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## Agate School boosts teacher pay by 20%

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

AGATE — Let the wage wars between I-70 Corridor school districts begin.

While area school boards have ap-

proved or are expected to vote in favor of what have been termed "significant increases" to their salary schedules, only the region's smallest district has publicly announced what their teachers, including new hires, will be paid for the 2022-23

school year.

During their April 25 meeting, Agate School Board members unanimously voted in favor of a preliminary 2022-23 budget, including the salary schedules for both categories of staff.

"About a 20% bump, so that's pretty significant. Puts you about the highest along the I-70 Corridor," said chief finance office Keith Yaich of the plan to bump the base

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## New school leader hired at Strasburg

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — After two formal searches over several months, the Strasburg School District has a new commander in chief for the 2022-23 school year.

During an April 28 special meeting the Strasburg Board of Education voted 4-0 to hire Dan Hoff as superintendent, replacing Monica Johnson who is retiring at the end of the current school year after seven years with the district. Director Day-

Hoff mon Johnson was absent from Thursday's vote, but board president Michael Marrero said that all five board members were in favor of the hire.

Hoff comes to Strasburg after serving as executive director of school leadership for the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus with Colorado

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## An orphan chorus line



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Hemphill Middle School's drama club performed "Annie KIDS" April 22 at the Bennett High School Auditorium. Above, orphans Pepper (Ellie Owens), left, Molly (Sidnee Bomnskie), Tessa (Alyssa Schaffer), July (Mya Hounshell), Duffy (Shealyn Simmonds), and Kate (Maryann Weaver) sing and dance to "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile."



The Bennett Town Board April 25 honored three nominees for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards. Left photo, Mayor Royce Pindell poses with Bennett Middle School seventh-grader Blake Albertson. Right photo, middle school principal Jalee Kitzman introduces eighth-grader Angela Lopez. Isis Trujillo Delgado was not present.

## Add'l truck parking planned at Love's

by Kathy Smiley  
Staff Writer

BENNETT — The town of Bennett has entered into a public-private partnership for expanded truck parking at Love's Truck Stop and a design for the replacement of the I-70 Exit 304 bridge.

The Town of Bennett Board of Trustees approved a Memorandum of Under-



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standing with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) April 26 outlining each entity's roles and responsibilities in what has been dubbed the Truck Parking 3P (Public-Private Partnership) Project.

Town Administrator Trish Stiles presented the staff report on the project, not-

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## Bond feasibility studied by Bennett School Board

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

BENNETT — It's not "etched in stone," but the Bennett School Board appears to be leaning towards adding a construction bond question on the November ballot.

During their April 26 meeting, school board members directed Bennett Superintendent Robin Purdy and Finance Director Keith Yaich to meet with an election consultant to determine the next steps in deciding whether to move forward with a ballot initiative to fund a new school.

"Probably going to be quite a bit of survey work going on to see how the members of the community feel about moving forward with both a new building and their willingness to pay for it with more taxes," Yaich said. "We should be

meeting in the next week or so to get some of that figured out."

Todd Snidow with the public finance division of Stifel said that now through June officials should educate voters as to the need for a new school building and the options for financing it. He added that particular attention should be paid towards community members without kids in school.

"I've been out there and, seeing all the housing developments that are coming out of the ground and how it's starting to affect the school, it's important for those folks without kids in school or not dropping them off on daily basis to understand those impacts," Snidow said. "Especially how much the capacity is

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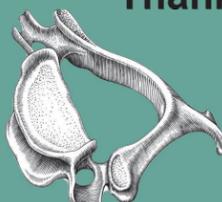


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Mother's Day Brunch, May 8



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One of the quieter wind days along the I-70 Corridor in several weeks occurred April 27, which was good news for area firefighters and Deer Trail farmers and ranchers as a grass fire several miles north of Deer Trail was quickly contained during the midday hours. The fire reportedly started amidst solar panels at the power substation about a mile east of Arapahoe County Road 217 on County Road 18. Estimates of the burn area ranged from 30-40 acres. The fire never threatened homes or livestock and was extinguished within about an hour. "Just a good thing the wind wasn't as bad as it has been or it would have been a bad situation," a neighbor to the power plant site said.

## More money allocated to wildfire response

LAKEWOOD — New legislation would provide \$15 million to extend Colorado's current large air tanker contract for a second large air tanker, as well as two additional Type 1 helicopters, and other aviation resources as situations and resource availability dictate.

It would also fund the implementation of a statewide, 24/7, fire dispatch and coordination center for rapid deployment and tracking of wildfire-based resources. The center will help dispatch firefighting resources more quickly and efficiently to incidents that exceed local capabilities, according to a release from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control.

"I have seen the evolution of wild-

fire — the number, intensity, complexity and impacts of wildfires in Colorado have grown exponentially and will continue to worsen," said Mike Morgan, DFPC director.

The dispatch center will greatly enhance the agency's capacity to battle fires, he added.

From 2012-22, Colorado had an average of 5,507 fires and 221,661 acres burned per year across all land ownerships.

"Not only will the expanded fleet of firefighting aviation resources be an additional resource for aggressive and early initial attack on wildfires, but (it) can also support suppression efforts on larger, longer duration wildfires," Morgan continued.

## ArapCo town halls return to in-person format

LITTLETON — For more than two years, COVID-related restrictions have forced Arapahoe County to conduct many events virtually. But starting Thursday, May 5, the Board of Commissioners will resume its Conversations with a Commissioner events in person.

The one-hour town halls provide updates about general county business and will also feature guest speaker Kathy Smith, community resources director, who will discuss efforts to address homelessness.

Each town hall will take place in the respective commissioner's district from 6:30-7:30 p.m., which includes time for open discussion.

The events will take place:

- Thursday, May 5, with Carrie

Warren-Gully, District 1, Malley Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St., Englewood;

Wednesday, May 11, with Jeff Baker, District 3, Byers American Legion Hall, 278 W. Front St.;

Thursday, May 12, with Bill Holen, District 5, Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway;

Thursday, May 19, with Nancy Sharpe, District 2, at Greenwood Village City Hall, 6060 S. Quebec St.; and

Thursday, May 26, with Nancy Jackson, District 4, Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E. Hampden Circle, Aurora.

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# Box Elder Creek Ranch summer street repairs announced

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

Bennett — After more than two years of frustration on the part of the residents of Box Elder Creek Ranch with Arapahoe County's response to their deteriorating roads, a satisfactory plan is in place and the roads will be repaired this summer.

The subdivision southwest of Bennett has five miles of roadway — 3.5 miles of which are roto-paved and in extremely poor condition and 1.5 miles paved. Arapahoe County signed a \$629,000 contract with Vance Brothers in April to repair the roads. The approved project is an upgrade to a previous plan that would have cost \$370,000 and residents found inadequate. An informational meeting was held April 25 to present the revised plan.

Arapahoe County Road & Bridge Manager Allen Peterson explained the process, noting the first step will be patch work on the worst areas to smooth them over. A fabric made for pavement will then be laid down, oil sprayed on it, and chips or aggregate spread over the top.

"We will compact it and the next day reapply oil, and chip seal it again (resulting in) two layers of three-eighths aggregate. Then we'll fog seal the whole thing," he said, adding that the areas that were previously paved will not get the fabric and will only get one layer of chip-seal.

Peterson said the end result will be a strong surface that will get 10-plus years of usability and another three or four years if crack-sealed.

"I want to manage expectations," he added. "This is not going to be a racetrack quality pavement. But the process gives us the ability to perform maintenance long-term. I think this is the best long-term alternative, so we never let your roads get into the conditions they are in now.

We want to do this right." The subdivision, which was approved by the county in 1978, had gravel roads before they were resurfaced in 1997 in a roto-mill process using screened millings from a Colorado Department of Transportation project on I-70. A chip seal was placed on top of the millings about six months later.

"In 1999, for whatever reason, a mile-and-a-half of roadways were paved with hot mix asphalt —

about half of Arizona and Indianfield Street and short sections on Louisiana," Peterson said. "I suspect it was done to reinforce areas of the road that had failed prematurely."

Those portions of the roads have stayed in better condition.

In fall of 2020, Arapahoe County, after examining resurfacing options and costs, announced a decision to reclaim the current surface and place the county's gravel material on the roadways.

Residents objected to what they saw as a downgrade from the original surface.

The county held a community meeting in July 2021 to hear residents' concerns and, after that meeting, Road & Bridge decided to reclaim the existing surface and add recycled screened millings where necessary, compact and seal the surface with a rejuvenating chemical — the \$370,000 option. However, this year, the Road & Bridge Department was allotted additional funding.

Arapahoe County Commissioner **SEE BOX ELDER PAGE 4**



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Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker, left, and Road & Bridge Division manager discuss the county's plans to repair the roads at the Box Elder Creek Ranches southwest of Bennett.

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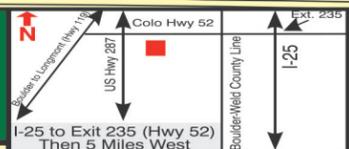
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Massive dirt piles and heavy equipment grace the west side of Manila Road after recent strong winds deposited the soil across the pavement. Despite the best efforts of Arapahoe County Road & Bridge, the drifts started to return with high winds on Friday.

