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Tractor crashes into bridge near Bennett



by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A long, slow haul through the I-70 Corridor was abruptly interrupted when one of two farm tractors pulling multiple trailers crashed a couple miles east of Bennett Oct. 19.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. Thursday, the Colorado State Patrol, Adams County Sheriff's Office and Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue were all dispatched to

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While a tractor had its left front tires climb over the south guardrail of the Kiowa Creek bridge on Old Victory Road Oct. 19, the piece of farm equipment appeared never in danger of dropping to the creek bed below.

2 local school board members honored

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

LIMON — Two I-70 Corridor school board members were recognized by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) for service to their respective districts.

Bennett School Each Colorado

Board Director Nancy Barden and Strasburg School Board Director Diana Elliott each received a 2023 McGuffey Award, which honors those who bring committed and passionate service to their school board work.

school district can nominate one board member for the award each year. Honorees are recognized at CASB's fall regional meetings. Bennett and Strasburg are in CASB Region 2, which also includes Agate, Byers, Deer Trail and Limon, and totals 25

school districts in the east-central portion of the state. The Region 2 meeting was held Aug. 24 in Limon.

NANCY BARDEN
Barden has served the Bennett Board of Education for the last

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Nancy Barden, left photo, and Diana Elliott, right, pose with CASB officials upon receiving 2023 McGuffey awards Aug. 24 at Limon High School. Pictured are, from left, Executive Committee President Barb Clementi, Executive Director Jubal Yennie, and Deputy Executive Director Leslie Bogar.

Report: Jordan supporters threaten Buck

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Ken Buck has been the target of death threats by those who believe he is voting the wrong way in the saga to name a Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The I-70 Corridor's representative has also been evicted from his Congressional office in Windsor for his errant ways, Buck reported to NBC News Oct. 19. Buck was among 24 House Republicans opposing Ohio Rep Jim Jordan's

candidacy for House speaker, who all reported a barrage of messages and threats seeking to persuade — or demand — their to vote for Jordan.

Buck represents the 4th Congressional District, which includes the Eastern Plains from Castle Rock and Windsor to the Kansas state line. A member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, he is among one of the

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Buck




DAVID MAGDANZ/For The Scout

Jordan Dupree attends the Anythink Bennett Solar Eclipse Watch Party in topic-appropriate gear Oct. 14 at the library. Library users of all ages gathered to witness the celestial phenomenon.



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The Strasburg School District hosted a Hispanic Heritage Festival Oct. 10 complete with food, music and crafts from a multitude of Central American and South American countries. Clockwise from top left, Kaleigh Wagner shows off her almost completed God's eye, a spiritual object in many Latin American cultures; a traditionally attired Selena Morales, 2, is leery of the camera; and Sirelly Montalvo, 6, receives facial adornments.



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The Antelope Crossing 4-H Club hosted its annual Fall Festival Oct. 8 at the Bennett Community Center. Clockwise from top left, Zach and Megan Lay show off their ferrets Ditto, left, and Kecko, who took top honors in the animal costume contest; Shaylee Holmes, 6, takes a whack at the art of leather craft; A.J. Fricke pulls the trigger on the air launcher for a handmade rocket as father and club rocketry leader Adam Fricke supervises; and decorating a rocket is serious business for 4-year-old Bella Cichos.



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Constitution amendments key to historical discussion

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society in Strasburg is inviting the public to the second of four evenings of history. Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg, will discuss the the Bill of Rights and constitutional amendments from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The presentation will be a continuation of the October talk on the U.S. Constitution. It will include details, facts and stories of the 27 amendments to the Constitution. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Comanche Crossing Historical Society and its museum. Organizers prefer adults only. Future topics will include the Railroad and the Founding of Strasburg Feb. 15, and the Comanche Crossing Museum March 14.

Yearly election of officers, mtg set by business group

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce has issued its final call for candidates to be voted on at its annual meeting starting at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15, at May Farms in Byers. The following positions must be filled: president, treasurer, Deer Trail/Agate representative, Strasburg representative, and at-large representative. Chamber membership is required to apply. To participate, contact Becky Zierer at lzbalpacas@aol.com or (303)644-4110.

Deer Trail School gears up for Halloween celebration

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail School PTO is well prepared for the Halloween season. The PTO will host Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Deer Trail Community Building; a Trick or Treat House from 6-7 p.m.; and a haunted house from 7:30-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28.

Burning set for Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWF

COMMERCE CITY — Weather permitting, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will conduct prescribed burning activities on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge beginning Monday, Nov. 6. Fish & Wildlife plans to burn up to 1,432 acres over two weeks. The burns will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Smoke will be visible for several miles from the perimeter of the refuge and people in the area may smell smoke. The burns are intended to re-

invigorate the growth of native prairie vegetation, reduce accumulated litter, manage efforts for weed control, and improve habitat to sustain wildlife. Prescribed burns are also an important tool land managers use to reduce the risk of wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface. Fire crews from the Fish & Wildlife, fire departments and other agencies will participate. Prescribed fire smoke can affect your health. For more information, visit the wood smoke health page at www.colorado.gov.

An elementary Halloween parade will run from 2:45-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31. For more information, call (720)480-4128.

Feedback sought on future of youth services campus

LITTLETON — The Colorado Department of Human Services recently transferred the defunct Ridge View Youth Services Center south of Watkins to the Department of Local Affairs, which is now requesting input on repurposing the campus. DOLA is seeking feedback via a brief survey on project development for the Ridge View Supportive Residential Community. The goal is to create a community to help individuals meet their housing and recovery goals. DOLA also wants to better understand how Arapahoe County households might be interested in using public spaces on the repurposed campus. Ridge View may have a number of facilities available for activities such as medical care and recreation. To complete the survey, visit surveymonkey.com/r/GHN3T3C.

Halloween Festival slated at Byers School Oct. 27-28

BYERS — Just in time for Spooky Season, Byers School will host a

Halloween Festival from 5-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, at the school walking track. The pass includes unlimited access to the haunted house and all games. Products created by Byers students will be for sale. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per student, and free for children under 5.

Scholastic Book Fair slated for Strasburg High School

STRASBURG — Strasburg High School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Nov. 6-9, in the high school library. Community members are welcome to stop and shop from a wide range of books for young teens and adults. Parent-teacher conferences will run concurrently from 5-8 p.m. each evening.

Byers church’s kids choir starts rehearsing Nov. 13

BYERS — The Byers Community Church seasonal choir for kindergartens through sixth-graders on the I-70 Corridor is now forming for . King’s Kids Singers is an opportunity for children to sing songs and play handbells and other musical instruments. The choir will hold four practic-

es from 4-6 p.m. every Monday from Nov. 13 through Dec. 4 at the church at 135 S. Sherman St. A program is planned on Saturday, Dec. 9. Watch *The I-70 Scout* for more details. Children can be preregistered by phone message at (303)822-5717 or e-mail to byerschurch@gmail.com with the child’s name, current grade in school, emergency contact and phone number, and any allergies.

4-H Foundation announces start of Xmas wreath sale

LITTLETON — Each year the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation hosts a holiday evergreen sale as a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale of wreaths, centerpieces, garlands, swag and boughs fund 4-H youth activities, academic scholarships, training and recognition for 4-H leaders and members. The items also make wonderful gifts for family members, teachers, friends and clients. Wreath shipping boxes are available. Orders are due Friday, Oct. 27, with pickup planned from 3-6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, and 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, on the north side of the Arapahoe County Warehouse, 5251 S. Federal Blvd., Littleton. To order, visit www.arapahoe-co.gov. For more information, call (303)250-4903 or (303)919-2177.

AdCo sheriff’s ’Burg office site of Drug Take Back Day


STRASBURG — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will host its National Prescription Drug Take Back Day locally from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Adams County Sheriff’s Office’s Strasburg Substation. According to DEA’s website, the drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. Take Back Day is an opportunity for citizens to turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal. For additional collection sites, visit DEATakeBack.com.

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Three battle for 2 four-year terms at Deer Trail School

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — While all five seats on the Deer Trail School Board are technically up for grabs during this fall’s election, voter tallies only matter in the race for a pair of four-year terms.

On the ballot, incumbents Patrick Duff and Richard Haight are joined by former director Reagan Hahn for the three two-year terms. Because the number of candidates matches the available seats, the three are already guaranteed spots on the board through November 2025.

The three names will remain on the November ballot as state statute does not

allow partial cancellations of elections.

In the race for the two four-year terms, three first-time candidates are in the mix — Gale Bell, Steven Musser and Tyler Turecek.

All six candidates for the board participated in an Oct. 16 public forum moderated by the Deer Trail High School Student Council, led by advisor and English instructor Kyle Dasenbrock.

The trio of remaining candidates for the four-year seats contain a wide range of experiences within Deer Trail and the surrounding I-70 Corridor community.

STEVEN MUSSER

Musser, the senior pastor at Strasburg Community



Candidates for two four-year terms on the Deer Trail Board of Education are Steven Musser, left photo, Tyler Turecek and Gale Bell.

Church, calls himself “the odd man out” of the four-year candidates as he has the shortest tenure in the area, moving to Deer Trail about seven years ago. But

he also said that he has 15 years of various experience in education, including as a business management instructor for Morgan Community College and serv-

ing as a substitute teacher along the I-70 Corridor.

“I feel I bring a diversity of experience that would

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Byers School Board candidates are Dustin Olsen, left, Matt Eymann, Allison Harris, Jason Meier and Dennis Messer.

Five hopefuls vie for four Byers School Board seats

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — Voters met the five candidates for four Byers School Board seats at Meet the Candidates Night at the school Oct. 11.

