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Payton enjoyed hearing facts about DIA, including the number of passengers who travel through it yearly (69 million in 2019), when it opened (1995), and what the tent



roof is made of (a Teflon-coated fiberglass material as thin as a credit card.)

Approximately 35,000 people work in different industries and professions at DIA.

“I didn’t know there were so many jobs within the airport. We got to see where the snowplows and other equipment is, and we got to see the people who deal with the wildlife,” Payton said.

DIA partners with the U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife services, which provides a full-time staff at the airport.

A wildlife manager told the students that –large birds of prey pose a danger to aviation, so they are humanely trapped and relocated.

“They release them 75 to 100 miles away and put trackers on them before they release them, so they know if they come back,” Payton said.

Byers junior Michael Husted was also a participant in the field trip.

“I grew up around aviation and I wanted to see the ins and outs of DIA,” he said.

Michael’s grandparents own two planes and have an airstrip on their property 10 miles south of Byers. His grandfather is a Designated Airworthiness Representative for the Federal Aviation Administration. His father is an airline mechanic at DIA.

Michael is currently working on pilot licensure and is considering a career in aeronautical engineering. He is very familiar with airports from a pilot and passenger perspective, but he enjoyed learning about the business side of the operation.

“The scale of it all is really cool,” he said. “We went out onto the runway and it’s amazing to see how big it is. They talked about everything it takes to get the airplanes to the runway and take off. It’s really interesting.”

REAP Executive Director Kip Cheroutes said he sees workforce development for high school students as an economic development priority.

“A few months back I heard (DIA CEO) Phil Washington at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce talking about Vision 100, the goal of the airport to grow to accommodate 100 million passengers a year,” Cheroutes told *The I-70 Scout* May 13. “He talked about the importance of developing a work force for the fu-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Junior Libby Packard gets a close look at a red-tailed hawk held by a wildlife manager at DIA.

ture. My ears perked up.”

Cheroutes met with Byers High School Principal Kelly Boren and counselor Jessica Fournier to discuss involving students in economic development, then contacted DIA Manager of Regional Affairs Rachel Gruber, who was enthusiastic about a field trip.

“REAP was the connector to all this,” he added.

Cheroutes met the Byers group at DIA and joined them for the tour. He believes the trip accomplished its purpose.

“Eyes were most definitely opened,” he said, adding he had an “interesting interaction” with a student who asked about IT (information technology) opportunities at the airport. “While we were on the bus driving around the runways, the tour guide, who was the DIA director of operations, talked about the decisions an airline has to make whether or not to cancel a flight due to bad weather or some other circumstances. The airline has to weigh all the different costs involved in going or not going, like deicing fluid and the extra fuel you expend if you’re in a long line on a wintry day.”

Cheroutes recalled he turned to the student and said, “That’s an algorithm. Some airline employee had to write code and come up with a computer program the airline could use to analyze the costs and quickly give an answer.”

Cheroutes envisioned a light bulb going off in the student’s head.

“He realized how you apply IT to a specific an airline situation,” he said. “It was an aha moment for him and a cool thing for me.”

Cheroutes said he has approached the other Corridor high schools to discuss career development and will continue those efforts next school year.

“I’m also hoping to help arrange field trips to other job centers, such as CORE Electric, which has already indicated willingness to host students,” he added. “This will be an ongoing priority for REAP.”

Congratulations Shane!



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Bennett, Byers & Deer Trail

Bennett senior wins Daniels Fund Scholarship



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Bennett High School senior Jack Faczak has earned a full-ride Daniels Scholarship. He plans to attend Adams State University.

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — The same grit and determination that made Bennett High School senior Jack Faczak a champion wrestler has earned him a full ride to college.

Faczak was named a 2022 Daniels Scholar. The Daniels Scholarship program annually awards students from the four-state region of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming four-year scholarships of up to \$25,000 a year to any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States. Daniels Scholars must demonstrate academic excellence, exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities. Thousands of students apply for the highly competitive scholarship every year out of which 240 Daniels Scholars are selected.

Jack is the son of John Faczak, the head wrestling coach at Bennett High School. The oldest of four siblings, Jack has attended Bennett Schools since fifth grade and wrestled in Bennett programs since age 6.

