



# The I-70 Scout

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## DT School Board election results delayed

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

A significant turnaround in one local school board race occurred two full days after last week's election, but election officials are adamant that no impropriety was behind the delay.

When Arapahoe County released its vote count update after 6 p.m. Nov. 9, the three-person race for a pair of four-year terms on the Deer Trail School Board was turned on its ear as the tie for the final spot was replaced by substantial margins of advantage.

Election Night returns showed Steven Muss-

er in the lead with 167 votes and Gale Bell and Tyler Turecek in a tie with 152 votes. Midday on Wednesday, Musser was up to 170 votes compared to 155 each for Bell and Turecek. But Thursday evening's update from the county

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Elementary students from Bennett, Strasburg and Alsup Elementary in Commerce City converged on the Bennett School auditorium Nov. 3 for the Prairie Voices Honor Choir clinic and concert. The event also featured performances from Young Voices of Colorado. Clockwise from left photo, Young Voices Founder and Artistic Director Jena Dickey presents the Prairie Voices group; Strasburg senior Chanie Morris, center, a 10-year member of Young Voices, performs for the home audience; and Kimean Wibbenmyer from Young Voices directs traffic.

## Performance of original play by area author set

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

**BENNETT** — A local author's talent will be on display when his melodrama, "Rebel Without a Clue," premieres this week in a dinner theater performance in Bennett.

The comedy, written by Strasburg resident Eric Zacharias, will be presented at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Bennett Community Center. The play's three acts will be interspersed between the salad, main course and dessert of the dinner — a feast for all the senses. The evening is presented by the Bennett Arts Council as a fundraiser.

Zacharias has been a guide at Anythink Bennett Library for five years, where his responsibilities include adult programming. He has a master's degree in library and information science from San Jose (Calif.) State University. Before his library career, he worked as a freelance screenwriter — a vocation he still maintains. He earned his first master's degree — a Master of Fine Arts in screenwriting from the



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Local author Eric Zacharias poses for a photo at Anythink Bennett Library, where he works as a guide. Zacharias wrote a dinner theater melodrama to be performed Nov. 18 at the Bennett Community Center.

American Film Institute in Los Angeles.

Zacharias told *The I-70 Scout* he grew up in Fort Collins and went to college at Colorado University Boulder, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in film studies.

"I moved to Los Angeles when I was 25; I planned to work in the film industry, which I did for about 10 years," he said, adding that he was a freelance writer and involved in some production work. "Then, as I got older and wanted to have a family, I realized I needed a job with benefits, so I moved into libraries."

His library science degree in hand, he applied for jobs in both California and Colorado and was pleased to be offered a position with Anythink. His family now includes a 4-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

Zacharias keeps up his freelance screenwriting work with a partner who lives in California. The pair specializes in comedy, and they are hired to write scripts or do punch-up work according to their clients' specifications.

"We meet online about once a week," he said.

Zacharias also works on his own writing projects, including short stories, TV and film ideas,

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## Bockenfeld given cancer diagnosis

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

**DENVER** — The I-70 Corridor's legislator in the Colorado House of Representatives recently received a difficult diagnosis.

Rep. Rod Bockenfeld announced Oct. 20 he has been diagnosed with and has begun treatment for cancer. Bockenfeld's 56th District encom-

passes a large portion of the Eastern Plains including the entire Corridor. Bockenfeld maintains a visible local presence in the area.

The Republican is in his third term as state representative. Prior to his election he served 12 years as an Arapahoe County Commissioner.

"My treatments are going very well," Bockenfeld noted in a Nov.

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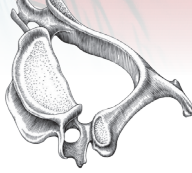
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Advent workshop planned at Byers Community Church

BYERS — An Advent workshop will begin at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Byers Community Church. Before Christmas is celebrated there is the traditional time of waiting for the coming of Christ Jesus known as Advent. Participants in the workshop will prepare their hearts and homes with four Advent projects. A donation of \$5 per four projects is requested cover the expense of the materials.

Interested parties are asked to check in at byerschurch@gmail.com, (303)822-5717, or the church’s Facebook page so organizers can provide adequate materials. Byers Community Church is located at 135 S. Sherman St. on the corner of Front and Sherman streets.

Cancer Fighters Toy Drive seeks gifts for ages 0-21

STRASBURG — Unwrapped gifts for ages birth to 21 are now being accepted by the 14th annual Cancer Fighters to the Rescue Toy Drive. In Strasburg, donations can be delivered to the Strasburg Recreation Center; The Gift Shop, 56781 E. Colfax Ave.; Salinas Mexican Food, 56551 E. Colfax Ave.; Napa Auto Parts, 1313 Monroe St.; and 2354 Basil St. In Byers, gifts are being accepted at Byers General Store; Ladybug Landing, 31 W. Bijou Ave.; and Escape the Clock, 251 U.S. Highway 40. Gifts can also be taken to the Bennett Recreation Center; O’Malley’s Mercantile, 1600 Hudson Road, Watkins; Latinas Salon II, 992 S. Abilene St., Aurora; and the Outlets at Castle Rock. To make a cash donation, visit www.gofundme.com.

2023 CSU Crops Clinic: Registration underway

BURLINGTON — Approximately 14 certified crop advisor credits will be offered at the 2023 Colorado

ElCo awarded \$324K for recording tech

DENVER — The Department of State’s Electronic Recording Technology Board recently awarded \$324,457 to Elbert County to update its recording systems, allow secure purchases, document copies online, and add safeguards to recording practices. The Electronic Recording Technology Board was created in 2016 with the mission of developing, maintaining, improving, replacing, or preserving land records systems in Colorado.

State University Crops Clinic from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6-7, at the Island Grove Events Center, Greeley. The meeting will be offered both in-person and remotely via Zoom links. Registration is open. In addition, pesticide applicator recertification credits will be offered in categories 101, 102 and 103. Cost is \$95 per person. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com. For more information, visit goldexplains.extension.colostate.edu.

Basketball clinic slated for challenged children

STRASBURG — Big D’s Warriors Adaptive Basketball Clinic for elementary and middle school students aims to give children with physical and mental challenges the chance to play and compete. During the free clinic, which begins at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at Hemphill Middle School in Strasburg, participants will learn to dribble, shoot, pass, and play in a game situation. Assistance will be provided as needed. To register, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Bennett FFA member sale scheduled for December 8

BENNETT — The annual Bennett FFA Member Auction will start with dinner at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec.

Its statutory authority was renewed in 2021 with new legislation that allows the board to consider security improvements for land recording systems. The grants help counties — especially in rural Colorado — invest in technological upgrades. Since its creation, the Electronic Recording Technology Board has awarded more than \$10 million dollars to ensure county clerks can maintain property records and other important documents.

8, at the Bennett High School auditorium. The auction, where attendees bid on each FFA member for eight hours of community service, will follow at 7 p.m. A silent auction is also planned during the evening. Dinner tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. They can be purchased with cash, in person, or online. All donations are tax-deductible. Proceeds benefit the Bennett FFA Chapter and agriculture education at Bennett Schools. For additional information, send an e-mail to klinnebur@bsd29j.com. Payouts must be completed before exiting the event.

Freebird: Food available to hungry AdCo families

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Sheriff’s Office and the Food Bank of the Rockies will host the 19th annual Operation Freebird from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, at Mountain States Toyota, 201 W. 70th Ave., Denver. Each family in attendance will receive a food box containing everything needed for a complete holiday meal, including a Butter Ball turkey voucher. The event will serve approximately 800 families on-site or until supplies run out. Attendees can also receive free health screenings, dental screenings, vaccinations, mental health

services, and various services through programs for employment assistance and child care. To reduce hunger in the county, the sheriff’s office has connected with more than 40 community partners to ensure Operation Freebird is a success.

’Burg seniors organization plans Thanksgiving dinner

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Comanche VIP Seniors Association will host its annual Thanksgiving potluck starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. Meat will be provided; members are asked to bring side dishes. The VIPs are also collecting small stuffed animals for distribution to I-70 Corridor fire departments and sheriffs’ stations. The group, which provides a social outlet for area senior citizens, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

Holiday art show, sale set for Fort Morgan art gallery


FORT MORGAN — A juried holiday art show and sale, featuring a collection of artworks by talented local artists, will go on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. most weekdays from Nov. 12 to Dec. 21 at a fine art gallery in Fort Morgan. In addition, an artists reception is planned from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Morgan Community College Center for Arts & Community Enrichment Gallery of Fine Art, 300 Main St., Fort Morgan. The artists will showcase items such as note cards, magnets and small matted prints, providing a selection of affordable, one-of-a-kind holiday gift options. Attendees will also have the chance to interact with the talented artists behind the creations. For more information, call (970)542-3180, e-mail to Suzanna. Spears@MorganCC.edu, or visit www.morgancecc.edu.