The three incumbents and two newcomers introduced themselves and answered questions posed by moderator Jeremy Kerns in an event presented by the Byers Education Association. The questions were chosen through a poll of staff

members and included why the candidate was running, what he or she would bring to the board, and how they would communicate with staff, parents and community members.

A summary of the candidates’

responses follows, presented in alphabetical order.

Matt Eymann is an incumbent, having served on the board for the past four years. He has lived in Byers for

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Five candidates are running for three four-year terms on the Strasburg Board of Education. They are incumbents Diane Elliott, left, and Michael Marrero and newcomers Mary O'Malley, Stephanie Bloomfield and Ashley Torgerson.

Two incumbents part of pack for 3 Strasburg posts

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — This fall’s race for a trio of four-year terms on the Strasburg School Board features a pair of incumbents running against three candidates looking for their first stint as school district director.

In addition to current board president Michael Marrero and secretary Diana Elliott, this fall’s candidate pool includes Stephanie Broomfield, Mary O’Malley and Ashley Torgerson.

All five director prospects participated in an Oct. 18 candidates forum that was moderated by high

school seniors Jasmine Parra and Ella Ringer.

Similar to the other I-70 Corridor school board elections this year, Strasburg’s candidates run the gamut in terms of time and experience in the area.

ASHLEY TORGERTSON

About three years after moving to Strasburg, Torgerson said he is ready to return the gift that the I-70 Corridor gave his family, most notably his middle-school aged daughter.

“We moved here from the Cherry Creek School District, supposedly the best district in the state

depending on who you talk to, but my daughter struggled. Now she’s excelling here as a student,” Torgerson said, also adding that he’s been a coach in the local Eastern Plains Youth Soccer Association since making the move. “I love this community and I want take that coaching experience up to the next level.”

In addition, Torgerson said he is straight forward when it comes to addressing issues, even controversial ones.

“I’m open and transparent whether it’s good or bad,” he said. “I’ll tell you what’s on my mind and what I’m thinking.”

He said he is especially interest-

ed in the district’s budget and determining where revenue would be best spent.

“That’s close to my heart being in finance. We need it to balance, which is something I wish our legislature would figure out,” Torgerson said. “It’s like in a household — figure out the priorities and stick to them.”

STEPHANIE BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield and her family have called Strasburg home for 16 years, and she says her past as a stay-at-home mom and part-time janitor

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help me when it comes to addressing issues brought in front of the school board,” Musser said. “Kids need to be championed. Find out what students want and help them inspire them for the future.”

He added that he understands family dynamics and hopes to help the district navigate the choppy waters of parent involvement with the school district.

“We need to have parents that don’t relinquish their job to the school but, instead, want to partner with the school,” Musser said. “I think my experiences can help with that interaction.

GALE BELL

In addition to bringing a female perspective to the board, Bell, a former longtime Deer Trail preschool director, says that her time in the trenches would benefit the board.

“I think 27 years experience from the inside means something and I can bring a lot of that perspective forward to the board,” Bell said. “There’s a lot to be passed on about what goes on within the walls of classrooms and down the aisles of the building. I think I can understand a lot of the issues because of I’ve gone through what the staff might be going through or is feeling.”

While her education experience was mostly in the realm of the elementary wing, Bell was explicit in where her focus would lie if elected to the board.

“The curriculum for the secondary needs to become more solid and diverse,” she said. “The way we measure success is if, after graduation, students are able to do what they want do because the school has prepared them appropriately. I

don’t know if that’s always been the case.”

TY TURECEK

Member of a fourth-generation family in the area, including three generations of Deer Trail graduates, alumnus Turecek said he would focus efforts on ensuring proper administration is in place and students can learn in a safe, unbiased environment.

“I think we are in good hands but we need to make sure our superintendent can be one that tries to address things before it becomes necessary to go to the board,” he said. “And, then again, it goes back to the parents to get involved. Become pillars off the community, regardless of how long you been here or your experiences. Communication needs to be well enough that the board knows what parents want.

“I have a young son who is extremely malleable, and we need to make sure that what is being taught isn’t politically based.”

Turecek also said he is hopeful that the implementation of additional extracurricular activities can return and bring Deer Trail back to prominence, particularly citing the lack of a secondary music/band program the past several years.

TWO-YEAR CANDIDATES

All three shoo-ins for two-year terms on the board indicated they are interested in advancing what the current board has done the past several years.

Eagle alumnus Haight, who was appointed to the board about two years ago and is one of two Arapahoe County Sheriff’s officers assigned to full-time school resource officer duty between Deer Trail and



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout
Deer Trail High School Student Council president Ally Hardwick, left, vice president Sunnie Perez, and student council advisor Kyle Dasenbrock moderate the discussion at the school’s candidates forum Oct. 16.

Byers school districts, indicated he hopes that the district is able to improve the retention rate of staff and increase the amount of extracurricular programs.

“I’d like to see the band back as well, but drama and some of that other stuff also would be nice,” Haight said. “But it’s hard to do a lot of that when teachers are in shortage. That’s something we really need to work on.”

Duff, who has spent more than half of his seven years in Deer Trail on the school board, said he’ll continue to bring his business acumen forward as well as a desire to see students succeed in what life after 12th grade presents.

“As the board’s current treasurer, one of the things I get to do is sign the diplomas. To me, that’s signifying that ‘I back that student,’ and that’s not something I take lightly,” Duff said. “We represent the entire school and when our name is on something, we need to remember that’s something we backed.”

Hahn, another longtime Deer Trail resident and Eagle graduate, said the evolution of the town itself has led to and will continue to result in drastic changes to the school as well as how to manage students.

“We are seeing a lot of growth and it’s a matter of where we are going to put all of these kids right now, and that’s probably not going to change for the foreseeable future. The board needs to steer things as they need to go; where are we going to be down the road?” Hahn said. “Also, as parents, there should be a desire to give kids a ‘want’ for their education and that is a positive change the board can probably help with.”

Ballots were distributed by Adams and Arapahoe counties last week and residents have until Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 7, to return ballots by mail or in drop-off boxes throughout the area. A permanent ballot receptacle is located at Deer Trail Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

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would serve her well if elected to the board.

“I’m not afraid to get my hands dirty,” she said. “I look forward to being part of the decision-making process and not just always being on the defensive side of the issues.”

She also indicated that her interaction with local state legislators, most notably House District 56 Rep. Rod Bockenfeld, R-Watkins, would be a benefit to the board and district.

“I know there’s a lot to learn but I have a desire to maintain local control — making sure your tax dollars are being used wisely,” she said. “Like other rural districts, we need keep Strasburg on the map.”

In terms of school programs, Bloomfield said that in addition to more arts and cultural activities, more vocational programs might be more readily available in the near future.

“My son has said he’s interested in shop classes,” she said. “Maybe something like that could be available if there’s money in the budget.”

MARY O’MALLEY

O’Malley, a lifelong resident of the I-70 Corridor including the past five years in Strasburg, focused on two principals she would bring to the board — pride in Strasburg Schools and the ability to listen to constituents.

“I’m always wearing the Strasburg ‘S.’ In fact, when I’m in town, I’ll have people ask me about that

black-and-red ‘S’ and I always make sure to tell them that is the ‘Strasburg S,” she said. “I have really good listening ears, so I want to hear what people have say. While I like much of the direction the district is currently going in, there’s always room for change or improvement and I want to hear those ideas. I want to make sure there is trust, balance and appreciation given to those on both sides of the issues.”

O’Malley also said that involvement in one particular community group should serve her well on the board.

“I have 50 kids in a 4-H club and that makes me very happy,” she said. “I think the school board is the next best fit for me.”

O’Malley added that she hopes to focus much of her efforts on hiring and retaining quality staff, which should result in better student performance.

“I firmly believe that if teachers aren’t happy, students won’t be either,” she said. “We have to keep these amazing teachers here.”

DIANA ELLIOTT

Elliott, a Strasburg alum with children that have attended Strasburg and three of five grandkids that currently are, said she hopes to continue what she started as a board member.

“In addition to the hiring and retaining of high quality teachers and staff, with the help of our superin-



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout
Seniors Ella Ringer, left, and Jasmine Parra moderate the discussion at Strasburg Oct. 18.

tendent and finance director, we have developed a list of priorities as a district,” she said. “That includes trying to meet the ‘wish list’ from our staff.”

Elliott said that among the employee benefits under consideration by the current board is development of affordable housing options.

“Still a lot of things to do,” she said.

Called the “legislation queen” by Marrero, Elliott said she will continue her effort to assist Strasburg and other rural school districts throughout Colorado in receiving more recognition and having their voices heard by state officials.

“Everyone needs a voice,” Elliott said.

MICHAEL MARRERO

Marrero said he will continue working towards a more equitable pay schedule for district teachers and staff and added that increases in salary will not mean the job is done.

“It’s never enough as a teacher and I’ll never understand that when it comes to a person that helped people get to where they are today,” he said. “But I hope we can have the trust of those people that we’re trying to do the best we can do.”

In addition, Marrero said the administration transition of last year is taking hold and should result in a more stable employment environment.

“I’m a firm believer that people don’t leave companies, they leave managers,” he said. “Getting through that first year with our new superintendent and his administrative staff is huge and we are back to focusing on transparency.”

Marrero added that part of the transparency piece is the district’s current strategic planning process, which includes an online survey.

“Whoever is on the board, that’s going to be an important tool,” Marrero said, imploring residents to access the survey via the strasburg31j.com website. “All parties can help lead to our students success.”

While Elliott and Marrero are running for reelection, Dillon Kent did not run again after his first term.

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24 years and has had children in the school for 18 of them. His four children have attended the school since 3-year-old preschool and will all graduate from Byers.

Eymann finds it rewarding to see the board’s work over the past four years come to fruition.