Faczak will attend Adams State University in Alamosa, where he has already been accepted on the wrestling team.

“I want to continue my wrestling career in college,” he said.

Jack placed third in the state wrestling tournaments his junior and senior years. He also participated in other sports in elementary, middle and high school.

“I played football in middle school and did soccer before that,” he told *The I-70 Scout* April 25. “I like wrestling the best.”

Faczak’s career path isn’t completely mapped out.

“I’m thinking of majoring in fi-

nance,” he said. “I like the leadership aspect of things, so I’ll probably go out in a management position or an entrepreneurial sense, or work into sales management or logistics or somewhere in that realm.”

Jack, who has a 4.3 grade point average, will capitalize on his strengths as he builds his career, and he has a clear sense of what he will need to improve upon.

“I like math; it comes really easy to me,” he said, adding that he enjoys other subjects including science and history. “My weak point is definitely writing and English. Not glaringly weak, but I have more struggles in writing than anything else — getting everything the exact way I want it.”

Faczak demonstrates leadership daily. He is the president of the school’s FFA chapter, a leader in the

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Field trip to DIA opens Byers students’ eyes to job opportunities

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — A group of Byers High School students learned about sky-high career possibilities on a field trip to Denver International Airport.

Twenty-nine students and staff members spent April 29 on a behind-the-scenes DIA tour — meeting with airport personnel and learning firsthand about some of the inner workings and career paths the airport offers. The trip was arranged by the I-70 Corridor Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP).

The group boarded a DIA shuttle bus at school and arrived at DIA in time for a pizza lunch provided by REAP in the terminal press room. There they heard

speakers about job and career opportunities followed by a bus tour of the tarmac.

For one participant, senior Payton Nail, the trip evoked memories of her great-grandfather Tommy R. Nail.

“He just passed away last October,” she said. “He had private airplanes and he flew until he couldn’t pass his physical anymore.”

Payton signed on for the trip to explore career options.

“I thought it would be a cool opportunity, and I’ve been looking around for some good jobs,” she said, adding that she’s considering going into welding — particularly aviation welding.

“Those are two things I love a lot.”

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KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Byers High School students pose in front of a DIA shuttle bus for a day at the airport April 29. Accompanying the students are principal Kelly Boren (far right), senior seminar teacher Carolyn Worrell (front row left), and counselor Jessica Fournier (not pictured).

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Bennett School District hosted a joint vocal concert between the fourth- and fifth-grade Tiger Tones, middle school choir, and high school choir May 3. During the festivities five seniors from music teacher Val White's vocal performance program were honored. They are, from left, Adriana Ruiz, Zulieka Uvalle, Dayna Cary, Kallie Taylor and Elizabeth Mayo lead all three groups in the traditional Zambian song "Bonse Aba" to conclude the evening.

FACZAK

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senior class, and a member of the student council. He was the wrestling and football team captain this year.

Jack said members of the Class of 2022 helped the school transition back to normalcy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had to restart a lot of things — restore the school back to the way it was before COVID, or better," he said. "My class was the last class that had a normal year before COVID hit. I was a sophomore when we got sent home."

The Daniels Scholarship application process starts in October and November when applicants submit documentation of eligibility and a personal recommendation. Three 500-word essays on various topics are required. Finalists are invited to an interview in February by a panel of local community leaders,

and a list of awardees is released in March.

Daniels Scholars must submit renewal documentation at the end of each academic term of their chosen college, remain on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree within four academic years, maintain academic performance, adhere to a code of conduct, and stay in regular communication with the Daniels Fund.

"The scholarship is almost like a lifestyle — it's an experience within itself," Faczak said, adding he will attend an orientation conference in June. "I'll meet all the people behind the scholarship at that. After I graduate from college, I can come back and help be a part of the organization itself."

Jack credited three staff members for helping him through the scholarship application process — athletic director Rick Jacoby, agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor Brittany Hudson, and counselor Nicole Eby.

"I really respect Mr. Jacoby. He was able to give me a recommendation. He's been a consistent part of my life and he's super awesome," Faczak said. "Miss Hudson [introduced] me to the scholarship — I wouldn't have known about it without her. She kept me ahead of the curve. And Miss Eby helped me before the interview."