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# BOCKENFELD

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8 e-mail to *The I-70 Scout*. “The Legislature has made numerous accommodations during the treatment period [and I will] continue to represent my constituents in a manner that they deserve.”

In a Nov. 10 interview with *The I-70 Scout & Eastern Colorado News*, Bockenfeld added that he will take part in the special legislative session that Gov. Jared Polis announced two days earlier.

“In addition to attending when I can in-person at the Capitol, the House has been very good about setting me up to interact via Zoom,” Bockenfeld said. “I’m thankful for the opportunity to be able to be part of it.”

The special session is scheduled to commence on Friday, Nov. 17.

Bockenfeld serves as a ranking member of the House and the only House Republican on the Joint Finance Committee.

“Rod has been a fighter here in the Capitol and I know he will be a fighter as he battles cancer,” said Minority Leader Mike Lynch in an Oct. 20 statement. “We are all praying for a quick and full recovery and ask everyone to respect him and his family’s privacy during this trying time.”

“He will continue to proudly serve the citizens of House District 56 and be a stalwart defender of their conservative values.”

# Colorado legislature will convene to address spiking property taxes

**by Jesse Bedayn**  
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. Jared Polis hoisted a red baseball bat and smashed emergency glass Nov. 9 in a silly demonstration for a very real crisis — Colorado homeowners are looking down the barrel of a potential 40% jump in property tax bills.

After a ballot measure meant to quell soaring property taxes failed in Tuesday's election, Polis turned to the emergency option of calling a special legislative session to begin Nov. 17 with the goal of providing homeowners relief before the year is out and many are stuck with unaffordable property tax bills.

Colorado's situation isn't unique. The last several years brought the steepest rise in home values nationwide in decades. The consequent hike in property taxes threatens seniors on fixed incomes and families struggling to afford their mortgage payments.

"The cost of inaction is too high," Polis said at a press conference, the red bat lying on the floor near him.

The Colorado proposition that floundered in the Nov. 7 election would have limited property tax increases over the next decade in part by pulling money from the state's one-of-a-kind tax refund, known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, or TABOR. The refund system caps the amount of tax revenue Colorado can take in, requiring the surplus

be returned to taxpayers.

The intent was to use TABOR funds to bolster local services — including schools and fire departments — that might see a drop in property tax revenue.

But last year, TABOR provided Colorado's taxpayers with \$750 each. Those checks are dear to the state's voters, and the measure was handily beaten.

"We always knew that, if Proposition HH failed, property taxes would rise dramatically for thousands of Coloradans," said Senate President Steve Fenberg, a Democrat. "Our caucus will now be laser-focused on providing short-term relief ... while protecting our schools and fire districts."

While Michael Fields, president of the conservative group Advance Colorado, which opposed HH, was glad the governor called the special session, he said he remains wary of what Colorado's majority Democratic legislature will accomplish.

Conservatives are seeking much deeper tax cuts than the ballot measure offered — and more than Democratic legislators may be comfortable with.

In a statement, Republican Rep. Mike Lynch, the state's House minority leader said: "While it's disappointing that it took the overwhelming defeat of Prop. HH to get their attention, it's certainly my hope that the governor and Democrats will now agree to common sense reforms."



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Gov. Jared Polis announces a special legislative session in the wake of the failure of Prop HH during a press conference at the governor's mansion in Denver Nov. 9.

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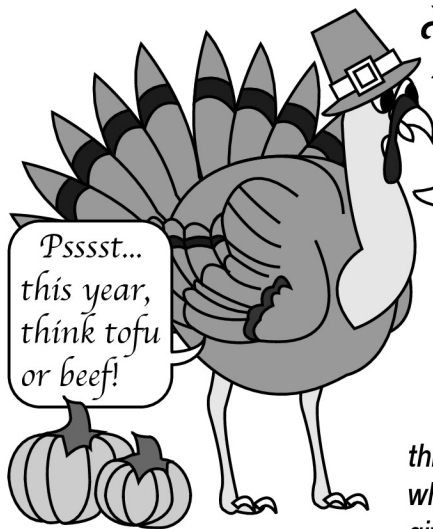
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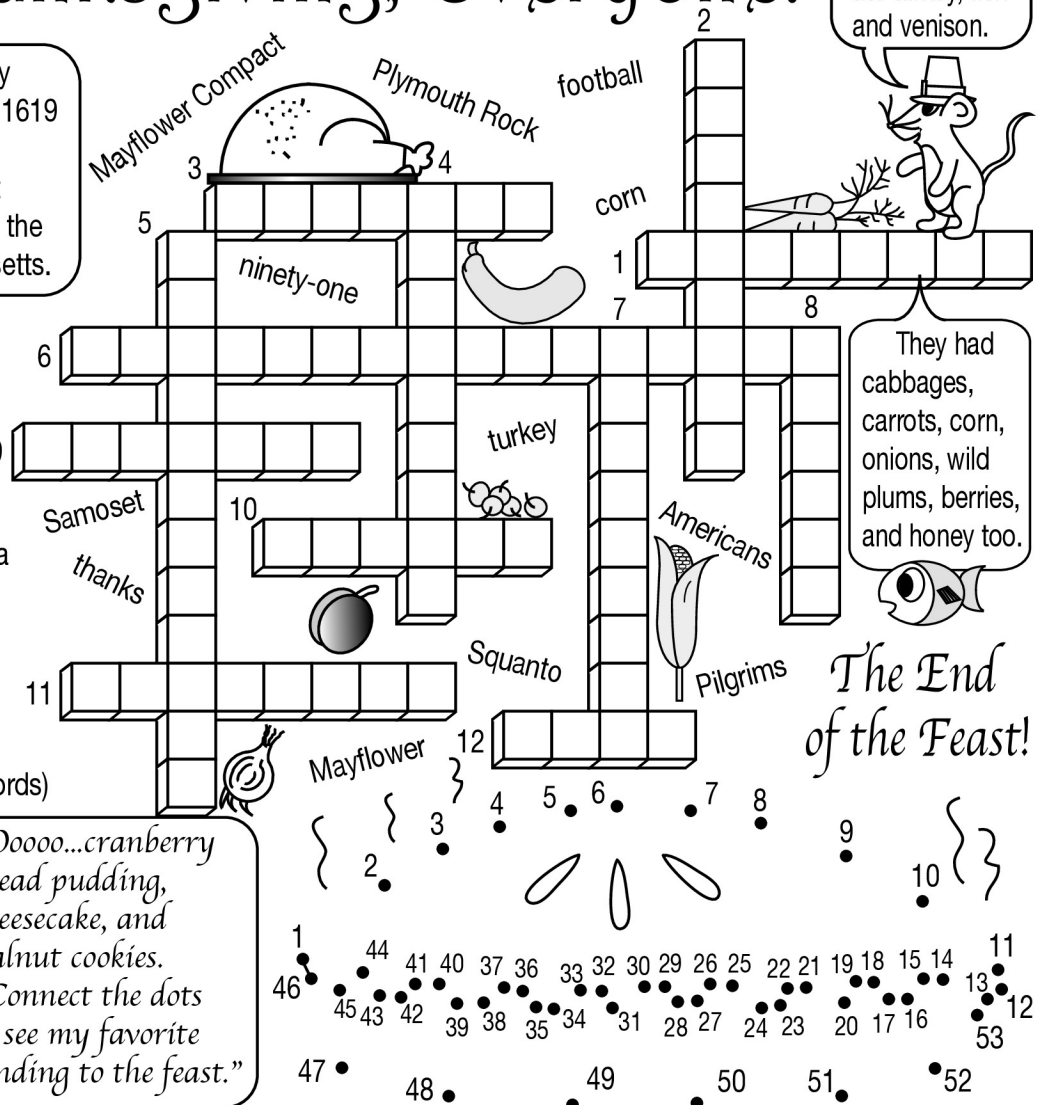
1. about half of these people moved to Holland, then to North America so they could build a better life and worship as they pleased
  2. Native \_\_\_\_\_ taught the Pilgrims skills they would need to survive
  3. Native American who lived with the Pilgrims
  4. number of Native Americans who came to the Pilgrims' feast
  5. stone that marks the Pilgrims' landing place (2 words)
  6. an agreement signed by the men to set up a new government (2 words)
  7. Pilgrims' ship, sailed 66 days and nights to America
  8. "wildfowl" was eaten at the Thanksgiving feast – today the centerpiece is often this large bird
  9. the first Native American to welcome the Pilgrims
  10. to say or show that we are pleased, grateful
  11. big games played today
  12. on an early check of the land (Cape Cod) Pilgrims found baskets of this buried in the sand in Native American fields
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Oooo  
bread  
cheese  
walnut  
Comm  
to see  
"ending"