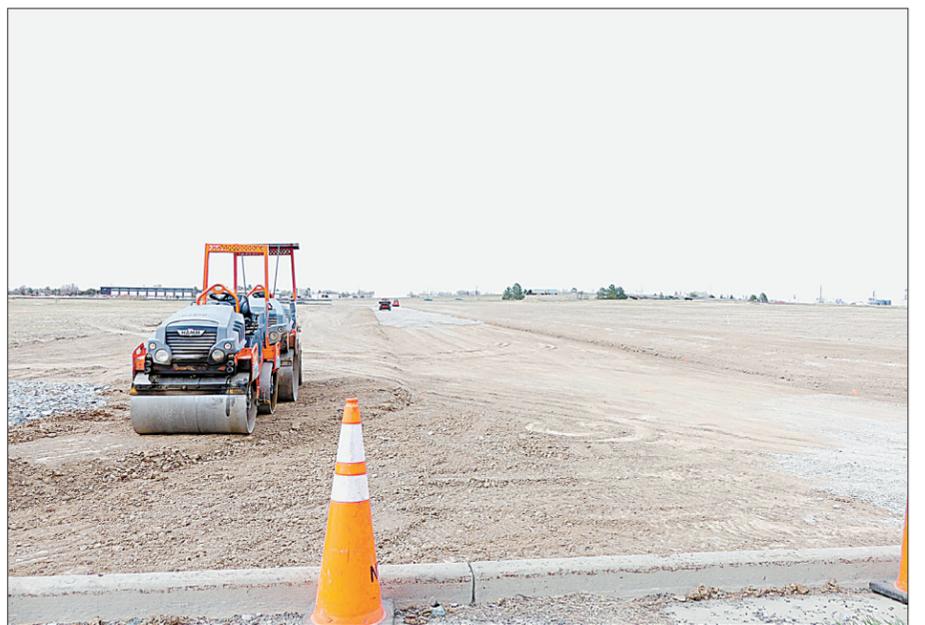


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Workers constructed a new road near the main entrance of the Comanche Crossing subdivision south of Strasburg.



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Jeff Baker was also in attendance at the April 25 meeting, which was held outside at the intersection of East Louisiana Drive and South Musk Ox Drive in the subdivision. “Public Works & Development staff has done a lot of research on our options, costs and proposals for what is the best treatment,” Baker said, adding that core drills and soil analysis were performed on the ex-

isting roadways. “We think we’ve come up with what’s going to give us the safest and most drivable road possible.”

Baker said Arapahoe County received American Rescue Plan Act funds.

“We can’t use those COVID funds for roads, but what we were able to do was [cover] services in the county elsewhere and have that money transferred over to Public Works,” he said.

Peterson said the work will occur in June or July. Signage will be posted, and residents notified when it is scheduled.

“It goes pretty fast,” he added. “I think we’ll be in and out in less than a week. We’ll come back in to do the fog seal once all the chips are fully embedded into the oil. We’d like to do the fog-seal on a fairly hot day.”

The contractor was selected after a competitive bid process.

“We’ve used Vance Brothers before,” Peterson said. “They are a reputable contractor and do a lot of work up and down the Front Range.”

Peterson added that the additional funds were available at a fortuitous time.

“We might not have this luxury next year,” he said. “This is a win. I think you’ll be much happier with this than you would have been with recycled and reclaimed asphalt millings.

“It’ll look like a brand-new neighborhood by the time we get out of here.”





## Deer Trail School District 26J Kindergarten Roundup

### Starting @ 8 a.m., Thursday, May 12

The screening will take place at the Deer Trail School. Screenings will be completed on children registering for kindergarten who will be 5 years old on or before June 1, 2022, and must reside within the Deer Trail School District. Parents or guardians can call the main office at (303)769-4421, ext. 103, to schedule an appointment for your child. Appointments will take at least 30 minutes. For your child to be registered for the 2022-23 school year, please bring a birth certificate and updated immunization record. We ask that you not bring any extra children with you. For further information or to make an appointment, please call the main office at (303)769-4421, ext. 103.

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# COMMUNITY CORRAL

## AdCo commissioners plan town hall mtg. in Bennett

**BRIGHTON** — The Adams County Board of Commissioners will host a local town hall from 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, at Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way.

Attendees can learn more about county updates, have a conversation with a commissioner, and ask questions.

To submit questions in advance, visit [adcogov.org](http://adcogov.org).

## Comanche VIPs plan visit by Strasburg firefighters

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host a potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

This month, a representative from the Strasburg Fire Department will speak.

The association provides a social outlet for area seniors. The monthly potlucks occur on the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

## Mother, son Nerf struggle set for Bennett Elementary

**BENNETT** — A Mother & Son Nerf Battle is planned from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, May 14, at Bennett Elementary School.

The event will be hosted by the school's PTSA organization. It costs \$20 per mother/son couple with no extra charge for an additional son. Advance ticket purchases are advised, and snacks and drinks are included in the price.

All guns, darts and safety eyewear will be provided. No outside guns or darts allowed.

For more information, send an e-mail to [ptsa@bsd29j.com](mailto:ptsa@bsd29j.com).

## AdCo July 4th celebration planned at Riverdale Park

**BRIGHTON** — Independence Day celebrations will kick off early at Adams County's annual Stars &

Stripes event from 4-10 p.m., Sunday, July 3, at Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton.

The day includes:

- a 5K footrace benefiting Warrior Now at 7:30 a.m.;
- a Cornhole tournament benefiting A Precious Child at 10 a.m.;
- food and beer vendors at 4 p.m.;
- live entertainment featuring The Junebugs with special guest Caitlyn Ochsner at 6 p.m.; and
- musical fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Attendees are asked to leave animals at home and reminded that most fireworks are illegal in Adams County

For more information or to register for the 5K or cornhole tournament, call (303)637-8000 or visit [riverdaleregionalpark.org](http://riverdaleregionalpark.org).

Parking is free.

## Summer volunteers sought for tours of 'Burg museum

**STRASBURG** — The Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg is seeking volunteers to welcome guests and conduct tours one afternoon each week from Wednesday, June 1, through Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Interested parties are invited to the annual meeting of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society for coffee and pastries at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 21, at the museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. through the summer. Special group tours at other times are also accommodated.

For more information, call Charlene at (303)622-4883 or Dana at (303)622-9706.

## Voluntary biz registration program opened by AdCo

**BRIGHTON** — Adams County has commenced its new online Business Registration program, which allows businesses to immediately sign up for updates on county resources.

Registration is voluntary and open to all businesses located within Adams County.

"This new initiative gives us the opportunity to connect with these

businesses, find out what their needs are, and see how the county can help them grow and thrive," said Lynn Baca, chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

The platform is hosted through Salesforce, which is focused on customer relationship management using a secure online environment.

For more information, contact Adams County Community & Economic Development at (720)523-6946 or [economicdevelopment@adcogov.org](mailto:economicdevelopment@adcogov.org).

## Local librarians to address I-70 Chamber of Commerce

**STRASBURG** — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its next Lunch & Learn meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, at May Farms in Byers.

Speakers and lunch sponsors are the librarians from Anythink Bennett library and Kelter Library in Byers.

For lunch, RSVP by 1 p.m., Friday, May 13, to (720)731-1954 or office-[i70ccoc@gmail.com](mailto:i70ccoc@gmail.com).

## Open firehouse announced by 'Burg emergency crew

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Fire Protection District will host an open house from 12-4 p.m., Sunday, May 15, at the Station 81, 56281 E. Colfax Ave.

The day will include tours of the station, games, risk reduction education and car seat checks.

A taco truck will be on hand.

For more information, visit [www.strasburgfire.org](http://www.strasburgfire.org) or call (303)622-4444.

## Daughters of Revolution announce visit to Bennett

The state branch of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is exploring the viability of a local chapter for Bennett, Strasburg and the surrounding communities.

To gauge interest, DAR representatives from the Colorado State Society will visit the area from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14,

at Bennett Anythink Library.

The volunteer women's service organization honors and preserves the legacy of their patriot ancestors. Members continue their family's legacy by actively promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for all. Volunteer genealogists are provided to help with the application and research processes.

For more information, contact Carrie Klein at [StateOrgSec@coloradodar.org](mailto:StateOrgSec@coloradodar.org).

## Veterans' Resource Fair scheduled by Adams Co.

**BRIGHTON** — Adams County Human Services will host a Veterans' Resource Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 14, at the Human Services Center, 11860 Pecos St., Westminster.

Multiple vendors and resources for housing, human services, Veterans Affairs benefits will be available.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit [adcogov.org/veterans-resource-fair](http://adcogov.org/veterans-resource-fair).

## Staffing shortage shelves Arapahoe street sweeping

**LITTLETON** — Arapahoe County Public Works & Development has suspended its annual spring street sweeping because of a staffing shortage affecting 30 percent of its work force.

The county's road and bridge division is currently unable to simultaneously support street sweeping and road maintenance operations.

Public Works & Development hopes to resume sweeping operations once staffing levels are sufficient.

Typically, the department sweeps about 5,000 miles of unincorporated county roads twice a year, in spring and fall.

Updates on street sweeping operations will be posted at [www.arapahogov.com/sweeping](http://www.arapahogov.com/sweeping). For more information, call Arapahoe County Road & Bridge at (720)874-7623.

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**LOVE'S**

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ing that Bennett has been home to Love's Truck Stop since 2011. Love's provides overnight parking and services for freight vehicles. Its success has created a need for more parking at the facility.

Stiles reminded the trustees of the many times the problem of trucks parked along Marketplace Drive has been discussed at board meetings.

"The abundance of vehicles is not surprising given the lack of truck parking in the metro Denver region and nationwide," she said.

According to CDOT Freight Division manager Craig Hurst, national rules require safe spaces for trucks to park with proper amenities, and the state of Colorado lacks adequate facilities — a problem compounded by the closure of rest stops, includ-

ing the one at Lady Bird Hill near Bennett.

Stiles said Love's has had multiple discussions with town staff about expanding their parking, but issues including the need for a traffic signal at Marketplace Drive and the lack of functional capacity of the 304 bridge stifled the expansion until recently.

"We've made some significant progress on projects that alleviate these concerns," Stiles said.

In meetings with CDOT, Bennett staff identified that one major hindrance to both Love's expansion and the town's needs is the functionally obsolete bridge at 304.

"The bridge currently does not meet standards to make it onto the bridge enterprise list with CDOT that would help with improve-

ments, but the current bridge is too narrow, impedes proper traffic movement, and is in constant need of repairs," Stiles said.

As a result of the meetings, a public-private partnership was proposed. CDOT will bring to the table \$2 million in funding from the National Highway Freight Program to design the replacement of the bridge and the management of the project.

Love's will provide the parking expansion and the town will facilitate the signalization at Highway 79 and Marketplace Drive and the eastbound 304 off ramp.

CDOT will select a consultant to deliver the design plans 12-16 months after a Notice to Proceed is issued; issuance is projected to take place in the late third quarter or early fourth quarter of this year. CDOT will not begin the design until the groundbreaking of the parking expansion has occurred.