When asked what has motivated him to succeed, Faczak showed wisdom beyond his 18 years.

"I believe that life comes down to choices, and that every moment is a choice that you make," he said. "I try to choose in that moment what is best for me."

"There was a point of time when I was not at my best," he added. "I decided I didn't want to go out being mediocre or not at my best. I decided I was going to choose to be better than that — choose to be invested and to be 'all in' with everything I do."

"Wrestling, football, academics, everything — all in."

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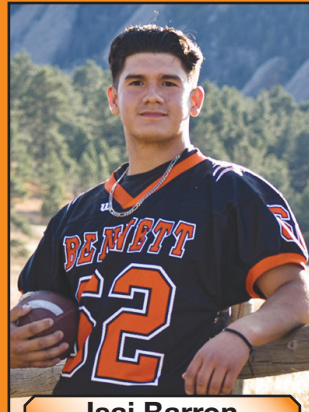
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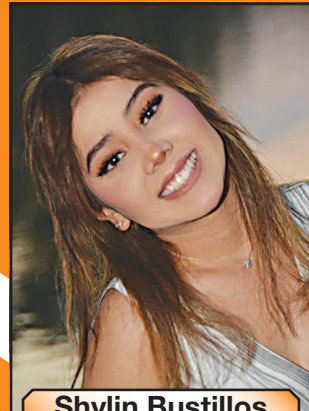
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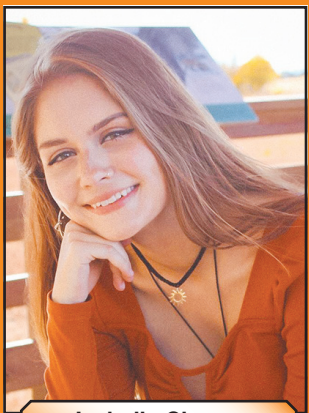
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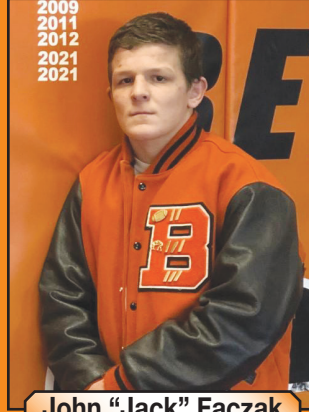
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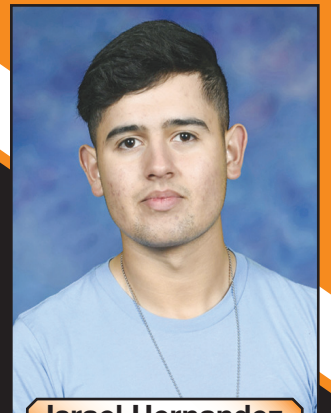
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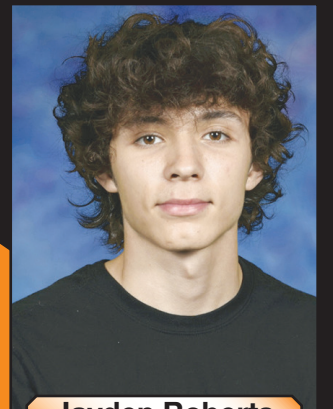
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A quintet of students from Bennett High School's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America will compete at the National FBLA Leadership Conference June 29 through July 2 in Chicago. Led by business teacher and FBLA advisor Brian Baker, the parliamentary procedure team of seniors, Destiny Gonzalez, Leah Scoby, Ashlynn Loveless and Clara Wolfe finished second in the state FBLA competition earlier this spring and sophomore Kingsley Baufi, center, finished fourth in computer coding. The Bennett School Board will assist with the group's travel expenses to the national convention. According to Baker, tentative plans are to take the train to Chicago. "Let's give the kids another experience, you know. Something else for them to remember their experience by, especially for these seniors after missing out on the last couple of years because of COVID." Pictured during their presentation to the board are, from left, Baker, Gonzalez, Scoby, Baufi, Loveless and Wolfe. At the state competition at the Gaylord Rockies Resort in Aurora, seven of the 11 competing Bennett students finished in the top 10.