*We travel 'Over the River and  
through the Woods' to places  
where 'We Gather Together' to  
give thanks for our family,  
friends and all that we have!*



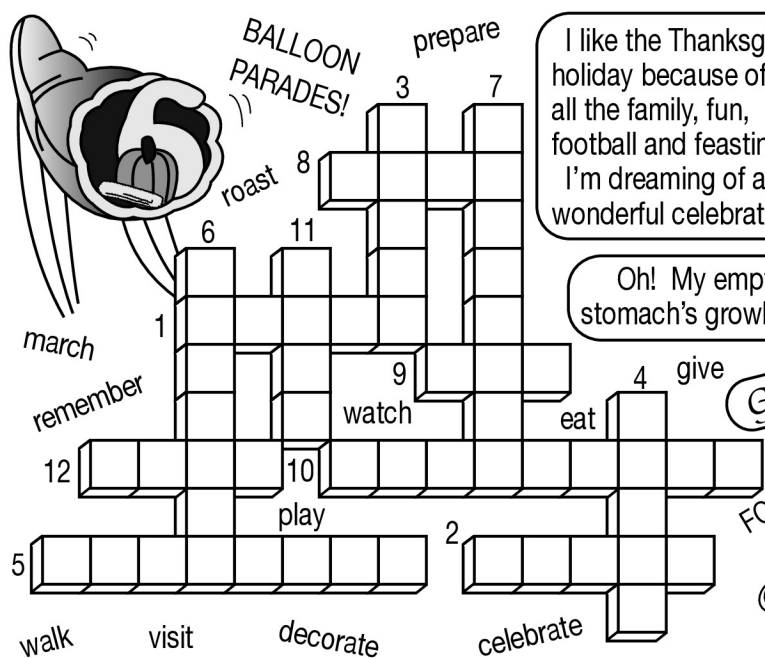
Ooooo...cranberry  
bread pudding,  
cheesecake, and  
walnut cookies.  
Connect the dots  
to see my favorite  
“ending to the feast.”



The Pilgrims  
ate turkey, fish  
and venison.

They had cabbages, carrots, corn, onions, wild plums, berries, and honey too.

## The End of the Feast!



I like the Thanksgiving holiday because of all the family, fun, football and feasting. I'm dreaming of a wonderful celebration!

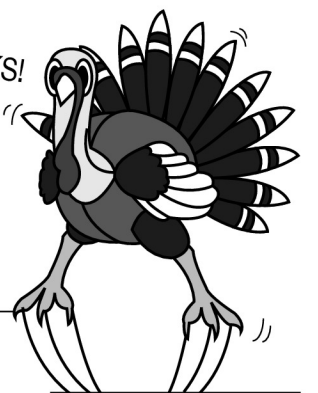
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omach's growling.

Grow!

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4. My cousins and uncles will gather around the TV to \_\_\_\_\_ football.
5. When the game is over, we will \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgivings from years ago.
6. Then, we will go into the kitchen to help \_\_\_\_\_ the food.
7. I will do my part to \_\_\_\_\_ the table and give it holiday cheer.
8. Once everyone is seated, we'll \_\_\_\_\_ thanks for all we have.
9. We will \_\_\_\_\_ a huge feast with turkey, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes.
10. While we have our food we'll \_\_\_\_\_ the holiday and family.
11. After dinner the family will go for a nice autumn \_\_\_\_\_ to get some fresh air.
12. Once our meals have settled down, everyone will gather outside to \_\_\_\_\_ a big family game of touch football.

**Fill in this puzzle to get an idea of the perfect Thanksgiving Day for Forest!**

1. I'll wake up to Mom and Dad making stuffing and getting the turkey ready to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Next, we will go into town to \_\_\_\_\_ in the parade.
3. When we get home, the whole family will have arrived and we will all \_\_\_\_\_.

Another  
Name!



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John Jolly



John L. Jolly was born on Sept. 16, 1930, to Dave and Clara (Zoellner) Jolly in Deer Trail, Colo., and passed on Nov. 4, 2023, in Hugo, Colo. He grew up on the family ranch east of Deer Trail and lived his entire life in the Deer Trail area, aside from a short time in Gypsum, Colo., after his mother died in a house fire in 1938.

He attended country school until the eighth grade. He completed his high school education at Deer Trail High School, graduating with the class of 1949. On Nov. 28, 1954, he married Jeannie Savage in Ordway, Colo. Jeannie preceded him in death in 2008. They had three children: Laurie (Rick) Williams, Cindy (Kelly) Downey, and John (Kerri) Jolly.

He spent the majority of his life ranching. He rodeoed and was active in the Deer Trail Jockey Club. He was instrumental in founding the Colorado Cowboys Rodeo Association, which later became the Colorado State Rodeo Association, serving two terms as the president from 1954 to 1959. He was proud to be the second of five generations of rodeo participants.

He traveled to countless rodeos, from gymkhanas to PRCA rodeos and everything in between, cheering on his family members and all their friends. When his grandchildren played high school sports, he had a known spot where he sat to support the team. He did not miss many home or away games. He was known as Grandpa John by family, the community, ballplayers, cowboys, and numerous trick-or-treaters.

He was a true conservative and was extremely proud to be an American. He was very active in politics. He and Jeannie supported many political campaigns and causes.

He is survived by his three children; six grandchildren, Savannah (Jake) Charleston, Shawn (Katlen) Downey, Tyler (Britney) Jolly, Katie Jolly, Jenna (Weston) Rains, and Cara (Gavin) Liggett; 10 great-grandchildren plus two on the way; brother Gene Jolly; adopted daughter Tammy (Mark) Anderson; step-granddaughter Kelly (Frank) Hutchinson; four step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jeannie; brother, David; and sister, Dorothy.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 17, at the Deer Trail School Gymnasium, with interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Deer Trail.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Deer Trail Jockey Club or the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

PLAYWRIGHT

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and a novel.

“I try to write a little each day,” he said – a commendable but sometimes impossible goal, with a full-time job and a family.

Zacharias was pleased with the opportunity to write a play for the Bennett Arts Council. He said he met Robbin Schinke, the play’s director, a year ago when she was hired to teach a playwriting class at the library. Schinke, who is director of regional and community outreach for Morgan Community College, has an MFA in playwriting and a background in directing. The two talked about their common love of theater and saw a potential collaboration in the future.

“It’s been great working with Robbin,” Zacharias said. “She knows how to run the show. I’ve learned a lot from her.”

When the Bennett Arts Council fundraiser was in the planning stage, Schinke looked at several available scripts and shared them with Zacharias. None of them seemed quite what they were looking for, and the idea for an original script written by Zacharias materialized.

“I hadn’t written a play since college,” he said, but he was game to try.

The timeline for the project was short and Zacharias said he penned the first draft in three days of non-stop writing.

“It actually took about a week, but the first four days were me stressing out trying to figure out what I was going to do before the actual sitting and writing for the last three

days,” he said.

Auditions for actors were held before the play was written, so Zacharias knew what characters he was writing for — several of which, as it turned out, were teenagers.

“I got an idea involving teens rebelling against everything and anything,” he said.

The idea evolved into a melodramatic comedy.

“It’s a parody of ‘Rebel Without a Cause’ or ‘The Wild Ones,’” Zacharias said. “It takes place in the 1950s, and it’s about a teenager who has a lot of angst and doesn’t know what to do with it. The production pokes fun at melodramas and plays with the conventions of theater.”

Zacharias said that the play is taking different directions with each rehearsal.

“We’re reworking it — it’s on about the fifth draft now. It’s been a really fun process because I get to workshop it and see what’s working and what’s not. It’s fun to see the jokes work and tightening them to make them better as we’re rehearsing.”

All the actors and crew members are local. Four of the seven actors are teens from Strasburg. Other student volunteers will serve the food. No one involved is being compensated for their work — the production is a labor of love.

“I love theater, so it’s been a fun process,” Zacharias said.

Tickets cost \$40 per person for the dinner and the show and can be purchased online on the Bennett Arts Council page of the town of Bennett website.

