event at Cathedral Spires Park

Friday, January 20, 2012, 12:25:55 PM | Julie →

by Tom Hoby, CPRP, Open Space/Jeffco Parks Director
comments open from January 20 until February 8



Thanks to 27 volunteers from the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) of Golden and the Access Fund, a climbing advocacy group based in Boulder, the access trail leading to the Cynical Pinnacle climbing area of [Cathedral Spires Park](#) is safer and more sustainable. On Saturday, January 14, volunteers made significant improvements to 1,500 feet of trail, guided by Jefferson County Open Space Trail Services.

Trail Services Team Lead Brian Conty called the event "hugely successful."

"I don't think we've ever done a trail project in January," he said, "and the improvements that were made were immense."

Before the volunteer event, the trail gained 535 feet over the first 1,500 feet of trail. After the project, that same elevation gain occurs over 2,100 feet, reducing erosion and hopefully the incidence of slips and falls.

"The new grade's comfortable to walk with a 30- to 40-pound pack on," Conty said.

About 2,500 feet of the trail still await restoration/re-alignment. No date has been determined for future volunteer work on the remaining section of the approximately 0.8-mile trail. But the partnership among the three organizations figures to continue.

"We're always looking for different ways to engage folks in stewardship, [and] we really enjoy working with [Jefferson County Open Space](#)," said CMC Stewardship Manager Lisa Cashel. "The staff is really professional, well-organized, and fun."



Hiwan Homestead Museum Exhibit receives History Colorado Award

Monday, November 07, 2011, 9:37:17 AM | Julie →

by Tom Hoby, CPRP, Open Space/Jeffco Parks Director
comments open from Nov. 7 until Nov. 26



Jefferson County Open Space and the Jefferson County Historical Society received the History Colorado Carolyn Bancroft Award Honorable Mention for 2011 for the exhibit "Fateful Lightning: Colorado and the Civil War 1861-1865." Competing amid the largest entry pool ever, the award committee was impressed by the collection resources and information that was pulled together to document and share a Colorado-specific Civil War history. **The exhibition was opened on April 12, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War beginning with the firing on Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The exhibit runs through November 20, 2011 at the [Hiwan Homestead Museum](#) in Evergreen.**

Not only did Colorado play a largely forgotten role in the Civil War, the first family who lived on the Museum's property had deep family ties to the War. The first owners of the property were Mary Neosho Williams and her

daughter Josepha. Mary was the daughter of Joseph Howard Bailey, an Army Captain and Assistant Surgeon from 1834-1862. He also founded the first Army hospital at Fort Smith, Arkansas. In 1853 Mary married Brigadier General Thomas Williams, son of Major General John R. Williams. Their daughter Josepha was born in 1860 at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, one of the few Union locations in the state of Virginia during the Civil War. General Williams was killed in 1862 at the Battle of Baton Rouge; Mary learned about it after her son read about it in the newspaper. Mary and Josepha moved to Colorado in the 1880s.

"Fateful Lighting" is a collaborative venture, sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society. All artifacts are on loan from various private collectors. **Many of these items have never before been seen publicly and because they belong to different collectors, this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this particular compilation. Artifacts include items such as weapons, personal letters, cartes de visite, medical kits and supplies, daily necessities, religious tracts, Confederate money, and a commemorative quilt.**

The Carolyn Bancroft Award was presented by History Colorado's Board of Directors Chairman W. Bart Berger to staff of the Hiwan Homestead Museum, lead by Meghan McGinnes, Program Coordinator, at History Colorado's annual meeting Thursday, October 27 at the Grant Humphries Mansion.

Rocky Mountain Air Show - in Jefferson County!

Wednesday, July 06, 2011, 11:43:35 AM | Julie →

by *Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director*
comments open from July 6 until July 25



The Rocky Mountain Air Show is scheduled for Friday, August 26, through Sunday, August 28.

At this year's event, the feature act will be Tora Tora Tora! The performance is a re-creation of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. This entertaining act is a dynamic history lesson about the event that propelled us into World War II. It involves many Japanese fighters and bombers, along with breathtaking smoke, fire and explosions. Tora, Tora, Tora is intended as a memorial to all the soldiers on both sides who gave their lives for their countries. This performance, brought to us by the Commemorative Air Force, began in 1972 and has been a hit ever since. Tora aircraft and pilots even participated in the filming of the movie Pearl Harbor in 2000. For more information about his breathtaking history lesson come to life, visit www.toratoratora.com.

The Air Show will also include demo performances by the United States Air Force Viper West F-16 and the

United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet, as well as many more exciting acts and fly bys. Also, come out and enjoy the extensive range of static displays, vendors and delicious cuisine. The Adventure Zone™ Activity Center is a hit for kids of all ages! For current information about the Air Show visit www.cosportaviation.org.