Love's will work with the town to expand truck parking adjacent to the existing truck stop by a minimum of 70 parking spaces.

Stiles indicated the town will use the CDOT-provided design plan to leverage funding for the bridge construction.

"This is a very unique and interesting opportunity that we have with CDOT," Stiles said. "They are very excited, the Transportation Commission is excited, and it's been a topic of conversation at CDOT headquarters. This makes sense for CDOT, for Love's, and for the town of Bennett."

In other business, the board approved a resolution to enter into a 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement with Arapahoe County for Open Space Sales and Use Tax Shareback funds.

In 2021, voters approved the permanent reauthorization of the Arapahoe County's open space sales and use tax with a new resolution governing the use of the funds — necessitating the new agreement between Bennett and the county. The resolution states that the Intergovernmental Agreement shall designate at least 20% of the annual shareback for maintenance of existing or new open space properties,

trails, neighborhood and regional parks, and sports fields.

The board approved a contract for \$294,500 with Dan's Custom Construction to build a recycled water pump and treatment station. The project includes a pump house and all necessary and related system piping and flow metering for the Purple Pipe Project.

Public Works Director Robin Price reviewed the background of the project, noting that, in 2019, Bennett received an Adams County Open Space Grant to implement a reclaimed water system and deliver reclaimed water for irrigation use at key town parks.

In May 2021, the board awarded a contract to MSK Consulting to design the reclaimed water pump, treatment station, and transmission pipeline. In September of the same year, the board approved the purchase of 6,000 linear feet of purple pipe.

The installation of purple pipe is complete in Trupp Park and the second segment of pipe installation to Civic Center Park will go to request for proposals in May.

The staff posted a request for proposal for the construction of the pump and treatment station and, although two other companies expressed interest in the project, Dan's Custom Construction was the only contractor to bid.

"The company provided a responsive bid and is a qualified contractor with experience installing water and wastewater construction," Price said, adding that Dan's Custom Construction installed the existing load-out stations, concrete manhole and submersible pumping system pump, piping, valves and controls.

The April 25 meeting also served as a celebration for three Bennett students who were nominated for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards. The town honored Bennett Middle School seventh-grader Blake Albertson and eighth-graders Angela Lopez and Isis Trujillo Delgado. The award program recognizes youth in grades 6-12 who have overcome personal adversity to create positive change in their lives and communities.

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## MILLENNIAL MONEY

# Buy now, can't pay later?

by **Melissa Lambarena**  
NerdWallet

“Buy now, pay later” can be a convenient payment method. But if you don't factor the recurring payments into your budget, it can get messy.

This situation is especially true if you're juggling multiple “buy now, pay later” plans on top of other debts. The credit inquiries that some lenders conduct when you apply for any type of credit don't always offer visibility into “buy now, pay later” plans you have with different companies, so it may be possible to bite off more than you can chew.

Equifax, one of the three major credit bureaus, is seeking to change the circumstances by formalizing a process for including “buy now, pay later” information on credit reports.

“Part of the push here is to support responsible lending,” says Mark Lubber, chief product officer for U.S. information solutions at Equifax. “When a company lends, they want to make sure the consumer can handle that new credit account and can, in fact, pay it back.”

An unpaid “buy now, pay later” balance could get sent to collections and potentially hurt your credit history. Late fees may also apply, depending on the company. And you could be barred from using the service temporarily or permanently.

Take action early to avoid these consequences by exploring options to free up money to keep your finances on track.

### SCAN FINANCES FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Revisit your budget (or create one) to understand where money is going. Consider adjustments on nonessential expenses.

“Do you need all of those subscription services you have now? Is there a way to get a cheaper cell phone plan or a cheaper cable plan or shop for cheaper insurance?” says Katie Bossler, quality assurance specialist at GreenPath, a nonprofit credit counseling agency.

Prioritize essentials like housing, food, utilities and medicine, and look for ways to save in other areas. Financial assistance with bills might be offered for those with income under a certain threshold.

### PART WAYS WITH THE ITEM PURCHASED

It might be possible to return the

item to the merchant for reimbursement. Some “buy now, pay later” companies don't refund the money paid on interest, but you may come close to being made whole. Payments might still be due while the refund is pending.

If a merchant won't accept a return, consider selling the item to recoup some of the money.

You might find a buyer on social media marketplaces, apps or websites. Some online marketplaces may take a cut of the sale, so understand the terms before listing the item.

### CHANGE DUE DATE, PAYMENT METHOD

Before missing a payment, get in touch with the “buy now, pay later” company to explore options. Each company has different policies on whether you can extend or change the payment due date.

Bossler recommends trying to align due dates with the paycheck or pay period that offers the most breathing room.

If your plan requires biweekly payments, “it might be possible to switch to a monthly payment,” she says.

Or, if you originally used a debit card to set up the “buy now, pay later” plan, ask if you can switch the payment method to a credit card. You might incur interest with a credit card and will have to keep up with that bill, but it can buy some time if you're worried about overdraft or late fees.

### FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If your financial situation has changed because of circumstances beyond your control, like unemployment or a family emergency, the “buy now, pay later” company might provide financial hardship assistance.

Afterpay, for instance, can offer flexible payment timelines with no additional fees for eligible people experiencing hardship, according to a spokesperson for the company. But it's important to contact the company for help.

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## BENNETT BOE

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going to be strained in a year or two.”

During the March board meeting, Snidow said the district has several options in bond amounts that could be requested, including one proposal for upwards of \$90 million; however, he added that a lower figure would probably be more palatable to district taxpayers and keep the mill levy a bit more level with neighboring districts.

“I don’t want to suggest you go for those big bond issues — that’s probably too much of a tax increase at any one time. It’s there legally so I don’t want to tell you you couldn’t do that, but given the reality of what voters might be willing to tolerate, I think something around the \$50 million mark sounds like it would go far enough to get you the core spaces for at least a small high school and some other improvements.”

The district mill levy is now at 23.5 mills and, according to Snidow, a \$50 million bond question would bump the district about 15 more.

“That would put you at about 38.5 mills, so you’re just on top of the state average of 37 mills, (but) you’re still going to be lower than neighboring districts that have passed bonds initiatives and nowhere near the districts that are really strained with the growth like Brighton, Adams 12, and Thornton schools,” he said. “Plus you don’t have any existing bonding that you are still paying off.”

Board member Nancy Barden said that in any decision to move forward with a ballot initiative, the language must be clearer than the last time the district asked voters for construction funding. Barden also said she understands that the board has to regain the trust of district voters after building the district’s new intermediate school before asking taxpayers to fund it.

“Our ballot question last time, literally stunk. When I see what ours was compared to what Strasburg’s was this last time, which they passed theirs, it was so negative,” Barden said. “It was confusing. If we are going to try for this, that ballot measure cannot be what it was last time. People thought we were trying to pull a fast one over on them.”

“We moved on the [new] building before asking the voters about the mill levy override but we needed the building, so it was one of those catch-22s. I just don’t think we should just jump over the top of our constituents again.”

This year’s election schedule includes notification to county clerks of intent to submit a ballot question in July with the deadline for actual

ballot language, including the dollar amount to be voted on, the first week of September. Snidow said that campaign efforts, which the district and board cannot be involved in, should be more intense during the summer.

“It used to be you had until November to get the word out, but now it’s [early] October with absentee ballots and people receiving their ballots at home,” he said. “The timeline has been pushed up quite a bit.”

## OTHER BUSINESS

- After a brief executive session, the board voted 4-0 to sign a land purchase agreement for 80 acres at the northeast corner of Colfax Avenue and Penrith Road. Dennis Smialek abstained citing a conflict of interest. According to Yaich, the parcel will likely be home for future school buildings, but he added that the selling party has not signed the contract. Smialek reiterated that the land purchase will be paid for with cash in lieu funds previously paid by developers and not from the district’s general fund.
- Personnel decisions included the hirings of Britt Travis as the new primary K-2 principal for 2022-23 and Nicholas Ophaug as the high school assistant principal. Travis comes to Bennett from Brighton, while Ophaug was previously at the Jefferson County School District. Among last month’s resignations was high school social studies teacher Scott Andrews, who was hired by Strasburg to be assistant high school principal. High school ag teacher/FFA advisor Brittaney Hudson is making a lateral move to the high school seminar position, and high school science teacher Jennifer Goodnight is moving to district instructional coach.
- A 2022 graduation list of 81 seniors was approved. Graduation is scheduled for 1 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at Paul Read Field.
- Four out-of-district students were denied re-enrollment for 2022-23 because of attendance and behavior issues.
- The board voted 4-0 to replace a pair of district cars that were totaled recently. According to Yaich, insurance covered most of the new vehicle costs.
- The next regular monthly board meeting starts at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 19, and via Zoom. Visit [www.bsd29j.com](http://www.bsd29j.com) and click on the “Board” tab for access information.

## LUNCH MENUS

## AGATE

Wednesday, May 4: Bosco Cheese Sticks, assorted fruit.

Thursday, May 5: Cook’s choice.

Monday, May 9: Crunch chicken tenders, barbecue sauce, biscuit, fruit.

Tuesday, May 10: Walking beef taco, lettuce, cheddar cheese, chips, taco sauce, assorted fruit.

## BYERS

Wednesday, May 4: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, chips, broccoli with ranch, applesauce.

Thursday, May 5: Cheeseburgers, french fries, oranges.

Friday, May 6: No school.

Monday, May 9: Meatball sub, garden salad, pears.

Tuesday, May 10: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, green beans, strawberries.

## DEER TRAIL

Wednesday, May 4: Chicken salad sandwiches, croissant, red peppers and dressing, strawberries.

Thursday, May 5: Beef and potato wrap, refried beans, shredded cheese, tomatoes, Ranch-A-Boom sauce, peaches.

Monday, May 9: Chicken nachos, shredded cheese and lettuce, Ranch-A-Boom sauce, loaf cake, applesauce.

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken fajita spaghetti, carrots and dressing, grapes.

## STRASBURG

Wednesday, May 4: Beef nachos.

Thursday, May 5: Barbecue chicken sandwich.

Friday, May 6: Pizza sticks.