“There’s no better feeling in the world than watching a bunch of elementary kids play on a playground that they helped design. Or walking down the hall with a teacher excited about the new science lab, (or hearing) the community talking about how excited they are to have access to a new health facility at the old library,” he said.

Eymann said positive and negative feedback from community and staff is welcome and essential for a school board to succeed. He believes his contribution to the board is his willingness to put in the time and effort needed to research items coming before the group.

“(Superintendent) Tom (Turrell) brings us a lot of data,” he said. “It is up to us to dig down and ask the questions. How will it affect effect the kids and teachers in the school? Is it fiscally responsible?”

He said he is open-minded and a good listener.

“You want a board with several points of view and willingness to express them,” he noted. “This leads to good discussion and good outcomes for all involved.”

Allison Harris is also an incumbent with a four-year term under her belt. She and her husband have lived in Byers for 23 years. They have three children — a recent graduate, a junior, and an eighth-grader. Harris grew up on a farm in North Dakota. She works as a project controller for a construction company.

Harris said staying active and visible in the school community is important to her. One of her activities has been working on the Byers Booster Club to revamp it and get more sponsors for activities and programs.

She noted that the board tries to stay in touch with the community with questionnaires and technology such as social media. She pointed out that monthly school board meetings are always open to the public.

“It’s kind of astounding how many people don’t come to meetings,” she said.

Harris said support for the superintendent and principals is key.

“You shouldn’t micromanage them, but we have to make sure they are making wise decisions for the school district,” she said, adding that listening to students and teachers is also of major importance.

In making budget decisions, Harris said she considers affordability and suitability of the purchase.

“We are required to spend taxpayers’ money wisely,” she added.

Harris said school board membership is a source of pride and that she enjoys seeing the growth and development of the students and staff at Byers.

“At our last meeting, we saw a presentation on assessment scores in math and reading,” she said, adding that the scores have improved greatly in the past few years. “Our teachers are making a difference. It’s a huge accomplishment.”

Jason Meier is a Byers resident who wants to be more involved in the community and school.

He was born and raised in the Byers area.

“I’ve farmed here all my life,” he said.

He and his wife have three children; two attend Byers School.

Meier said he can contribute fresh thinking to the board, and his ag background will add a new perspective to the group.

He said community outreach is key.

“If you need input, you have to reach out to people,” he said. “They aren’t necessarily going to show up on a whim and say what they think unless they’re mad.”

He quipped that reaching out to the community is a better alternative than trying to make them angry.

Meier is eager to learn about school funding and ways to help the school.

“The best way to start is to be on the board and a part of the big decisions,” he said.

He said the goal of a school board is to help the school succeed. He added that listening to the staff and students is of key importance.

“The teachers, maintenance staff and kids are the ones here day in and day out,” he said. “If you don’t seek out what they want, how do you know?”

Meier said that he realizes that a new board member has a steep learning curve, and he’s willing to take on the challenge.

“The biggest thing is bringing in another opinion and making sure that decisions are made that suit all of us,” he said. “I just want to make a difference.”

Dennis Messer is an incumbent seeking a second four-year term on the board.

Messer’s family has a long history in Byers.

“My grandmother graduated from Byers in ’46, my mom in ’72, and me in ’91,” he said. “Three of my four kids have graduated from here.”

He noted that he is honored to have had the privilege to serve on the board for the past four years — a period that included a worldwide pandemic.

“That was uncharted territory for everybody,” he said, adding that Byers school stepped up to the challenge. “There wasn’t a script on what to do and to see how the school handled it was amazing. They went above and beyond.”

Messer said being out and visible in the community, having an open mind, and listening to other people’s ideas are key to being an effective board member.

The fact that the district has few open job positions is “a testament to the overall health of the school as far as morale is concerned. Teachers want to stay here,” according to Messer.

He added that school board members in the state are allowed compensation, but no one on the current board wanted that.

“We just want to support the district; it’s just pride in the community and the school,” he said.

Fair compensation for teachers is a priority for Messer, who also espouses equal financial support in all areas.

“A lot of people think all we spend money on is athletics because that’s sometimes the most visible,” he said. “But money is spent across all departments. Every time a teacher asks for equipment or books, Tom and (Business Manager) Stacy (Sondburg) find ways to put it into the budget.”

“It’s been a learning experience,” he concluded. “I hope I’ve helped support the school for the last four

years and I’d like the opportunity to do the same for the next four.”

Dustin Olsen is a first-time candidate for the school board. The Byers native has lived in the community for 42 years and works for Kinder Morgan helping to oversee day-to-day operations of a natural gas plant.

Olsen and his wife have two daughters in Byers High School, from which he graduated in 1999. Olsen said he is running for the school board because he cares about the community, students and teachers.

“Nothing is more important to me than the children in the school,” Olsen said. “As a member of the school board I would work hard to ... make sure the students are provided with material to succeed and contribute to society.”

Teachers and staff are also a priority for Olsen.

“I believe teachers and staff — not only here but nationwide — are undervalued and (their contributions) overlooked most of the time,” he said, adding that listening to the instructors is key. “The teachers and board should always be in close communication.”

Olsen also emphasized the importance of school board members reaching out to the community.

“I believe transparency is key in having a relationship with the community and I will make myself easily accessible for any and all concerns,” he noted.

The candidate said the district needs to prepare for the town’s inevitable growth, noting that “We need to make sure we’re on top of that when it happens.”

Olsen said he realizes that he has a lot to learn about the workings of the district and the board’s role, but he is eager to do so.

He said he is open minded and a fast learner.

“I will work closely with (veteran) board members and learn as much as possible from them,” he added.

The candidate commended the current board for all they accomplished in the past four years.

“If elected I can promise you, I am in this for the kids and community,” he concluded.



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CASE NO. LDC23-004, OIL & GAS REGULATIONS /
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Arapahoe County Public Works and Development is proposing to amend the Oil and Gas Regulations in Chapter 5, Section 5-3.6, of the Arapahoe County Land Development Code, adopted in November 2021, as part of the Phase 2 regulation revisions.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 8, 2023, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing starting at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, at 5334 S. Prince St, East Hearing Room, Littleton, CO 80120, at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. LDC23-004, Land Development Code Oil & Gas Regulation Amendments. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad. Please be advised that pressing *3 more than once will remove you from the queue.

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Vern Miller



Vernon Ralph Miller, 73, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 13, 2023, at his home in Strasburg, CO.

Vern was born on March 12, 1950, in Denver, CO. He grew up on East Evans and South Quebec Street and lived with his family where they milked cows, tended to their farm, and ran a gas/car wash station. He attended Cherry Creek High School and graduated in 1968. He then met the love of his life, Sandra J. Johnson, at the car wash and was married on June 21, 1974. Vern and Sandy moved out east to Strasburg in 1977 where they started a family and had twin daughters, Stephanie and Stacy, in 1979. He spent many years farming wheat and running his cattle ranch in Elizabeth, CO. In his younger years he entered wild horse races in places like Cheyenne Frontier Days and Miles City and told many stories of those days. Vern served on the Strasburg School Board for approximately 10 years as well as the East Arapahoe Soil Conservation District. In 1991, Vern bought a horse ranch in Hereford, TX, and started in the Thoroughbred Racing business. He received his trainer license in 1994. Between him and his wife, they continued training their horses until 2020. During that time, Vern also purchased the Floyd Mock Ranch in Limon, CO, in August 1998 where he ran yearlings. The ranch is now a cow/calf operation. Vern loved his bulldogs, had a dry sense of humor, his word was his bond, and every deal that he made ended in a handshake. He was a true cowboy!

He is preceded in death by his father, Ralph Earl Miller (Tuffy); mother, Alma Geraldine Dick; and brother, Ernie Miller. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Miller; twin daughters, Stephanie (Travis) Denne, and Stacy (Jason) Babi; and four grandchildren, Sydney and Peyton Babi, and Paige and Wesley Denne.

Services were held Oct. 20 at Mountain View Fellowship in Strasburg with interment following at River Bend Cemetery in Limon.

TRACTOR CRASH

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the Kiowa Creek bridge on Old Victory Road on reports of a tractor on the verge of falling into the creek bed below.

Upon arrival, the left front wheel of the blue New Holland rig was over the south guardrail but sources on scene said the rig wasn't in jeopardy of crashing into the sandy beach below.

"It looks like the guardrail did its job," an Adams County Sheriff's official said. "The lead wheel drove over the top but it didn't go any further."

According to the State Patrol, a pair of tractors were pulling multiple farm trailers from Limon to Fort Collins and during the drivers' effort to cut across from I-70 to Highway 79, one of the two ran into trouble.

"The [driver] said he lost his power steering and couldn't control it," said State Trooper Mario Enriquez. "He crashed into the guardrail and the front left tires were hanging off the overpass."

According to the Adams County Sheriff's spokesman, the tractor drivers said they were fertilizer applicators.

A heavy wrecker with an elevated winch was required to get the tractor lifted out of harm's way. The tractor was towed to Love's in Bennett where it was further assessed.

Both directions of traffic on the Old Victory bridge were closed for about 2½ hours while the scene was cleaned up, including a Hazmat response from the State Patrol, and the bridge inspected.

"Between 10-15 feet (of the guardrail) were damaged but it was still standing," Enriquez said. "Adams County Road & Bridge checked the overpass and the guardrail and they deemed it safe."

Leakage of fluids into the creek bed were mitigated.

The bridge was reopened to both directions of traffic just before 6 p.m.

Because the incident was the result of mechanical malfunction, the 35-year-old male driver from Nebraska was not cited. In addition, the incident isn't even considered a crash. Unlike oversized loads that require an escort, tractors and other farm equipment doesn't.

"I took it as an incident report since it was an 'implement of husbandry,'" Enriquez said. "I'm not sure if they had an escort. I don't believe they did; I think it was just the two tractors."