Ex-CBI scientist under investigation

LAKEWOOD — A former Colorado Bureau of Investigation forensic scientist is the subject of an internal affairs and criminal investigation after discovering anomalies in her work in DNA testing.

The anomalies were discovered while reviewing a sampling of cases as part of an internal process.

Yvonne “Missy” Woods, a 29-year veteran of CBI’s Forensic Services section, is no longer a CBI employee.

The CBI is currently conducting an internal affairs investigation in conjunction with experts from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Additionally, the CBI is working to identify an outside state investigative agency to conduct a criminal investigation.

As part of the investigation, a meticulous review of Woods’ work is underway. Additionally, CBI Forensic Services is undertaking an exhaustive review of its testing procedures to maintain confidence in its integrity as a forensic lab.

“These are extremely serious allegations, and I want to assure the public and our public safety partners that the CBI is committed to conducting a complete review of this matter to ensure the integrity of this critical function remains intact,” said Stan Hilkey, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

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## Judicial districts plan Adoption Day events

DENVER — Many of Colorado’s judicial districts are celebrating National Adoption Day throughout November, with judges and magistrates finalizing the adoptions of dozens of foster children into permanent families.

Colorado currently has more than 200 children waiting for permanent families.

The courts, state and local human services departments, and other local and state child services agencies and advocacy groups are coordinating Adoption Day events in Colorado, including the 17th and 18th judicial districts.

The 17th includes Adams County and the 18th encompasses Arapahoe and Elbert counties.

### 17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Adams County District Court and the Adams County Human Services Department will host National Adoption Day from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Adams County Justice Center, 1100 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton.

Chief Judge Don Quick will welcome 11 families, 18 children and guests at 1 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room and the Adams County Commissioners will read the 2023

National Adoption Day Proclamation.

Adoptions will begin at 1:30 p.m. with District Court Judges Caryn Dats and Emily Lieberman, as well as Magistrates Ashley Ratliff and Michal Lord-Blegen presiding in courtrooms 601, 602, 603 and 604.

For more information, contact Deputy Court Executive Simone Jones at (303)654-3230.

### 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties), Adoption Day hearings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, at the Arapahoe County Justice Center, 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial.

Sixteen children are expected to be adopted into 11 families. The celebration will include a light breakfast, live music, clowns, costumed characters, the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s K9 team, and cake. Judge Bonnie McClean, District Court Judge Cajardo Lindsey, and Magistrate Echo Ryan will preside over the adoptions in Divisions 22, 26 and 34 in Courthouse 2.

For more information, contact Family Court Facilitator Shannon Wilson at (303)645-6854.

## State allocates almost \$90K to help law enforcement locate wanderers

LAKEWOOD — Nearly \$90,000 in state grant funding is available to support local governments in finding missing persons.

Applications for the Supporting Recovery Programs Persons Who Wander Grant Program will be accepted through Jan. 26.

The program, supported by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, provides grant funding for local governments to locate persons with medical conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, autism, brain injury, or developmental, cognitive, neurological or chromosomal disorders.

The CBI is encouraging county sheriffs, municipalities and county or municipal designees to establish recovery programs and provide tools to increase the chances of saving the lives of lost and missing persons.

“At the CBI, we recognize the need for recovery resources to assist families with members who wander due to medical issues,” said

CBI Director Chris Schaefer. “We believe funding equipment, training and valuable community outreach will make a significant impact on recovery programs, particularly in our smaller or more rural communities.”

The funding is available to any county, municipality or local law enforcement agency seeking to create or maintain a recovery program. The grants could be used in various ways, such as to provide tracking technology resources, personnel training and community outreach efforts.

For law enforcement interested in applying for the grant, contact CBI Grant Specialist Drake Brownfield at drake.brownfield@state.co.us.

Senate Bill 22-187, passed during the 2022 Colorado legislative session, expands assistance provided to Colorado families of persons who wander, along with the availability of state-sponsored grants to assist local governments with recovery programs.

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ELECTION

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showed a significant uptick in votes for all three candidates — Bell took the lead with 241 votes, while Muss-er fell to second with 235 and Turecek in third at 222.

Despite the Thursday night update accounting for about one-third of the returns for the Deer Trail School District races, Arapahoe County, election officials downplayed the delay.

“Same process we’ve used previous years. No ‘snafus’ or ‘misplaced or lost’ ballots. Those assertions are false,” said Arapahoe County Elections spokesman Tom Skelley Nov. 10. “We were supposed to have things updated by 4 p.m. (Thursday) but worked overtime to get as many votes counted before closing for the (Veterans Day) holiday on Friday. It could have been until Monday, but it wasn’t.”

Skelley added that multiple races within the county

saw significant shifts when Thursday night’s update was posted, most notably an Englewood city council race.

“The Deer Trail School Board race isn’t the only one impacted,” he said.

Skelley added that uncured, outstanding military/overseas and provisional votes will be added to the count by Nov. 16. The official canvassing deadline for this year’s election is Nov. 30.

In addition, the Deer Trail School Board races did not include the handful of ballots cast on the Adams County side of the district. When those might be included was unknown last week.

“Statute says there must be 10 votes cast to ensure (voter) anonymity,” said Adams County spokeswoman Julie Jackson said Nov. 8. “For the current race, we’re still under 10 to-

tal votes cast. Our office is working with the Secretary of State’s Office and Arapahoe County to see if there’s a possible solution prior to releasing the final, official results later this month. We do still have ballots to process, as does Arapahoe, so if we meet the 10-votes-cast threshold, we’ll release those results.”

Jackson reiterated that the 10 threshold is for total votes and not the number of voters.

“There are 16 registered Adams County voters in that district,” she said. “So, it’s possible, as we continue to process ballots, we will cross that 10-vote threshold and be able to release our results.”

The three two-year terms on the Deer Trail School Board will be filled by the only three candidates to run — incumbents Richard Haight and Patrick Duff and Reagan Hahn. While their

names were on the ballot — Haight received 307 votes, Duff 280 and Hahn 261 — the results did not matter. A partial cancellation of election is not allowed under state statute.

**OTHER SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

A potential recount for the fourth open four-year seat on the Byers School Board appears to have been avoided, but the margin remains in single-digits.

At the end of last week, Jason Meier had 426 votes (18.23%) compared to 419 (17.93%) for Dustin Olsen.

Byers Superintendent Tom Turrell told *The I-70 Scout* Nov. 9 that a recount was unlikely.

According to state election rules, a mandatory recount is required when the race in question is 0.5% of the top vote-getter.

At the end of last week, incumbent Dennis Muss-er had the highest vote

count at 509; according to that number, the margin between Meier and Olsen needs to be under three votes for a mandatory recount to occur.

Two other incumbents appeared to win their reelection bids — Allison Harris had 498 votes as of Nov. 9 and Matt Eymann was up to 485.

In a much less dramatic race, the top vote-getters for three open Strasburg School Board seats appear cut and dry.

Newcomer Mary O’Malley had 1,064 votes (25.01%) at the end of last week with incumbents Michael Marre-ro, the current board president, with 926 (21.77%) and Diana Elliott with 815 (19.16%).

The other two candidates who were not elected to the board are Ashley Torgerson with 730 votes (17.16%) and Stephanie Bloomfield, 719 (16.9%).

# Bennett School bond question fails

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Voters in the Bennett School District again soundly rebuffed a request for bond monies for expanded facilities, including a new high school campus.

According to last week’s returns from Election Day Nov. 7, Ballot 5A failed by a margin of about 26%. As of Nov. 9, 1,559 voters (approximately 63%) cast ballots against the question with the remaining 906 voting in favor of the proposed \$80 million request.

The question received more support in the Adams County side of the district as 508 of 1,268 voters, almost 40%, said yes while, in Arapahoe County, only 398 of 1,193 voters, approximately 33%, voted in favor.

This year’s question was \$30 million more than a similar request last year, which was defeated by a margin of approximately 56% to 44% across the district.

Any future bond requests will likely exceed the \$100 million mark.

School district officials disappointed in the outcome were also upset with what they claim was a “significant amount of misinformation” distributed by a 5A opponent, who cited direct conversations it had with House District 56 Rep. Rod Bockenfeld, R-Watkins.

According to social media posts by Brenda Sugar, Bockenfeld was quoted saying “[Gov. Polis] is sending the Bennett School District an additional \$32 million every year, that’s not including what they already get and what they get from our property tax.”

But Bennett School Chief Financial Officer Keith Yaich rebutted that no such additional funding is coming the district’s way and that the current budget is well short of Sugar and Bockenfeld’s contentions.