Monday, May 9: Pretzels with cheese.

Tuesday, May 10: Corn dogs.

## LIBRARY NEWS

## ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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**Puppy Playtime:** An expert from Lifeline Puppy Rescue will answer questions you have about the animals and how attendees can help rescued puppies in the community. All ages welcome. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, May 6.

**Sewing fun:** Local fiber artists Peg Mancuso and Mary Lou White will teach basic sewing skills while helping participants create a fun project. Space limited; registration required. Register at [Anythinklibraries.org](http://Anythinklibraries.org). 1:30-4 p.m., Friday, May 6.

**Virtual writers workshop:** Adults can share their work with other aspiring writers in a fun, supportive online workshop. Participants will learn to write better and hone their skills through creative exercises. Space limited; registration at [Anythinklibraries.org](http://Anythinklibraries.org) required. A Zoom link will be provided in advance. sign up by April 30 to share work. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, May 7.

**Anime & Manga Club:** Fandom friends ages 14 and older will watch, read and discuss all things anime and manga and enjoy new projects, activities and discussion each week. Snacks provided. 3:30-5 p.m., Saturday, May 7.

**Intro to Photography:** Through a partnership with the Bennett Arts’ Council, Anythink Bennett presents a beginner’s workshop covering the fundamentals of photography with local photographer Carl Steitz. Appropriate for adults. Space limited; registration at [Anythinklibraries.org](http://Anythinklibraries.org) required. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14.

**Virtual teen writer’s workshop:** Teens can share their work and ideas with

other writers in a fun and supportive online workshop. They can hone their skills through creative exercises and learn to write better, receive feedback and be more creative. Appropriate for ages 12 and older. Space limited; registration at [Anythinklibraries.org](http://Anythinklibraries.org) required. A link virtual Zoom event will be provided in advance. 2-4 p.m., Friday, May 20.

**Frida Khalo workshop:** The Corridor Creative Arts League will host local artist Jamie Zerr, who will teach the art of mixed media collage in a workshop inspired by artist Frida Khalo. Appropriate for adults. Space limited; registration required. Register at [Anythinklibraries.org](http://Anythinklibraries.org). 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21.

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**Family Place Play & Learn:** Parents and caregivers can bring their little ones up to age 5 to play and learn in this four-part, weekly program. While the children explore toys and crafts, parents can chat with local experts including speech therapists, child behavior specialists, music teachers and nutritionists. 10-11 a.m., every Friday, May 6-27.

**Learning on the Go:** Families can enjoy stories, songs and play with their little ones, then leave with books and fun activities for learning at home. All family members, from grandparents to caregivers, are invited. The program is geared to ages 18 months to 5 years, but younger children are welcome. 10-11 a.m., Monday, May 9.

**Adult book club:** “Running with Sherman” by Christopher McDougall. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 10.

## BUY NOW

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for a rideshare or delivery service, for instance — might offer a way to pay off your “buy now, pay later” debt more quickly.

## 6. CONSOLIDATE OTHER DEBTS

Consolidation might not be ideal, or even permitted, for “buy now, pay later” plans, but consolidating high-interest debts elsewhere can free up money.

With good credit (FICO scores of 690 or higher), you may qualify for a balance transfer credit card with a 0% intro APR, allowing you to move debt from a card with a higher APR. You’ll typically pay a fee

— at least 3% of the amount transferred — but it might be worth it to save on interest for a year or more.

For debt that will take longer to pay off, you could consider a low-interest personal loan. Factor in the cost of the origination fee and monthly payment to determine whether you’ll save money over time.

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## Seven semis tip over on I-70 during April

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — The abnormal uptick in I-70 Corridor traffic incidents involving semi trucks continues this spring and, most recently, strong winds weren't even the cause for an 18-wheeler being laid on its side.

At approximately 5:30 a.m. April 25, the Deer Trail Fire Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Colorado State Patrol were dispatched to westbound I-70 near mile marker 331

a couple miles east of town on reports of a rolled semi.

Upon arrival, a semi pulling a trailer loaded with eggs was found on its right side with one set of axles sitting upright on the shoulder.

According to the State Patrol, the 73-year-old male driver from Oklahoma was distracted and allowed the truck and trailer to drift off the roadway, when it rolled one-quarter turn onto the passenger side.

"Not wind related and there wasn't any mechanical malfunction," a State

Patrol spokesman said. "Entirely driver error and he's been cited for careless driving. A set of axles did apparently become detached but that happened as the trailer tipped over."

The driver was uninjured.

The approximately 13-hour effort to empty the cargo, upright the rig and cleanup the scene came concluded about 7 p.m. Monday. The right lane of the thoroughfare was shut down most of the day but traffic was still allowed pas-

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The wreckage from a tipped over semi a couple miles east of Deer Trail April 25 is towed from the scene about 7 p.m., 13-plus hours after the accident occurred.

## Byers School Board OKs staff contracts

by Kathy Smiley  
Staff Writer

BYERS — Staff contracts for the 2022-23 school year were approved by the Byers School Board April 20.

The list recommended by school administration included probationary and non-probationary teachers, classified staff, activity sponsors and most coaches. Track and baseball coaches were not included because those sport seasons are ongoing, and their evaluations haven't been completed. Salaries and benefits are not finalized.

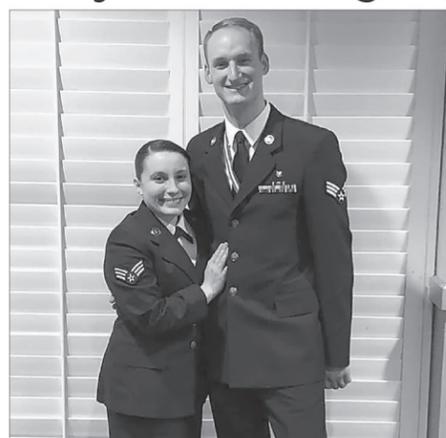
Lunch prices will go up 10 cents a meal next school year. The board approved the increase, which occurs yearly because federal reimbursement for free lunches cannot be paid at a rate higher than what is charged for a non-free meal.

"The reimbursement rate continues to  
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Avery Redd and Erin Johnson on trumpet and Emily Handy on clarinet perform at Strasburg High School's Jazz on the Plains April 8 at May Farms in Byers. SEE PAGE 28.

## 50-year old dog tags found by Bennett woman on Okinawa



Kaitlyn Vaughan-Carmack and her husband Matthew Carmack, left photo, were in the Air Force stationed in Okinawa in 2017 when Kaitlin found dog tags, right, belonging to a Vietnam-era Marine on a beach in Okinawa, Japan.

by Kathy Smiley  
Staff Writer

BENNETT — Sometimes, through the kindness of strangers, treasures lost long ago and far away will find their way home.

Such was the case when a military dog tag lost 50 years ago and 6,700 miles away was found by a Bennett woman. Kaitlyn Vaughan-Carmack shared her story with *The I-70 Scout* April 6. She found the dog tag on a beach in Okinawa, Japan, in 2017, and sent it to the grateful family of its owner last month.

Vaughan-Carmack joined the Air Force in 2015 and served for six-and-a-half years. Her first assignment was the Air Force base on Okinawa. She and her husband, who had both entered the service as dental technicians, were transferred to Edwards Air Force Base in California and then to Buckley, which became a Space Force Base in 2021.

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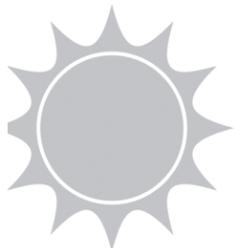
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### AGATE SCHOOL PAY

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rate for new teachers to \$40,000 and an almost \$6,500 raise for current teaching staff. "This is a very competitive and sustainable salary schedule. I'm very confident in this budget and these salary numbers."

The board also approved about a 7.5% increase to classified staff salaries.

"We're looking at about 5.5% to 6.5% cost of living jump, so this covers that plus a little bit more," Yaich said.

Superintendent Melinda Walls added that the increase in salary coincides with a work environment that many teachers would relish.

"Great pay, small classes and all of that with a four-day week too," Walls said, citing that the biggest secondary class is currently 13 and the elementary's largest class is 12. "We're pretty excited with this."

Indications are that Bennett might have a higher base rate by almost \$2,000 but another Corridor superintendent said that Agate eclipsed its most recent base pay rate proposal by about \$600.

Additional 2022-23 budget discussion included Yaich saying that proposed revenue for next year is based on 79 students, which is below both current total student count and full-time enrollment, which is what state education officials use to determine per-pupil operating revenue for school districts.

"Very conservative on our numbers and we still look very good, very sustainable," Yaich said, citing that 97 students currently roam the Agate School hallways and that the current FTE recognized by the Colorado Department of Education is

88. "I think we could get down to 66 FTE with our funding and still be balanced. We'd have to start looking at things a bit closer, I think right now look pretty good."

Yaich also mentioned that the district's general fund reserves are in excess of \$1 million, which is above auditor recommendations of about six months of expenses in reserve.

According to Yaich, the proposed budget for next year has about \$28,000 in extra expenses with a majority coming from anticipated jumps in insurance rates and food costs.

### OTHER BUSINESS

On the issue of enrollment, Walls indicated that new homes planned within the district should add more students to the school beginning in 2022-23.

"A developer called the office the other day," she reported. "He said his company will be building seven new homes in Chaparral with a completion date of July."

The school currently has 34 students in the secondary levels and 60-plus in the elementary.

Recent facility activity included installation of a 12x12 movie screen in the gym and repairing an issue with one of the two new water heaters.

According to maintenance director Rick Martin, the inlet and outlet pipes for the unit are too close together and that he is working to put five feet between the two.

Refinishing of the gym floor is also expected to take place May 19, the day after classes are released for the summer.

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Springs School District 11. In early March, Hoff served as District 11's interim superintendent for a week after the superintendent parted ways with the district.

Hoff wasn't in attendance at the meeting but the board read a statement from the district's newest hire.

"Sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students, parents, staff and community of Strasburg," Hoff's statement said. "It is clearly evident, throughout this interview process, that there is fierce communal loyalty, passionate advocacy for a quality education, and unwavering support for all students. The school pride displayed and community commitment to the school district is inspiring. Looking forward to an exceptional journey with you all."