BUCK THREATS

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most conservative lawmakers in Congress, but his recent voting record has angered ultra-conservative GOP members.

Buck also angered the right wing of his party Oct. 3 when he was one of eight Republicans who joined Democrats in a vote that removed Rep. Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker. Buck's vote against McCarthy was based on his belief in conservative fiscal responsibility. His opposition of Jordan, Buck has said, is because of the Ohio congressman's election denialism.

According to *The Denver Post*, the state Republican Party, which Buck once chaired, endorsed Jordan Oct. 18 and urged supporters to contact Buck about his vote. Buck said his office was barraged by so many phone calls that 20,000 voice mails remained unanswered.

"So far, I've had four death threats," he said, adding that he was served an eviction notice from the Windsor landlord because he "was mad about my voting record on the Speaker issue."

Per policy, the threatening calls were immediately reported to authorities for investigation.

Buck was not alone in receiving threats; other Republicans who voted against Jordan were the target of death threats. For his part, Jordan decried the bullying campaign.

Buck told NBC that he didn't blame Jordan.

"There are a lot of TV pundits or a lot of radio pundits or a lot of grassroots groups that are putting out misinformation and hateful information," he said. "It just stirs people up. There are a lot of people that are scared about the direction of this country, and they're taking this to heart."

After a third failed round of voting Oct. 20, House Republicans dropped Jordan as a candidate. All five of Colorado's Democratic representatives voted for Rep. Ha-keem Jeffries. Buck maintained his opposition and fellow Republicans Lauren Boebert and Doug Lamborn voted for Jordan.

The House will reconvene, back at square one, after the weekend passes and the dust settles.

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McGUFFY

FROM PAGE 1

eight years and is currently the secretary. She is term-limited so will depart the board after the November election.

Barden's background is deeply rooted in Bennett schools. Her grandmother was in the second graduating class in 1922; her father graduated from Bennett High School in 1944; she was in the class of '75; and her children graduated from Bennett High in 2003 and 2004.

"My grandkids are enrolled in seventh, fourth, third and first grade in Bennett Schools," she told *The I-70 Scout* Oct. 17. "So my grandkids are fifth generation Tigers."

Barden graduated from UNC in 1979 and taught for one year in Falcon.

"Then was lucky enough to land a teaching position at Bennett Middle School where I taught social studies for four years," she said.

Barden left teaching when her first child was born. During that time, she was approached to join Morgan Community College as its Bennett Center Director.

"I coordinated college classes, created schedules, advised thousands of rural students, and literally enjoyed every moment of guiding students' lives for 31 years," she said.

She ran for the school board after she retired from MCC. As the letter sent to CASB to nominate her for the award points out, she has been invaluable in her service to the school.

"During her tenure on the Bennett

Board, Mrs. Barden has supported teachers and staff by unfreezing antiquated salary schedules and raising salaries of all staff members to help retain and recruit staff," the letter states. "Bennett Schools are experiencing exponential growth, and Nancy's leadership has been instrumental in addressing the growth in an era of rising costs and housing prices. She was proactive in getting a new elementary school built to address overcrowding, and strategic in using a steel building concept that the district could afford in the event that the [mill levy override] would not pass. She helped acquire the purchase of land at affordable prices to build a new high school on. Nancy led the charge in adopting curriculum and one to one technology for all students. She is also known as the favorite volunteer in the schools and can be seen reading to students at special events, working the secret Santa shop, or volunteering for field trips."

Barden said school board service, while rewarding, is not easy.

"Serving on a school board is not one for the faint of heart," she told the *Scout*. "I'm the most proud of our constructing the Bennett Intermediate School. Without it right now we would be in a real pickle. I'm also grateful that we have raised the salaries for our staff so we are competitive in the grand scheme of things.

"Our biggest challenge was the

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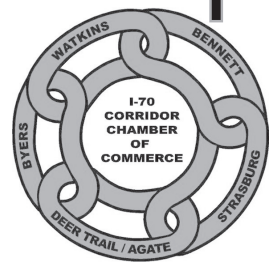
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pandemic and the COVID ramifications that slapped our nation as a whole. But I can say that we were the leaders in ‘mask or no mask’ choice, and I will never regret our decision. The consequences of COVID are still being identified with our student population but the Bennett School District is shaking the dirt from our boots and coming on stronger than ever!”

Barden said the bond issue to build a new high school is of key importance.

“If we do not invest and take interest in our children, then who will?” she asked. “I hope and pray our community exudes the courage to vote ‘yes’ on our current bond issue.

“Being a school board member has given me great joy and many sleepless nights but our children are worth it!”

DIANA ELLIOTT

Elliott has been on the Strasburg School Board since 2019 and is running for a second term in November. As well as serving as secretary of the school board, she is the secretary of the Board of Directors of the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (EC BOCES) and a member of CASB’s State Legislative Resolutions Committee.

Elliott’s Strasburg area roots are deep.

“Both sets of my grandparents homesteaded here,” she told the Scout Oct. 18, adding that two of her grandparents taught in one-room schools.

She was born in Holyoke and raised in Haxtun. Her father, who worked for the Soil Conservation Service, was transferred to Strasburg when she was in eighth grade. She graduated from Strasburg High School. She is the mother of two Strasburg graduates and the grandmother of five granddaughters, three who attend Strasburg Elementary School.

Elliott started her teaching career in Strasburg Schools, working as a paraprofessional then as a special education teacher while completing her teaching degree and licensure at what was then called Metropolitan State College of Denver. After many years in Strasburg, she taught special education in Limon for four years and Byers for eight years. During her teaching years she served on the EC BOCES Transition Team working to improve her students with special needs transition into the adult world. She also worked with the Response to Intervention and Crisis Intervention teams, both in the schools and EC

BOCES. She resigned from teaching after 25-plus years in 2019 and ran for the school board.

It’s something I’ve always wanted to do,” she said of school board service. “But I knew I didn’t have the time to do it right when I was still working. I won’t commit unless I can do it the right way.”

The letter nominating Elliott for the McGuffey award notes her extensive knowledge of education on many levels, her leadership skills, and her dedication to the school district.

“Throughout her tenure, Diana has gone above and beyond with unwavering commitment by participating in various board events as well as fostering partnerships that are instrumental to our community and the school community at large,” the nomination reads. “Her understanding of Strasburg’s mission and goals plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our strategic direction. She is known for spearheading important initiatives, fostering innovation, driving positive change, and inspiring fellow board members. She brings tremendous value to our district through her passion and deep expertise in legislation. Diana is an exemplary advocate for our organization and community in which she serves.”

Elliott said involving students is one of her key goals.

“We’re working hard to get kids involved,” she said. “CASB has a student strand of government and I think at least two kids are going to the conference in December.”

Elliott is also excited about the district’s reconnection with the Northern Arapahoe tribe — a partnership that faltered slightly after the retirement of principal Jeff Rasp, who had personally fostered a strong relationship with the tribe’s council members.


“Our new principal [Scott] Andrews and the kids (have established) the Strasburg Northern Arapahoe Partnership Council in the high school,” she said. “We have a group of kids doing great things, and we’re expanding to the elementary and middle school.”

Elliott considers it an honor to serve her community as a director on the Board of Education of Strasburg School District 31J and hopes to continue her work in a second term.

As the nomination letter states, “Diana believes in public education and currently dedicates her time at both the local and state level to improve outcomes for students.”



“I want Strasburg to be a good and positive place to go to school,” Elliott said.

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HealthTech: New kid on a block that is poised to change

Health care in the United States today costs \$13,000 per person. If that sounds mind-boggling, it's because it is. This country has the most expensive health care system in the world but report health outcomes worse than in any other developed country.

While the situation seems dire, some solutions are already in effect. Health care technology companies are working diligently to curb wasteful spending and improve care for patients while making physicians' jobs easier.

As a patient, you may have already seen some of these technologies in action. If you haven't, then you're in for a treat.

U.S. HEALTH CARE SPENDING

As mentioned, health care costs \$13 thousand per person, or, as of the end of 2022, more than \$4 trillion in total. That data is from the Center for Medicare Services (CMS), and it projects the total spending to hit \$6.8 trillion by 2030, which translates to a future cost of \$19 thousand per person.

Why is our health care system so expensive? Much of the excess spending is because of inefficiencies in physician workflows, patient care pathways, and inconsistencies across hospital systems. There is also wasteful administrative spending, and billions are lost to billing mistakes.

To top that, our population is aging. By 2040, 21% of the U.S. population will be over 65, and chronic medical conditions are rising — six in 10 Americans have at least one chronic medical condition, and four in 10 have at least two.

Implementing changes to increase efficiency and reduce costs has become essential. To that end, some companies have figured out how to generate revenue and profit by addressing these issues. Enter, HealthTech.

HEALTHTECH, DEFINED

HealthTech has a wide range of definitions depending on which organization or social media influencer you follow. One unique take on the definition comes from the team of health care and finance experts at Langar Holdings, Inc: "Companies that develop technology to create efficiency in health care by addressing key pain points of patients, providers, payors and hospitals."

In other words, HealthTech is a technology that solves various pain points within the industry. The key pain points are important to understand as they ultimately lead to wasted time and resources and inefficient workflows, which, in turn,

contribute to the high cost of health care.

PAIN POINTS IN HEALTH CARE

Langar's team reviewed data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for all the different areas of health care spending. They identified seven unique sectors that represent where wasteful expenditure occurs and where existing public HealthTech companies are making a difference.

These sectors, and their definitions, are:

Access to Care. Provide care outside of a hospital setting through virtual, in-person or hybrid care.

Biopharma. Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that use artificial intelligence as part of their process.

