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## Board of Trustees approve annexation

### Board approves Huntsman property, makes way for Guardian Storage Solutions

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Monday, Aug. 11, the Superior Board of Trustees unanimously approved the annexation of a property just north of Original Town. The 5-acre property is located

with 76th Street to the east, unincorporated private property to the west, north and parts of the south, also bordering Sagamore subdivision to the south.

The site is to be used for storage units by Guardian Storage Solutions, a company with locations in

Westminster and scattered across Pennsylvania.

The Comprehensive Plan designates the property for office use.

Kevin Cohen, of Guardian Storage Solutions, said the company is planning for a state-of-the-art storage facility at the location. The

storage unit will have five buildings including regulated climate controlled units.

Cohen mentioned the likelihood that the units will be utilizing a lot of environmentally sound development practices, such as wind power planned to offset energy uses.

The unit location, as described by Cohen is west of Costco about 500 feet and south of the Marshall Drive and South 76th Street.

The planning commission is scheduled to review the property development at a public hearing on Sept. 3.

## Prime Numbers



By Mollie Foster/Colorado Hometown Newspapers

Dorothea Steinke looks at Superior Mayor Andrew Muckle's identification before he votes in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Muckle rode his bike to town hall on his way home from work to vote in the election.

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## Red tent takes off

### Non-profit begins movement with first women's gathering

By Mollie Foster  
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Liz Oster talks as if she's going to take over the world, but she's starting in a place she knows best — in Superior with her non-profit called Courage is Change.

Courage is Change is an organization — headed by Oster and friend Brandy Mello — that deals with societal issues: domestic violence, suicide, depression and sexuality, among others. Oster kicked off the program with a red tent event Wednesday, Aug. 6, in Rock Creek.

"About 20 women came, a lot less than I invited, but I had to get it off the ground," Oster said.

The red tent gathering included women between the ages of 16-70 years old, commuting from as far away as Littleton, Stapleton and Thornton to join the group.

The name "red tent" comes from the book, "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant, Oster said. The book describes women in the communities gathering in the red tent to tell stories, pass on wisdom and knowledge.

Oster said the red tent gatherings are needed in today's closed-door neighborhoods.

"Neighborhoods used to be about that — kids played together and women talked. Now everyone goes in their home and shuts the door," Oster said. "It's bringing back that sense of community, when you have community, you're stronger. I think women need each other."

Red tent gatherings, Oster said, will give women a support group to call on.

"Women are really hungry for this communication," Oster said. "It's a great way for women to get to know the people that live around them. Most people don't knock on the (neighbor's) door for butter anymore; it opens up all that sense of community again."

Oster suggested that the change in sense of community started with the growing women's movement.

"Women have to be everything they think they're supposed to be — better mothers, wives and professionals, but then they're competing with each other instead of being there for each other," Oster said.

Oster said the gathering on Aug. 6 was just a kick-off event. She suggested that the women who attended host their own red tent in their neighborhoods, schools or other gathering places.

"It's easy to host a red tent," Oster said. "You just gather together, to talk to get to know each other, there can be themes."

The red tent idea is one Oster said she has high confidence in.

"I think it's going to take off in a big way," Oster said. "It's going to be huge."

The group is anxiously awaiting their official, 501c3 non-profit status, where Oster says, she'll start fund-raising for the organization.

For more information, visit [www.courageischange.org](http://www.courageischange.org)

## A matter of perspective

### Louisville couple learns what life is like in Afghanistan

By Chalan Harper  
Colorado Hometown Newspapers

When her husband, Bob, suggested they take a trip overseas, Patty Tunnell wasn't enthusiastic about the idea.

That is, until her church showed a video — which changed her mind completely — of fellow church members helping a village in Afghanistan.

Bob Tunnell said this week that during a service at Flatirons Community Church, the pastor asked the congrega-

tion to leave their coats if they did not need them, and they would be donated to a refugee camp in Afghanistan.

That simple request netted about 4,000 coats for the cause.

After the group arrived back from distributing the jackets to the refugees in the camp, they showed the congregation a video. It was in that video that Bob Tunnell thought he saw his jacket being given to a teenage boy.

He said that video clip brought the impact crashing home.

"When I saw how much it meant for one teenage boy to have a jacket to help keep him warm through the winter ... it was very personal," Bob Tunnell said.

After that, it was just a matter of signing up to go, the couple said.

Though Patty Tunnell had some

reservations about humanitarian trips, she said she wasn't afraid to go into a country torn by three decades of strife and war.

"I wasn't nervous about being where there's land mines ... I was more nervous about not offending anyone over there," Patty Tunnell said. "People asked me, 'Aren't you scared?' Really, I wasn't."

In April, both of them traveled to the refugee settlement of Barek Aub, Afghanistan. What greeted them when the plane touched down seemed like a completely different world.

Patty and the other women in the group dressed as the Afghani women do, with everything covered except their hands, feet and faces.

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