We hope to see you all there!

"Getting and Keeping Your Customers" Workshop

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 3:38:25 PM | Julie →

by Public Information

comments open from November 16 until December 5

An objective of any company is to attract customers; but the key to success is the ability to keep customers coming back. The ultimate goal of your company should not be success, but to meet the needs of your customers and the community, both now and in the future.

BEST, along with Jefferson County Workforce Center, is hosting a workshop on increasing the bottom-line of doing business via customer service - "Getting and Keeping Your Customers."

WHEN: Wednesday, December 8th from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge, 80033

COST: \$15.

Wy Livingston, President and CEO of Wystone's World Teas, LLC will be presenting on the truth about sales and service. Ms. Livingston has held executive level positions responsible for sales, operations and service areas in several Fortune 500 companies.

A few of the ideas that will be presented include:

- >> Serving customers and making money
- >> Who gets it right and what they have in common?
- >> Where is your organization?

For all the details, see the [Events for Businesses webpage](#) on the Jefferson County Workforce Center website.

Learn What it Means to Go Green

Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 11:44:40 AM | Julie →

by Rusty Collins, Jefferson County CSU Extension Director

comments open from March 31 until April 19



It seems like a lot of people these days are interested in "going green," saving energy and conserving our natural resources. But honestly, even if you're in the know, do you really know how?

Now's your opportunity to find out! Colorado State University Extension in Jefferson County is hosting an **Energy Efficiency Roundup & Expo from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds**. This free event is open to the public and will feature exhibits, displays and demonstrations of the most up-to-date methods available to reduce energy costs and decrease your carbon footprint.

This is a tremendous opportunity for homeowners, renters, property owners and members of the community to learn effective and money-saving ways to reduce energy consumption. When we learn better ways to conserve natural resources, we not only save the environment, we also take steps to curb our energy dependency.

Leaders in the green industry will give a series of educational presentations, including "Building Science 101," which will focus on energy audits and energy-friendly building designs; "Reducing Your Home Energy Bill," which will provide information on implementing efficiency techniques by using Energy Star ratings; and "Water, Waste & Wheels," which will target xeriscaping, low-impact landscaping, fuel use, recycling, composting, sustainable practices and indoor water use.

The Energy Efficiency Roundup & Expo is sponsored by the CSU Clean Energy Strategic Initiative Team (CESIT), the Clean Energy Supercluster at Colorado State University, Colorado's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Mile High Newspapers, Jefferson County and Colorado State University Extension in Jefferson County.

Exhibit tables are available at \$50 for businesses or \$25 for nonprofits and associations. Deadline for registration is April 2. For an exhibitor registration form, or for more information, contact Amanda Malone, 303-271-6620. To learn more about Colorado State University Extension in Jefferson County, visit www.jeffcoextension.org.

Fourth Annual Jeffco Community Resource Fair-open 6/3 to 6/22

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 3:02:07 PM | Julie 

comments open June 3 through June 22
by Jefferson County Human Services

The 4th annual Jefferson County Community Resource Fair is set for Tuesday, June 9, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, located at 15200 W. 6th Avenue in Golden. The Community Resource Fair provides the opportunity for residents and businesses to learn about and take advantage of the quality community resources available to Jefferson County residents.

The Community Resource Fair is FREE and is an excellent opportunity to promote your agency or business. Over 70 community agencies from in and around the Jefferson County area will provide information and answer questions regarding their services. Types of agencies planning to attend include: Educational services, Disability services, Senior services, Mental Health services, Cultural services, Family-centered services and Basic Needs.

In addition to agency information, there will be a variety of cultural performances provided throughout the day, and door prizes, giveaways, snacks/refreshments and kids activities.

The Jefferson County Community Resource Fair is coordinated by the staff of the Jefferson County Department of Human Services as well as other community agencies.

County Fair a Success!

Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 9:49:11 AM | Julie →

by Rusty Collins, Jefferson County CSU Extension Director

comments open from September 15 until October 4



The 2009 Jeffco Round-Up and Fair wrapped-up in August with lots of blue ribbons, fond memories and family fun at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The Jefferson County CSU Extension Office coordinated all of the 4-H activities at the Fair which included horse showing, livestock setup, exhibition of family and consumer science projects, rabbits, poultry, hogs sheep, a talent show and an awards ceremony. Activities were available for people of all ages. Many Fair participants went on to present their projects or livestock at the State Fair in Pueblo. **Plans for the 2010 Fair are already underway. Mark your calendar for next year -- August 11-15, 2010.**

Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in and Air Show

Thursday, August 20, 2009, 10:44:39 AM | Julie →

by Public Information

comments open from August 20 until September 8



The Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In is celebrating its 30th year in 2009. It is taking place on Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23, at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. This year's event brings all the pilot's favorite fly-in activities and the new venue provides excellent accommodations for fly-in aircraft, camping and all the activities associated with the fly-in.