Hoff was selected out of a second trio of finalists announced by the district April 8, but Hoff and Akron Superintendent Brian Christensen were the only two to follow through with interviews. Former Upper Rio Grande School District Superintendent Chris Burr withdrew his name before interviewing.

The district had to reopen and extend its search after a series of campus visits and interviews with an original slate of three finalists March 7-9 was unsuccessful. The list of finalists was whittled to one after two candidates withdrew their names and the third person wasn't hired after interviewing. Among the first set of withdrawals was Buffalo School District RE5J (Merino) Superintendent Rob Sanders, who accepted the same position at Morgan County School District RE3 (Fort Morgan). Plateau Valley School District 50 Superintendent Mike Page also withdrew his name. John Rogerson, current co-superintendent at Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs, was interviewed, but the board decided after an executive session during its March 9 meeting to continue the search.

The Strasburg School board said Hoff will be on board when the 2022-23 school year commences.

"Dan and his lovely wife Shirley will officially join the Strasburg 31J family on July 1," said a statement following Thursday's board meeting.

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# MCC recognizes Strasburg teacher

FORT MORGAN — A teacher at Strasburg High School and Morgan Community College has been named one of four MCC employees of the year.



Kevin Hemphill was deemed MCC's Part-time Instructor of the Year. A 1986 graduate of Strasburg High School, Hemphill has been with MCC since 2008, teaching math at Strasburg High School.

He holds a master's degree in mathematics from Wichita (Kan.) State University and a bachelor's in mathematics teaching from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

Hemphill is known for making math fun through creative engagement and by building an atmosphere that promotes self-confidence and mutual respect.

"Mr. Hemphill is an exemplary instructor who shows up for his students, both in class and in outside activities," said his nominator. "He

always finds the time and energy to help us succeed."

Other MCC Employees of the Year were:

- Gwen Steffen, Administrative/Professional-Technical Employee of the Year;
- Jeffrey Coon, Faculty of the Year; and
- Jessica Trusty, Classified Employee of the Year.

The MCC Employees of the Year were honored at a Colorado Community College System Employee Excellence Awards ceremony at the residence of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock at the Cableland Mansion April 12.

Coon, Steffen, Hemphill and Trusty also received National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development Excellence Awards and were given the opportunity to attend the institute's International Conference on Teaching & Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas in May.

Watch the *Eastern Colorado News* for more coverage of these awards.



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Strasburg High School saxophonists Aiden Lang, left, and Preston Mace perform at Jazz on the Plains April 8 at May Farms in Byers. For more coverage of this event, see the April 29 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



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The Bennett High School drama department presented its version of the parody "I Hate Shakespeare!" April 14-15. Clockwise from top left, Othello (Natalee Sanders), left, Jerry Springer (Katelynn Russo), Desdemona (Madison Wood), and Iago (Annalisa Millholland) get animated as dirty laundry gets unveiled during the "Jerry Springer Show;" Ted (Delaney Karp), center, is shocked by language between girlfriend Sheila (Carmen Rinner) and an unwanted courter (Aeryn Johnson) during an infomercial for Shakespeare In a Can; narrator Rinner and historian Rylee Conklin explain the transformation of Shakespeare into a zombie; and television director Shylin Bustillos gets de-pantsed and pied by a walking, talking cow, played by Katelyn Faczak. For more coverage, see the April 29 *Eastern Colorado News*.



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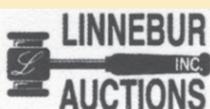
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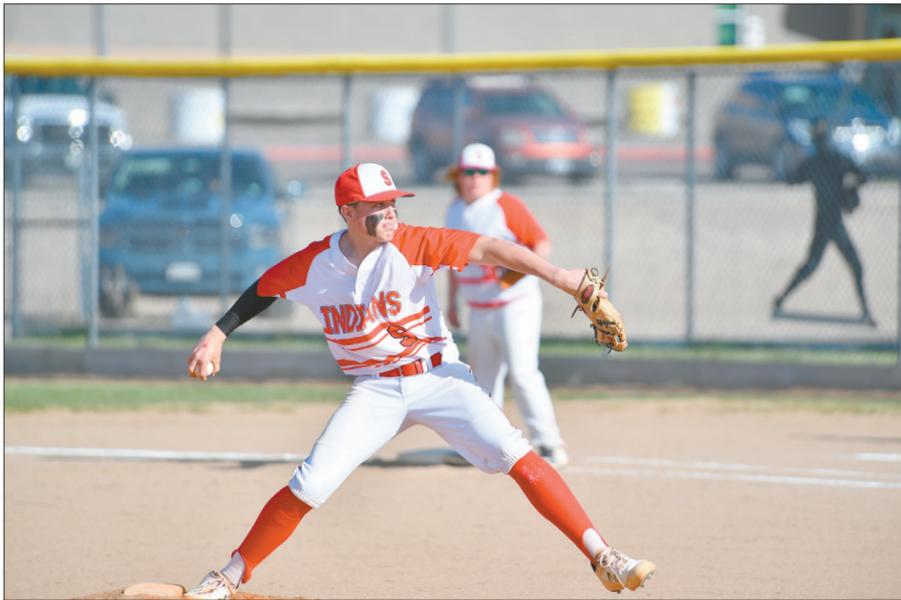
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# SPORTS



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Indian ace Cole Nickell, left photo, fires a pitch against Valley April 21. In addition to a 4-0 shutout against the Vikings, the Indian senior blanked Fort Lupton the following Monday. Right photo, Indian Bryce Miller dives back safely into first on a pickoff attempt against Valley April 21.

## Strasburg 9 remains in 3A playoff picture

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

The last half of this past blustery April was a story of streaks for the Strasburg Indians baseball team, but the trio of victories April 21-28 has kept the red-and-black in contention for a 3A postseason berth entering the final two weeks of the regular season.

After a pair of losses to 3A second-ranked University — 16-1 at home April 14 and 10-0 at Greeley two days later — and a disappointing but hard-fought 6-4 loss at Patriot League foe Valley April 20, the troops of first-year Strasburg head coach Jeromie Bongard bounced back for a 4-0 home victory against the same Vikings April 21 and kept the momentum with a pair of mercy rule shutout wins — 11-0 against visiting Fort Lupton April 25 and 13-0 at Estes Park April 28. The month ended abruptly for the Indians in a 15-3 loss to visiting 4A Summit April 30.

Strasburg concluded April with a 7-10 overall record, 4-8 in Patriot League play, but the strength of both the conference and out-of-league schedules has the Indians at No. 28 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's RPI rankings, the primary determinant for at-large playoff qualifiers. The eight 3A conference champions receive automatic berths to the 32-team bracket, with the remaining 24 qualifiers determined by RPI.

### TRIO OF VICTORIES

The first of their three consecutive wins, saw the Indians jump out with a pair of runs in each of the first two innings and ride the arm of senior mound ace Cole Nickell for the 4-0 shutout victory.

In the bottom of the first frame, Nickell tri-

pled to drive in sophomore Thomas Devlin, who singled to start the inning, and junior Espen Bradley drove in Nickell on a sacrifice fly to center field. In the second inning, freshman Jared Flamini was hit by a pitch, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, and scored on an RBI single by senior Bryce Miller, who later scored on an RBI single by Devlin.

The early offense was all that Nickell needed as he allowed only three hits while striking out 15 Vikings and walking only three and he did so right at the CHSAA-mandated maximum pitch count of 110 pitches.

Like the quickly decreasing temperature that afternoon, the bats for Strasburg fell cold as the hosts only mustered three more hits over the final five innings, but they put the ball in play as they struck out only five times. Devlin and Nickell both had two-hit days with other base knocks coming from Bradley, Miller and junior D.J. Cannon.

The defense for Strasburg committed two errors, but was still strong given the gusty conditions that resulted in several dust devils traipsing across the Indian's home diamond.

In Monday's makeup of what was supposed to be the season-opener in March, the Indians jumped out 10-0 on visiting Fort Lupton and never looked back. Highlights from the Indians' 6-run first inning included a Nickell triple to drive in a pair, Bradley driving in Nickell on a double, and a pair of ground balls — one for an out and one mishandled by the Blue Devil defense — that each scored a run. In the 4-run second, the big blow was a two-out double by Miller that drove home sophomore Charlie Spriggs and Flamini, who both singled earlier in the game. The final run of the game was scored by Flamini in the fourth, when he singled, stole

second, advanced to third on a passed ball, and stole home after Fort Lupton tried to throw out Cannon, who stole second base.

The Indians recorded nine hits, received five walks, had two hit batsmen and capitalized on a pair of Fort Lupton errors. In addition to six stolen bases, Strasburg advanced bases seven times between passed balls and wild pitches. Nickell, Flamini and Miller accounted for two-thirds of the hosts' hits with two apiece.

For the second straight time, Nickell recorded a shutout, allowing three hits and striking out 11 Blue Devils while walking zero. It was another efficient day on the mound for the Indian senior, who threw only 60 pitches over five complete innings.

At Estes Park on Thursday, Bradley got in on the shutout fun, allowing only one hit, striking out six, walking three Bobcat hitters, and throwing only 66 pitches over five innings.

Offensively, Strasburg scratched out a run in the opening frame after Devlin walked to start the game, stole both second and third, and scored on an RBI ground out by Nickell. In the 3-run second, Devlin drove in junior Cameron VanLiew with an RBI single and sophomore David Young recorded a two-out, two-RBI single. The Indians blew the game open in the third with six runs, including a two-RBI double by Miller, and 3 runs that crossed because of passed balls by the Bobcat catcher. The visitors added 2 runs in the fourth, including an RBI double by VanLiew, and 1 in the fifth on one of Estes Park's eight fielding errors on the afternoon.

