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3 major developments in works for Wellington



A rendering of the first phase of the forthcoming Wellington Business Center project. CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD/PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON

Spaces for business, retail, housing, manufacturing all on the way

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A trio of major developments are in the works in Wellington, potentially bringing more retail options, manufacturing jobs and housing to the small, but growing, Northern Colorado town.

The Wellington Business Center, a 95,000-square-foot, retail-focused mixed-use development, is set to break ground on the first phase of its development later this year, according to a news release from the town.

Work is slated to begin this fall on a new 50,000-square-foot Wellington facility for Kaufman & Robinson Inc., a Fort Collins-based company that engineers and manufactures broad beam ion and plasma products, the release added.

And Sage Farms, a master-planned housing community proposed on the



The site of Kaufman & Robinson Inc.'s new manufacturing and research facility at Glow Avenue and Sixth Street in Wellington. PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON

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Rose Brinks, steward of Bingham Hill Cemetery, has died

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When Rose Brinks was diagnosed with ovarian cancer two and a half years ago, she was given six weeks to live, her daughter Laura Pritchett said.

She started getting her affairs in order. She sold land near her family's Laporte farm property and had Pritchett drive her to her "last" haircut.

But, as a testament to her tenacity, Rose Brinks kept living. She got many more haircuts and exceeded expectations to the end, which came on Aug. 25 when she died at her home. She was 90 years old.

Rose Brinks was a longtime Laporte resident, a lover of oddities and animals and the former steward of Northern Colorado's historic Bingham Hill Cemetery. The storied pioneer cemetery is home to Larimer County's oldest grave — little Bazille Provost was buried there, atop the sloping hill on what was then his family's Laporte farm, in 1862. The Camp Collins military outpost was established in Laporte two years later.

Rose and her late husband, James Brinks, purchased the old Provost farm in 1977.

Both widowed, the couple had met while Rose Brinks was earning a master's degree in public health at Colorado State University and James Brinks was working as a faculty member in the university's animal sciences department.

Rose Brinks had four children and James Brinks had two when they wed. They went on to have three more together, raising them on their Laporte

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Colorado killing nonnative trout to bring back native species

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Two popular nonnative fish species will be poisoned along miles of rivers near the boundary of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Rocky Mountain National Park to make way for Colorado's state fish: the greenback cutthroat trout.

Rotenone, a pesticide that kills fish, is being applied to about 4 miles of creeks in the area, including La Poudre Pass Creek downstream to the inlet of Long Draw Reservoir, according to a news release. That process was expected to run Aug. 25-31, according to the release.

The pesticide will remove 500 to 2,000 nonnative Colorado River cutthroat trout and brook trout in the

stretch, according to Kara Van Hoose, Colorado Parks and Wildlife spokesperson.

The removal of the nonnative fish is the first step toward restoring native greenback cutthroat trout to the headwaters of the Cache la Poudre River. The greenback cutthroat trout is listed as federally threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Van Hoose said reintroducing native

greenback cutthroat trout is still a "few years away from the reintroduction phase."

Rotenone is an Environmental Protection Agency-approved organic compound for the purpose of killing fish that works quickly, breaks down rapidly in the environment and does not persist in the environment, according to the news

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