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Surprise storm soaks Eastern Colorado



John Hicks of Strasburg helps clear Colfax Avenue through town Feb. 3. The I-70 Corridor received 5-6 inches of unseasonably wet, sloppy snow on Saturday.

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Uncertainty surrounding Colorado’s weather Feb. 3 turned into an unlikely spring-like storm that entered the record books for the Front Range and northeastern quarter of Colorado, including the I-70 Corridor, and wreaked havoc on Saturday morning traffic.

“Denver International Airport has recorded 0.72” of precipitation today,” said a National Weather Service statement Saturday night. “This would be tied for the third most on record, for the month of February, going back to 1872.”

The wettest February day on record occurred on Feb. 19, 1953,

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Aspen, 8, left, and Brecklyn Lilly, 5, help McKenna Martin, 8, build a snowman in Strasburg Feb. 3.

Bennett town gov’t pays Adams sheriff for January services

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — While changing jurisdictions appears likely, when the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office will formally take over policing in the town of Bennett still remains a mystery.

In a Jan. 31 press release, a Bennett spokeswoman said that the town “paid the Adams County Sheriff’s office for services billed in the month of January.”

Two days later, the spokesperson told *The I-70 Scout* that the amount of the check to Adams County was \$40,826.

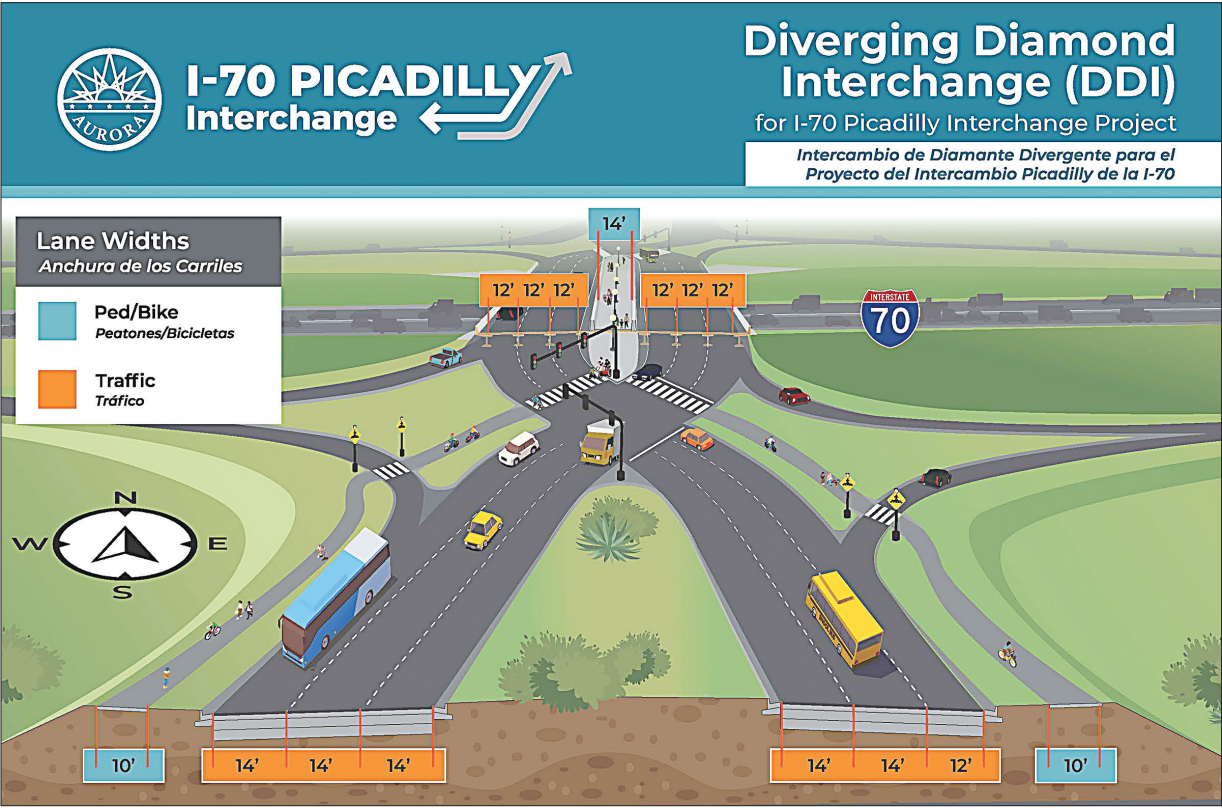
In the same communication dated Feb. 2, the spokeswoman said, “As of right now we are still moving forward with expanding our relationship with Arapahoe County and hope for a smooth transition of services with Adams County.”

But whether Arapahoe County was already the jurisdiction of enforcement remains uncertain.

“The goal of the town has always been to facilitate the transition of services to Adams County.”

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Construction begins at Picadilly, I-70



AURORA — Motorists will notice increased truck activity near I-70, Picadilly Road and Colfax Avenue for several weeks as construction of a new Diverging Diamond Intersection commences. According to a release, a large pathway at the center and newly designed I-70 exits and entrances will make travel more efficient. Intermittent traffic holds are expected. Drivers should watch for flaggers directing traffic. Access to all businesses will be maintained.

Strasburg FPD purchases building for living quarters

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — The long-planned living quarters for Strasburg firefighters and EMTs took one giant leap towards fruition last month.

During the Jan. 18 Strasburg Fire Protection District board meeting, directors approved a \$10,800 check

to Maverick Steel Erectors as a down payment for the steel building.

“Once they have the check in their possession, we’ve been told it would be about 14 weeks for delivery,” said director Barrett Barkey. “With that time frame, we need to get our general contractor notified for the excavation and dirt work.”

The new living quarters will be located on the northwest side of the current firehouse.

Revised drawings must be resubmitted to Adams County.

RECORD CALL YEAR

Strasburg Fire Chief Pat Conroy confirmed that last year’s call volume set an

other annual record.

In 2023, 1,130 calls were responded to, 2.6% more than the prior record of 1,101 calls in 2022, which was about 5% ahead of the 2021 figure of 1,050 calls.

In-district calls last year were up 3% at 664, or 59% of total responses with, 39% consisting of tandem dispatches with Byers Fire and

another 6% mutual aid with all I-70 Corridor emergency agencies.


More than three-quarters of patients contacted by Strasburg responders last year were sent to the hospital.

“Strasburg managed 400 patient encounters in 2023

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY



County offices closed

All County offices will be closed **Monday, Feb. 19** in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.



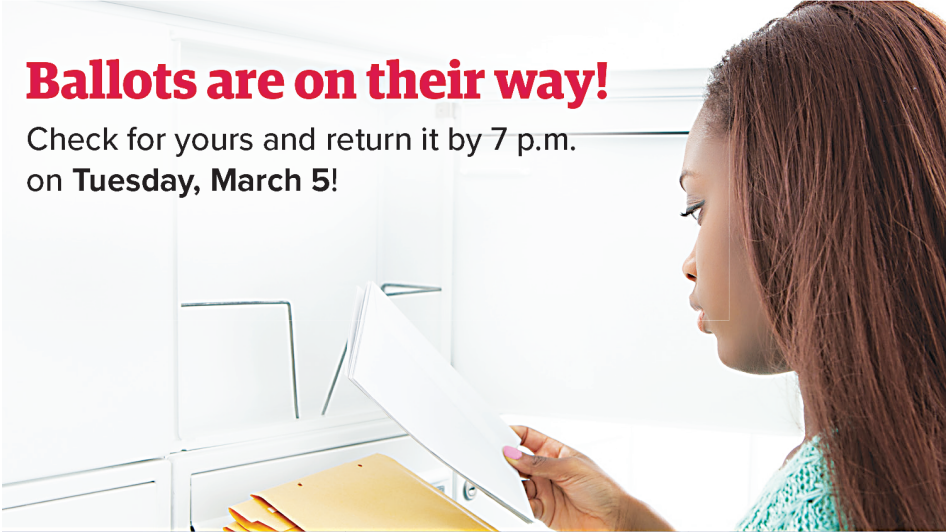
2024 Nominations

The Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA) recognizes teenagers who have overcome obstacles and risen to challenges life has presented. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have overcome adversity and wish to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities at vocational, two- or four-year schools. Teachers, counselors, and school administrators can nominate exceptional high school seniors through **March 8**.