In addition to nine hits, Strasburg walked five times and only struck out three times. Flamini and VanLiew both had a pair of base knocks

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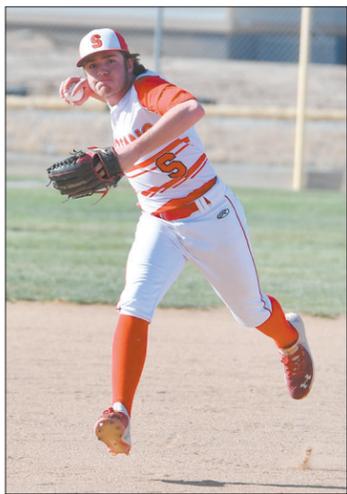
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to lead the red-and-black. Aggressive base running, which has become a trademark of the Indian program, resulted in eight stolen bases, including four by Devlin.

**OTHER STRUGGLES**

After having little answer for both University pitching and hitting in a pair of Patriot League contests, the Indians' effort to snap a six-game losing streak in the first of back-to-back contests with Valley was unsuccessful largely because of Strasburg miscues, particularly a lack of command on the mound and defensive errors.

The hosts took a 4-0 lead, but a pair of runs by the Indians in their half of the fifth cut the deficit to 4-2; both Indians runs were scored on fielder's choices off the bats of Devlin and



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Left photo, Strasburg shortstop Espen Bradley prepares to uncork a throw across the diamond. Right, Indian outfielder Thomas Devlin records the final out against Valley on a wind-aided pop fly to deep center field.

Bradley. But Valley regained its four-run advantage with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth. Strasburg fought to the end, scoring 2 runs in the seventh, but finished the game with a run-

ner left on base. Devlin, who tripled, scored on a Bradley fielder's choice and Bradley crossed home on a passed ball.

The Indians outhit the hosts 8-2, but the Vikings

were the recipient of a dozen bases on balls and three Strasburg errors.

Nickell had a three-hit day to lead the red-and-black, which left seven runners on base.

Only three of the Vikings' runs were earned. VanLiew was the hard luck loser, allowing three earned runs on two hits while striking out eight but walking 10. Bradley didn't allow a hit while striking out five and walking two over the final two innings.

Coming off the three-game winning streak, Saturday's early morning affair against the visiting 4A Tigers wasn't to the hosts liking as they were down 10-0 after 2½ innings. Strasburg appeared to get back into the game in the bottom of the third as a Young single, a Nickell ground out and a passed ball by the visiting

catcher scored 3 runs, but Summit tacked on 5 more runs over the next two innings and held the Indians scoreless to end the game in five innings via the mercy rule.

Outhit 12-3, Strasburg also committed five errors defensively and, on the mound, walked nine and hit two.

As May starts, the road remains tough for the Indians, who play a top 10-ranked Patriot League foe in Brush two times this week and follow up with a home-and-home pair with the 3A top-ranked Eaton Reds the following week. While Strasburg's postseason chances remain a bit tenuous entering the final two weeks, the strength of the Patriot League is expected to keep the Indians within the hunt for a regional berth.

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Lady Tiger Marie Klein steals the ball away from a Middle Park attacker April 23 while teammate Ashlynn Loveless (16) looks on from behind.

## Lady Tigers win 4-of-5 on pitch

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

Despite playing their best soccer of the year and racking up several wins the last two weeks of April, the Bennett Lady Tigers remain on the outside of the 3A soccer postseason.

Between April 13-27, the orange-and-black went 4-1 with its lone setback April 23 to visiting Middle Park, one of two squads undefeated in Frontier League play. Leading up to the Middle Park affair, Bennett won a trio of games — 3-2 at Bruce Randolph April 13; 2-1 at Sheridan April 18; and 2-0 at Lake County (Leadville) April 20. The Lady Tigers of head coach Mike Rinner also bounced back from the loss to Middle Park with a 4-2 victory at league rival DSST: Montview April 27. The Lady Tigers' Parent Appreciation night match against KIPP Denver Collegiate on April 29 was postponed until May 2.

In its most recent victory, Bennett tallied the most goals in a season, scoring a pair in both halves. After allowing the host Lady Knights to knot up the score before half-time, the orange-and-black defense stepped up for the second-half shut-out.

Scoring for the visitors was spread out as senior Ashlynn Loveless, juniors Stefanie Jordan, and Martha Jordan and sophomore leading scorer Arianna Harrison all recorded goals.

The Tigers were the more aggressive offensive team all night, outshooting DSST 22-6.

Defensively, the Tigers recorded seven steals, led by Harrison with three and Martha Jordan with two, and sophomore goalkeeper Carmen Rinner made four saves.

The three-game winning streak started when Bennett utilized a 2-1 second half to get the victory at Bruce Randolph.

Harrison led the Tigers with a pair of goals and 11 steals, while Martha Jordan chipped in the squad's third tally. As a team, Bennett outshot the Lady Grizzlies 28-7.

In addition to 23 steals by the Tiger defense, Rinner made five saves in goal.

Against Sheridan five days later, the Tigers, who went in a bit undermanned, again found themselves tied at intermission, 1-1, but tallied the lone goal of the second half for the win.

Bennett's goals were scored by



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Lady Tiger Joanna Pineda uses her noggin to settle the ball against Middle Park April 23.

sophomore Aileen Maciel and freshman Hadasa Burgos. Bennett again won the battle of balls on net, 13 shots compared to three for the host Rams.

Junior Joanna Pinedo tallied three of Bennett's eight steals and Martha Jordan added two. Rinner made two saves in goal.

The last game of the win streak saw Bennett overcome the two-hour bus ride into the mountains and hold the hosts from Leadville scoreless. The visitors tallied a goal in both halves. Bennett goals were tallied by Maciel and senior Elizabeth Mayo. Both defenses played tough as a total of 10 shots on goal were recorded by both teams, with seven coming off the feet of Tiger attackers.

The Bennett defense recorded eight steals and Rinner saved all three shots she faced.

In addition to the Middle Park loss, the Lady Tigers were on the short end of a pair of close but shut-out losses leading up to their win streak — 1-0 to visiting Arrupe Jesuit April 9 and 4-0 at DSST: Green Valley Ranch April 11.

Entering the last week of the season, Bennett was 5-7 overall, 5-3 in Frontier League play, with two games to play, including the season finale Wednesday at The Academy, the other undefeated team in conference play.

Through last weekend, Bennett was 45th in RPI, well out of the 32-team bracket for the 3A postseason.



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In May, our Conversations with a Commissioner events return to in-person gatherings! Learn more about our latest efforts to address homelessness and provide feedback to your district commissioner about all County business.



Featuring special guest Kathy Smith, director of Arapahoe County Community Resources.

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## CORRIDOR CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

**Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board.** 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

In-person conversation with **Arapahoe County Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully**, District 1, and special guest Kathy Smith, director of Arapahoe County Community Resources, to discuss homelessness. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Malley Rec Center, Englewood. For more information, visit [www.arapahoegov.com/townhall](http://www.arapahoegov.com/townhall).

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

**Bennett Community Food Bank.** 8-10 a.m., Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

**Shakespeare in the Parking Lot** performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at 12 p.m. and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 2 p.m., Cook Park Recreation Center, 7100 Cherry Creek South Drive, Denver.

### MONDAY, MAY 9

**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at [newclient.link2feed.com](http://newclient.link2feed.com).

**Deer Trail School Board.** 7 p.m., commons area.

**Byers Fire Protection District Board.** 6:30 p.m., Byers Firehouse.

**Byers Water & Sanitation District Board.** 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

**Comanche Crossing Historical Society.** 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

**Byers Park & Recreation District Board.** 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

**Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board.** 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

### TUESDAY, MAY 10

**Deer Trail Town Board.** Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town

Hall, 555 Second Ave.

**Bennett Board of Trustees.** Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Meetings currently held via Zoom. Links provided on meeting agendas. Visit [townofbennet.colorado.gov](http://townofbennet.colorado.gov), and click on Town Board of Trustees under the Government tab.

**Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board.** 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

### EVERY FRIDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** 6 p.m., Mountain View Fellowship, 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg, east entrance. For more information, call (303)644-4899.

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** 9 a.m. For more information, call (303)903-6734.

### EVERY MONDAY

**High Plains Music Ensemble** rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For more information, contact Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or [hp-memusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:hp-memusicdirector@gmail.com) or visit [www.highplainsmusicensemble.com](http://www.highplainsmusicensemble.com).

**AA open meeting.** 7 p.m., Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

### EVERY TUESDAY

**Preschool Storytime:** Children in preschool to age 6 will experience stories, songs and other fun activities that promote early literacy. 11-11:30 a.m.

**Music & Movement:** Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and play instruments. 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Anythink Bennett library.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association** free open ride. 5-7 p.m., Quint Valley arena, 601 N. Highway 36, Byers.

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# Extension office says handling, use of cattle vaccines key during processing

**BURLINGTON** — As producers begin to plan processing this spring, the proper handling and use of vaccines is imperative to their effectiveness in cattle. Minor mistakes can be costly in the future if vaccines are mishandled.

According to the Golden Plains Extension Office, vaccination is the main focus during processing, especially calves, as they are starting to lose the passive immunity they gained from the intake of colostrum. Working with a veterinarian to develop a vaccination plan that fits one's herd is the first step.

Determining which vaccinations are most beneficial to a herd and meet production practices can help save time and money.

Once they are identified, the proper storage and handling of vaccines can directly impact their effectiveness.

All vaccines and animal health products have directions for proper storage on the label.

Following them will keep new and unused vaccines viable.

Where many producers make mistakes is when vaccines are used in the branding pen or at chute side. The priority should be to protect vaccines from the conditions that can damage them — improper temperatures, sunlight and contamination.

### TEMPERATURES

A good place to start is to protect the temperature of vaccines. Many vaccines must be kept below 40 degrees but above freezing. Using coolers to store vaccines, including what has been drawn into a full syringe, can protect from temperature damage.

Commercially made coolers are available for brand-

ing pen and chute side storage, but putting together one is not difficult as long as it provides stable temperatures. Since most vaccines are liquids, they can handle being taken in and out of storage but should not be left out and should be placed back into proper storage when not in use.

### SUNLIGHT

Sunlight is another damaging condition, specifically ultraviolet light. Viruses and bacteria in a vaccine were meant to live inside of an animal, not exposed to sunlight. UV light can break them down and render a vaccine ineffective.

Vaccines come packaged either in boxes or tinted bottles as protection from UV light. Many syringes come with tinted barrels as well to protect the vaccine from UV light. Coolers for temperature controlled storage will also protect from UV

light.