Decision Support. Provides clinicians with patient-related information that is intelligently curated or presented to enhance patient care.

Hospital Operations. Improves the efficiency of hospital workflows as they relate to patient care.

Clinical Trials. Efficient management of trials that support novel treatments.

Insurance. Technology that supports government and private programs.

Treatment Device. Devices that use smart learning algorithms to help clinicians treat medical problems.

Further analysis conducted by Langar's team revealed how much money could potentially be saved using health care technology.

The result? \$890 billion and climbing.

THE PUBLIC HEALTHTECH UNIVERSE

There are more than 6,000 public health care companies in the U.S., Europe, Australia and Canada, and 104 qualify as HealthTech based on the Langar definition. In addition to solving key industry pain points, these 104 companies earn at least 51% of their revenues from HealthTech products or services. The combined total market cap of these companies is \$617 billion.

WILL HEALTHTECH CHANGE HEALTH CARE?

HealthTech is the fusion of health care and technology. Health care is an industry resilient to most market dynamics, as there will always be a need to treat sick and injured patients.

Technology is a deflationary feature that can decrease a company's operational expenses.

Thus, when health care companies properly integrate technology into their product or service, they should become fundamentally stronger, more scalable businesses.

HEALTHTECH PREDICTIONS

We now know how HealthTech is impacting the industry today. It is also important to consider how it will continue to affect health care going forward. Langar's team presents the following 10-year predictions based on its analysis of the different sectors and industry trends.

1. The Treatment Device sector will continue to have the highest average market capitalization. Most treatment devices require patents and FDA approval, which makes it harder for new competition to enter the space. In addition, once devices are adopted into patient care workflows, they become standard practice, making them harder to displace.

2. Access to Care will see the greatest number of new companies investing in the space. The pandemic not only changed how we perform patient care but also altered how we deliver it. Before the pandemic, in Q1 2020, 7% of Medicare patients used telehealth; at its height in Q2 2022, usage was 47% and, for the last six quarters, usage has been 15%-20%. While usage is down from the peak, it's still two or three times higher than pre-pandemic levels in both rural and urban areas, indicating that this change is here to stay.

In addition, being able to reach a provider from the comfort of your home, especially for non-urgent issues, results in less patient throughput in hospitals, emergency rooms and physician offices. The overall effect improves the patient experience and allows sicker patients to receive the in-person care they need more quickly.

3. Hospital Operations will increase in total market capitalization the fastest.

Upwards of 80% of hospital expenses are spent on fixed costs such as overhead, including rent, staffing, medical supplies, and the deflationary costs of invested as-

sets. Of this, the cost of labor is the biggest piece of the pie.

The COVID pandemic changed patient access and demand for surgery and treatment services. Hospitals have had to adjust staffing to meet patient volume, but it is an ongoing task and a source of wasteful expenditures.

Hospitals will increasingly look to partner with companies that provide technology to help decrease fixed expenses and improve staffing models.

4. Decision Support technology will become ubiquitous.

Using artificial intelligence in health care decision-making can help to reduce errors and save time and money.

While nothing can replace the years behind a physician's training, Decision Support technologies can improve turnaround time, gather data, and improve patient outcomes.

5. More non-health care companies will adopt HealthTech to enter the health care space.

We are already seeing this happen. Amazon is planning to acquire One Medical, and Walmart is expanding its health care arm.

The footprint of these non-health care companies will continue to grow within HealthTech. With their already established widespread customer base, these companies are uniquely positioned to use HealthTech to provide solutions and capture a portion of the health care market.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As health care costs continue to rise (\$6.8 trillion by 2030, projected), inefficiencies will rise, and so will the number of pain points within health care that technology could address. This creates more demand for companies to enter the HealthTech industry and attempt to solve these issues. It also prompts older health care incumbents to pivot to become HealthTech companies.

Bennett seeks planning commission candidates

BENNETT — The Bennett Board of Trustees is seeking applications to fill three vacancies for commissioners on the Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission.

To apply, interested parties must be residents of the town for at least one year. Once appointed, the newest members will serve a three-year term.

The Planning & Zoning Commission typically meets on the third Monday of every month. Typical duties involve subdivision regulations, including review of proposals; zoning regulations; and master

planning.

The commission also acts as the Board of Adjustment, which meets as required. Duties include making determinations and authorizing variances from the terms of the Bennett Municipal Code.

A background check will be required for each candidate and will be sent via e-mail after an application is received.

Interested candidates can apply at townofbennett.colorado.gov. For more information, contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (303)644-3249, ext. 1001.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO. GDP23-001, COPPERLEAF COMMERCIAL / GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PROPOSAL: Applicant Galloway & Company, Inc., on behalf of owner Quincy West 30 LLC, seeks approval of a General Development Plan for 32.2 acres consisting of parcels 2073-12-1-10-043, 2073-12-1-03-001, 2073-12-1-00-026 and 2073-12-1-00-027 and located southwest of the intersection of E. Quincy Avenue and the E-470 toll road. The General Development Plan proposes a variety of neighborhood-serving commercial uses on this parcel.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 14, 2023, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing starting at 9:30 A.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, at 5334 S. Prince St, Littleton, Colorado, in the East Hearing Room, Littleton, CO 80120, at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. GDP23-001, Copperleaf Commercial General Development Plan. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad. Please be advised that pressing *3 more than once will remove you from the queue.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing planning@arapahogov.com during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

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150th-anniversary license plate shatters Colorado sales records

LAKEWOOD — The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles announced Oct. 3 that one of the license plates commemorating the state’s 150th anniversary has set a record as the fastest-selling plate in state history.

In a tribute to the state’s spirit, residents have rushed to buy the “Pikes Peak or Bust” plate on their vehicles, with 5,700 license plates ordered in the first two months of availability, surpassing the previous fastest seller, the Broncos Charities plate, which took four months to reach comparable sales.

“Both of the 150th-anniversary license plate designs showcase unique parts of Colorado, so I am not surprised many people chose one for their vehicles,” said Gov. Jared Polis.

The license plate, which went on sale in August, is based on the Historic Colorado Contest’s U13 Division winning design by Calista Blaschke of Denver. The plate design includes Pikes Peak, the State Bird (lark bunting) and the State Tree (blue spruce).

Additionally, the 13+ Division winning plate, designed by Evan Griesheimer of Denver, is also experiencing strong sales, with near-



This design by Calista Blaschke of Denver has become the fastest-selling license plate in state history.

ly 3,000 plates ordered through September. Griesheimer said his design was inspired by the simplicity and colors of the Colorado State Flag, the Rocky Mountains, and Colorado’s rich mining history.

Earlier this year, the DMV released four throwback license plate designs and, while the digitally printed plate with a black background has become the most popular Colorado specialty license plate to date, the unprecedented demand for the 150th-anniversary plates suggests that they could become the state’s new favorite choice.

“The overwhelming demand for this special plate showcases the pride that Coloradans hold for their state’s enduring legacy,” said DMV Senior Director Electra Bustle.

To view and buy available license plate designs, visit DMV.Colorado.gov/License-Plates. The plates cost \$8.06 per pair plus local fees.

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Haunted house opens for sixth straight year

BENNETT — The sixth annual Ye Be Warned Haunted House will be open for scares and treats from 6-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, and Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 985 Pinehurst Court at Antelope Hills in Bennett.

In addition, a no-scare night with the lights on immediately follows Bennett’s Trunk or Treat activities from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26.

“Scary Fairy Tales” is this year’s theme.

Admission is free. Donations accepted for kids programs sponsored by the Bennett Art Council.

Arapahoe County plans ballot processing tours

LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Elections Division will host two public tours of its facility during the first week of November.

The first tour will start at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, with the second beginning at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 3.

The 30-minute tours will explain signature verification, vote tabulation, and other steps in the election process. Attendees can also observe election judges processing ballots that have already been received.

Tours will be limited to 20 people, and security measures will be in place to safeguard attendees and staff. Attendees may not photograph or record video inside the building beyond the lobby, nor bring in personal items, like purses or backpacks.

For more information, contact Tom Skelley at tskelley@arapahoe.gov or (303)734-5465.

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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 26
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane, (303)644-3717 for meeting ID.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
Bennett FFA Halloween Carnival. 4-8 p.m., primary school gym. \$5 admission with costume, \$10 without.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28
Haunted House fundraiser for Limon Ambulance and Agate Fire Department. 6-10 p.m., 110 A Ave., Limon.

MONDAY, OCT. 30
Agate School Board. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Haunted House fundraiser for Limon Ambulance and Agate Fire Department. 6-10 p.m., 110 A Ave., Limon.

EVERY THURSDAY
Gaming Club: Patrons ages 7 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.
Alcoholics Anonymous. 6 p.m. in Byers. For additional information, call (303)968-6934.

EVERY FRIDAY
Storytime: Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com. Click on “virtual events.”

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

EVERY SUNDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous. 9 a.m. in Byers For more information, call (303)903-6734.

EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. New players welcome. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hp-memusicdirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
AA open meeting. 7 p.m., white historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

EVERY TUESDAY
Preschool Storytime: Children up to age 6 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that promote early literacy. 10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.
Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
Music & Movement: Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and learn to play musical instruments. 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Anythink Bennett library.

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE
Thursday, Oct. 26: Mini corn dogs.
Monday, Oct. 30: Hamburger, fries.
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Chicken chilaquiles.
Wednesday, Nov. 1: Cheesy spaghetti, whole grain dinner roll.

BENNETT
Thursday, Oct. 26: Chili dog, French fries, side salad.
Monday, Oct. 30: Hamburger, potato wedges, pickles, coleslaw.
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Ghostly macaroni and cheese, carrots with dressing, freaky fruit snacks, loony lemon bar.