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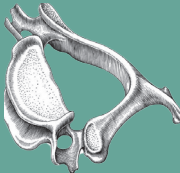
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Keenesburg: Passenger train crashes milk truck, badly injuring engineer

by Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — An Amtrak train crashed into a truck carrying milk at a northeastern Colorado rail crossing, badly injuring the engineer and sending three passengers to a hospital for treatment, authorities said.

The truck driver, a 31-year-old man from Fort Wainright, Alaska, drove through the crossing, which has a stop sign, and did not yield to the approaching Amtrak train on the night of Jan. 29, Colorado State Patrol spokesperson Sgt. Troy Kessler said Jan. 30. Neither he nor a male passenger were injured, he said.

The engineer, a 42-year-old man from Park City, Utah, was airlifted to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, but Kessler did not have more information about his condition.

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said he couldn't discuss the injured

worker's condition because of privacy reasons.

The crash around 10 p.m. near Keenesburg, a town of about 1,300 people roughly 30 miles north of Bennett caused the eastbound California Zephyr train to derail. Although all of the passenger cars left the tracks, only the locomotive rolled on its side, Kessler said.

The crash remains under investigation, but the truck is considered to be at fault, Kessler said. Neither drugs, alcohol nor excessive speed are believed to have played a role in the crash, he said.

The train, which runs between Chicago and the San Francisco Bay area, was carrying 69 passengers, Amtrak said.

The tracks where the derailment happened were closed for repairs Jan. 30, preventing the Zephyr from making its full scenic two-day trip, Magliari said.

Passengers were offered refunds or the ability to reschedule their trips.



Emergency responders look over an Amtrak train derailment Jan. 30 near Keenesburg.

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Primary voting for unaffiliateds upheld

DENVER — U.S. District Court Judge Philip Brimmer Feb. 2 issued a ruling denying the Colorado Republican Party’s preliminary injunction to prevent unaffiliated voters from participating in Republican Party Statewide Primary Elections.

Secretary of State Jena Griswold defended unaffiliated voters’ rights in the lawsuit.

“We are glad that the court today decided that unaffiliated voters, who make up nearly 48% of all Colorado voters, can continue to make their voices heard in state primaries,” Griswold said in a statement. “The Colorado Republican Party’s attempt to suppress the unaffiliated vote was stopped.”

The Colorado Republican Party’s lawsuit tried to stop unaffiliated

voters from participating in the statewide June Primary.

As of Feb. 1, unaffiliated voters make up 47.9% of all active voters in Colorado, according to data from the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office.

For both the 2024 Presidential Primary on March 5 and statewide Primary on June 25, unaffiliated voters will receive two ballots: one with candidates from the Colorado Republican Party and one with candidates from the Colorado Democratic Party. They may only return one ballot for their vote to be counted.



Griswold

Trump’s disqualification sought in Common Cause amicus brief

WASHINGTON D.C. — Common Cause Jan. 30 filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court of asserting that former President Donald Trump should be excluded from the Colorado ballot under the 14th Amendment for his role in the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The case comes on appeal after Colorado’s High Court recently ruled that the “disqualification clause” of the 14th Amendment applied to presidents, thus making former President Trump ineligible for the state ballot. Colorado Common Cause filed an amicus brief in the Colorado Supreme Court’s case, ultimately aligning with the court’s final ruling.

“This case is a moment of truth for American democracy,” said Kathay Feng, vice president of programs for Common Cause. “Its outcome will impact not only the 2024 election, but our American values in the institutions of democracy. The Supreme Court plays a critical role as an active defender of our Constitution. We need to send a clear message to violent insurrectionists: no one is above the law.”

Specifically, Common Cause’s amicus brief urges SCOTUS to uphold the Colorado Supreme Court’s ruling, asserting that former President Trump’s role in the Jan. 6 insurrection — and his open and ongoing support for the insurrectionists — poses the greatest danger to our democratic system since the Civil War.

Furthermore, the case lies at the

intersection of two of the main threats to democracy that the Founding Fathers most feared: violent insurrection and executive tyranny — what the U.S. Constitution is designed to protect against.

Common Cause presents both historical and current evidence that, if Section 3 of the 14th Amendment is not enforced in this case, a genuine risk exists that the American system of government will not survive.

If those who have fomented violence to overthrow the people’s vote are allowed to run for the nation’s highest office, even promising to pardon all those who engaged in the attack on the Capitol, all American elections will be under threat of violence.

“American democracy has never meant unchecked mob rule,” said Aly Belknap, executive director of Colorado Common Cause. “Donald Trump sent an armed mob to the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the results of an election. His ongoing incitement has led to an unprecedented rise in attacks and death threats against election workers, judges and other public servants. There must be consequences for political violence — the Supreme Court must hold the former president accountable to the people and to the Constitution.”

Oral arguments before the Supreme Court will be held Thursday, Feb. 8.

To read the Common Cause amicus brief, visit www.commoncause.org.

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ArapCo will mail primary ballots Feb. 12

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County will begin mailing ballots for the March 5 Presidential Primary Election to active eligible voters beginning Monday, Feb. 12, and 24-hour drop boxes also open the same day.

All Arapahoe County voters who have moved or changed their name since the last time they voted should visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov to verify that their registration is up to date.

If a voter does not receive their mail ballot immediately after Feb. 12, election officials ask that they first go to www.GoVoteColorado.gov to check that their address is accurate in their registration file.

Officials ask voters to wait until at least Feb. 22 to call or visit the Voter Services office in the Arapahoe County Administration Building to receive a replacement ballot. Ballots may take more time to reach certain areas.

All ballots must be returned to a drop box or vote center no later than 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 5. Voters may also vote in person at a vote center up to 7 p.m. March 5.

Unaffiliated voters who receive a Democratic and Republican ballot may vote only one ballot. By law, Arapahoe County cannot accept ballots if a voter returns ballots for both parties.

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Railroad, Strasburg origins key to historical discussion

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society in Strasburg is inviting the public to the third of four evenings of history.

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg, will spearhead a presentation called “The Railroad and the Founding of Strasburg” from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The program will address the background of the railroad and the founding of Strasburg from 1870 to the present time.

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Comanche Crossing Historical Society and its museum. Organizers prefer adults only.

The final topic of the four-part series will address the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg March 14.

Business group luncheon scheduled on February 21

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, at May Farms, Byers.

Executive Director Kip Cheroutes with the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) will speak, and lunch sponsors are REAP and High Plains Bank.

Space is limited. To reserve a seat, call (720)731-1954, or e-mail to i70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Feb. 16.

Great Backyard Bird Count set for Brighton state park

BRIGHTON — Residents of all ages are invited to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at Barr Lake State Park.

The worldwide Great Backyard Bird Count is a collaborative effort to see what birds remain in their community at mid-winter. The Barr Lake bird walk will occur

Entries sought for U.S. House art contest

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The 2024 Congressional Art Competition has officially opened, and Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., is inviting seventh- through 12th-grade students throughout the 4th Congressional District to share their creations through the contest, where the winning entry will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol.

The exhibit in Washington, D.C., will include the winning artwork from all participating districts around the country.

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 28 inches by 28 inches square, up to 4 inches in depth, and weigh no more than 15 pounds. Winning pieces must arrive framed and measure no larger than these dimensions.

The contest consists of the following categories:

- paintings, including oil, acrylics and watercolor;
- drawings, including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink and markers;
- collages, which must be two-dimensional;
- prints, including lithographs, silkscreen and block;
- mixed media, meaning the use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink and watercolor;
- photography; and
- computer-generated art.

For more information on the contest rules, visit buck.house.gov.

The deadline for art submission is Friday, March 29. All questions about the application process should be directed to Jena Arnott, at Jena.Arnott@mail.house.gov.

during the first two hours followed by a kid-friendly do-it-yourself bird feeder workshop for the last hour.

The activity is free, but a daily or annual parks pass is required to enter the park.

Daily individual passes cost \$4; daily vehicle passes, \$10; and annual passes, \$80.

To register, visit www.birdconservancy.org.

For more information, contact Becky Heath at (303)659-4348, ext. 49, or becky.heath@birdconservancy.org.