### CONTAMINATION

Contamination of vaccines is also possible. When using a vaccine, clean needles and syringes can prevent contamination. Many vaccinations must be mixed before use and transfer needles are available to make the process easier.

Here's where the first possibility for contamination occurs. Any needle that goes into a vaccine bottle should be new and clean. When vaccines are drawn, producers can use new disposable syringes or clean reusable repeating syringes.

Reusable syringes should be cleaned properly before use. Proper cleaning involves emptying any unused vaccine and rinsing out the syringe at least three times with clean water above 165 degrees.

Two points should be kept in mind with reusable

syringes: Do not use soap for cleaning of reusable syringes, and do not use a reusable syringe that has had antibiotics in it for vaccine administration. Residuals of antibiotics or soap in a syringe could make a vaccine ineffective.

### VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

Vaccines should be administered in the triangle of an animal's neck to prevent future carcass damage.

If multiple injectable vaccines are to be given, space them at least a hand's width apart.

Use appropriate needle size to accommodate the viscosity of a vaccine and appropriate needle length for subcutaneous or intramuscular administration. Replace needles every 10-15 head and every time you change pasture or groups of cattle and dispose of them in a way to protect people from needle stick injuries.

## Vols wanted to care for Bennett garden

**BENNETT** — The town of Bennett is seeking volunteers to plant and care for the Bennett Community Garden in Civic Center Park.

The town opened the garden in 2020 with grants from Adams County Open Space and LiveWell HEAL Cities & Towns.

The garden was created to connect residents with their agricultural heritage and provide all individuals the opportunity to come together in the spirit of community.

The garden consists of 12 beds and the town needs volunteers to help the garden flourish. Workers would be assigned a garden plot and would be responsible for its preparation, planting, weeding, maintenance and watering.

No fees are associated with maintaining the garden beds but the town does recommends a donation to participants.

The donation funds water, maintenance and materials for the garden.

For additional information, contact Public Works Office Coordinator Sarah Shepherd at (303)644-3249 ext. 1039 or [sshepherd@bennett.co.us](mailto:sshepherd@bennett.co.us).

## AdCo employees sought; job fair slated for May 5

**BRIGHTON** — Adams County is hosting a job fair from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, May 5, in the Platte River rooms of the conference center at the Adams County Government Center, 4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Brighton.

Job opportunities are available with Colorado Air & Space Port; Human Services; Public Works; Clerk & Recorder's Office; Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts; A-Proud Diversity; Equity & Inclusion Council; and others.

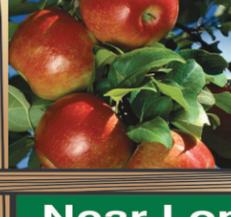
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A bevy of enthusiastic youngsters, including those pictured on the top row and bottom right, battled blustery conditions to search for a treasure trove of treat-filled orbs during the town of Bennett's Easter egg hunt held at Trupp Park April 17. The event also featured a visit from Grandma Easter Bunny, below left.




**Agate School District  
Kindergarten Roundup  
3-5 p.m., Thursday, May 5**

Screenings will take place at the Agate School, 41032 Second St., Agate, CO 80101. Screenings will be completed on children who will be 5 years old on or before June 1, 2022.

To schedule an appointment for your child or for more information, parents or guardians can call the main office at (719)764-2741. Appointments will take approximately 30 minutes. For your child to be registered for the 2022-23 school year, please bring a birth certificate and updated immunization record. We ask that you not bring any extra children with you.

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**15 YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 1, 2007**

**BRIGHTON** — The Adams County Board of Commissioners filed a lawsuit in Adams County District Court April 25 against a waste facility operating in the eastern part of the county.

The lawsuit is another step in a fight the county has waged against Clean Harbors Deer Trail since the facility began seeking to accept low-level radioactive waste. Clean Harbors, 40 miles northeast of Deer Trail on U.S. Highway 36, accepted its first load, a shipment of waste from the Denver radium street project, Dec. 18.

The board of commissioners has actively fought the acceptance of radioactive materials at Clean Harbors since the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) approved the facility's application for a radioactive waste materials license in December 2005.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 1, 2012**

**STRASBURG** — A Strasburg junior is the first student in school history to qualify for a national speech tournament.

Kegan Potter, 17, will compete in the National Forensics League's national tournament in Indianapolis in June. Potter and four other members of Strasburg High School's speech and debate team competed in the Rocky Mountain North District qualifying tour-

namment in Greeley March 30-31. Potter advanced in Humorous Interpretation.

Potter has participated in Strasburg's speech program since his freshman year.

The piece Potter performed at regionals and will take to nationals is entitled "Sesame — Life on the Street," by Andrew Messer.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
**MAY 2, 2017**

**KIOWA** — After a pair of surprise decisions, 11 animals from an eastern Elbert County wildlife sanctuary were put down last week.

Lion's Gate Sanctuary, located along County Road 50 near Agate, announced April 27 that it "humanely euthanized" five bears, three tigers and three lions after its owners' request to move the facility further west was denied by Elbert County commissioners earlier in the month.

During their April 12 board meeting, commissioners Chris Richardson, Danny Willcox and Grant Thayer all voted against the move to a 43-acre parcel of property closer to Elizabeth.

Lion's Gate co-owner Dr. Joan Laub said continuing flooding issues at the current facility made the move imperative and that she and business partner Peter Winney "did not receive a fair hearing" from county commissioners, citing previous approval or positive recommendations from a large number of other county and state entities.

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**SOLUTION ON PAGE 23**

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Tuesday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2022. There are 242 days left in the year.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**

On May 3, 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to be-

come Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labour government in parliamentary elections.

**ON THIS DATE**

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone with the Wind."

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in *Shelley v. Kraemer*, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to Blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unen-

forceable.

In 1987, *The Miami Herald* said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later

identified as Donna Rice.)

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Singer Frankie Valli is 88. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, is 79. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 76. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is 73.

— Associated Press

**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**  
**THEME: THE 1950s**

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  6. Asian cuisine pan
  9. Type of tide
  13. Make more attractive
  14. Lawyers' grp.
  15. China grass
  16. \*West Side Story's Tony and \_\_\_
  17. Mourner's acronym
  18. Utilizing
  19. \*a.k.a. "The King"
  21. \*Kitschy art movement begun in '50s (2 words)
  23. Mortar carrier
  24. Back of the neck
  25. \*Kelly or Chanel 2.55, e.g.
  28. Hurtful remark
  30. "\_\_\_ Margery Daw," nursery rhyme
  35. Paper unit
  37. Duds
  39. Eurasian antelope
  40. Guessimate phrase (2 words)
  41. Unaccompanied
  43. Disgust with sweetness excess
  44. Brandish
  46. Track competition, e.g.
  47. Frustrated driver's recourse
  48. Legendary King of Pylos
  50. Tsar, tzar or \_\_\_
  52. Greek letters on campus
  53. Deprivation
  55. Greek R
  57. \*A Streetcar Named Desire" star
  60. \*Popular type of 1950s restaurant
  64. Pro athletes' move
  65. Sea in Spain
  67. Narcotics agent
  68. Stringed instrument of India
  69. Brewpub offering
  70. Shakespearean "ergo"
  71. \*Gwendolyn Brooks' "Annie Allen" entry, e.g.
  72. \*Doris of "Que Sera, Sera" fame
  73. Disinfectant brand

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20. Changes to a manuscript
22. Military moves
24. Fail to care
25. \* \_\_\_ v. Board of Education
26. Eagle's nest
27. Kr and Xe on the periodic table, e.g.
29. \*Postwar prosperity
31. Per person
32. Farm structures
33. Ancient market
34. \*"Rio Grande" and "Rio Bravo" star
36. Lose skin
38. \*Egypt's disputed canal
42. Sir Richard Starkey of the Beatles
45. Like certain Debbie
49. Unit of absorbed radiation
51. Relating to nose
54. Frances McDormand's Oscar-winning 2020 role
56. Estrogen producer
57. Spiritedness
58. Equal to distance divided by time
59. Actor Driver
60. Squirrel's nest
61. Units of work
62. International Civil Aviation Org.
63. Hall of Fame Steelers coach
64. Cooking meas.
66. Fla. neighbor

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 23**

## HOROSCOPE

**Competition Moon**

The lively Gemini moon is in a gaming mood, bright and competitive. At this social zodiac hour, we are reminded how most of the games people play are not official competitions with rules but rather subconscious games with the primal agenda of establishing the social order. To do well in such a game, it first helps to realize that you're in it.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20).** There are many ways in which you are not like the people around you. Today, you'll be inspired to let them in on some of your uniqueness. You're not so easily summed up, as people are about to find out.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Your heart sparkles as you cultivate new pleasures and interests. In this way, attractiveness is an inside job. You'll do the inner work, and the rest follows naturally. Bonus: You won't need to bother with expensive products.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** In love and sports, it's the same. There is no downside to building your endurance. The more you can take, the more you can give. The right mindset makes it easier.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Doing the thing will cause discomfort — so will not doing it. Choose the first type. The discomfort will be brief, lighter than expected, and you will continue on with a sense of accomplishment.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Since every word you hear, read or say links your brain to something, it's possible to travel to a moment of joy or trouble in the split second it takes to process a word. You'll use and react well to the language of the day.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your perspective is valuable, and in the right company, it will even be considered a gift. Taking the time to carefully present your views is like wrapping that gift with a bow.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The world is

trying to convince you to choose their product or service. If anyone is going to sell you on an idea today, it should be your own mind. How can you make choosing well a little easier for yourself?

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The good news and the bad news are the same: People aren't paying attention. Use this to your advantage. Where you lack confidence, fake it, and none will be the wiser.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** While it's scary to jump in unprepared, the nervous thrill of action is far better than the sinking sensation of missing out. Anyway, opportunities usually don't wait around until you're ready for them.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** What you get back reflects what you put in, though not directly. When you want something different than you're getting, change your input. Tweaking is a normal part of the process.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).** Expert input helps you make the best choice. The people with the most useful perspective are the ones who've done the thing, which isn't always the same ones selling it, or the ones in charge of it.

