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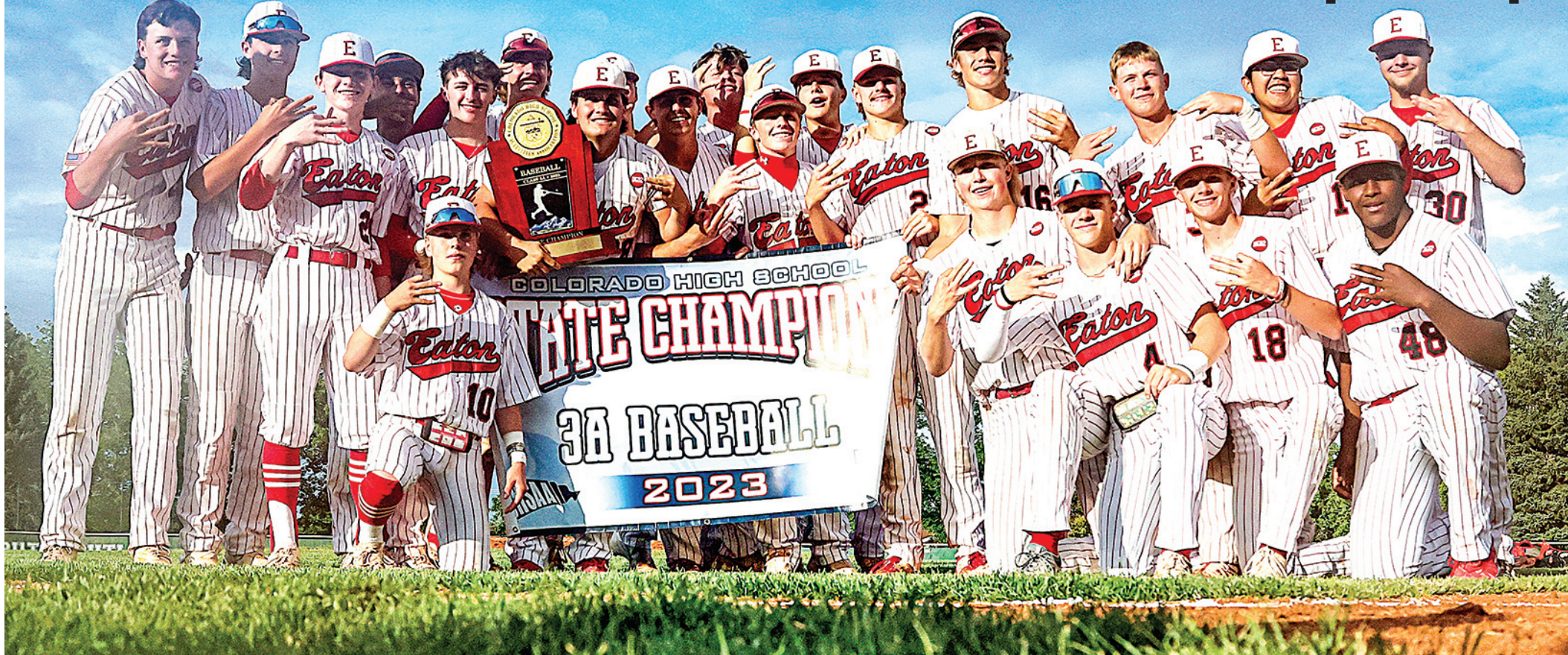
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## A THREE-PEAT!

### Reds Baseball Wins Third Consecutive State Championship



Rain may have delayed the outcome, but the Reds persevered to win another state victory in baseball when they defeated University Sunday in the 3A division. This is a third consecutive state title win. In total, Eaton's high school baseball program has now accumulated a total of 14 state championships: 1994, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2015 under coach Jim Danley; and now 2021, 2022, and 2023 under coach Todd Hernandez. See related photos and story about this year's state championship game on page 5. Also related to Eaton baseball, see a story about Walker Martin being named Gatorade Colorado Baseball Player of the Year on page 7.

State baseball photos courtesy of Nina Lewis

## Tickets are now on sale for July's Big Balloon Build



**Tickets on sale July 20 - 24**

**big balloon build**

Aims Community College  
5401 W. 20th Street  
Greeley, Colorado

balloonartbymerrymakers.com/bigballoonbuild

Ballon Art  
LIFE STORIES  
Aims COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Life Stories Child and Family Advocacy and Balloon Art by Merry Makers are teaming up to bring the Big Balloon Build® to Greeley this July. It will be held at the Aims Community College Welcome Center from July 20-23. The purpose of the Big Balloon Build® is to utilize the power of balloon décor to raise awareness and funds for a local charity.

Funds raised will help Life Stories accomplish the important work of the CASA Program, recruiting and training CASA volunteers to advocate for children and youth in our community; and the Child Advocacy Center, maintaining critical services to stop child sexual abuse and

begin the road to healing.

The Big Balloon Build®, hosted by Allison Dunning of Balloon Art by Merry Makers is bringing in 75 balloon artists from all over the world to Greeley for a one-time only event happening in Northern Colorado. The Aims Welcome Center Ballroom will be turned into a magical immersive "space" experience designed entirely with 125,000 airfilled balloons. This event will never come back to Northern Colorado.