BYERS
Thursday, Oct. 26: Alfredo chicken

fillet, steamed rice, cucumber slices with ranch, orange wedges.
Friday, Oct. 27: Colorado sandwich with cheese sauce, celery sticks with ranch, applesauce.
Monday, Oct. 30: Chicken nuggets, biscuit, baby carrots, grapes.
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pears.

STRASBURG
Thursday, Oct. 26: Chicken fajitas with refried beans.
Friday, Oct. 27: Egg rolls, rice, steamed broccoli.
Monday, Oct. 30: Burritos.
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Chicken and waffles.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO. PM22-004, SKYLARK SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1 / MINOR SUBDIVISION

PROPOSAL: The applicant, Frank Linnebur, on behalf of the property owner, Amber Lynn Craig, is requesting approval of a Minor Subdivision to create four, 19+ acre lots, from two existing, 35 + acre parcels. The subject parcels are located southwest of the intersection of East Yale Avenue and South Strasburg Road, Parcel IDs: 1983-00-0-00-378 and 1983-00-0-00-477. The applicant is proposing access for Lots 1, 2, and 3 from 60-foot-wide access and utility easements and access for Lot 4 from County Road 26.

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TOWN OF DEER TRAIL

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Town of Deer Trail Town Council for the ensuing year of 2024; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the Town Hall, where the same is open for public inspection during regular business hours; such proposed budget will be considered at 555 Second Ave at the Deer Trail Town Hall at 7:00pm as follows:

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting

Any interested elector of the Town of Deer Trail may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Final adoption is scheduled for December 12, 2023.

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Thanksgiving Food Drive
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Left photo, Strasburg’s top three runners of Israel James (758), Dawit James (755) and Noah Dobransky (745) are off like a shot during the start of the boys race at the 2A Region 1 Cross Country Meet at Lyons Oct. 19. Dawit James finished the race in second place, less than two seconds behind the race winner, while twin brother, Israel, finished fourth. Dobransky finished in the top 20 in 18th place. Center, Indian Will Hauser comes across the finish line as the Indians’ fourth scoring runner in 40th place. Right, Byers’ Quincy Bowling out kicks Merino’s Kya Piel for fifth in the girls race.

Indian boys, Byers girl advance to state meet

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg boys cross country team finished fifth at the 2A Region 1 meet at Lyons Oct. 19 and will thereby compete for a state title this coming weekend.

The top five teams and top 15 runners from each of four 2A Regionals will attend the state championships on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

In addition to a team of Indians, the Byers

Bulldogs, who also competed at the Region 1 meet, will send one girl to the big dance.

The 2A state girls race is scheduled for 9 a.m. with the boys race set to start at 10:20 a.m.

The Bennett Tigers participated in the 3A Region 5 meet Oct. 19 but no one qualified for state.

squads were separated by just 3 points.

“This is the equivalent of passing two runners,” coach James noted.

At Region 1, the Indians were led by sophomore twins Dawit and Israel James, who placed second and fourth, respectively, with times of 16:57 and 17:24. Dawit James was just 1.4 seconds behind senior Sage Wynja of Lyons while Israel James finished just 0.3 seconds behind third-place winner Ocean Caplan-Holdgrafer,

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GOOD LUCK AT STATE CORRIDOR RUNNERS!!!

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From left photo, members of Strasburg’s fifth-place team at the 2A Region 1 Cross Country Meet in Lyons Oct. 19 are, from left, Israel James, Daniel Handy, J.J. Kirkbride, Noah Dobransky, Will Hauser, Patrick Martinez, Lamburg Ly and Dawit James; Lady Indians Maura Kramer, left, Megan Lay, Kyla Bauer and Naomi Redd take off from the start line; and Byers senior Sydney Oberdorf gives the thumbs up as she crosses the finish line for the final time in her high school career.

REGIONAL XC

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a junior from Clear Creek High School in Evergreen. Both brothers improved their standings from last year, with Dawit advancing from third and Israel up from seventh.

Freshman Noah Dobransky, who improved his personal course time by 21 seconds, and sophomore Will Hauser wrapped up Strasburg’s scoring in 18th and 40th place with times of 18:50 and 20:48.

Coach James noted that his usual fourth and fifth runners, junior Daniel Handy (58th, 22:48) and senior Patrick Martinez (43rd, 20:58) were hampered by injury, which made Hauser’s performance key.

“We had been talking about finishing on empty all week and Will lived up to it,” coach James said.

BYERS

The Bulldog boys were led by

Ben Gerhardt (49th, 21:40), Torin Wardall (60th, 22:49), Cayden Wardall (63rd, 23:22), and Skyler Walters (66th, 24:02).

They finished eighth with 178 points.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

- 1-2. Heritage Christian Academy, Lyons 45
3. Clear Creek 56
4. Loveland Classical 58
5. Strasburg 59
6. Windsor Charter Academy 93
7. Twin Peaks Charter Academy 94
8. Byers 178
9. Dawson 185

2A REGION 1 GIRLS

BYERS

Lady Bulldog sophomore Quincy Bowling took fifth place with a time of 21:10 to reach the state champi-

onships for a second straight year.

Other scorers for Byers were Michaela Casey (30th, 24:47); Izzy Hollembeak (47th, 27:27); and Danica Lancaster (48th, 27:43).

As a team, the Bulldogs were seventh with 110 points.

STRASBURG

The Lady Indians came in eighth with 121 points.

They were paced by freshman Maura Kramer (27th, 24:19); sophomore Megan Lay (31st, 24:56); freshman Naomi Redd (39th, 25:44); and senior Lorelai Le Fors (45th, 27:06). Le Fors time was a season best. Although she didn’t score, freshman Kyla Bauer was just 10 seconds behind Le Fors.

“It was a great development year with the team being led by a sophomore and three freshman,” coach James said. “High expectations for next season!”

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Heritage Christian Academy 10
2. Lyons 52
3. Loveland Classical 59
4. Merino 80
5. Nederland 102
6. Clear Creek 107
7. Byers 110
8. Strasburg 121

3A REGION 5

The Bennett boys placed eighth in 3A Region 5 at D’Evelyn with 236 points.

The Tiger boys were paced by seniors Alex Kane (30th, 20:15) and Tyler Sefcovic (53rd, 22:12); freshman Jacoby Badolato (59th, 23:54); and junior Noah Scoby (62nd, 25:21).

The Lady Tigers have just two runners and therefore did not qualify for the team scoring. However, junior Vivi Cranwill (24:47) placed 24th and senior Marie Jordan (24:56) was 28th.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. The Classical Academy 16
2. DSST Cedar 79
3. SkyView Academy 98
4. STEM 114
5. Kent Denver 127
6. Englewood 133
7. Machebeuf 147
8. Bennett 236
9. Jefferson 253

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. The Classical Academy 17
2. Kent Denver 62
3. St. Mary’s Academy 79
4. Elizabeth 92
5. DSST Cedar 131
6. Machebeuf 176



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From left photo, Byers' Annette Earl jump serves against Peyton Oct. 17; Maci Olsen tracks down an errant ball; and Sophie Linnebur splits a Panther double-block.

Lady Bulldogs pull out pair of five-set marathons

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Byers Lady Bulldogs won two five-set thrillers at home over Peyton Oct. 17 and Limon Oct. 19. They lost at Stratton in three sets Oct. 10 in additional action.

LIMON
Byers won the match 25-15, 25-15, 26-28, 13-25, 15-7 on the strength of an 11-point scoring run thanks to the serving of junior Hope Linnebur. Byers was down 7-4 in the final set before the service run began when Byers head coach Phoenix Bright called timeout. Soon thereafter, Hope Linnebur, who does not have one of the higher service percentages on the team, was at the

line. “She has a very aggressive serve but it likes to float out of bounds occasionally,” Bright added. But on this trip to the line, Hope Linnebur was on fire. “She was serving aggressively but with super focus and (she) kept that ball in play,” Bright said. “I’m truly proud of her. That was a huge growing moment.” The early part of the game was all Byers, which jumped on the Lady Badgers for a pair of 25-15 wins. “We were just calm, cool, composed and really in attack mode,” Bright said. But Limon stiffened in the third set, which went into extra points. “That was definitely a nail-biter,” Bright said. “There were bodies all over the gym on both sides. It was

pretty intense. Nobody wanted that last point to happen. It was a ton of fun. “There were two or three times we were hanging out by the water fountain pulling balls back into play. I think on a number of plays Limon was doing the same thing. They were hanging out by the entrance door or the bench, bringing the ball back into play.” For example, Bright thought the set and match were over when senior Sophie Linnebur pounded the ball. “The ball hit the back wall, and there was a Limon jersey that flew back there and got it back into play,” Bright said. “That was not our game point.” The Bulldogs seemed to deflate after the Badgers pulled out the 28-

26 win in the third set, and Limon went on to win the fourth set 25-13. “We could not seem to do anything right,” Bright said of the let-down. Hope Linnebur had 11 kills and 11 digs to round out her game and also put up four solo blocks. “Those were clutch. Oh gosh, I just think of two or three of them that came in at a time when we needed some momentum,” Bright said. Sophie Linnebur chipped in with 12 kills, 17 digs and five aces. “She had a great serving night,” Bright said. “She probably is our best precision server. If I tell her to pick on a seam or go after something, she can nail it. It’s so impressive.” **SEE VB BYERS PAGE 20**

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VB BYERS

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sive, her control with the ball.”

Senior Annette Earl ended with 10 kills, three aces, 24 digs and 21 assists followed by junior Maci Olsen with 17 digs and 24 assists. Junior Allie Pelton and senior Hailey Buschman finished with 13 and 11 digs, respectively.

Bright was introspective about the seesaw nature of the contest.

