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At each Council Meeting, we recognize the people, organizations and businesses that make Greeley Great. Tonight it's my turn to announce the recognitions. I'll start with a quote, "If you belittle what you have, it becomes less. If you appreciate what you have, it becomes more." With these announcements we are appreciating the good work of our residents, showing support for their efforts, and encouraging everyone to share the word that Greeley is Great.



Tonight we will begin by recognizing Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryan T. Dagget who is a recipient of the 2021 USO Service Member of the Year award. Every year since 2003, one junior enlisted service member from each branch is nominated by command leadership to be honored for an act of valor. Whether it's saving the life of a comrade or stranger or leading during a critical moment, these men and women proved their commitment to helping others in times of need. Staff Sgt. Dagget is from Greeley and serves at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea with the 8th Security Forces Squadron.

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Congratulations to Shannon
Cameron and Dillon Hergenreder
who both took gold at the Special
Olympics Colorado State Bowling
competition as part of the Adaptive
and Inclusive Recreation Greeley
Panther bowling team. The Panthers
also earned six second place
finishers and two third place.



The Great Outdoors Colorado has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to the Trust for Public Land, in partnership with the City of Greeley, to purchase the 978-acre Shurview/Missile Site Bluffs Open Space as part of GOCO's land acquisition program, which supports urban and rural landscape, waterway, and habitat protection priorities and improves access to the outdoors. The City of Greeley was also awarded \$160,650 to prepare Shurview Open Space for public use and an additional \$143,000 to hire a GOCO fellow in its Natural Areas & Trails Division.

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Congrats to the Northridge High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps marksmanship team for being named league champions.



Several organizations in Greeley have been awarded grants by NextFifty Initiative which funds efforts to improve the quality of life for people over 50-years-old in Colorado and beyond. Adeo Colorado received \$100,000 towards supporting staff development to provide quality care for disabled older adults; RSVP Volunteer in Service received \$25,000 to be used to hire additional staff and upgrade technology for volunteer reengagement purposes; and Pathways Hospice also received \$25,000 to go towards their Palliative Care Team, which cares for more than 700 people and their families.

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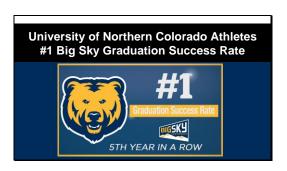


Weld County Assessor and UNC graduate Brenda Dones has been named the 2021 Colorado Assessor of the Year by the Colorado Assessors' Association.



University of Northern Colorado linebacker David Hoage has earned a spot on the HERO Sports Sophomore All-America team, which recognizes the best sophomores in all of FCS football. He also earned a spot on the AP All-America third team, identifying him as one of the best defensive players, regardless of age, in the nation.

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Continuing the UNC Bears good news....for the 5th consecutive year, Northern Colorado Athletics leads the Big Sky in Graduation Success Rate. Four programs had a perfect mark of 100% including men's cross country and track and field, women's basketball, women's golf, and women's volleyball. Go Bears!

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Cheers to Andrea Everett, director of community outreach and onboarding at Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County, who is a recipient of the Maytag Dependable Leader Award and a \$20,000 grant. Each year, in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Maytag honors and rewards a group of stand-out Club professionals and volunteers who make a difference to

kids and teens every day in communities across the nation. With the grant from Maytag, Andrea will launch a youth mentorship program focused on providing Club members of all ages with mental health support.

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The American Planning Association Colorado Chapter Colorado Healthy Communities Committee has recognized the City of Greeley and its landscape code as part of its Colorado Code Project. The Colorado Code Project, a voluntary initiative to identify and celebrate model land use codes at the regional, county, or municipal level that promote health, equity, and community engagement. Goal is to incorporate model landuse code language into the statewide toolkit to help Colorado communities promote health.



And that's What's Great about Greeley.



Tonight we would like to take a few minutes to honor and remember former City Councilmember Richard A. "Dick" Boettcher, Sr. Dick served as a Greeley City Councilman from 1973-1977, representing Ward 2. He also served on the Greeley Planning Commission, was chairman of the Finance committee, was part of the Golf Advisory Board, and served on the Greeley Water and Sewer Board for many years, 18 years as Chairman. Additionally, he was Greeley's representative member of the Larimer-Weld Regional Council of Governments and the Larimer-Weld regional planning commission. A University of Northern Colorado graduate and U.S. Army World War II veteran, Dick was deeply involved in the Greeley community and was an extraordinary businessman. He served as President of the NCMC Foundation Board, Vice-Chairman of the UNC Foundation, President of the Greeley Philharmonic Guild, President of the Greeley One Fund, and was instrumental in organizing what is now the United Way of Weld County. He was recognized as a Weld Distinguished Citizen by the Longs Peak Council Boy Scouts of America, Citizen of the Year by Masonic Lodge of Greeley, and Entrepreneur of the Year by BizWest Magazine. He was appointed by three Colorado

governers to the Colorado Collection Agency Board, serving for over 20 years and multiple years as its Chairman. Dick was a great leader and mentor and will be missed by many in our community.