This uplifting adventure will include several great ways to experience the wonder of the build. The public can visit the event Friday

through Monday by purchasing tickets to a variety of entertaining and educational events. General admission ticket prices start at \$10 for children and \$15 for adults, children 5 and under are free. Purchase tickets online: [www.balloonartbymerrymakers.com/bigballoonbuild](http://www.balloonartbymerrymakers.com/bigballoonbuild)

We hope you join us! We look forward to lifting the moment!

Life Stories Child & Family Advocacy is a 501(C) 3 organization and home of the Weld County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and CASA Program (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Please call 970-353-5970 with any questions!

## Installation of memorial signs on Highways 85 and 14 to honor Colonel Stan Cass and Pvt. Joe P. Martinez, respectively; Public invited to dedication ceremony June 24 at Liberty Park

Ault, CO — It is with great pleasure that Hensley-Martinez VFW Post 4334 is announcing the installation of memorial signs on Highway 85 and Highway 14, respectively, in honor of Colonel Stan Cass, the founder of High Plains Honor Flight, and Pvt. Joe P Martinez, Medal of Honor recipient.

Colonel Cass was a true American hero, who dedicated his life to serving our country with distinction. He was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, and later founded High Plains Honor Flight, an organization dedicated to honoring and recognizing the sacrifices of our nation's veterans. He was also a board member and the Mayor of

Ault for nine years.

Private Joe P. Martinez was a son of Ault and a brave soldier who selflessly put his life on the line to defend our freedoms. He served with honor and distinction, in addition to the Congressional Medal of Honor he earned as well as other numerous awards and commendations, for his courage, valor and ultimate sacrifice in the face of danger.

The Col. Cass memorial sign was placed on Highway 14 from mile marker 151 to 156, and will serve as a lasting tribute to Colonel Cass's selfless service to our community, country, and his unwavering commitment to our veterans. It will stand as a symbol of our com-

munity's gratitude and respect for his contributions to our country and his tireless efforts to ensure that our veterans are never forgotten.

The Pvt. Joe P Martinez memorial sign was placed on Highway 85 at 5th Street in Eaton (northbound) and East Main Ave. (southbound) in Pierce, and will serve as a permanent reminder of Private Martinez's sacrifice and the sacrifices made by all veterans who have served our country. It will be a tribute to his courage, dedication, and patriotism, and will stand as a symbol of our community's gratitude and respect.

The Hensley-Martinez VFW Post 4334 invites all members of

the community, family, service organizations, and the media to join us for a dedication ceremony in Liberty Park on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 2-4 p.m., where we will celebrate and pay tribute to Colonel Cass's and Joe P. Martinez's legacies and the lasting impact both these great men had on our community.

We are grateful for their service and dedication to our country, and we hope that these memorials will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by all our veterans.

Very Respectfully,  
Thomas Roberts  
Memorial Sign Point of Contact  
VFW Hensley-Martinez  
Post 4334

## Weld County's only domestic violence shelter celebrates a 45-year milestone

A Woman's Place, Weld County's only domestic violence shelter, has achieved a new milestone. This year the organization is celebrating 45 years of empowering survivors in Weld County after starting services in 1978 as a crisis phone line.

In honor of this anniversary, A Woman's Place is seeking 45 new monthly donors to support the organization's mission of empowering survivors and helping them achieve self-suffi-

ciency. In 2022, 385 individuals received safe shelter and advocacy services.

"Over the past ten years, the number of crisis phone calls we receive each year has more than doubled," said Executive Director Diane Heldt. "As the only domestic violence shelter in Weld County, A Woman's Place is a critical lifeline for our community. It is because of the continued support from our donors that A Woman's Place can continue helping survivors rebuild their lives free from vio-

lence."

A Woman's Place offers an eight-bedroom safehouse that provides emergency shelter to survivors of domestic violence. Additional services include a 24-hour crisis phone line, safety planning, counseling, legal, housing, employment advocacy, and community outreach.

In 2022, A Woman's Place was awarded the national Purple Ribbon Award for Excellence. The Purple Ribbon Award is an honor "presented only to

the best of the best who are making a substantial positive impact on the lives of domestic violence survivors through education, raising awareness, and helping end domestic abuse in a rural area."

A Woman's Place will also host their 4th annual Cornhole Tournament fundraiser on June 11 at Just Us Sisters Event Center, 702 5th Street in Greeley. Team registration is \$60 and available at [www.awpdv.org/cornhole-tournament-fundraiser](http://www.awpdv.org/cornhole-tournament-fundraiser).

"We are grateful for the continued support of so many local business partners and families who have supported A Woman's Place over the past 45 years," Heldt said. "Your support is essential and greatly appreciated."

To support the 45th-anniversary campaign and become a monthly donor, please visit [www.awpdv.org/donate](http://www.awpdv.org/donate)

To learn more about A Woman's Place, please visit [www.awpdv.org](http://www.awpdv.org)