**Aries (March 21-April 19).** An interest that doesn't snug well into the patterns and rhythms of your lifestyle is not likely to last long... unless it also happens to be extremely fun. And in that case, you'll find a way to make it fit better!

**Today's Birthday (May 3).** The status quo no longer suits you. This solar return is a chariot bound for new altitudes. You'll level up first in your personal life, adding joy and excitement to your weeks. Your work dynamic shifts, and you will work with a different team on projects with far-reaching purposes. A family member will closely follow your guidance. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 3, 38 and 14.

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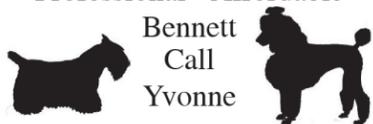
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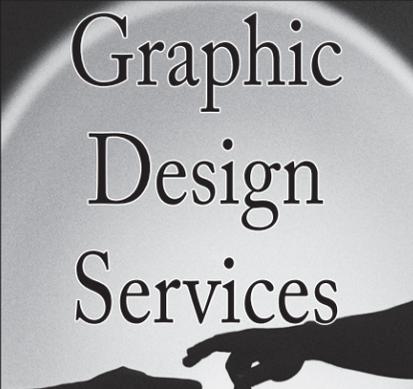
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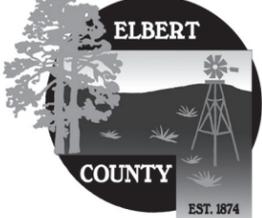
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## Help Wanted

**Registered occupational therapist**, full- and part-time. OTR must have or be eligible for appropriate Colorado licensure. Provide PreK-12 intervention, assessment, direct and indirect services just east of Denver on I-70; Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Kiowa areas. Support from an experienced COTA is available. Full-time salary range for OTD \$49,350-\$60,550. Part-time salary prorated based on the number of days employed. Excellent benefits, access to a company vehicle or mileage reimbursement. May be eligible for a loan forgiveness program and signing bonus. To apply for this position, please complete the Certified Application for Employment available on the East Central BOCES website [www.ecbores.org](http://www.ecbores.org) under "Jobs." Questions, contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101 or email [tracyg@ecbores.org](mailto:tracyg@ecbores.org). EOE. 5/24

**Special education paraprofessionals.** Full- and part-time special education paraprofessionals needed for our West Area Center-based Learning Program located in Strasburg. Competitive pay and benefits including individual health insurance. \$13-\$17/hour depending on experience; may be eligible for sign-on bonus. To apply for this position, please complete the Classified Application for Employment available for download on the [ecbores.org](http://ecbores.org) website under "Jobs" or contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101. Please fax completed application to (719)771-4001 or email it to [tracyg@ecbores.org](mailto:tracyg@ecbores.org). EOE. 5/17c

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**East Central BOCES** is seeking a full-time school psychologist or intern to join our dynamic, multidisciplinary team of professionals for the 2022-2023 school year. Educational specialist (Ed.S.), Colorado certified. Provide PreK-12 intervention including assessment, development of IEPs and consultation services. Competitive salaries: Ed.S. \$51,450-\$60,900 and intern \$47,600-\$52,400; both commensurate upon experience. Excellent benefits including dental, vision and medical insurance. May be eligible for sign-on bonus; may also be eligible for loan forgiveness. Flexible schedule. Use of a car or mileage reimbursement. Questions, contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101. To apply for this position, please complete the Certified Application for Employment available on the East Central BOCES website [www.ecbores.org](http://www.ecbores.org) under "Jobs." EOE.

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**Substitute paraprofessionals and teachers needed** for our West Area Center-based Learning Program located in Strasburg. Competitive pay at \$125/day. To apply for this position, please complete the Classified Application for Employment available for download on the [ecbores.org](http://ecbores.org) website under "Jobs" or contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101. Please fax completed application to (719)771-4001 or email it to [tracyg@ecbores.org](mailto:tracyg@ecbores.org). EOE.



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**BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J**

**IS CURRENTLY HIRING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR:**

- **K-2 Teacher**
- **3-5 Teacher**
- **Elementary SPED Teacher**
- **MS Social Studies Teacher**
- **MS ELA Teacher**
- **MS ELL Teacher**
- **HS Ag Teacher**
- **HS Science Teacher**
- **HS Social Studies Teacher**
- **Secondary SPED Teacher**

If you are interested in applying, please visit the district website, [www.bsd29j.com](http://www.bsd29j.com). All applications need to go through the online portal. If you have any questions, please contact Cassie Salberg at [csalberg@bsd29j.com](mailto:csalberg@bsd29j.com).

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**Horizon Vegetation Management**, located in Bennett, is looking for seasonal help. Must have driver's license and be able to travel out of town 1 week/month. Rate of pay: \$22/hour plus overtime and expenses. (303)419-5332. 5/10

## Garage Sales

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## CHUCK WAGON



### Chocolate Chip Caramel Cake

by **Bobbie Keefer**  
For The Scout

My hubby smothers his bowl of any flavored ice cream with chocolate syrup and caramel topping, so I knew he would like **Chocolate Chip Caramel Cake**. I got the recipe from my friend, Betty Crocker. She drizzles the cake with white icing but you can use chocolate.

The caramel seeps into the holes poked in the cake and creates a delicious filling of ooey, gooey goodness.

If you don't have buttermilk, make it with 1 cup of milk mixed with 1 tablespoon of vinegar.

I sometimes drizzle the cake with both chocolate syrup and caramel ice cream topping.

It creates an overload of chocolate that is sure to satisfy my chocolate loving hubby!

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 box devil's food cake mix
- 1 1/3 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 cup caramel syrup
- 1/2 cup vanilla frosting

**DIRECTIONS**

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease and flour bottom only of 9- by 13-inch baking pan.

In mixer bowl, beat cake mix, buttermilk, oil, eggs on low speed for 30 seconds, then medium speed 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pan.

Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Press them gently into the batter. Bake about 40 minutes until the center tests done. Do not over-bake. Cool 30 minutes.

Spray the handle of a wooden spoon with cooking spray. Poke holes every inch through the top of the cake. Pour caramel topping over it, allowing it to seep into the holes. Cool completely.

Drizzle frosting across the top of cake. Serve on pretty dessert plates.

*Bobbie Keefer is a resident of Byers. Watch for more of her recipes in The I-70 Scout.*



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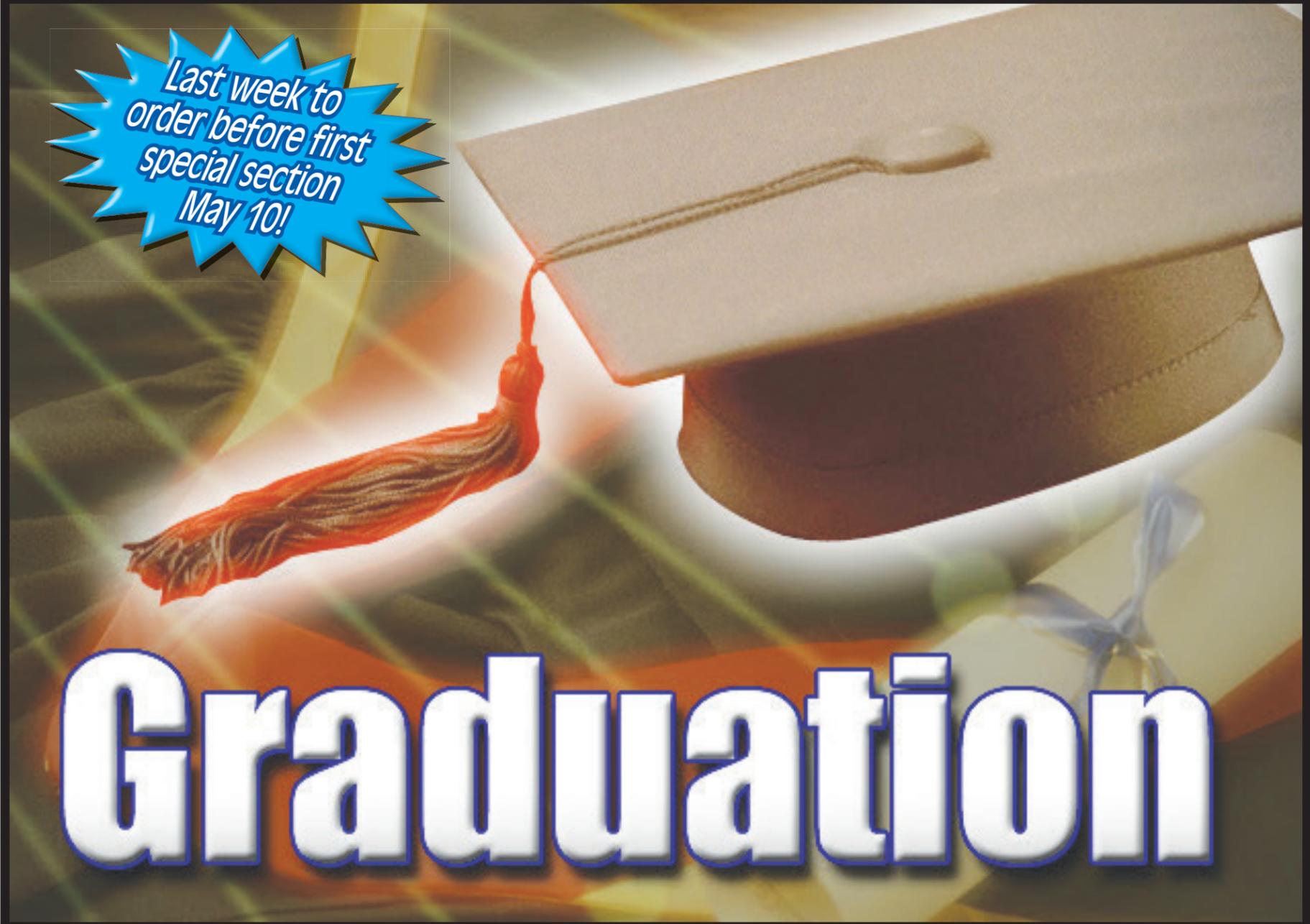
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# Graduation

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