Wine-tasting event slated for Arapahoe fairgrounds

AURORA — Tickets for the Chalk Lines & Vines wine-sampling May 18-19 are on now sale at the early-bird rate of \$30 through March 1.

At Chalk Lines & Vines, visitors can sample wines from at least 15 different Colorado wineries from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 18, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 19, on the Central Green at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora.

The days will also feature chalk artists, bands, vendors, croquet and painting.

The early-bird rate is \$10 off general admission and \$20 off VIP tickets.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.arapahoe-countyeventcenter.com.

Painting with watercolors: Class scheduled in Bennett

BENNETT — The Corridor Creative Arts League will host a fun, hands-on watercolor painting workshop from 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave., Bennett.

The workshop will be led by artist Lori Presley and sponsored by the Bennett Arts Council.

Space is limited; registration required. To sign up, visit anythin-klibraries.org.

Lenten dinners scheduled by Catholic church in Byers

BYERS — Fish fries and soup suppers will return for the Lenten season from 5-6:15 p.m. every Fri-

day for six weeks starting Feb. 16 at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers.

Fish fries are planned on Feb. 16, March 1 and March 15 with soup suppers on Feb. 23, March 8 and March 22.

The church is located at 193 W. Bijou Ave, Byers.

AdCo Sheriff invites public to Citizen Academy classes

BRIGHTON —The Adams County Sheriff’s Office will host a series of classes designed to give the community a peek into the inner workings into the agency.

The classes will be held from 6-10 p.m., every Wednesday from March 6 to April 10, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on two Saturdays, March 16 and 23, at several sheriff’s facilities.

Participants will address topics such as crime scene investigation, defensive tactics, firearms simulators, DUI and traffic enforcement, community policing, and safe driving.

For more information and to apply, visit www.AdamsSheriff.org.

Backyard birds of winter focus of Barr Lake activity

BRIGHTON — A family and homeschool program for all ages on winter birds is planned from 9-11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at Barr Lake State Park near Brighton.

Participants will learn about the food eaten by the birds of winter and make suet.

Feeders and Project Feederwatch, a November through April survey of birds in backyards, nature centers, and community areas will also be addressed.

A daily or annual pass is required to enter the park, and the cost of the program is \$7 per student.

Registration is required. To sign up, visit www.birdconservancy.org.

For more information, contact Sarah Doxon at (303)659-4348, ext. 53, or sarah.doxon@birdconservancy.org.


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Kathleen Baessler



Kathleen “Kathy” Ann (Weller) Baessler was born on Feb. 11, 1944. She passed away on Jan. 23, 2024, at the age of 79 in Hugo, Colo. Kathy was born in Denver, Colo., to Art and Letha (Schriner) Weller.

She spent her childhood in Elizabeth, as well as getting her education from Elizabeth High School. Later on, she became a college graduate of CU Boulder and a graduate of Saint Anthony Hospital School of Radiology Technology.

Kathy experienced two marriages in her life; her first marriage to Neil Reese in 1967, and then her second marriage to late husband Walt Baessler. Kathy and Walt were married on Feb. 11, 1990, in Strasburg, Colo., at Strasburg Presbyterian Church.

Kathy was a radiologist and an ultrasound technician of radiology for several years and became a trainer for Denver General Hospital and Saint Anthony’s. She made sure to make time for her hobbies whenever she could, which included knitting, gardening, cooking and gambling.


Kathy is survived by her two step-daughters, Kathy (Ron) Moorhead and Kim Baessler; brother, Dave (Renee) Weller of Strasburg; and sister-in-law, Dianna Weller. She is also survived by multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Walt Baessler.

A memorial service was held Feb. 3 at Strasburg Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 56635 Iowa Ave., Strasburg, CO 80136.

LeeRoy Kauffman



LeeRoy Kauffman entered into rest on January 26, 2024, at Sky Ridge Medical Center surrounded by family.

LeeRoy was born on August 18, 1940, in Greeley, Colo., to Henry and Esther (Martin) Kauffman. He graduated from Eaton High School in 1958. In 1959, he enlisted in the Army and served 2 1/2 years, 18 months of it in Korea. In June of ’62, he married Shirley Foose of Eaton, and they had two sons together. They shared 61 years of marriage. LeeRoy farmed for many years and then went to work at Tomahawk Truck Stop in Watkins as a mechanic, retiring with 25 years.


LeeRoy served on both the Strasburg and Bennett fire departments for more than 25 years. He also enjoyed many hobbies which he still appreciated up to this past year including bowling, fishing, hunting, camping, watching sports, and building and painting custom windmills to sell. Very rarely did you drive by his house and not find him holding a garden hose. LeeRoy never met anyone that was a stranger, no matter where he went, and was quite the joker. His many phone conversations and his face around town will be greatly missed by many.

LeeRoy is survived by his wife, Shirley; brother, Wayne Kauffman; sister, Eileen Thompson; two sons, Mike (Lisa) Kauffman and Greg (Lisa) Kauffman; nine grandchildren, Cody (Chantel) Hodge, Ashley (Jeff) Owens, Corey (Sarah) Hodge, Kelsi (Leonard) Kauffman, Kenny (Sammi) Porter, Kayla Pettibone, Brian Kauffman, Kaitlyn (JD) Chenoweth, and Logan Kauffman; 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Patricia; and brother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Strasburg/Bennett fire departments.

Geraldine Bushrow



Geraldine (Gerry) Bushrow

7/1/1935 — 1/8/2024

Gerry crossed over into the house of our Lord in the early hours of January 8, 2024, at her home in Strasburg.

Gerry spent her summers volunteering at the museum in Strasburg. Gerry was an active member of Strasburg Presbyterian Church in Strasburg and she enjoyed playing the piano and organ for the Sunday morning services as well as extra events. Her final accompaniment was at the Christmas Eve Service in December 2023 where her music could be heard coming from the organ at the church.

Gerry was preceded in death by her husband Norman; son Robert; and granddaughter Valorie.

Gerry leaves behind her son, David (Ronda) Bushrow of Northglenn; daughters Becky (Charles) Breeden of Strasburg and Nanci (Cyndi) Griego of Santa Fe, N.M.; granddaughter Veda of Strasburg, who assisted with her daily care; and grandson William (Melissa) of Miltonvale, Kan., who assisted with numerous prayers daily. Gerry also leaves behind seven more grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Strasburg Presbyterian Church.

Donations can be made in Gerry’s name to the Charity Relief Fund at Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 56635 Iowa Ave., Strasburg, CO 80136.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Intro to Music with Grasshopper Kids: Kids ages 7-14 can be welcomed to the wonderful world of music, full of drumming, singing, music production and more! Teacher Aedan from Grasshopper Kids will create a fun and safe environment where children can explore and discover their creativity while learning the basics — from recognizing the rhythm of a song to singing along to karaoke hits. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Story Time Yoga for Littles: Toddlers and young children ages 2-6 explore yoga poses and movement through stories, songs and play that encourage their imaginations. 11-11:45 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 8.

Coffee & Cards: Adults will drink coffee, eat snacks and play hearts, poker, cribbage, Farkel and other games. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9.

Anime club: Fandom friends ages 14 and up watch, read and discuss all things anime and manga with new projects, activities and discussion topics each month. Snacks provided. 3:30-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10.

Story Time with Opera Colorado: Children ages 2-6 can step inside Bravo Books where stories come to life with Opera Colorado. There, they will meet the Finley brothers, owners of the bookstore. The brothers know just how magical a story can be and will share that

knowledge with anyone who drops in. Each chapter pulls the reader into the pages of some of the most beloved tales and tunes from opera, musical theatre and more. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Teen Tech: Kids ages 10 and older will explore a wide variety of unique acoustic and electronic musical instruments. 4-5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Colorado Lark Duo: Music fans of all ages might enjoy this performance of traditional, classical, popular and Irish repertoire music by flutist Jennifer Pauley and guitarist Lorian Bartle. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb 24.

KELVER LIBRARY

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Adult book club: “Violeta” by Isabel Allende. The sweeping novel from the New York Times bestselling author of “A Long Petal of the Sea” tells the epic story of Violeta del Valle, a woman whose life spans 100 years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the 20th century. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

DAVIES LIBRARY

128 Second Ave., Deer Trail
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Friday matinee: All ages are invited to an afternoon showing of “102 Dalmatians” (2000, rated G, 1 hour, 40 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9.