“Our current budget from the state, including the (Sky Ranch) charter school, is like \$16 million.

We are not going to get an extra \$32 million next year,” Yaich said in a Facebook reply to Sugar, adding that the funding assertions have been “twisted ... It’s not even funny.”

During a Nov. 10 interview with *The I-70 Scout*, Bockenfeld said that, even if he was misquoted by Sugar, he remains a staunch opponent of increasing property taxes for school expansion and that other options for funding school buildings are available.

“Over the past two years, we finally got rid of the budget stabilization factor (aka the ‘negative factor’) and that increased per pupil operating revenue by about \$1,700. They can take that and utilize it appropriately,” Bockenfeld said. “There’s other ways to get that revenue rather than on the backs of current residents, a lot that don’t have a direct tie to the school. Let’s quit shoving older people out of their homes and preventing younger ones from getting their starter home.

“What a stupid time to run for a mill levy when property taxes are jumping 40%.”

But school district officials reiterated the need for immediate help when it comes to accommodating the current boom in enrollment and projections for the entire student population within the district to double within 10 years.

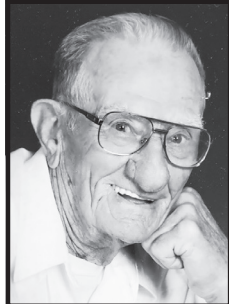
In addition, restrictions exist on what current school funding can be used for and employee salaries, curriculum and safety are the primary focuses.

**SCHOOL BOARD RACE**

In the four person race for three four-year board terms, the lone incumbent has lost his bid for reelection.

Board newcomers Brennan Westendorf (1,300 votes), Darvin Harrell (1,185), and Alyssa Pae (1,160) all defeated current director Dennis Smialek (1,061). As the results filtered in throughout last week, Harrell overtook Pae for the second-most votes.

Donald Knutson



Donald Leroy Knutson, 94, passed away peacefully on Nov. 3, 2023, at MorningStar Senior Living in Parker, Colo.

Don was born April 6, 1929, in Genoa, Colo. He was the son of Theodore and Emma Knutson and grandson of Ole and Nikoline Knutson. Don grew up on the family farm near where he was born. He attended school at the Union School through the eighth grade and the Genoa school for his freshman year. Don had to quit school due to his father’s illness and help on the family farm. In October 1950, he married the love of his life, Della Mae Robertson. In 1953, they purchased their first tractor and leased land to begin the life of farming and ranching in Genoa. Don had worked several different jobs throughout the years to help fund their farm operation, including helping build the Genoa and Flagler grain elevators, hand digging graves for the Lutheran cemetery and digging ditches in Woodrow, Colo., for oil fields to help build the refinery. Don milked cows and raised 100 chickens to sell the milk and eggs for income. In 1959, Don purchased the family farm from his parents which began his many years of farming and ranching until 2021 when his health failed, and he had to lease the operation to neighbors and family. Don Loved spending time with his family and friends.

Don’s love of the land did not end with farming. He planted thousands of trees for the State Forest Service, which were grown to protect the land from erosion and create shelter and habitat for wildlife. He was given the Legacy Lessee Award for passing on a state lease to a non-familiar younger lessee 40 years old or younger. He was also given recognition for his 22 years of Service & Dedicated Commitment to Conservation from the High Plains Conservation District. During his time with the Conservation District, he showed many school children how farming had evolved from horse drawn practices to present day farming. Also, many years of service in the Lutheran Community and the local community. He was a mentor to many.

Don was known for his love of baseball which he played for many years and was picked for the All-Star Team. He then became coach and manager of the Genoa Town Team where they made their way to the State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament and went on to win State. He also managed and coached the Genoa Little League. He continued to play baseball and softball for many years. He attended many of the Denver Bears and Colorado Rockies games when he became a season ticket holder for several years.

Don was also known for his skills for shooting a shotgun when he began to compete with the area league and Trap Shoot clubs for several years. He brought home several trophies and made many lifelong friends. Along with this, Don loved racing go-carts in which he brought home trophies. Another thing about Don was that he enjoyed playing cards, craps, gambling, and hunting. Don was a legend with a legacy left behind. He was loved and will be missed by many.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Theodore (Ted) and Emma Knutson; brother, Oscar Knutson; sisters Alnore Bandy and Thelma Flynn; and his beloved companion, Sparky. He is survived by his wife, Della Knutson; sister, Betty Wann; four children, Patricia (John) Jones, Ronald (Virlynda) Knutson, Carla Knutson, and Gary (Sharmon) Knutson; grandchildren, Heather (Dustin) Young, Lesley (Craig) Cortright, Michael (Becky) Knutson, Amber Reed, Lindsey Hudson (Travis) Hudson, Holly (Brian) Wood, Timothy Knutson, Mark (Hallie) Knutson, Brandon Knutson, Weston (Stephanie) Adams, and Kesley (Ryan) Molaskey; great grandchildren Gavin and Isabella Young, Lauren and Ansley Cortright, Lily Rae, Dean and Theo Knutson, Alyssa Reed, Riley Wardlow and Tyler Wardlow, Talon Hudson, Everett and Maddox Wood, Nicolas and Jaidyn Knutson, Alek Knutson, Persaius Knutson, Soran Knutson, Isaiah Knutson, Tristen and Ryleigh Knutson, Cyrus Knutson, Maya and baby Adams, and Eli and Logan Molaskey.

Services were held Nov. 10 at the Methodist Church, 770 B Ave, Limon, Colo., with a graveside service following at Genoa Lutheran Cemetery.



# Pumpkin crop damaged by extreme weather in U.S. West

by **Melina Walling**  
**Brittany Peterson**  
Associated Press

HUDSON (AP) — Alan Mazzotti can see the Rocky Mountains about 30 miles west of his pumpkin patch in northeast Colorado on a clear day. He could tell the snow was abundant last winter and verified it up close when he floated through fresh powder alongside his wife and three sons at the popular Winter Park Resort.

But one season of above-average snowfall wasn't enough to refill the dwindling reservoir he relies on to irrigate his pumpkins. He received news this spring that his water delivery would be about half of what it was from the previous season, so he planted just half of his typical pumpkin crop. Then heavy rains in May and June brought plenty of water and turned fields into a muddy mess, preventing additional planting.

"By time it started raining and the rain started to af-

fect our reservoir supplies and everything else, it was just too late for this year," Mazzotti said.

For some pumpkin growers in states like Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, this year's pumpkin crop was a reminder of the water challenges hitting agriculture across the Southwest and West as human-caused climate change exacerbates drought and heat extremes. Some farmers lost 20% or more of their predicted yields; others, like Mazzotti, left some land bare. Labor costs and inflation are also narrowing margins, hitting farmers' ability to profit off what they sell to garden centers and pumpkin patches.

This year's thirsty gourds are a symbol of the reality that farmers who rely on irrigation must continue to face season after season: they have to make choices, based on water allotments and the cost of electricity to pump it out of the ground, about which acres to plant and which crops they can gamble on to endure hotter



Alan Mazzotti talks in one of his pumpkin fields near Hudson Oct. 26.

and drier summers.

Pumpkins can survive hot, dry weather to an extent, but this summer's heat, which broke world records and brought temperatures well over 100 degrees to agricultural fields across the country, was just too much, said Mark Carroll, a Texas A&M extension agent for Floyd County, which he calls the "pumpkin capital" of the state.

"It's one of the worst years we've had in several years," Carroll said.

Not only did the hot, dry

ting pumpkins off the vines at the usual time or wait and miss the start of the fall pumpkin rush. Adding to the problem, irrigation costs more as groundwater levels continue to drop — driving some farmers' energy bills to pump water into the thousands of dollars every month.

Lindsey Pyle, who farms 950 acres of pumpkins in North Texas about an hour outside Lubbock, has seen her energy bills go up, too, alongside the cost of just about everything else, from supplies and chemicals to seed and fuel. She lost about 20% of her yield.

She added that pumpkins can be hard to predict earlier in the growing season because the vines might look lush and green, but not bloom and produce fruit if they aren't getting enough water.

Steven Ness, who grows pinto beans and pumpkins in central New Mexico, said the rising cost of irrigation as groundwater dwindles is

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## CHUCK WAGON



## No-Bake Pumpkin Pie

by **Bobbie Keefer**  
For The Scout

There are so many fabulous pies! How do you choose?

Traditionally, the three most popular pies for Thanksgiving are pumpkin, apple and pecan. I make them all!

