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## More Westridge Students Complete Judy Susman's 30-Book Challenge!

Judy Susman says congratulations to **Michaela Waller, Ian McCormick, Isabella Meyer, Tyler Shepard, Connor Shepard, Lucille Pidek, Annabelle Pidek, Jacob Bielkiewicz and Taylor Bentley**. These nine students recently completed the required 30 books and received free gift cards for their effort. Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. To date, 167 rewards have been earned by Westridge students and Judy has donated \$3,600 to the school to benefit literacy and technology. If you need a reading card or more information, contact Judy directly by calling 303.570.5109 or emailing her at [Judy@JudySusman.com](mailto:Judy@JudySusman.com).

## Westridge Elementary Jog-a-thon

On October 5, 2012, the students of Westridge Elementary completed their first PTA sponsored Jog-a-thon. Students and teachers jogged more than 7838 laps which equals approximately 980 miles. Congratulations to all of the participants in the Westridge Jog-a-thon! The students braved the cold and snow, and ran, walked, and giggled their hearts out. They raised over \$17,000! These funds will go toward PTA programs, classroom and staff support, and technology improvements. Donated prizes were awarded to the students who ran the most laps and raised the most money. Way to go, Westridge!

## Westridge Elementary Kindergarten Registration For 2013-2014

Kindergarten registration will begin on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Students must be age 5 by October 1, 2013 to be eligible for admission. Please register your student online by visiting our website – <https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/westridge/k12.co.us> – and following the steps in the Kindergarten Registration Checklist.

After you have completed the online registration process, please fax, mail, or hand-deliver the following items to the school office: (1) your student's birth certificate; (2) your student's record of immunizations, including evidence of Hepatitis B shots; (3) proof of your current address (for example, a utility bill or lease agreement); and (4) the Session Preference Sheet indicating your first, second, and third choices for class placement.

Families not currently living in the Westridge neighborhood must also submit a Choice Enrollment application. Choice Enrollment applications may be picked up at Westridge Elementary or downloaded from <http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/enrollment/co.k12.co.us>. First Round Choice Enrollment begins

\*\*\*\* ALSO \*\*\*\*

Come visit Westridge and meet the teachers  
during our Kindergarten Round-up:

Thursday, January 10, 2013

8:30 am–9:30 am OR 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

Kids Are Welcome!

on Wednesday, January 9th and runs through Tuesday, January 24, 2013. For an explanation of the Choice Enrollment process, please call 303-982-3975.

## Judy Susman Completes 17th Coat Drive!

Judy Susman, a long time Westridge resident and a Realtor with Re/Max Professionals, recently completed her 17th annual Coats for Colorado coat drive in conjunction with Dependable Cleaners. On Saturday, November 10th, Judy collected coats from many generous neighbors who came through again this year. Since Judy began this project in 1996, she has collected nearly 1,800 coats! Congratulations to Diana and Mike Rose, winners of the free turkey.

"This is a project I look forward to every year. It is great to see people helping others who are less fortunate," Judy said. "Thanks again to all who participated! Your coats will be greatly appreciated."

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Free Deconstruction Services

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## Bingo Birthday Month

December is celebrated as the birthday month of the popular game Bingo, which originated as a lottery-style game in 16th-century Italy. In the 1920s, Hugh Ward presented a version of the game at carnivals in Pennsylvania, and in 1929 a toy merchandiser named Edwin Land adapted the game for his friends in New York.

### Draft Minutes for Oct. 3 COHOPE Meeting

The speaker tonight was **Mary Ann Strombitski** from Communication Infrastructure Group. She spoke about the C-470 Corridor Coalition.

The C-470 Corridor Coalition was formed Feb. 2011 to develop and implement a solution. Their charter was created Dec. 2011. Decisions are made by consensus.

The Coalition was formed because of the congestion on C470. And it is expected to increase by 30% by 2035. It now takes 11 minutes to travel east from Kipling to I-25 in the morning and 18 minutes to travel west in the evening.

The Coalition is interested in the entire C-470 corridor. But they have broken the issue into 2 segments. Segment 1 is Kipling to I-25 and will be studied first. Segment 2 is from Kipling to I-70. They expect the study to begin in 2014. The environmental study has not been done on this segment yet which is why it was separated from Segment 1.

The technical solution is to initially add 1 lane in each direction plus an auxiliary lane (on and off ramp). Ultimately it is desired to add 2 lanes in each direction plus an auxiliary lane.

Three funding options have been identified. Option A would add 1 express lane (inside left lane) between Wadsworth and I-25 which is tolled and 2 general purpose lanes which would not be tolled. They estimate the toll to be \$3.65 for the entire length or \$0.31/mile. This option does not need voter approval and could be implemented by 2017. Option B would add 1 lane between Wadsworth and I-25 and all 3 lanes would be tolled. They estimate the toll to be \$0.90 for the entire length or \$0.08/mile. Option C would add 1 lane between Wadsworth and I-25, none would be tolled, but funding would come from other sources such as an increase in sales tax or property tax. They estimate a 30 year increase in sales tax of \$0.002 or property tax of \$75-100 per year on a \$300K house. Options B and C would require voter approval and could be implemented by 3rd quarter of 2020.