“I’d love to be greedy and say we really needed to do it in three,” she concluded. “But, conditioning-wise, we needed it in five, too, so I guess we’re just taking the W and being happy with that.”

PEYTON

Byers win over Peyton was the diametrical opposite of the Limon game. This time the Bulldogs lost the first two sets before roaring back to win the last three. The final score was 19-25, 16-25, 25-15, 25-16, 15-10.

Byers was up 9-2 in the first set when it hit a lull.

“We didn’t do anything terribly wrong, we just weren’t being terribly aggressive either,” Bright said.

The girls found a sense of urgency after assistant coach Kaila Weber gave the Bulldogs a good talking-to.

“I feel like they really answered that challenge,” Bright said. “And it really did feel like they had kind of hit a groove.”

The next two games were not particularly close as Byers gained the momentum.

“Once we kind of shut down and just played ball the way we play ball and minimized our own errors, it was fine,” Bright said.

Peyton threw a bit of a scare into the Bulldogs

in the fifth set when the Lady Panthers ran off 6 consecutive points to pull within 12-10, but Byers finished them off.

“That did make me pretty nervous,” Bright said. “And then we decided to finish those last two or three points.”

Hope Linnebur was again a force with 11 kills, two solo blocks and 11 digs, Sophie Linnebur had nine kills, four aces and nine digs, and Earl added five aces, 11 digs and 19 assists.

Other contributors included Buschman with three aces; Olsen with 15 digs and 12 assists; and Pelton with 14 digs.

STRATTON

The Bulldogs hit a bit of a wall when they traveled to Stratton, the No. 2 team in Class 1A. The Lady Eagles won 25-15, 25-14, 25-21.

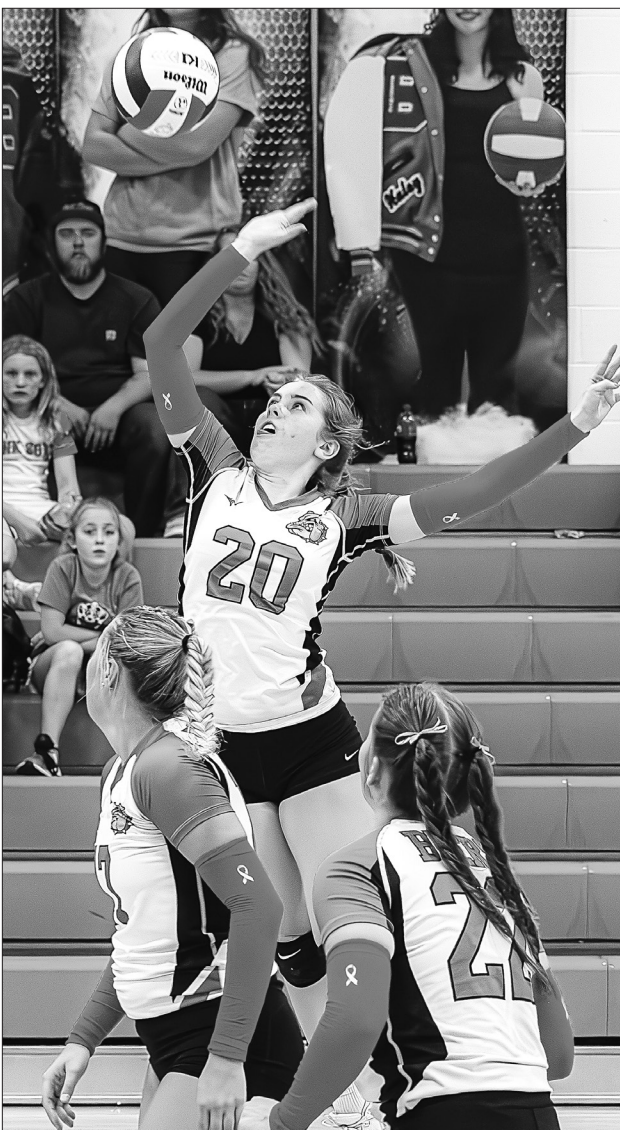
Bright noted that Stratton’s players have good leaping ability — a real quandary for a short team like the Bulldogs.

“They were getting up over the top of our block and putting the ball down half of the time,” she said. “Some of that’s defense.”

Sophie Linnebur, who had nine digs, and senior Haley Morris paced Byers at the net with six kills apiece. Other leaders were Earl with two aces, 17 digs and 13 assists; Buschman with seven digs; Olsen with six digs and nine assists; and Hope Linnebur, two solo blocks and six digs.

The Lady Bulldogs conclude the regular season at a four-team, round-robin tournament in Limon on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Last week’s victories improved Byers to 9-10 overall, 4-2 in Union Pacific League play, and moved it up to No. 22 in the state rankings to determine the 36 teams to qualify for the playoffs.



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Lady Bulldog Allie Pelton spikes against Peyton Oct. 17.

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Spōōky, Creepy Halloween!

I'm batty about **Halloween**!


This tradition may have begun in Ireland, England and France.

At the end of **summer** it was **harvest** time. The sunlight hours were waning and people were getting ready for a long, cold winter. Some people felt that the line between the living and the dead was very thin at that time of year.

People built **bonfires** for their harvest celebration. Some wore **costumes** and **masks** so **spirits** wouldn't recognize

them, damage their crops or cause illness. Some people would go door to door asking for money, cheese, apples or bread for the festival night. This is thought to be the beginning of kids **Trick-or-Treating** for **candy** in neighborhoods.

Today, on **October 31st**, many people carve **pumpkins** into Jack-O'-Lanterns and light them to greet children. They have costume parties and may bob for **apples**.



Whoooooo put this sticky web in my way?

Have Fun!

and

Keep Safe!

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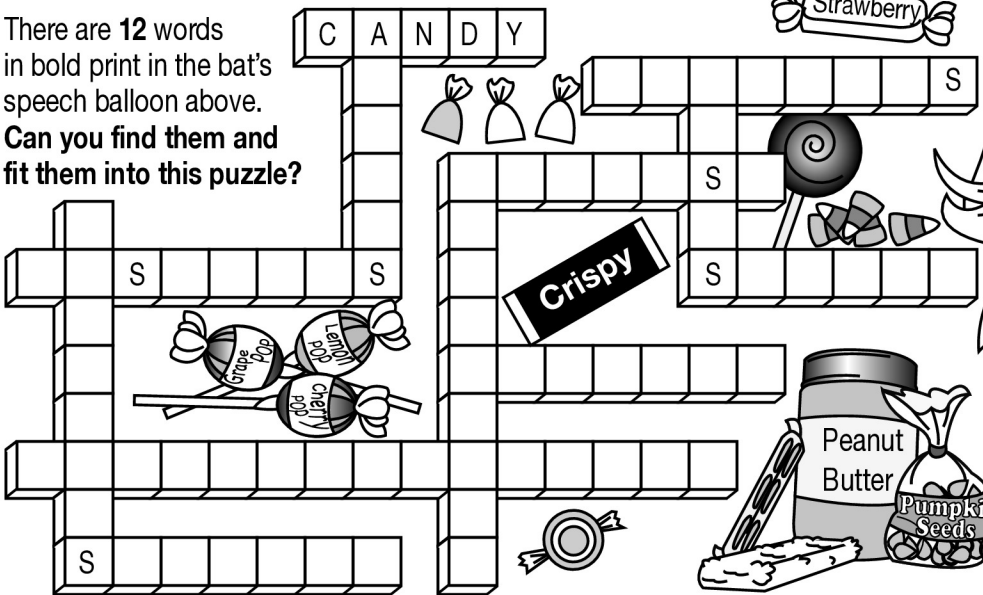
Spinner Spider's Safety Tips!

Here are Spinner's spider web tips for a fun, safe Halloween!

1. Make-up will let you see better than wearing a mask.
2. Use light-colored clothing or bright, glowing paints!
3. Have a flashlight so you can see and be seen.
4. Walk with friends and have an adult you know nearby.
5. Only visit well-lit houses of known neighbors.
6. Have Mom or Dad check all goodies before eating.

There are **12** words in bold print in the bat's speech balloon above.

Can you find them and fit them into this puzzle?



Strawberry

Crispy

Peanut Butter

Pumpkin Seeds


Lollipop

Cherry Pops

Apple Pops


Mmm... I want fish for my Halloween treat.

Mix in some healthful treats: pumpkin seeds, peanuts, popcorn, apples, raisins and fruit rolls.



What are you doing for Halloween?

Just hanging around.



Have you ever heard about a house that might be haunted? Some people think there are houses that have noisy ghosts hanging around and annoying the people who live there.

Unexplained events that happen are called “paranormal.” There are people called paranormal investigators who go to houses where there have been reports of strange happenings.

These investigators, who are like detectives, bring all kinds of cameras and other equipment to the house. They then set up their equipment to see if they can prove that something “out of the ordinary” is occurring.

Find and circle these weird happenings people have reported:

Would they complain
if I **meowed** and cried
all night long?



cold drafts	feeling of being watched
weird shadow	family has same dream
strange odor	mist takes shape
pets afraid	eerie whisper
lights flicker	objects float
footsteps	things disappear

[illegible]A cartoon illustration of a smiling jack-o'-lantern. It has a round body, a small stem on top, and a friendly face with large, round eyes and a wide, toothy grin. A speech bubble originates from the top of its head, containing text. The jack-o'-lantern is light gray with black outlines.

Have you ever wondered why people carve gourds and pumpkins into Jack-O'-Lanterns? Here is one legend that tells us how this all started. **After you read it, use the alphabet key to see my message to you!**

There once was a thief named Jack. He liked to trick the Devil – and he did it often. But, when Jack died, his life of stealing and trickery backfired. Heaven wouldn't let him in because he was a thief. The Devil was angry about Jack's tricks and wouldn't let him into Hell. Jack was stuck in the middle in the dark. He carved out a turnip, his favorite food, and put an ember in it. He wandered around, using his unusual lantern to light his way while trying to find a place to rest.

