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News Briefs

Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza wins concrete industry award

CentrePoint Plaza, Arapahoe County's service center in Aurora, recently received an Award of Excellence by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Concrete Institute.

Founded in 1904, the American Concrete Institute is a technical and educational society dedicated to improving the design, construction, maintenance and repair of concrete structures. Commissioner Debra Vickrey, who was the project liaison to the Board during the construction of CentrePoint Plaza, received the award during the Rocky Mountain Chapter's 32nd annual Concrete awards Program April 11.

CentrePoint Plaza opened May 16, 2002 - six weeks ahead of schedule and nearly \$1 million under budget. The facility is roughly 142,000 square feet in size and home to nearly 400 Human Services, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, Assessor's Office, Building Maintenance and Information Services employees.

Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture designed the building. Saunders Construction, Inc. was the contractor.

Aurora Chamber names Commissioner Lynn Myers as Woman of the Year

Commissioner Lynn Myers recently was honored with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's most prestigious honor – Woman of the Year Award.

Myers received the award during the Chamber's annual meeting April 4. She was honored for her support of the business community, her diligence in pursuing causes and her leadership on tough issues.

"Even as a freshman, she was not afraid to take on the tough jobs with the County -- always working to advance her community's civic, cultural and governmental interests," said Aurora Chamber President Kevin Hougen during the award presentation. "She's visible, courageous, bright and always upbeat."

Myers, who represents District 4, is serving her first four-year term as commissioner. She was first appointed to the Board in February 2000 when former Commissioner Polly Page resigned. Myers was elected in November 2000 to fulfill the remaining term and re-elected in November 2002. She was Board chair in 2002.

As Commissioner, Myers oversees the County's Community Services and Support Services departments. She is chair of the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority and Vice Chair of the E-470 Public Highway Authority. She is a member of the board of directors for both the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Aurora Economic Development Council.

Do weeds bug you?

They certainly bug us. That's why Arapahoe County is again offering free bugs in the battle against leafy spurge and other pesky weeds.

The County's Weed Control Office will give free Flea Beetles to residents with sizeable amounts (at least a quarter of an acre) of leafy spurge on their property. The County gives away Flea Beetles because they have proven to be effective at controlling leafy spurge, a nasty weed that is difficult to kill with traditional herbicides. The beetles work by feeding on the plant, which in turn, depletes the root leaving it susceptible to diseases or other forms of stress, eventually killing it. The insect is safe to release because it only eats leafy spurge.

Since 1999, more than 50 landowners and local communities have participated in the County's flea beetle program, and the results are proving to be successful. Before and after photos of several flea beetles sites are available through the County's web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us. To view the sites, click on Weed Control.

Insects are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at no cost to Arapahoe County property owners. If you are interested in receiving Flea Beetles, contact Weed Control Specialist Russell Johnson at 720-874-6713 or by e-mail at rjohnson@co.arapahoe.co.us.