Workforce Resilience Program for rural Colorado commences

DENVER — The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) has launched a statewide grant initiative that supports rural businesses and individuals who were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Administered in partnership with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, the Workforce Resilience Program leverages \$750,000 in one-time federal recovery dollars to fund a variety of workforce-related projects, from bolstering employee recruitment and retention to purchasing equipment. CCCS is currently accepting proposals for grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$75,000 with a priority deadline of March 1.

“We know rural towns were hit hard during the pandemic, and many local and regional companies are still struggling to find qualified talent in its wake,” said Michael Macklin, CCCS associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and workforce development. “This pro-

gram is designed to be a flexible, easy-to-access resource to uplift individuals, businesses and entire communities.”

Created by Senate Bill 21-291, the program aims to help rural businesses evolve and grow and individuals to re-skill or up-skill. Qualifying projects could include designing custom workforce training for employees, providing short-term stipends for workers, or sponsoring training for employees to advance in an organization.

Prospective applicants can submit their intent to apply in advance. Program managers will review applications in March and begin awarding funds in late spring. While applicants may submit proposals after the priority deadline, acceptance will depend on remaining grant funding.

CCCS is hosting informational webinars for applicants at 10 a.m. every Tuesday.

To register for the webinar or to submit an intent to apply, visit cccs.edu.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
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Adams County, Colorado
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in Adams County, Colorado, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as a Mail Ballot Election.

Beginning February 12, 2024, ballots in signed Official Return Envelopes may be dropped off at any of the following designated drop-off locations.

24-Hour Drop Box Locations

- Adams County Government Center – 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
- Adams County Human Services Center – 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
- Adams County Justice Center – 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton
- Adams County Western Services Center – 12200 N. Pecos St., Westminster
- Anythink Library Wright Farms – 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton
- Aurora Motor Vehicle – 3449 N. Chambers Rd., Aurora
- Aurora Municipal Center* – 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora
- Bennett Motor Vehicle – 355 S. First St., Bennett
- Brighton City Hall – 500 S. 4th Ave., Brighton
- Carpenter Skate Park (Margaret Carpenter Rec Center) – 3558 E. 112th Ave., Thornton
- Colfax Community Network – 1585 Kingston St., Aurora
- Commerce City Civic Center – 7887 E. 60th Ave., Commerce City
- Commerce City Motor Vehicle – 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City
- Daniel C. Vallez Family Education Center (fka Perl Mack Community Center) – 7125 Mariposa St., Denver
- Federal Heights City Hall – 2380 W. 90th Ave., Federal Heights
- Front Range Community College (College Hill Library) – 3705 W. 112th Ave., Westminster
- Hilltop Village Shopping Center – 13762 Colorado Blvd., Thornton
- Kelver Public Library* – 585 S. Main St., Byers
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Library* – 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora
- Northglenn City Hall – 11701 Community Center Dr., Northglenn
- Riverdale Animal Shelter – 12155 Park Blvd., Brighton
- Rotella Park – 1824 Coronado Pkwy. S., Denver
- Strasburg Sheriff’s Substation – 2550 Strasburg Rd., Strasburg
- Thornton Civic Center – 9500 Civic Center Dr., Thornton
- Trail Winds Recreation Center – 13495 Holly St., Thornton
- University of Colorado Anschutz Campus (Health & Wellness Center) – 12348 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora
- Westminster City Hall – 4800 W. 92nd Ave., Westminster
- Westminster Motor Vehicle – 8452 Federal Blvd., Westminster

Ballots must be received at the Adams County Election Office, a designated ballot drop box, or Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC) location by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for your vote(s) to be counted. Ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as a received date.

VOTER SERVICE & POLLING CENTERS

Services offered include voting, ballot replacement, ballot drop box, ADA-accessible ballot marking devices, new voter registration, and voter registration updates available at all locations.

Phase 1 VSPCs

February 26 – March 5

Hours:

- Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5, Election Day – 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Adams County Government Center

- (Conference Center Entrance on West Side) – 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
- Adams County Human Services Center – 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
- Bennett Motor Vehicle Office – 355 S. First St., Bennett
- Commerce City Motor Vehicle – 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Library* – 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora
- Moorhead Rec Center – 2390 Havana St., Aurora
- Westminster Motor Vehicle – 8452 Federal Blvd., Westminster

Phase 2 VSPCs

March 4-5, 2024

Hours:

- Monday, March 4 - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5, Election Day - 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Anschutz Medical Campus

- (Health & Wellness Center) – 12348 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora
- Front Range Community College – 3645 W. 112th Ave., Westminster

*Denotes Drop Boxes and VSPCs shared with Arapahoe and/or Denver Counties.

Sample ballots will be available online at [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.govotecolorado.gov) by accessing your voter registration record.

For more election information and frequently asked questions, visit the Adams County Elections website at [AdamsVotes.com](https://www.adamsvotes.com) or call the Adams County Elections office at 720.523.6500.

ADAMS COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER



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AVISO DE ELECCIÓN
Elección Primaria Presidencial
mediante voto por correo
Condado de Adams, Colorado
5 de marzo de 2024

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se realizará una Elección Primaria Presidencial en el Condado de Adams, Colorado, el martes, 5 de marzo de 2024, en modalidad de elección mediante voto por correo.

A partir del 12 de febrero de 2024, las papeletas en sobres oficiales de retorno firmados podrán depositarse en cualquiera de los siguientes sitios designados para ello.

Sitios con buzones disponibles las 24 horas del día

- Adams County Government Center – 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
- Adams County Human Services Center – 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
- Adams County Justice Center – 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton
- Adams County Western Services Center – 12200 N. Pecos St., Westminster
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Las papeletas deben recibirse en la Oficina Electoral del Condado de Adams, en un buzón de papeletas designado o en un Centro de votación y servicios para electores (VSPC) antes de las 7 p.m. del día de la elección, el martes, 5 de marzo de 2024, para que su voto sea contabilizado. No se contabilizarán las papeletas que se reciban después de las 7 p.m. del día de la elección. Los sellos de la postal no cuentan como fecha de recepción.

CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN Y SERVICIOS PARA ELECTORES

Entre los servicios ofrecidos se incluyen la recepción del voto, sustitución de papeletas, buzón de papeletas, dispositivos de marcado de papeletas accesibles en conformidad con la ley ADA, registro de nuevos votantes y actualizaciones del registro de votantes disponibles en todas las localidades.

Centros VSPC para la Fase 1

Del 26 de febrero al 5 de marzo de 2024

Horario:

- De lunes a viernes, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
- Sábado 2 de marzo, de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m.
- Martes 5 de marzo, día de la elección, de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

Adams County Government Center

- (Centro de Conferencias en el costado oeste) – 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
- Adams County Human Services Center – 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
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Centros VSPC para la Fase 2

El 4 y 5 de marzo de 2024

Horario:

- Lunes 4 de marzo, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
- Martes 5 de marzo, día de la elección, de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

Anschutz Medical Campus

- (Health & Wellness Center) – 12348 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora
- Front Range Community College – 3645 W. 112th Ave., Westminster

*Denota buzones y centros VSPC compartidos con los condados de Arapahoe y/o Denver.

Habrá muestras de papeletas de votación disponibles en línea en [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.govotecolorado.gov) mediante el acceso a su registro electoral.

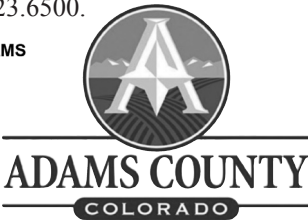
Si desea obtener más información sobre la elección o acceder a la sección de preguntas frecuentes, visite la página web de Adams County Elections en [AdamsVotes.com](https://www.adamsvotes.com) o llame a la oficina de Adams County Elections al 720.523.6500.

SECRETARIO Y FUNCIONARIO DE REGISTRO DEL CONDADO DE ADAMS



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STRASBURG FPD

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with 315 transports, which is 78%,” Conroy said.

December’s call volume of 100 was the third-highest month last year and included 56 responses within the district.

DEVELOPMENT REVENUE COLLECTION

Last year’s revenue from developer impact and plan review fees more than doubled between 2023 and the previous year.