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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

25 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 28, 1998

Bennett graduate Laura DeVries has gone on to become an experienced writer who passion for the craft leaves her feeling somewhat mysterious.

“Writing has brought me unimaginable joy as well as incredible despair,” she said. “In a way, my work is like a jealous lover, a full-time passion that refuses to be ignored.

“It’s extremely gratifying. When a character emerges, when a story comes together, it’s just amazing.”

DeVries is the daughter of Warren and Wanda Zuber of Bennett. She writes romantic-suspense fiction under the penname of Laura Gordon.

20 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 28, 2003

Byers social studies teacher Terry Amundson was recently awarded the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Amundson was recognized for promoting citizenship education in the classroom and the school. He was surprised with the award between classes by the District 10 VFW.

“District 10 is the biggest VFW district in Colorado,” said VFW member Jackson Bender, who helped present Amundson with the award. “More than 40 schools competed. This award is for teacher who go above and beyond the regular call of duty.”

District 10 encompasses schools from Deer Trail to Golden, including schools in the Denver-metro region. Amundson, who was nominated by school counselor Eve Pugh in October 2002, was the only teacher in the district to receive the award.

“It was pretty neat,” Amundson said. “I knew I had been nominated, but it been a while. I was very honored to receive it.”

15 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 14, 2008

A late night altercation in Arapahoe County Oct. 15 resulted in a husband being shot by his wife and charges filed against him.

At approximately 10:52 p.m., Arapahoe County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 7500 block of East Costilla Avenue on the report of a shooting.

Dispatch said Brooke Quinn, 35, reports she shot her husband, Damian Quinn, 34, in the knee. She said her husband was intoxicated, threatened to kill her with a gun, and asked her to shoot him. She stated she shot her husband and that, following the shot, Mr. Quinn asked for the gun so he could “finish it.”

Further investigation revealed the wife was forced into the bathroom where her husband held a gun to her head. While in the bathroom, Mr. Quinn also put the gun to his head.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2023. There are 67 days left in the year.

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 25, 1760, Britain’s King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

ON THIS DATE

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Va., for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry.

In 1881, artist Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain.

In 1910, “America the Beautiful,” with words by Katharine

Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet

Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba; Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Marion Ross is 95. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 83. Political strategist James Carville is 79. Actor Nancy Cartwright (TV: “The Simpsons”) is 66. Actor Tracy Nelson is 60.

—The Associated Press

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE 1940s

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15. Modified “will”

16. Heart surgery prop

17. Remains container

18. Follow

19. *Thor Heyerdahl’s raft

21. *Jackie Robinson’s new team, 1947

23. *Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., born in 1942

24. Animal prod

25. Give a nickname

28. Dwarf buffalo

30. Edible corn part

35. Functions

37. *___ Strip on Mediterranean Sea, 1948

39. Roman goddess, patroness of hunters

40. *Moscow ___ cocktail, created in 1940s

41. Beach souvenir

43. Inspiring horror

44. Not long

46. Home to Bryce Canyon

47. Smoothie bowl flavor

48. Become available (2 words)

50. Links hazard

52. Mozart’s “L’___ del Cairo”

53. Back of the neck

55. Transgression

57. *Carmen of “The Gang’s All Here”

61. *United ___, established 1945

65. Popeye’s sweetie

66. *The BAA and NBL merged, forming this ball org., 1949

68. Battle royal

69. Denigrating statement

70. What divots and divas have in common

71. Audience’s approval

72. Lad’s counterpart

73. Number on a birthday cake

74. Not o’er

DOWN

1. Poacher’s trophy

2. “Do ___ others…”

3. Bank claim

4. *1947’s “Here Comes ___ Claus”

5. King of the Huns

6. Purse for the red carpet

7. High craggy hill

8. Type of dwelling

9. “The ___ Show” (1976-1980)

10. Yorkshire river

11. Hangover memory?

12. 15th of March

CROSSWORD

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15. Tied the knot

20. *Leopold III of Belgium and Christian X of Denmark, e.g.

22. Acorn producer

24. Common newspaper name

25. *”When I See an Elephant Fly” elephant, 1941

26. Steal a throne

27. Misrepresent

29. *Pearl Harbor location

31. Capital of Latvia

32. Narcotics agent

33. *Considered first general-purpose computer, acr.

34. a.k.a. vampire

36. Espied

38. a.k.a. Daminozide

42. ___ Apso

45. Tornado visual

49. Helicopter landing

51. Coal miners

54. Bear of bamboo forest

56. Brother’s daughter

57. Gangster’s gal

58. Hip bones

59. Barbecued anatomy

60. Birds

61. Part of cathedral

62. Cantina cooker

63. Sans mixers

64. Comedian Meyers

67. *”The ___ Sleep,” 1946

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HOROSCOPE

Empathetic Cosmic Conjunction

There’s plenty of scientific evidence of how unprocessed pain alters minds, affects memories and distorts a person’s sense of reality. The lunar conjunction to Neptune in empathetic Pisces advocates for graciousness, making allowances for others and affording large margins of error because one never can quite know what another person has been through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want lots of things, but the self who resides in your core cannot be satisfied by chasing every shiny thing that is available to have. With knowledge of the self comes clarity about your deeper needs and how to sate them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don’t be cheap when it comes to emotions, or let pettiness be the downfall of connection. Challenge yourself to love bigger wherever possible. Put the elasticity of your heart to the test.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ll decide what you want to offer and come up with a few variations, too. Three to five options will be the best scenario. More would be overwhelming, and fewer would narrow down your market too much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may notice a pattern for the first time, or realize how a certain person, food or activity affects you in a less-than-optimum way. Just remember, you can interrupt patterns and change any trend you want to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you’re not sure what you’re dealing with, it’s only human to rely on assumptions. You’ll be superhuman instead, seeking understanding, asking astute questions and listening carefully and without judgment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’ll get into the kinds of things that will be a joy to follow through with. You know what you have time for, what feels right and what you’re willing to sacrifice for. Pass on the rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The old patterns get stodgy. You need fresh ener-

gy, and nothing provides it like a new person. As you break the ice, you get the sneaking suspicion you’re going to remember these first impressions of a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). “No judgment, but …” is one way judgy sentences begin. “No offense, but …” sets up offensive statements. “No disrespect …” is what people say right before the fight. Your inclination to share less and keep your opinions to yourself will elevate your status.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you don’t know the next play, think in terms of attraction. Which move are you most drawn to make? Which one is likely to attract the sort of attention and response you’re looking for? Come at it from other points of view.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’re a walking, talking stress buster. Your sense of fun lightens things up for everyone around you. In turn, their laughter fuels you, gives your heart wings and lifts your confidence, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’ll be drawn to what you don’t really need but somehow still really want. It will all boil down to economics. Is it worth handing your hard-earned cash over? Note that value and cost are not the same thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is no downside to building your endurance. Whether in love, sports or work, the longer you can hang in there, the more you can give. When you have the mindset of commitment no matter what, everything gets easier.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 25). New things are possible, and you continue to expand your ability to make your ideas real. Bravery is a daily plan for you; you’ll take risks of money and heart. You’ll stand for what’s fair and work for lofty aims that improve things for more than just you. Life takes fun turns, giving you variety, entertainment and stellar companionship. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 19, 40 and 15.

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To reserve a spot or for more information on Zoom programming, call (303)542-7279 or visit arapahoelibraries.org.

‘Totally Factual Field Guide to the Supernatural.’ Arapahoe Libraries will host a virtual talk for kids ages 9-12 with Insha Fitzpatrick, author of the “Totally Factual Field Guide to the Supernatural” series. She will discuss her books “Hanging with Vampires” and “Chilling with Ghosts,” which are packed with spooky tales, engrossing science, and fascinating history and mythology. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Aging, end-of-life key to virtual event

Adults and older adults are invited to “Jane Barton Presents: Witness to Loss,” a virtual presentation for personal and professional companions hosted by Arapahoe Libraries.

No matter how well-prepared or trained we are, witnessing the losses of others affects us in profound ways. Barton suggests we are well-served to consider what is to be gained from each loss to avoid becoming insensitive or overwhelmed.

Barton is a firm believer that knowledge is power, particularly with the challenges posed by aging, care-giving, and the end of life. As a speaker, writer and palliative care educator, she is passionate about complex and emotional topics. 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27.

To reserve a spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call (303)542-7279.

17th Judicial District court vacancy occurs

DENVER — The 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Monday, Dec. 4, at the Adams County Justice Center in Brighton to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the 17th Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years.

The current annual salary for a district judge is \$193,008. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional one of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of six years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Richard L. Gabriel, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, and the office of the court executive, Patricia Kmitta, 1100 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton. Applications also are available at www.courts.state.co.us.

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9. Late applications will not be considered.

Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2.

The members of the 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission are Jonathan Datz and Andrew “Andy” Kramer of Broomfield; Martin Flaum and Jennifer Hostetter of Westminster; and Michelle Stermer and Gina Weitzenkorn of Aurora. The committee currently has one vacancy.

The 17th Judicial District consists of Adams and Broomfield counties. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Chief Judge Donald S. Quick Jan. 23.

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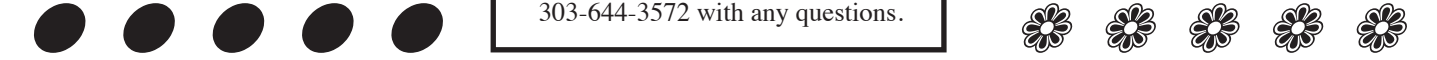
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