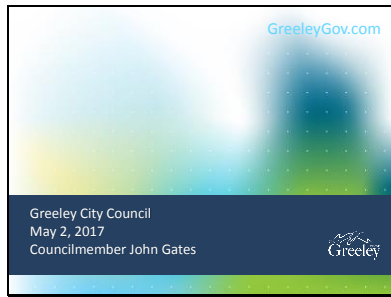
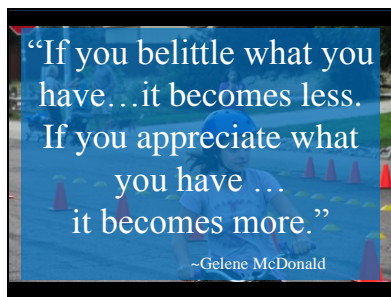


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At each Council Meeting, we recognize the people, organizations and businesses that make Greeley Great. Tonight it's my turn to announce the recognitions. I'll start with a quote, "If you belittle what you have, it becomes less. If you appreciate what 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.

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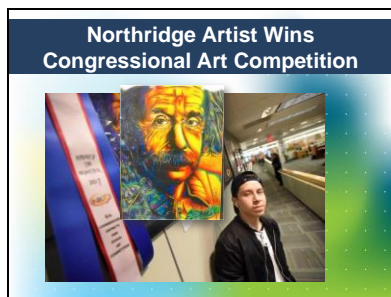
Six Aims Community College automotive collision repair and refinishing students competed at the 2017 SkillsUSA State Competition held April 5th through 7th at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs. All six students placed in the top four positions in their divisions.

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Weld County Fair manager Janet Konkel has been named 2016 Fair Manager of the Year by the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, which includes fairs in 14 states and two Canadian provinces. This year's fair will be held July 22nd through the 31st at Island Grove Regional Park.

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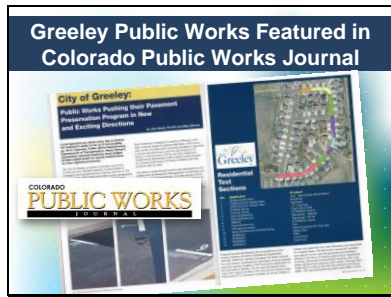
Northridge High School student Alexis Garcia Moreno has taken the grand prize at the America the Beautiful Congressional Art Competition for District 4. His artwork titled $E=MC^2$ is his first piece created in color and will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC over the next year.

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Congratulations to Northridge High School student Mark Morales for being selected as a Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America Scholar. Mark is 1 of 100 scholars awarded across the nation in this highly competitive program. He will be spending 7 weeks at Princeton University this summer preparing for Ivy League admission. LEADA is the preeminent national nonprofit organization dedicated to diversifying the national leadership pipeline by helping high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds gain admission to our nation's most selective colleges.

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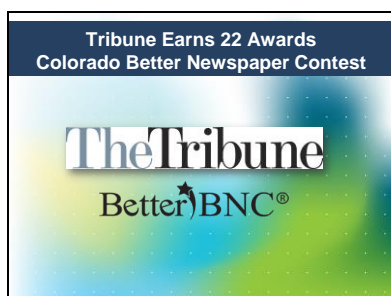
Greeley's Public Works Department was featured in the *Colorado Public Works Journal* – an independent publication designed to be of service and interest to those providing civil services related to infrastructure construction and maintenance as well as allied fields. The article highlights a staff created pilot project, a first of its kind study in Colorado, for evaluating roadway seal coat materials and processes.

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The Greeley Tribune earned 26 awards at the Colorado Associated Press and Editors annual convention. The Tribune competed against mid-size newspapers such as the Fort Collins Coloradoan, Boulder Daily Camera and Longmont Times-Call. First place awards went to photo editor Josh Polson (who received five awards) for feature photo, photo illustration, portrait/personality photo, and portfolio and sports photo; features editor Dan England for best environmental story, "Preserving the Prairie; Tyler Silvy won first place for public service with "University of Northern Colorado's Handling of Speech Deemed Offensive Raises Questions, Concerns;" and copy editor and page designer Trenton Sperry earned a first place in headline writing.

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In addition, the Tribune staff took home 22 awards at the 2016 Colorado Better Newspaper Contest, including a best of show award. General Manager Bart Smith received the coveted President's award and first place winners in other categories included: Josh Aho, Bruce Dennis, Paul Beverage, Albert Teel, Alan Karnitz, Josh Polson, Angel Dey, Jerry Martin, Sharon Dunn, Nichole Mathiason, and Amy Mayer.



Invite HP representative(s) to lectern

Today we commend Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Greeley for being named as a finalist for the 2017 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Employers that support their military employees' service make all the difference in the world. That support can include paying an employee the difference between their military and civilian pay during a deployment, or even offering a full salary for the duration. The Freedom Award began in 1996 to date, only 235 employers nationwide have received the award. The proclamation reads:

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD FINALIST RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the Guard and Reserve which are shared by the U.S. Department of Defense with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in uniform; and,

WHEREAS, recognition of the special service represented by employers who provide outstanding support to their Guard or Reserve employees is bestowed each year in the form of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award; and,

WHEREAS, each year men and women actively serving in the Guard and Reserve, or a family member acting on their behalf, may nominate their employer for the Freedom Award; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017 there were 3,064 nominations submitted nation-wide, of which 69 were for Colorado employers; and,

WHEREAS, Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Greeley, Colorado has been named as one of 30 finalists for the 2017 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, placing the company in the top 1% of the nation's Guard and Reserve-supportive employers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas E. Norton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, Colorado and on behalf of the Greeley City Council, do hereby formally commend Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Greeley for their selection as a finalist for the prestigious Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

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