Last year’s total of \$69,362 was up from \$33,492 in 2022. Conroy noted that last year’s collections covered 83 different projects.

Since 2018, the district has received almost \$393,000 — covering 413 projects — in developer impact and plan review revenue with the most lucrative year in 2021 when \$93,469 (103 projects) were

collected.

Conroy added that the district has already collected \$14,000 in impact fees from new homes in the Wolf Creek Run West subdivision on the northwest corner of the community this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The new Type 3 engine was expected to be delivered by the end of January.
- Brush 81 has been out of service because of a coolant leak.
- Conroy said that the chassis of the district’s new ambulance has been received at the factory and that the final unit is expected to be delivered in October.
- The board next meets at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at Station 81, 56281 E. Colfax Ave.

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AS SEEN ON ANIMAL PLANET

Adams Co. officers make homicide arrest

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Sheriff’s Office has arrested a suspect for a homicide that occurred on the 1900 block of Sherrelwood Circle Jan. 28.

The victim was shot while driving and the car crashed. The sheriff’s office believes that the shooting suspect may have been on foot, possibly committing trespasses to vehicles before the shooting. As deputies arrived, an extensive search for information that would lead to identifying any suspects was

conducted.

Detectives conducted multiple interviews and lengthy crime scene investigations, followed up on any provided leads, and identified and collected evidence that led to the arrest.

The suspect’s identity will not be released because of their age.

Anyone with video surveillance of the area near Sherrelwood Circle from 8 p.m. Jan. 27 until 3 a.m. Jan. 28 is asked to contact the detective division at (720)523-4847.

BENNETT LAW ENFORCEMENT

FROM PAGE 1

itate a smooth and collaborative shift in law enforcement services,” the Jan. 31 statement said. “The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office brings a wealth of experience and resources, aligning seamlessly with Bennett’s dedication to creating a secure environment for our residents.”

Uncertainty also remains about the final cost that the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s contract will be with the town. Arapahoe County already contracts for law enforcement services in the Antelope Hills subdivision, which is one of only a couple of small areas of incorporated Bennett south of I-70 in Arapahoe County. The rest of Bennett north of the interstate is in Adams County.

According to a spokesman with the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office, the contract with Bennett is not yet a done deal.

“Right now there is no figure,” said Deputy John Bartmann, public information office with the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office. “The sheriff’s office and the town are still in talks.”

Arapahoe County’s current contract for areas of south Bennett is for \$52,300.

Bennett officials decided in December to try and shift law enforcement services after Adams County Sheriff Gene Claps refused to back down from his contract quote of almost \$490,000 for 2024, an almost \$100,000 increase from 2023. Town officials indicated they had prepared for an increase of 6% from last year’s \$390,000 contract.

has raised the concern level for residents in other areas of eastern Arapahoe County and in Deer Trail, which already contracts with the sheriff’s office for law enforcement services at a rate of about \$75,000 annually.

Deer Trail officials, led by Mayor Judd Behrens, met with Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown and District 3 County Commissioner Jeff Baker towards the end of January to discuss what additional Bennett enforcement will mean to coverage farther east.

“We made the trip all the way over to Littleton, no Zoom or other online thing, and spoke to the sheriff and Commissioner Baker face-to-face and, I think, it was a very productive meeting and they heard our concerns,” Behrens said. “They know we’ve already had our reservations about the level of service and they indicated that an increased presence out here should not be impacted by adding service to Bennett.”

Behrens added that the town’s request for stepped up traffic law enforcement, which was made when the new law enforcement contract was signed in December, appears to have been well-received.

“Since the beginning of the year, I’ve seen more sheriff’s vehicles and stops made than combined the past several years,” Behrens said.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office already has school resource officers at both Byers and Deer Trail. Whether Arapahoe County will take over SRO services at Bennett School District is unknown. The town’s loss of Adams County Sheriff’s services means Bennett School District will lose their current SRO.

CONCERNS FARTHER EAST

The additional Arapahoe County Sheriff’s presence in Bennett

Major upgrades set for I-76 in Morgan Co.

DENVER — A project on I-76 in Morgan County will receive more than \$29 million for reconstruction and other improvements.

The project will rebuild 1.45 miles of I-76 in both directions within its current lane configuration, replace four bridges over I-76, and reconfigure the interchange at U.S. 6 and I-76 and install a Park-n-Ride hub there.

A second federal grant of \$59 million will be used on a project to widen 4.1 miles of U.S. Highway 160 east of Durango from two to four lanes.

“These two grants will help improve mobility, save Coloradans time, and make needed improvements on major roadways in La Plata and Morgan County,” said Gov. Jared Polis.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of William Brackenridge Kitchens, William B Kitchens, Deceased
Case Number 2023PR477

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Arapahoe County, Colorado on or before June 14, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Christine D Godsey
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 10, 2004

DEER TRAIL — As snow started to fall Feb. 3, Tink Rector, mayor of Deer Trail, was safely in sunny Florida, leaving Mayor Pro Tem Tami Stoumbaugh to run the town board meeting.

She forgot, and trustees voted for Gary Lavoie to serve. Trustees agreed to send a flier explaining a sales tax issue that will be on the ballot April 6.

Deer Trail does not have a city sales tax, only county. The proposed 2½% tax will fund streets, sewers and drainage, and 40% will go into the town’s general fund. Trustee Dutch Venter is against the tax.

The remaining trustees support the measure.
Editor’s Note: Deer Trail still has no local sales tax. Trustees are pondering a tax question on the upcoming 2024 municipal election ballot.

15 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

ORLANDO, FLA. — A local youth escaped the Colorado chill by traveling to Florida last month, but her time wasn’t spent at Disney World.

Instead, Bennett 8-year-old Cassie Hiatt participated in the Kick it 3v3 World Soccer Championship held in Orlando. Her five-member team, the Tropical Storm, finished in third place out of the 33-team field. In 3v3 tournaments, only three players from each team are on the field at a time. There are no goalies, and a designated box within which defenders cannot enter lies before the goal.

The Storm, who defeated two teams by a monstrous 12

goals, incurred their only loss against the eventual champions.

“It was a really good game,” Hiatt said. “We were really close.”

Although only 8, Hiatt is a “veteran” of the soccer field — she began playing at age 4. She plays soccer year-round, as do her brothers — Austin, 11, and Westley, 5. Mom Claudia said, “We really have a lot of fun.”

Cassie Hiatt says she doesn’t tire of the sport. “I never get tired of it. Now that we won, I want to play even more games!”

10 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

BENNETT — A proposed juvenile drug rehabilitation center north of Bennett seems defunct.

According to neighbors of the proposed Teen Challenge of the Rocky Mountains’ 180 Ranch at 44004 E. 96th Ave., several people were seen loading bunk beds and other items from the house into a moving van the middle of January and nobody has since lived in the house.

The facility appeared to move into the residence late last year much to the chagrin of neighbors, who didn’t want the group home there and questioned if the proper county processes were followed. During a late November meeting between Teen Challenge officials and neighbors it appeared Adams County procedures had not occurred yet.

Adams County senior planner Chris LaRue, in a Dec. 10 letter, told Teen Challenge that they would be unable to occupy the property as a Group Living Facility because the organization was not properly licensed.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 20

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2024.

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 7, 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

ON THIS DATE

n 1857, a French court ac-

quitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel “Madame Bovary.”

In 1943, the government abruptly announced that war-time rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per year. (Rationing

was lifted in October 1945.)

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1964, the Beatles arrived to screaming fans at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport to begin their first American tour.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1985, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was kidnapped in Guadalajara,

Mexico, by drug traffickers who tortured and murdered him.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS

Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., is 72. Actor James Spader is 64. Country singer Garth Brooks is 62.