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Tuesday, May 17: Walking taco, cheese stick, corn, grapes.

Wednesday, May 18: Ham and cheese roll-up, country gravy, scalloped potatoes, orange wedges.

Thursday, May 19: Hamburgers, french fries, carrots with ranch, mixed fruit.

Friday, May 20: Chef's choice.

Monday, May 23: Chef's choice.

Tuesday, May 24: Sack lunch.

Wednesday, May 25: No lunch.

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Wednesday, May 18: Turkey and cheese sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomato, peas, banana.

Thursday, May 19: Hamburgers, baked beans, chips, watermelon.

Monday, May 23: Chicken tenders, crackers, breadsticks, assorted vegetables, apple.

Tuesday, May 24: Macaroni and cheese, red peppers and dressing, apricot.

Wednesday, May 25: Chef's choice.

Thursday, May 26: Chef's choice.

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Thursday, May 12: Hamburgers.

Friday, May 13: Half day, no lunch.

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Teen book club: "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 19.

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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. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21.

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., Satur-

day, May 21.

Homeschool Hangout: Homeschooling families work on projects, lessons and other activities. This month, they can get in-depth preparedness training with Nadja Cockrell and Pedro the Penguin of the American Red Cross. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, May 25.

Managing Inherent Technical Isolation: Veteran IT professional Daniel Charles will discuss his book, "Managing Inherent Technical Isolation," in a virtual program. According to Charles, inherent technical isolation exists when businesses and IT leaders consistently provide preferential treatment to team members based on technical versus nontechnical competency. Participants will learn more about identification and management of ITI. Space limited; register at Anythinklibraries.org. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, May 28.



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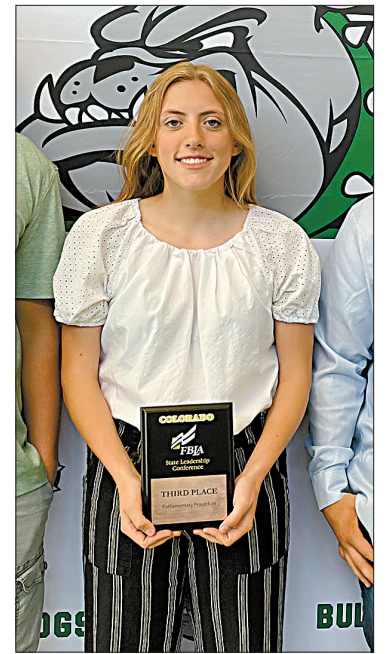
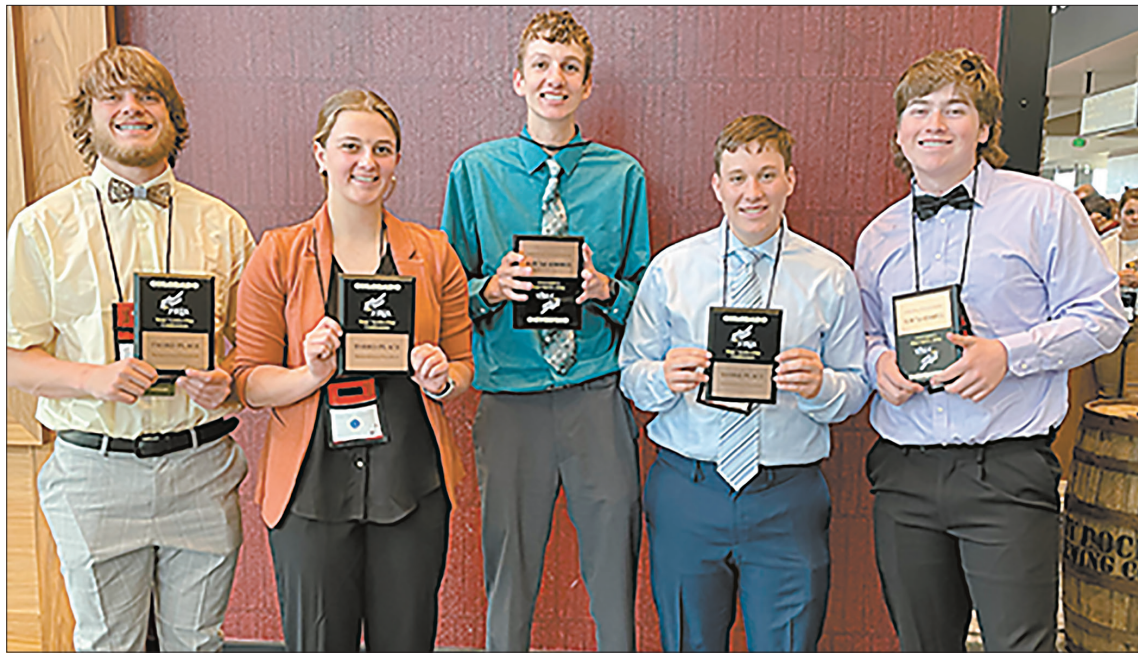
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KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout



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Dr. Jekyll (Isaac Hilbert), left, implores his friend Lanyon (Michael Papaianopol) to help him during the Byers High School production of "Dr. Jekyll ... Please Don't Hyde" April 29. The play, a different take on the Jekyll and Hyde story where a doctor's formula transforms him into his evil alter ego, takes place in Dr. Henry Jekyll's laboratory.

Junior Kerigan Garner will represent the Deer Trail High School Future Business Leaders of America in the Job Interview contest at the National FBLA Convention in Chicago from June 29 through July 2. Garner placed first at the District V competition, then finished fifth at the State Leadership Conference to earn a place for National FBLA Convention.

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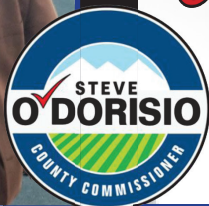


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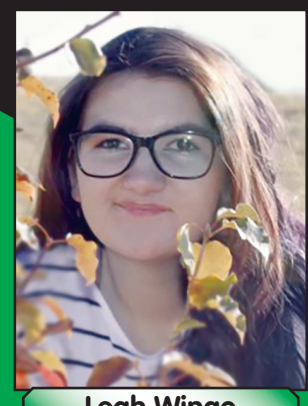
*Class Flower:
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Groups for birds, botanists and general nature lovers will form throughout the day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BioBlitz participation is free, but registration is required to partic-

ipate in its surveys. Entry to Barr Lake State Park is included. A cook-out lunch for \$5 a person will be served at noon. It includes a hamburger or hot dog, side and drink. Participants should purchase lunch during sign-up.

Space is limited and registration closes Saturday, May 28. For more information and to sign up, visit birdconservancy.org or e-mail to sarah.doxon@birdconservancy.org.

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Above, Tessa Armstrong, left and Clayton Terry, a senior, strum together during Guitar Class 1's performance of its original tune, "The Careless Song," at the annual spring secondary concert hosted by the Deer Trail School District May 10. Below, underclassmen Alyssa Becerra-Gracida, left, and Deer Trail senior and class salutatorian Shazia Ibanez play Guitar Class 2's original song, "Peach in the Wind."



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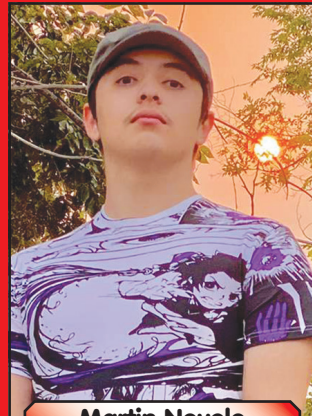
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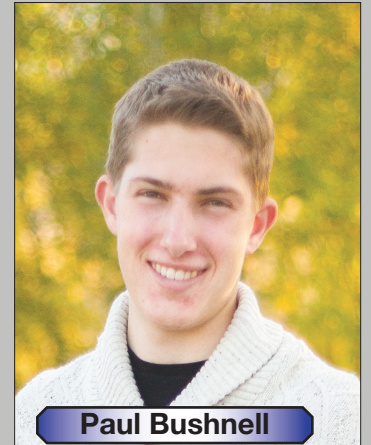
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