Summit County kicks off Peak Health Alliance which will result in a 41.5% reduction in individual health plan prices

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, along with other officials from the state and county, was at Keystone Lodge on September 9th to announce the official launch of Summit County's Peak Health Alliance, the state's first health care purchasing collaborative. The Alliance purchasing power, along with recently passed legislation in the state, will result in a reduction of individual health plan prices in Summit County next year by an average of 41.5 percent compared with current prices. According to the governor, a family of four in Summit County will save as much as $14,000 next year in health care costs. - Summit Daily, 09.10.19

Wellington Neighborhood, a workforce housing success story in Breckenridge for 20 years, closes on final home

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After a 20-year long buildout, the Wellington Neighborhood has officially closed on the last new home this month. With 282 homes and over 500 community members making up the neighborhood, one of the first workforce housing developments in the county has created quite the local community from a pile of dirt. Neighborhood founder David G. O'Neil said that when he came upon the future site for Breckenridge’s Wellington Neighborhood in the 1990s, it was full of 20-foot-tall rock piles leftover from old mining projects.

In 1999, the planning process began when Brynn Grey Partners, the developing company, pitched their idea to the Breckenridge Town Council. As with the workforce housing developments that have come after Wellington, the project was meant to be a public-private partnership between Brynn Grey, the building company Traditional Neighborhood Builders, the town of Breckenridge and the Environmental Protection Agency. Current Breckenridge Mayor Eric Mamula was on the planning committee during the process and his father, Sam Mamula, was the mayor at the time. Although this was a new idea, Eric said the concept was embraced by Town Council. "No council has ever thought anything other than workforce housing is good for the community - it's the right thing to do for the community," Eric said. Read full story here.