— Associated Press

HOROSCOPE

The Heart Seeks an Anchor

As the trees know, growth usually happens in two directions at once — toward the sky and away from the sun. The higher we build, the deeper and more substantial the foundation needs to be. An intense trine of Venus and Uranus in Capricorn energizes ambitions. We want to reach, and we will, but we’ll make sure we’re anchored first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People around you will thrive because you are oxygen, reviving and enlivening wherever you go. You’ll give a light touch to your purposes, finding the humor and fun while still getting things done quickly and correctly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What is stronger and more enduring than the volatile forces? The gentle ones. Tornadoes dissipate. Fires burn out. Volcanoes go extinct. What remains, for millions of years, is the placid lake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Others have learned the hard way so you don’t have to. Tap on one of the many resources around you. Read, study and observe so that when you make mistakes, they won’t have been avoidable or redundant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What if your own fulfillment was top priority? Aims that were near and dear to you have been shuffled to the back burner where you cannot properly tend to them. Move things around so you can focus on what matters to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today, you’ll be tempted to hand over the result someone needs, but the bigger gift will be if you can offer someone an opportunity to create, build and solve things on their own.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don’t take it personally when you get a delayed response, or no response. All it means is that the other person doesn’t know what the appropriate response should be, or, for whatever reason, is unable to deliver it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could face

the problem head-on, though perhaps a strategic sidestep is in order. This is not a move of weakness but a decision to conserve your strength for a worthier purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There’s no use arguing with what is. Wondering if it’s right or ideal is as silly as wishing it were another way. Reality is supreme. Your strongest position is one of commitment. Say “yes” to what’s happening and use it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel suspended between worlds, unable to fully inhabit either. You are not the only one. “Feet on the earth, head in the clouds” is an apt description of the human condition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’ll be in a teaching role. Too much instruction limits learning. There’s no need to point out mistakes early in the process. Hang back ready to guide, knowing it’s ultimately best for people to come into knowledge their own way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It’s easier for you to make good choices when you realize how many others will be affected. When kind to yourself, you are kind to the ones who love you, too. And if you cause yourself harm, you also harm those you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are sometimes your own worst enemy, but it’s only because you’re human and thus complex. One must be cunning indeed to outsmart their own self-sabotaging behaviors. You’ll pull it off today.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7). A spontaneous and eventful year! Curious and brave, you open your heart and watch love make a new world of your life. More highlights: An unconventional venture yields priceless rewards, and monetary ones with a value you’ll bank on. A healing will release the weight of yesteryears. You’ll crack a code and invent one, too. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 44, 16 and 30.

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ACROSS

1. Zagreb native

6. Not St. or Blvd.

9. Tucked in

13. Whatchamacallit

14. Robert Redford’s Sundance ____

15. In a cold manner

16. Tiny island

17. Mad King George’s number

18. Hearing, e.g.

19. *Love’s late Nirvana husband

21. *Star-____

23. *Air Supply’s “Making Love Out of Nothing at ____”

24. Elementary particle

25. Tire meas.

28. Land of Israel

30. *Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: “Love lifts us up where we ____”

35. Ladder crosspiece

37. Frenzied

39. London’s Thames, e.g.

40. ____-European language

41. Call it quits

43. Very bright star

44. What procedural and epidural have in common

46. Crosby’s and Still’s partner

47. Mountain valley

48. Final words

50. Future J.D.’s hurdle

52. Food scrap

53. Tax

55. Pen point

57. **All You Need Is Love” band, with The

61. *Letters to Juliet destination

64. Habituate

65. NHL surface

67. Ancient marketplace

69. Like many bathroom floors?

70. Blunderbuss, e.g.

71. Entrenched (2 words)

72. Whirlpool

73. Volleyball court center

74. English homework assignment

DOWN

1. Computer-related imaging acronym

2. CISC alternative

3. Capital of Norway

4. Single-cell protozoan

5. Bottom lines

6. Similar

7. One of the Tudors

8. Authoritative proclamation

9. Single pip cards

10. The Container Store purchase, pl.

11. “What ____ can I say?”

12. T-shirt, after tied

15. Chemical cousin

20. Homer’s epic

22. Actor Lowe

24. Deviation from the norm

25. *U2’s “In the Name of Love” song

26. First light of day

27. Lemur from Madagascar

29. Damien’s prediction

31. Ding-a-____

32. Convex molding

33. **”Love means ____ having to say you’re sorry”

34. **”Love Actually” star

36. Hockey score

38. *True Love’s ____

42. Feudal lord

45. Loafed

49. “Holy moly!”

51. Rant

54. “Peace” with fingers (2 words)

56. Phony

57. Teeth mark

58. Children’s writer Blyton

59. Old, in Scottish

60. Three pointer

61. Heater outlet

62. Wooden pegs

63. Rigoletto’s “La donna mobile,” e.g.

66. Pool tool

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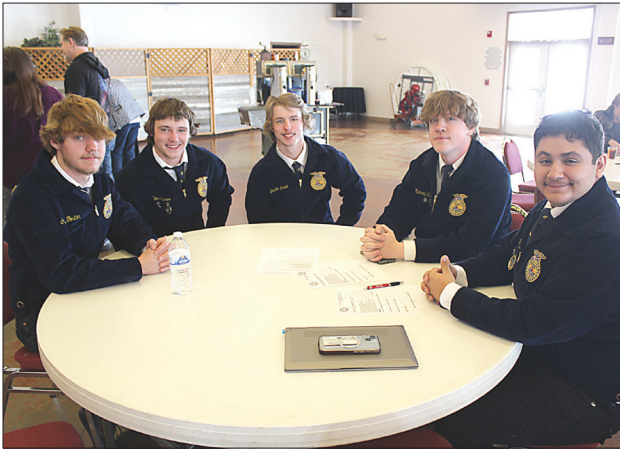
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Strasburg High School students Peighton Marrero and Dakota Strasser, left photo, give an overview of the Future Business Leaders of America at the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce's monthly Lunch & Learn Jan. 17 at May Farms in Byers. Marrero serves as president and Strasser as treasurer of the chapter. Center photo, Bennett FFA officers in attendance include, executive committee member Corey Foster, student advisor Tyler Lynnes, secretary Triston Cronk, vice president Robert Harrington, and president Yandel Terrazas. Right, Bennett FFA Chapter treasurer Tyler Hill, left, and reporter Natalie Diaz deliver a PowerPoint presentation on FFA. Diaz also recited the FFA Creed.

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- ♦ Superhero Summit - Deadline February 19th Date: February 24, 1-3pm at the Legion Hall; Ages: Preschool & Up; Fee: \$35
- ♦ Lacrosse League - Deadline February 25th Dates: Starts 4/13 (Sat. for 5 wks); Grades: 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, & 7th-8th; Fee: \$50
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CASE NO LDC23-006, FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS UPDATE / LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Arapahoe County is proposing an amendment to the Arapahoe County Land Development Code to adopt and incorporate into the Code a new Flood Insurance Study (FIS), dated April 11, 2024, with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), as produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 27, 2024, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the calendar of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commission permits, a public hearing will be held; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. LDC23-006, Floodplain Regulations Update / Land Development Code Amendment. The public hearing will be held at 5334 S Prince St., East Hearing Room, Littleton CO 80120, with the option to participate remotely. 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.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Engineering Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6500, or by emailing sliu@arapahoegov.com during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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Indian cagers go 4-0 against Cubs, Eagles



Left photo, Lady Indian Natalie Damron ties up a Timnath player as teammate Aubrie Archuleta (12) looks on. Right photo, Damron looks on as Peighton Marrero (3) stops and pops.

Ladies rally in fourth quarter to overcome foe

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

Strasburg eradicated a 45-37 deficit after three quarters with a 14-2 fourth period to defeat Timnath 51-47 Jan. 30 at home.

In a make-up game, the Lady Indians also crushed Liberty Common 76-16 on the road Jan. 31 to boost their record to 12-4 through Feb. 2.

The Indians also faced Yuma Feb. 3, winning 54-48.

For complete coverage, watch for the Feb. 9 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

TIMNATH

Although the Lady Indians led 12-10 after one period, they basically trailed the entire game. They were down 27-24 at halftime.

"It was always a matter of catch-

up," said Strasburg head coach Merci Ames. "Sometimes things were just a little bit off, and I thought Timnath kind of surprised us a little bit."

She noted that the Lady Cubs came out aggressively. "It's a much different team than last year."

The Indians had a poor shooting night, hitting just 28% of their two-point attempts and 22% from three-land. But nearing the end of the game, Ames noted two big baskets apiece by senior Graecyn Graf and junior Natalie Damron and one each for senior Aubrie Archuleta and junior Peighton Marrero.

"We had some pretty good shots at the end there, which were big clutch shots by several players," Ames noted. "We had some really big rebounds. That was another

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Timnath slows 'Burg boys showdown to crawl

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg boys boosted their record to 15-1 overall and 6-0 in the Patriot League with wins at Timnath Jan. 30 and at home over Liberty Common of Fort Collins Jan. 31.

