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A skid steer drives down the roughed-in final section of the Poudre River Trail between Windsor and Timnath on Sept. 29. The 1-mile section is the last to be completed of the 45-mile trail from northwest of Fort Collins to Greeley. MILES BLUMHARDT/THE COLORADOAN

County starts building last section of Poudre River Trail

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Larimer County has begun construction on the final segment of the Poudre River Trail with completion expected later this year.

Construction started Sept. 22 on the final stretch of the 10-foot wide concrete

trail that spans nearly 1 mile between Windsor's Kyger Open Space and Timnath. Zac Wiebe, Larimer County planning and natural resource specialist, said Oct. 2 the county's contract end date with the construction company is the end of March 2026 but that hopefully the project will be done sooner if weather allows.

The trail will connect Windsor's ex-

isting trail on the northeast corner of Kyger Reservoir, just west of Colorado Boulevard or Weld County Road 13 in west Windsor, include a pedestrian crossing at Larimer County Road 32E, and continue north to tie into Timnath's existing trail.

Total cost for the project is around

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fairs office.

Timnath show kicks off new season for school theater productions

Kelly Lyell

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Students from Poudre School District high schools have put on some of the best school plays and musicals in the state in recent years, earning opportunities to perform at both state and national events.

Fossil Ridge High School was selected to perform its 2024 fall musical, "Alice By Heart" on June 24, 2025, at the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, Indiana. Fossil Ridge also earned the right to perform its spring 2023 musical, "Bright Star" at the 2023 Bobby G Awards in Denver as one of three finalists for top honors in the Colorado high school version of Broadway's prestigious Tony Awards.

And Fort Collins High School earned the right to present its fall musicals of "Chicago" in 2022 and "Six: The Teen Edition" in 2024 on the big stage at Bellco Theatre in Denver during the Colorado State Thespian Conference. Only one high school musical is selected for that honor each year.

You don't have to travel to Indiana or Denver to see what these schools and others in the area are putting on stage during the 2025-26 school : though. You can see their productions when they're first performed at their respective high schools and middle schools, beginning with Timnath Middle-High School's production of "Sherlock Holmes" on Oct. 3-4.

Here's the schedule for other high school and middle school theater

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Miltary finds pilot from Fort Collins guilty of child sexual assault

Kelly Lyell

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This story references sexual crimes against children. Resources for those impacted by similar crimes have been included.

A former pilot with the Air Force Thunderbirds and NASA astronaut nominee from Fort Collins was sen-

tenced to 12½ years in military prison by a military judge Sept. 24 after being found guilty of sexual assault of a child and multiple other offenses.

Lt. Col. Kevin J. DiFalco, a 2000 graduate of Fort Collins High School, was found guilty of 17 offenses in violation of six articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice following a two-week general court-martial trial at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, according to

a news release from the base's public af-

The offenses were committed "in or near Las Vegas, Nevada, San Antonio, Texas, and Fort Collins, Colorado, against one victim," the news release

Fort Collins police had no records of any investigations involving DiFalco, the agency said in response to a public records request by the Coloradoan. Larimer County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Kate Kimble told the Coloradoan on Sept. 30 she was not aware of any investigation by her agency involving Di-Falco and referred a reporter to the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office, who she said was handling records requests for the sheriff's office. Kylie Massman, a spokesperson for the DA's office, told

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