The Colorado Sport International Air Show, formerly the Front Range Air Show, will feature the thrill of high performance aerobatics, nostalgic warbirds and modern military flight demonstrations.

For more information, ticket prices and performance activities and times, see the [Rocky Mountain Metro Airport Web site](#).

Jeffco Fair and Rodeo

Friday, August 07, 2009, 11:16:09 AM | Julie →

by Rusty Collins, Jefferson County CSU Extension Director

comments open from August 7 until August 26



Come join the fun at the Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo this weekend, August 7th and 8th.

Along with the great 4-H Project and Open Class Exhibits, events include educational booths, livestock shows, a Chili Cook Off, Mutton Bustin, E St. Science competitions, Junior Livestock Sale and much more.

The Jeffco Round-up Rodeo with the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association performance and musical entertainment by nationally known recording artist Pete Martinez will take place on Saturday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at the gate.

The Jefferson County Fair is a family and community event. We hope you will come enjoy all the activities and some exciting entertainment at the rodeo -- with great music to boot!



"Youth are the Future"

was the theme for Andrew Koltuniuk's winning poster in the annual contest.

[JAA 14th Annual Fly-In and 2nd Annual Swap Meet at RMMA-open 6/17 to 7/6](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 5:52:01 PM | Julie →

by Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director



The Jeffco Aviation Association (JAA) will be hosting their 14th annual Fly-In event at the [Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport](#) on Saturday, June 20, 2009, from 6:00 a.m. until noon.

Trophies will be awarded to the best aircraft in classic, antique, warbird, homebuilt, contemporary and special interest categories.

In conjunction with the Fly-In, the Italians of America 2nd annual swap meet/flea market, and a car show, hosted by the Goodfellas car club of North Denver, will also be held at Metro Airport. General admission to this event is \$5.00. Children under 12 are free.

An Italian pancake breakfast will be available at 7:00 a.m. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to enter. Contact Daril at 303-423-9846 or visit the [Italians of America's Web site](#) for more information.

Environmental Discovery Camp Registration Online-open 4/28 to 5/17

Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 1:22:47 PM | Julie →

by Public Information



Eagle's Nest Owl's Roost (ENOR) Environmental discovery camp, sponsored by Jefferson County Office of Colorado State University Extension and the Jefferson County Public School District, is celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary. This year, the Jefferson County Information Technology Services set up a secure, online registration option for busy parents to register campers online.

ENOR is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that has offered quality environmental education and experiences since 1974. A licensed child care provider, the program offers students entering 4th and 5th grade a chance to explore Colorado's natural and cultural history through hands-on activities and real life experience.

For more detailed camp information, the summer 2009 dates and online registration, visit the CSU Jefferson County Extension website at www.jeffcoextension.org.

Wings of Freedom Tour Coming to RMMA (open 6/1 to 6/19)

Monday, June 01, 2009, 3:24:08 PM | Julie →

by Kenneth Maenpa, Airport Director



The Collings Foundation and the Wings of Freedom Tour, which showcases three fully restored WWII Bomber Aircraft, will be at the Metro Airport from July 1 – 3, 2009. These aircraft are the 1944 vintage Consolidate B-24J Liberator, the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress "Nine-O-Nine" and the TP-51C "Betty Jane" Mustang.

The "Wings of Freedom Tour" has two goals: to honor our veterans, recognizing their sacrifices so we may enjoy our freedom; and to educate the visitors, especially younger Americans, about our national history and heritage. The Foundation encourages people to tour the planes, talk to the veterans who come to visit the aircraft, and participate in a "flight experience." In nineteen years, the tour has made more than 2,172 visits to airports across the United States and Alaska. While the exact number of visitors is difficult to gauge, it is estimated that between 3 and 4 million people see these warbirds annually.

Walk-through tours of all the aircraft are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. WWII Veterans get into the ground tours at no charge. Flight experiences require a donation and all participants will get the chance to feel what it was like to fly one of the most legendary fighters of WWII.



CSU Extension Celebrates Demonstration Garden (open 5/28 to 6/16)

Thursday, May 28, 2009, 11:07:34 AM | Julie →

by Rusty Collins, Jefferson County CSU Extension Director



Jefferson County CSU Extension, along with the West Chamber of Commerce and the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, hosted a Business After Hours event on May 21 to celebrate the opening of the Junior Master Gardener Demonstration Garden and Outdoor Classroom. The event featured educational booths on all of the Extension programs, a delicious BBQ, an F150 Truck Raffle for the 4H Foundation, a roping demonstration, cake decorating, Native Plant "Wheel of Fortune," and plant/insect identification.