This is my easy recipe for pumpkin pie. I make it every Thanksgiving. Try it and you may never make a baked pumpkin pie again. Whipped dairy cream topping in a can is a must to make it super easy!

I share this recipe with everyone who makes pies for the holiday season — friends, neighbors, family and you!

- NO-BAKE PUMPKIN PIE**  
INGREDIENTS
- 1 (8-ounce) cream cheese, softened
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 1 (8-ounce) Cool Whip, thawed

- 1 (10-inch) graham cracker pie crust
- 1 can (15-ounce) pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 2 (3.4-ounce) vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 can whipped cream

**DIRECTIONS**

Whip cream cheese, milk, and sugar in large bowl until creamy and smooth. Stir in half of the Cool Whip. Spread evenly on bottom of crust.

Pour the milk in same bowl. Add pumpkin puree, both pudding mixes, and pumpkin pie spice. Mix well.

Spread mixture over the cream cheese layer. It will be thick. Refrigerate at least 4 hours until firm. If making the day before, cover until ready to serve.

Slice in wedges and serve on pretty dessert plates. Top with a dollop of whipped cream.




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an issue across the board for farmers in the region. That can inform what farmers choose to grow, because if corn and pumpkins use about the same amount of water, they might get more money per acre for selling pumpkins, a more lucrative crop.

But, at the end of the day, “our real problem is groundwater, ... the lack of deep moisture and the lack of water in the aquifer,” Ness said.

That problem likely won’t go away because aquifers can take hundreds or thousands of years to refill after overuse, and climate change is reducing the rain and snow needed to recharge them.

Jill Graves, who added a pumpkin patch to her blueberry farm about an hour east of Dallas about three years ago, said they had to give up on growing their own pumpkins this year and source them from a wholesaler.

Graves said the pumpkins she bought rotted more quickly than in past years, but it was better than what little they grew themselves. Still, she thinks they’ll try again next year.

“They worked perfect the first two years,” she said. “We didn’t have any problems.”

Mazzotti, for his part, says that with not enough water, you “might as well not farm” — even so, he sees labor as the bigger issue. Farmers in Colorado have been dealing with water cutbacks for a long time, and they’re used to it. However, pumpkins can’t be harvested by machine like corn, so they require lots of people to determine they’re ripe, cut them off the vines, and prepare them for shipping.

He hires guest workers through the H-2A program, but Colorado recently instituted a law ensuring farmworkers to be paid overtime — something most states don’t require. That makes it tough to maintain competitive prices with places where laborers are paid less, and the increasing costs of irrigation and supplies stack onto that, creating what Mazzotti calls a “no-win situation.”

He’ll keep farming pumpkins for a bit longer, but “there’s no future after me,” he said. “My boys won’t farm.”



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# SPORTS



## Indians to host semifinal rematch Saturday



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER GOCHANOUR/For The Scout

Above, the Strasburg Indian football team salutes its fans that made the trip to Gunnison following its 56-14 drubbing of the host Cowboys in the 1A football quarterfinals Nov. 11. Below, Strasburg head coach Brian Brown and his staff addresses the squad following the victory.



by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

GUNNISON — Being the lower seed didn't matter to the No. 6 Strasburg Indians as they demolished third-seeded Gunnison 54-16 on the road in the 1A state football quarterfinals Nov. 11.

With the win, Strasburg advanced to this weekend's semifinals and will face off with No. 7 Wray, which also pulled an upset in the quarterfinals with a 41-35 win at second-seeded Holyoke.

The same two squads met in the semifinals last year with Wray getting the 28-0 shutout victory on their home gridiron; however, this year's final four contest between the two will be held at Strasburg's Winter Field starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The host Indians enter this weekend 9-2 overall with their losses being 33-7 at Holyoke during the opening week of the season and 49-21 at top-seeded Limon Sept. 8.

Wray comes in 8-3 overall and finished third in the North Central Conference with a 3-2 record. In addition to league losses to Holyoke (32-14) and Limon (35-7) in back-to-back weeks to end September and begin October, the Eagles also lost 54-22 Sept. 8 at Scott (Kan.).

For potential online availability of this Saturday's game, visit the Forever Indians of Strasburg High School page on Facebook or [www.NFHSNetwork.com](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com).

The other side of the bracket has No. 4 Meeker traveling to Limon Saturday afternoon. In last weekend's quarterfinals, the undefeated Badgers took care of Banning Lewis Prep 41-18 while Meeker took care of Western Slope League rival Buena Vista 28-7. Limon and Meeker met in the regular season with the Badgers taking the 28-7 victory on the Cowboys home field Sept. 2.

The winners of Saturday's semifinal contests will meet up against each other in the 1A championship game at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, at the ThunderBowl on the campus of Colorado State University-Pueblo.

For coverage of Strasburg's victory at Gunnison, see the Nov. 17 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEMBO/For The Scout

The Broadway Unit of the Harlem Wizards basketball organization visited the Bennett High School gymnasium Oct. 21 for a fundraiser for the local Hands, Heart and Hope Foundation. Clockwise from top left, Walker Blatner, left, gets up close and personal during tip-off with Wizard Arnold "A-Train" Bernard; Lloyd "Loonatik" Clinton interacts with a young fan; longtime Strasburg girls head coach Merri Ames shows she still has game as she launches a three-pointer; Bennett alumn, current middle school P.E teacher and volunteer referee C.J. Stemo receives an earful from Wizard Eric "Broadway" Jones; and local team members Kaitlyn Westmoreland, left, and Landon Carter are all smiles as they try to figure out how the Wizards transformed a hoops contest into a football game, at least temporarily.



# Lady Bulldogs fight hard but bow from playoff picture

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

EDWARDS — Byers entered regional volleyball play Nov. 4 as the 28th seed and did not advance, but not without valiant efforts against two significantly higher seeds. The Lady Bulldogs took ninth-seeded Vail Christian, the host, to five sets to open the tournament and later fell to No. 15 Ignacio in four.

“We had a hard time minimizing our own errors, kind of all day long,” said Byers head coach Phoenix Bright. “Just on the hitting side of the ball, we hit a lot of balls out of bounds, unfortunately, and, at that level and that stage of the season, you just can’t afford to do that.”

The tournament concluded the careers of five Bulldog seniors: Haley Morris, Annette Earl, Hailey Buschman, Sophie Linnebur and Alannah Bedard.

“I’m going to miss this group a lot. They’ve just been a fun group to coach,” Bright added. “Great attitudes and great work ethic, and they really put in a lot of work on the mental side of the game here the last couple of weeks.”

Byers ends the season at 10-15, 4-3 in the 2A/1A Union Pacific League.

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The highlight of the tournament came when Byers scored 8 straight points to stun the Lady Saints in the first set. The final score was 24-26, 25-19, 25-17, 25-27, 15-9.

The Saints started the second set 7-0.

“Again, those were our own errors to start the game,” Bright said. “Three hitting errors by three different players, two different defensive errors. Everybody took a turn.”

In the decisive fifth set, Byers was first to 6 points, but the Bulldogs then allowed Vail Christian to score 6 points of its own.



During regionals at Vail Christian High School in Edwards, left photo, senior Hailey Buschman keeps the ball alive against Ignacio as Annette Earl (22) looks to assist; Earl puts the ball over the net against Vail Christian as sophomore Abi Green (12) and junior Maci Olsen (17) look on; and senior Hope Linnebur throws up a block against Ignacio.



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE LINNEBUR/For The Scout

The whole game plan changed.

“The sub plans I had went out the window,” Bright said.

Sophomore Abi Green replaced Olsen.

“She did a really great job,” Bright said. “Truly all day and a lot of the end of the season, Abi has really been building time on the varsity floor.”

With a revised lineup for the second set, with Byers mixing up its rotation to simplify life for Green, the Bulldogs won 25-15, but too little gas remained in the tank to pull off an upset.

“Those rallies were really, really long. It was a lot of work to score a single point,” Bright said. “So, by the end of set two, our legs were pretty well shot.”

“They were a very scrappy team and I think they just wore us out.”

Byers again served well at 94% but “safe,” so the Bulldogs “did not take advantage of some of those open spots they gave us,” Bright said. “I feel like that hurt us. That also gave them the opportunity to set up an offense and put us on the defensive side.”

Byers still put up a fight, almost winning the third set before bowing

out in four sets.

“They serve-received very well against Ignacio when we were extremely, extremely tired and couldn’t jump,” Bright said. “We were also passing the ball very well so we were not running our setters all over the floor.”

As an example of the mental side of volleyball, Bright noted that “We were freaking tired, but we could still pass the ball.”