The Public Input has been collected via several methods. They have had several Telephone Town Hall meetings, Presentations, Open Houses, and via information in newsletters, websites, and social media.

The Coalition is made up of full members, affiliate members, and state / federal affiliate members. The full members are Douglas, Arapahoe, and Jefferson counties, the cities of Lone Tree, Centennial, and Littleton, and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District. The affiliate members are City of Greenwood Village, towns of Bow Mar, Castle Rock, and Parker, the Denver South Economic Development Partnership, South I-25 Urban Corridor Transportation Management Association, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation, Move Colorado, and the Highlands Ranch Chamber of Commerce. The State / Federal affiliate members are Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE), Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the Federal Highway Administration. There is also a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of 22 people.

From late June until early Nov., they have been taking public input. Then they will refine the concept and move forward to the environmental (NEPA) process. They expect a recommendation by Feb. 2013.

Their website is [www.c470coalition.com](http://www.c470coalition.com). The phone number is 720-515-2470. The email address is [info@c470coalition.com](mailto:info@c470coalition.com).

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### Westridge Homeowners Association

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Westridge Homeowners Association:

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/Westridge/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Westridge/home)

(includes: calendar of events & homeowner covenants)

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#### **News Articles**

The deadline for news articles is the 12th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to the editor at [dwjames@centurylink.net](mailto:dwjames@centurylink.net). No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

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### ***National Impaired Driving Prevention Month***

In a presidential proclamation in 2011, December was designated National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in order to "address the serious and growing threat drunk, drugged, and distracted driving poses to all Americans."

### **2013 Westridge Homeowners Association Dues**

Due January 1st, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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### **COHOPE Meeting**, continued from page 2

What is an auxiliary lane? It is a on or off ramp that can be up to 800 ft. If all lanes are toll roads, have you investigated the impact to side roads? There will be impacts to side roads no matter what is done because they expect the congestion to get 30% worse by 2035.

Mary Ann asked people which option they would prefer.

Option D would be no change. They have a nice Visualization of each option. It should be on their website later this week. Someone wanted more toll information. Such as how soon could the toll be increased after the lane is in place?

#### **Old Business**

At Summerset, we had 4 or 5 people who were interested in COHOPE and we talked with 2 potential speakers.

Denver water should discuss rate increases on Oct. 26th. Littleton has not voted yet. Their next meeting is Oct. 18th.

#### **New Business**

There was an article in the Columbine Courier about Foothills Park and Recreation District. Diane's name was mentioned and associated with COHOPE. She did not identify herself as representing COHOPE. Her comments were her personal opinion. She apologized for the misrepresentation.

Kevin McCaskey has been diagnosed with Lymphoma TC. Linda Auburn let Winnie know on Thursday.

#### **Teen Services**

To add your teen's name, please email **Colorado Lasertype** at [getinfo@coloradolasertype.com](mailto:getinfo@coloradolasertype.com) and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: (B) Baby-sitting; (\*) Red Cross Cert for CPR; (L) Lawn care; (S) Snow removal; (P) Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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Holiday  
Pottery Sale**

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Park & Recreation District

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### **Need Some Inspiration? Try A Mug O' Joe**

A cup of coffee helps you get going in the morning, but can it help you be more creative? Well, maybe. Here's a quick look at how caffeine affects the brain.

The neurons in your brain produce a substance known as adenosine. The harder your neurons work, the more adenosine they create; the more adenosine floating around your brain, the more it inhibits connections between neurons by clogging up your neural receptors. Thus, when you've got a lot of adenosine drifting through your nervous system, you feel tired.

Caffeine blocks adenosine production by impersonating the chemical, preventing it from being absorbed by the receptors in your brain. This permits natural stimulants like glutamate and dopamine to operate more freely. Those substances can stimulate connections between neurons, and so may lead to better combinations of thoughts and ideas in your mind.

You don't want to overdo your caffeine consumption in search of a spark of genius, of course. But a cup of coffee or tea may be just the thing when you're trying to jump-start your thinking.

### **Separate Rooms For Siblings? How To Decide**

Some siblings want their own bedrooms; others prefer to double up. But ultimately it's up to the parents to decide whether it's time to give each child his or her own room. Child-development experts say there's no hard and fast rule about children being roommates, so consider these factors:

- **Personalities.** Some siblings prefer each other's company and aren't as happy being alone.
- **Development.** Are they developmentally ready for their own room? This usually varies according to the ages and genders of the individual child.
- **Independence.** Living separately can give a child more independence and a greater sense of privacy, and it could lead to more freedom of personal expression when it comes to decorating.
- **Bonding.** Rooming together creates great bonds. Siblings learn about solving problems and compromise. They learn how to share. It also prepares them for life in college dorms or apartments later on.

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