@ TIMNATH

Strasburg defeated Timnath 49-39. The Cubs threw a curveball that the mighty Indians had not seen so far this season.

"The game looked a whole lot closer than it actually was," said Strasburg head coach Kyle Bollers. "They were trying to do everything they could to slow us down. And, I think, if anything, it proved that we can win games in every single way. We can win games running, and we can win games when teams deliberately try to slow us down, and that's what they did, so I'm happy with

that part. I just wasn't happy with our execution.

"They sat back in a really tight three-two zone. We hit shots from the outside, which is how we scored a majority of our points. We missed a lot of short shots on the inside.

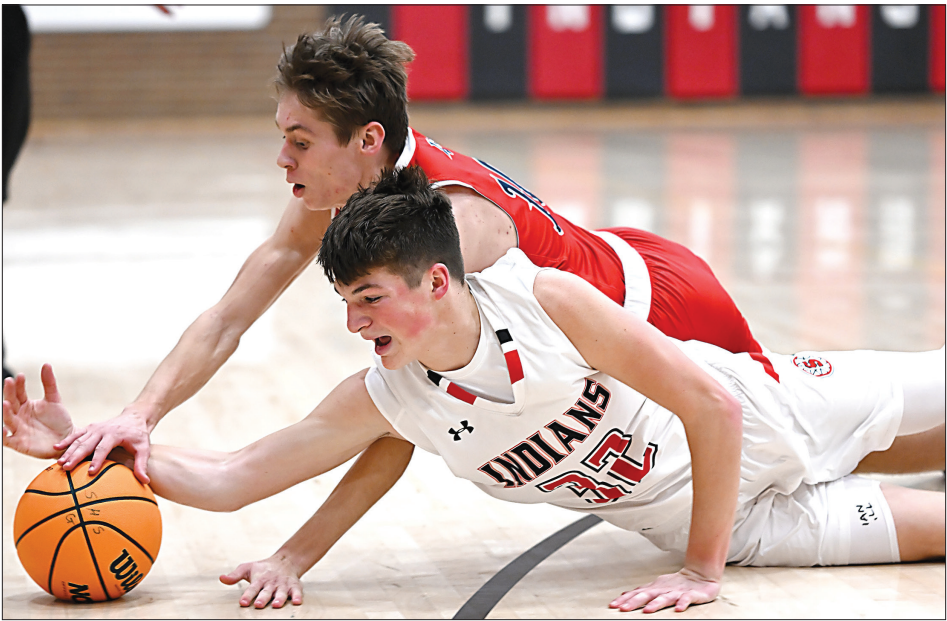
"They have a lot of size, have a lot of length. They do a good job challenging shots at the rim. So we missed quite a few easy shots that we would normally hit."

The Indians were still able to control the game, for the most part, leading 14-5 after one period, 28-21 after two, and 42-29 after three.

Junior Tyce Bollers had another big game with 19 points, three assists and two steals, and senior Landen Martin scored 13 points and dished out six assists.

Coach Bollers particularly noted that Martin hit outside shots for the team in the first half and combined

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Sophomore Nick Glatfelter (32) scrambles for a loose ball against Liberty Common Jan. 31.

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Strasburg’s Graecyn Graf outruns a Timnath player for a loose ball on the sideline.

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thing.”
Graf led the Lady Indians with 15 points, five rebounds, four assists and five steals. Natalie Damron added 12 points, 14 rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot, followed by Marrero with 10 points, six rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks, and Archuleta with 9 points.

@ LIBERTY COMMON

Strasburg won a laughter over the Liberty Common Eagles of Fort Collins 76-16 Jan. 31.
“Liberty Common is very young this year and very inexperienced,” Ames said. “And they have a new first year coach. Okay. But, you know, they hustled the whole time and got after it.”
Despite the talent and experience disparity between the two teams, the Indians still tried to play their best game without running up the score.
“We talked about needing to be focused and to be a little relentless,” Ames added. “Because we have some goals this year that we want to accomplish. And ... we played respectfully, but we still were a little aggressive.”
Ames substituted liberally and was pleased with the effort of her bench and younger players.
Strasburg scoring leaders were Graf with 17 points, Natalie Dam-



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Lady Indians Natalie Damron (15), left, Graecyn Graf (2) and Katie Seligmann (10) make rebounding a team effort.

ron with 14 points, Marrero with 13, Archuleta with 11 and sophomore Hannah Damron with 8. Graf also dished out seven assists, followed by Marrero with four and freshman Wynne Winter with three.
Natalie Damron pulled down 11 boards, and sophomore Taryn La-Force grabbed six to go with two blocked shots. Graf and Marrero had seven steals apiece while senior Kate Seligman added five.

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with Tyce Bollers for seven threes. More importantly, Martin was able to get to the inside to create opportunities for Strasburg’s bigs.
“He was a big time offensive catalyst for us,” coach Bollers added.
Senior Austin Velasco had 8 points and 15 rebounds, and sophomore Cam Manahan added four rebounds and two assists; sophomore Nick Glatfelter, four rebounds; and senior Colton Hall, two assists.

LIBERTY COMMON

Coach Bollers said the Indians looked much better against Liberty Common the following night in a game originally scheduled for Jan. 16. Strasburg won 69-46.
“Liberty Common was a really good bounce back for us,” he said. “I thought we were able to play offensively more freely against Liberty Common.”
Noting that the Eagles scored only 27 points through three quarters, the head coach especially liked his team’s defensive effort.
“I was really, really pleased with our defensive effort,” Kyle Bollers added. “We really shut down everything they tried to do with their pick-and-roll.”
Team leaders were Tyce Bollers, 24 points and five steals; Velasco,



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Indian sophomore Gideon Milner lays up a shot against Liberty Common.

16 points, 11 rebounds, two steals and four blocked shots; Valencia, 8 points; Glatfelter, 7 points and eight rebounds; Martin, nine assists and two steals; and Manahan, 6 points, six rebounds, and four steals.

COMING UP

Feb. 9: @ Wellington
Feb. 13: Estes Park



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Tyce Bollers (5), left photo, goes up for 2 points against Liberty Common. Right, Landen Martin (2) blows past an Eagle defender.

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Input sought on outdoor rec plan

DENVER – Every five years, Colorado Parks & Wildlife leads the creation of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) to maintain eligibility for funding through the Land & Water Conservation Fund and to inform investments from other federal, state, local and private programs.

Given the significance of outdoor recreation in Colorado, the SCORP is more than a federal requirement for funding. The plan reflects Colorado outdoor partners’ shared commitment to advancing recreational enjoyment and conservation of Colorado’s outdoor resources.

Colorado’s 2019-23 SCORP was developed in collaboration with a range of partners to create a shared vision for the future of Colorado’s outdoors. The plan looks at changing demographics and recreation trends to help the outdoor recreation sector be culturally relevant and to respond to future shifts.

The SCORP identifies four top priorities:

- enhance sustainable access and

- opportunity to enjoy the outdoors;
- promote stewardship of natural, cultural, and recreational resources;
- conserve lands, waters, and wildlife; and
- ensure adequate funding to sustain Colorado’s outdoors for the future.

Parks & Wildlife is seeking feedback from the public on the relevance and importance of Colorado’s outdoor recreation objectives that help achieve the top priorities in the 2019-23 plan.

Nine main objectives are listed in the 2019 SCORP, which help prioritize outdoor recreation and conservation projects across the state based on priority areas. CPW staff wants to ensure the objectives used to accomplish its priorities in the 2024-28 SCORP reflect the values of the community’s diverse interests.

To share feedback, use the comment form at engagecpw.org. Comments are open through Feb. 28.

CPW NE Region caucus sets vote for open seat

LONGMONT — The Colorado Parks & Wildlife will host a sportspersons caucus open to all hunters and anglers who recreate in the agency’s Northeast Region.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Weld County Southwest Service Center, 4209 County Road 24½ in Longmont.

Parks & Wildlife staff will address topics including mountain lions, gray wolf reintroduction, waterfowl, fisheries and the Draw Process Working Group. A turkey-calling seminar will precede the caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Caucus members will elect a new caucus representative to replace outgoing representative Paul Navarre.