Hope Linnebur again paced Byers with 12 kills, three aces, one assisted block, 11 digs and nine serve-receives.

“She had a very good offensive day,” Bright said. “I pulled her out on the back row just a little bit to save her legs so we could get her some more attempts at the net.”

Sophomore Jenah Bequette filled in well while Hope Linnebur rested, Bright added.

Other Byers leaders were Sophie Linnebur with eight kills, one ace 24 digs and 26 serve-receives; Earl with 35 digs and 24 assists; Pelton eight kills, 15 digs and 11 serve-receives; Buschman one ace, 21 digs and 14 serve-receives; and Green two assisted blocks, 16 digs and 12 assists.

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Roberta Jean Gilbert died peacefully at her home in Agate, Colo., on Oct. 31, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. She was 82 years old.

Roberta was born on Sept. 25, 1941, in Kiowa, Colo., to her parents Roy “Bud” Woodard and Catherine (Wall) Woodard. She was raised on the family farm in Agate, attending her first 11 years of school there, but graduating from Deer Trail High School in 1959.

On July 7, 1962, Roberta married William “Bill” Gilbert. Together they shared a beautiful union that spanned an incredible 61 years. They were constant companions everywhere they went.

As a young woman, Roberta showcased her musical talents by playing in the family dance band alongside her two sisters and father. In addition to her musical pursuits, Roberta worked at the Deer Trail Locker Plant for 25 years and retired in 1999. Bill and Roberta built a new house on the family ranch in 2000. Roberta loved working side by side with Bill as they cared for their livestock. She enjoyed riding horseback and spending time in the yard growing flowers. She loved mowing the yard on her John Deer Tractor. She was a past member of the Deer Trail Jockeyettes and the Deer Trail Elkettes. Roberta’s biggest enjoyment was her family. Her love for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren knew no bounds. She had a great personality and a contagious laugh. Anyone that met Roberta always walked away as a friend.

Roberta is survived by her loving husband William “Bill” Gilbert; her children, Dennis (Melanie) Gilbert of Ramah, Colo.; Tammy (Brett) Bauman of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Derrell Gilbert and (Loreal Podzimek) of Casper, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren: Dusty Gilbert, Tyler Richardson, Tate Bauman, Lance Gilbert, Kyle Gilbert, Ryan Gilbert, Case Gilbert, Devin Roswold, DaeLynne Urban, and Dani Keller; 12 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Sharron (Larry) Shorey and Arlene (John) Monnahan.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Services honoring Roberta’s life were held Nov. 4 at Love Funeral Home in Limon.

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# MCC Foundation given \$843,750 to support skilled trades training

FORT LUPTON — The Morgan Community College Foundation has received a donation of \$843,750 earmarked to support students pursuing a career in a trade through a trust gift from an anonymous donor.

Funds have been allocated towards scholarships for individuals enrolled in MCC Career & Technical Education programs as well as to help purchase equipment to support these programs.

The MCC Foundation Board approved \$193,750 to be made available immediately to MCC for scholarships and equipment; \$500,000 to a permanent endowment dedicated to CTE scholarships and programs with a portion of the earnings becoming available annually to aid students and procure program equipment; and \$150,000 to be matched by \$150,000 from a Title V Federal Grant to create an MCC Title V Endowment, which will play a pivotal role in advancing the institution's long-term commitment to education and community development.

This Title V endowment, designed to help secure the future of education in northeast Colorado, will be invested for a minimum of 20 years. Following this period, at least 50% of the funds will provide support to students enrolled in Career & Technical Education programs, along with the purchase of essential equipment to enhance the quality of CTE education.

The remaining funds will be used to fulfill the original objectives of the Title V Grant, which includes financial assistance to low-income and Hispanic students who are pursuing their education at MCC.

Over the course of the 20-year investment period, the \$300,000 endowment is projected to grow substantially, potentially reaching an estimated \$1 million. This growth will not only help support the financial stability of MCC but also bolster its ability to provide quality education and support to its diverse student body.

"Working together, the MCC Foundation and the college were able to develop a comprehensive plan to meet the donor's request," said Susan Clough, director of development for the MCC Foundation. "Dividing the funds in several ways allows immediate needs to be met, as well as create endowments to support CTE students and programs well into the future."

This donation is one of the largest contributions ever received by the MCC Foundation, demonstrating the profound impact collaboration between educational institutions and philanthropic donors can have in making quality education accessible to all.

"This generous gift represents a significant boost toward fulfilling our mission of fostering educational opportunities in the region," stated Dr. Curt Freed, MCC president. "We are immensely grateful for this gift from the anonymous donor's trust and the Title V Federal Grant, both of which provide resources for students to achieve training to meet the skilled workforce needs in our communities."



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“We gave them a couple of scares,” Strasburg coach Larry Deffenbaugh said.

Although the Grizzlies won by a comfortable margin, the match was closer than the scores show, as Strasburg held brief advantages in both games before its powerful opponent was able to pull away.

In the first game, the Indians were up 4-3 early; in the second, Strasburg led by scores of 3-2, 4-3, and 6-5.

In the huddle after the match, Deffenbaugh told the girls that they had nothing to be ashamed of and that they should hold their heads high.

“Our girls did an excellent job,” Deffenbaugh said.

20 YEARS AGO  
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STRASBURG — TDS, the Strasburg telephone company, has gained approval for Denver local calling.

Customers in Strasburg will be able to opt into plans that would allow them, for a monthly fee, to have unlimited calls to the 303 and 720 area codes.

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Jack Keever, a member of the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership, lauded the information.

“We have worked very hard to help the companies get these plans through,” he said. “It can only help business on the Corridor.

15 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 18, 2008

DENVER — A new commission charged with reviewing how Colorado runs elections is looking at whether the state should rely more on paper ballots than electronic voting machines, and whether the state should move toward all-mail elections.


The Legislature created the commission last year and confusion and doubts about the accuracy of electronic voting.

The majority of county clerks fought an effort to with to an all-paper election in the middle of their planning for the presidential election, so lawmakers stuck with the current system, which allows each county to decide its own voting system.

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In 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

In 1959, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb,

Kan., were found murdered in their home. (Ex-convicts Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book “In Cold Blood.”)

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended suc-

cessfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

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22. Hawaiian dish

23. Directed

26. Brought down

30. Deed

31. Rifle’s backward move

34. Denim innovator

35. Like salad greens

37. Greek R

38. Read-only memory device

39. Western Samoan money

40. Oklahoma athlete

42. Tiny guitar

43. Relating to dreams

45. Like certain Debbie?

47. U.S. Marine Corps gift recipient

48. Gin mixer

50. Title for Turkish leader

52. \*1929 Best Actor Oscar nominee

56. Lallygags

57. Medley

58. Pineapple producer

59. Suggestions

60. \*Lassie’s mark in Hollywood sidewalk

61. Arabian bigwig

62. Banana leftover

63. New York time

64. “Wanted!” state

DOWN

1. Labels with a name, on Facebook

2. Major or general employer

3. Same as #36 Down, archaically speaking

4. Painter’s surface

5. Receipt listings

6. \*Corgi’s homeland

7. Marvel Comics hammer wielder

8. \*Jon Arbuckle, Odie and \_\_\_\_

9. A bit cracked

10. Kind of move, 2 words

11. Bard’s before

13. End of rugby match

14. \*Cat sound

19. Manicurist’s file

22. Neighbor of Ger.

23. \*Nome, AK hero

24. Continental divide

25. Like old cracker

26. \*Rhodesian Ridgeback’s target

27. \*Old episodes of Eddie Crane’s TV show

28. Call forth

29. Two identical molecules put together

32. Rubber sandal

33. Exclamation of surprise

36. \*Fido, in Latin

38. More than one crocus

40. \*Canine command

41. Newspaper VIP

44. \_\_\_\_ beef

46. Meandered

48. Leaves at the alter, e.g.

49. Uniate church member

50. Of the highest quality

51. Open-mouthed astonishment

52. Thorny gift

53. Large book

54. Pelvic parts

55. Smart but awkward one

56. “A stiff upper \_\_\_\_”