The Commissioners and our partners who helped to complete the project were present at the ribbon cutting. The demonstration garden will provide a place for youth who have completed a Junior Master Gardener Curriculum to plant, grow and harvest produce; then sell it at the Farmer's Markets. This will teach the children about the commerce side of food production. Our program is only the second Junior Master Gardener Program in the State of Colorado!



[Edgerunner 5k Walk/Run this Sunday, May 3 \(open 5/1 to 5/10\)](#)

Monday, May 04, 2009, 9:53:47 AM | Julie →

by Mary Berg, Jefferson County Children, Youth & Families Director



Come cheer, walk or run to show your support for kids and families involved in foster care -- register now for the Edgerunner 5k Walk/Run on May 3, 2009! This new event, being sponsored by the Foster Care and Adoption divisions of Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties, is intended to promote awareness and raise interest in the need for foster care in the community. Resources and agencies will be present to answer questions.

Visit www.edgerunner5k.com to register or for more information.

Community Orchard Ribbon Cutting Saturday, April 25 (open 4/24 to 5/13)

Friday, April 24, 2009, 12:24:57 PM | Julie →

by Jefferson County Public Information



The organization Feeding Many, Inc., and Shirl Smith, the President and Founder, invites the public to the Ribbon Cutting on April 25, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The orchard is located near the intersection of Bowles and Alkire, at 5890 South Alkire Street, Littleton, 80127.

Speakers at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony include Smith, Nick Lillo, WaterStone Community Church Lead Pastor, Kathy Hartman, Jefferson County Commissioner, Nancy O'Brien, Jeffco Produce and Health Fairs/Food Banks Coordinator, and David Leisure and Joan Preston, Chancellor and Dean for the Institute for Advanced Studies at Colorado Technical University Doctorate in Management Program.

Feeding Many broke ground and planted 136 fruit trees on April 4, 2009. The produce will be free for residents of Jefferson County in need who come to the orchard to pick as much as they need for their family's consumption. Any extra produce will be donated by Feeding Many to agencies, ministries, youth homes and other organizations within the Jefferson County community.

The site is on five acres of land owned and provided by WaterStone Community Church, which is also providing the water for the orchard for which Feeding Many will be paying. Included in the plan for the site are orchard trees, including nectarines, apricots, pears, peaches, apples and plums, as well as raspberries and grape vines. The orchard and grounds will be tended by volunteers.

The Feeding Many Web site, www.feedingmany.org, will have volunteer opportunities, educational opportunities, times and dates for workshops on canning, and helpful tips on gardening, fertilization and useful recipes for fresh produce. You can also donate money via a secure connection to Feeding Many.

5k to Support Foster Care (open 4/8 to 4/27)

Wednesday, April 08, 2009, 10:20:16 AM | Julie →

by Mary Berg, Jefferson County Children, Youth & Families Director



Mark your calendar for the Edgerunner 5k Walk/Run on May 3, 2009. This new event is intended to promote awareness and raise interest in the need for foster care in the community. Resources and agencies will be present to answer questions.

Come cheer, walk or run to show your support for kids and families involved in foster care! This race is being sponsored by the Foster Care and Adoption divisions of Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties.

Visit www.edgerunner5k.com for more information.

Food Banks Helped Out by Chocolate (open 03/02 - 03/11)

Wednesday, April 08, 2009, 10:17:06 AM | Julie →

by Allison Gerdes, Employee Communications Coordinator



The Jeffco Administration & Courts Building Atrium was a bustle with chocolate lovers on Thursday, February 12 for a delicious fundraising event! It's no secret that local food banks are struggling in this economy to keep their shelves stocked while the need for their services continues to rise. To do a small part and help share the love, Jeffco employees participated in a special Valentine's Day themed event called the Chocolate Lovers Extravaganza.

To have a little fun and raise a few dollars, employees volunteered to bring their best chocolate recipes for a bake-off style contest. Participants from many departments took part in this contest and donated their creations to the fundraiser.

With tables of chocolate-themed desserts, it didn't take long for the tasters to line up to sample. For a small donation, people were able to buy a small plate of delicious goodies for \$5 or a large plate for \$10. Several prospective jurors and other visitors to the county building came by to partake, as well as many employees, who came for a few treats on their breaks and even supplied their office mates with some early Valentine's Day treats.

More than 30 entries were submitted including: Chocolate Love Cups, Ice Box Chocolate Pudding, You're 'Marblelous' Cheesecake, and Sassy Lemon Bars (Surprise, No Chocolate!). Proceeds from the event were donated to several Jeffco food banks.

Food banks are struggling in this economy to keep their shelves stocked. If you'd like to help, contact one of the Jeffco food banks to get more information about donation.

To find a food bank in Jefferson County, you can do an Internet search on "Food Banks Jefferson County Colorado" or look them up in your local telephone directory.