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**Scorpio Sun’s Last Leg**

With the energy of the metamorphosis moon still fresh, a transformation is underway. Some feel torn between the familiar person they were in the past and the person they are becoming. Indeed, being torn is the result of hanging on to two sides of oppositional movement. To avoid damage, let go of one or both sides. Surrender to life’s process.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** While everyday problems intrigue you, ordinary solutions will hold no interest. In this way, your creativity is a blessing and a curse. You’ll cull from disparate influences to build something remarkable.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Instead of putting things off until that famously absentee day called “tomorrow,” you will put your life in order now. Happiness and organization go hand in hand, and it’s all because you think ahead and take action.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** here are many ways to do what you do. Sometimes, you do it like a job — other times, like a game. Today, you do it like a prayer of need and of gratitude.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** While falling in love can be a wondrously rare occurrence for most people, celebrating love can happen any time at all and as often as you wish. You’ll savor the details and relish memories as well as hopes and dreams of love.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Feeling good, in any way and in as many ways as you can, will strengthen your field of energy. The stronger this field is, the more able you are to attract what you want or repel what you don’t want.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Talk about your hopes for a project though they may seem currently unreasonable or the wrong size for your circumstances. Circumstances have been known to change to fit your ideas of what they could be.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Today is infused with the optimistic notion that

progress is being made. It all starts with rapport. You were born with the gift of charm, and you’ll use it to connect with interesting people for informative conversation and commerce.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The current venture may not be what you had in mind, but even if you can’t exactly *do* what you want to do right now, it’s never too late to *be* who you want to be. How would your ideal self handle this one?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your mind has been participating in a problem and it will now participate in the solution. Do not doubt your ability to happily resolve the issue. You wouldn’t be moved to handle it if you didn’t subconsciously know you could.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** People who stand to profit from your desire will attempt to entice you at every turn. Instead of leaping to some vision of what others want, dig deeper. What have you been thinking about? What feels right?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You’ll dream big, then focus your effort on one plausible section of the vision. The more realistic the goal, the more chance you have of creating it. Accrue small successes. They will be the building blocks of a big one.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You need someone on your side, and it may as well be you. You’ll pretend or perform to help things go smoothly. Whether in work or play, you’ll be wise to go with the comedian’s adage and “commit to the bit.”

**TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 15).** This is a year of pursuing passions that love you back. A group that celebrates your originality will also give you a complete feeling of belonging. More highlights: successful detective work, a satisfying professional accomplishment, and an unexpected gift that adds new dimension and adventure to your days. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 13, 2 and 8.

— Horoscopes by Holiday



Byers: Yearly Christmas toy drive begins

BYERS — Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers is hosting its annual Christmas toy drive through Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The event benefits local low-income families and those temporarily unemployed, at no cost, who need gifts for their children up to age 14.

Donations of new or gently used toys can be delivered to Byers General Store and Maverick Mercantile in Byers, Western Hardware in Strasburg, or the Bennett Recreation Center.

The drive will culminate with the annual Christmas Toy Shop from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church, 186 N. McDonnell St., Byers.

In case of inclement weather, the Christmas Toy Shop will run from 5-8 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 11.

Families in the Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Agate areas are asked to register their children before Dec. 6 at [tinyurl.com/mwb92bnu](http://tinyurl.com/mwb92bnu).

For additional information, call Jane Benz at (303)621-2981.

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This image provided by Eli Lilly shows packaging for their new drug Zepbound. The new version of the popular diabetes treatment Mounjaro can be sold as a weight-loss drug, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration announced Nov. 8.

New version of diabetes drug Mounjaro approved by regulators for weight loss

by Jonel Aleccia  
AP Health Writer

A new version of the popular diabetes treatment Mounjaro can be sold as a weight-loss drug, U.S. regulators announced Nov. 8.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration approved Eli Lilly's Zepbound, or tirzepatide. The drug helped dieters lose about a quarter of their body weight, or 60 pounds, in a recent study.

Zepbound is the latest diabetes drug approved for weight loss, joining Novo Nordisk's Wegovy, a high-dose version of its diabetes treatment Ozempic.

The FDA approved Lilly's drug for people who are considered obese, with a body mass index of 30 or higher, or those who are overweight with a related health condition, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes. The drug should be paired with a healthy diet and regular exercise, the FDA said.

In the United States, at least 100 million adults and about 15 million children are considered obese.

The drug tirzepatide in Zepbound and Mounjaro and semaglutide in Wegovy and Ozempic work by mimicking hormones that kick in after people eat to regulate appetite and the feeling of fullness. Both imitate a hormone called glucagon-like peptide-1, known as GLP-1. Tirzepatide targets a second hormone, called glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide, or GIP.

Zepbound appears to spur greater weight loss than Wegovy. Approved for chronic weight management in 2021, Wegovy helped people lose about 15% of their body weight or 34 pounds, according to studies.

"This would be the most highly

efficacious drug ever approved for the treatment of obesity," said Dr. Fatima Cody Stanford, an obesity medicine expert at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Touted by celebrities and on social media, semaglutide and tirzepatide drugs have already been in such demand that their manufacturers have struggled to keep up. Both have been listed on the FDA's drug shortage site for months. All strengths of tirzepatide are listed as available, but a company spokesperson said that factor could vary by location and demand.

Side effects include vomiting, nausea, diarrhea and constipation. In the most recent published trial, about 10% of people taking tirzepatide quit the study because of such problems, compared to about 2% of people taking dummy shots.

While experts lauded approval of Zepbound, they worried that it wouldn't necessarily mean greater access to the drug, which has been prescribed "off-label" to help people pare pounds.

"Most patients won't be able to afford Zepbound without insurance coverage and many health plans exclude obesity care," said Dr. Katherine Saunders, an obesity expert at New York's Weill Cornell Medicine.

Eli Lilly and Co. said the list price for will be about \$1,000 a month, the same as Mounjaro. Medicare is prohibited from covering drugs specifically for weight loss.

Kelly Burns, 50, of St. Petersburg, Fla., lost nearly 100 pounds using tirzepatide after joining a study of the drug to treat obesity in 2021. When testing ended and she no longer had access to the medication, she struggled, but eventually lost another 50 pounds.

"My whole life is completely different," she said.

Now that Zepbound is approved for weight loss, Burns will ask her insurance company about coverage.

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Using a black canvas and fluorescent  
acrylic paint, the kids will create art  
that glows under a black light. For  
extra fluorescent fun, wear white or  
neon colors. Attendees will receive  
free glow accessories and their own  
black light to take home. 1-2 p.m.,  
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and business card deceptions, to  
engage others, spark conversa-  
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p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16.  
**10 years of 'Geek Out:'** Fans ages 11-  
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case their favorite fandoms by en-

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**AGATE**  
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Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving break.  
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Tuesday, Nov. 28: Grilled chicken  
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Wednesday, Nov. 29: Lasagna roll-  
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Winners of the annual pumpkin decoration contest at Deer Trail School Oct. 30 are Tobin David- sen, left, best overall; Lillian Pierson, scariest; Haylynn Duff, funniest; and Khloe Malson Howard, best decorated.



Trey Vasquez, 5, and his dinosaur brave the inclement weather during the Deer Trail PTO's Trunk or Treat and haunted house in the Bijou Estates subdivision Oct. 28.



The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District hosted its annual Halloween Carnival at the Strasburg American Legion Hall Oct. 31. From left photo, Elijah Adams, 9, shows off his throwing skills flanked by friends; Emerson Monroe, 5, finishes a craft; and Ryder Miller, 6, celebrates a hole-in-one.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, NOV. 16**  
**Strasburg American Legion Post 183.** 6:30 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.  
**Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board** work-study. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.  
**Bennett School Board.** Work session 5:30-6:30 p.m., regular meeting 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit itbsd29j.com for a Zoom link.  
**Byers School Board.** 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit Board of Education at byers32j.k12.co.us for a link to a live meeting via zoom.  
**Strasburg Fire Protection District Board.** 7 p.m., firehouse.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 18**  
**Bennett Community Food Bank.** 8-10 a.m., Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 9-11 a.m., Deer Trail School bus barn, 370 Aspen St.
- MONDAY, NOV. 20**  
**East Adams Conservation District Board.** 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.  
**Strasburg Parks & Recreation District Board.** 6 p.m., TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave. Call (303)622-4260 for information.  
2022 meeting dates: Oct. 16, Nov. 20  
**Byers Fire Rescue.** 6 p.m., Byers Firehouse.  
**Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission.** 6 p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas

- page at townofbennett.colorado.gov for information.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 21**  
**Comanche VIP Seniors** luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.  
**Bennett Arts Council.** 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.  
**Eastern Colorado Beekeepers.** 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees.com for link and location updates.  
**Byers Fire Protection District Board.** 6:30 p.m., Byers Firehouse.
- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22**  
**Thanksgiving Eve service.** 7 p.m., Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 275 Ash St., Bennett.



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