Interested candidates can fill out a form accompanying this release at cpw.state.co.us or e-mail to chasta.labass@state.co.us to apply. Candidates must be residents of the Northeast Region and also a hunter or fisherman.

The position requires attendance at two regional caucuses and two statewide meetings per year during a two-year term, with an option to run for an additional term. Voting will occur at the meeting and online Feb. 15 from 4-7 p.m. through a provided link.

Bennett rec district opens youth baseball registration

BENNETT — The Bennett Parks & Recreation District has opened early bird registration for spring youth baseball.

Discounted rates are available through Thursday, Feb. 15.

Practices, which commence in April, will be held once or twice per week along the I-70 Corridor. The 10-game regular season schedule will include games along the I-70 Corridor as well as at Brighton, Broomfield and Fort Lupton.

An end-of-season tournament is also scheduled for late June.

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Officials with the town of Bennett and Bennett School District along with family and friends of longtime local teacher and coach Joe Stemo were on hand for the formal sign dedication of Joe Stemo Ball Field Jan. 23. Stemo, who retired several years ago from the school district, was a four-decade-plus fixture as teacher and coach for Bennett middle and high schools as well as for numerous local youth teams and leagues. Clockwise from above left photo, Stemo says a few words while Mayor Royce Pindell looks on; Pindell and Bennett trustee Kevin Barden, who is also Stemo's brother-in-law, unveil the sign that was created with the help of Jeff Wilson of Bennett Welding; and event attendees included public works employees Manuel Castillo, left, and Robert Sherer, Public Works Director Robin Price, Bennett School Superintendent Robin Purdy, Pindell, Stemo, town trustee Steve Dambroski, Bennett Town Administrator Trish Stiles, public works employee Nate Peters, Barden, public works members Marc Wilson, Ricky Martinez, Mark Cowlishaw and Seth Sherer, and Bennett Deputy Administrator Rachel Summers.



Locals to take part in busy regional wrestling weekend

The final push towards the state wrestling tournament happens later this week as regional tournaments occur all across Colorado. State-qualifying tournaments are slated for Feb. 9-10 with the Colorado State Wrestling Championships to run Feb. 15-17 at Ball Arena in Denver. Both local girls teams and the trio of boys squads will be in action starting Friday night with hopes on

making state-qualifying rounds on Saturday. The top four finishers in each weight from all regional tournaments will advance to the state tournament. For updated postseason information visit www.i-70scout.com and watch for the Feb. 14 edition of *The I-70 Scout*. This weekend's regional schedule for local competitors follow:

LADY TIGERS & LADY INDIANS
The Bennett and Strasburg girls squad have the shortest trip of I-70 Corridor competitors as they will both compete in Metro Region 2 at Vista PEAK, 24500 E 6th Ave, Aurora. Other teams in the 26-school field include Chatfield, Douglas County, Pueblo Central, Arapahoe, Arvada, Columbine, Denver East, Denver South, Eaglecrest, Englewood, Evergreen, George Washington, John F Kennedy, Kiowa, Legacy, Mountain Vista, Mullen, Overland, Prairie View, Standley Lake, Smoky Hill, Thomas Jefferson, Westminster and the host program. Unlike boys wrestling, which is divided into four classifications, girls grappling is still all one division. Entering this weekend's competition, two of Bennett's three female grapplers are ranked in the top three of the On the Mat rankings — senior Katelyn Faczak at 105 pounds and sophomore Vivienne "Vivi" Gitke at 140. Lady Tiger senior Marie Jordan is also expected to compete at the top of the 100-pound weight category. Strasburg has had seven competitors throughout the year with all but one of them seeing their first year of action.

2A BOYS
Byers will be among 16 teams at 2A Region 1 in Akron. In addition to two-time defending 2A champion Wray, which has 16 state team titles, the field includes Fowler, Sedgwick County/Fleming, Burlington, Clear Creek, Dayspring Christian, Gilpin County, Highland, Holyoke, Limon, Lyons, Stratton, Wiggins and Yuma.

3A BOYS TEAMS SPLIT UP
Despite only six miles apart, the Colorado High School Activities Association split up Bennett and Strasburg for regional weekend. The Tigers are being sent to South Region 2 at The Classical Academy in Colorado Springs, while the Indians will participate in Metro Region 4 at Mullen High School in southwest Denver. Bennett's competition will include top five-ranked Brush, Pueblo Central, Pagosa Springs, Alamosa, Florence, James Irwin, La Junta, Lamar, Lutheran, Manitou Springs, Sierra and Woodland Park. For Strasburg, state qualifying efforts will go through the likes of Jefferson, Holy Family, Abraham Lincoln, Alameda, Arvada, Denver West, Elizabeth, Englewood, Forge Christian, John F. Kennedy, Severance, Skyview, and Weld Central.

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Third-grader Raeya Tanner, left photo, performs an original song, for which she took home third prize, at a school-wide talent show hosted by the Deer Trail School Student Council Jan. 24. Fourteen brave and talented groups and individuals performed songs, dances, jokes, stunts and skits and presented artwork. The student judges presented first- through third-prize honors. Center photo, the fifth-grade Charm Trio — Kamyla Lopez Ruelas, Keily Sosa Gonzalez and Natalie Mora — dance to “Jingle Bell Rock.” Right, first-grader and first-place winner Ryker Shibata answers increasingly difficult math questions and performs songs in Russian and English with assistance from his dad, Casey Christensen.



From left photo, at the winter music program for grades 1-6 at Byers Elementary School Dec. 13, first-graders from the classes of Tina Zufall and Kristina Wood sing a song; sixth-grader Ashlynn Witt from Dallas Hacker’s class plays the guitar; and Santiago Mendoza Vazquez from Connie Butterfield’s sixth-grade class accompanies second-graders from the classes of Melissa Finley and Melissa Hay.

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Wednesday, Feb. 14: Beefy queso pasta bake, dinner roll, salad, grapes, brownies.

BYERS
Thursday, Feb. 8: Hot turkey sandwich, steamed carrots, mixed fruit.
Friday, Feb 9: Taco salad, cornbread, cheese sticks, peaches.
Monday, Feb. 12: Corn dogs, Sun Chips, baked beans, peaches.
Tuesday, Feb. 13: Cheese pizza, spinach salad with ranch, mixed fruit.
Wednesday, Feb. 14: Chicken nuggets, roll, Tater Tots, pears.

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Thursday, Feb. 8: Chicken nuggets, chips.
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Tuesday, Feb. 13: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.
Wednesday, Feb. 14: Cheesy spaghetti, whole grain dinner roll.

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Please submit resumes by 5 p.m., Monday, February 12, by mail to Byers Water & Sanitation District, P.O Box 301 Byers, CO 80103; in person at 421 S. Sherman St. Byers, CO 80103; or by e-mail to bh2os@netecin.net.



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Inquiries should be directed to Tim Barber at (303)822-5292, x1138.



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January ‘24 Home Sales: Bennett, Strasburg, Byers & Deer Trail

Address	Town	Beds~Baths~	Total Sq. Ft~	Fin Sq. Ft	~DIM	~Close Price~	% of List
1832 Burton St	Strasburg	2 2	1008	1008	55	\$340,000	93%
59601 E 56th Ave	Strasburg	6 4	5004	5004	108	\$1,205,000	89%
45557 E Jamison Pl	Bennett	3 3	3669	3600	94	\$,949,000	95%
681 Pawnee St	Strasburg	3 2	1456	1456	0	\$580,000	-
525 S Schumaker Rd	Bennett	4 4	5142	4197	13	\$1,074,900	100%
574 4th St	Bennett	3 2	1824	1824	25	\$359,800	100%
*669 Heartland Dr	Bennett	3 3	1700	1700	63	\$450,000	89%
628 S 3rd Ave	Deer Trail	3 2	2960	1480	114	\$385,000	93%
55450 E 28th Pl	Strasburg	3 1	1012	1012	81	\$373,000	96%
*520 Kiowa Ave	Bennett	3 3	1390	1390	112	\$400,000	89%
*640 Kiowa Ave	Bennett	3 3	1390	1390	42	\$375,000	91%
2785 Quarterland St	Strasburg	4 2	1350	1350	70	\$400,000	99%
16205 Mystic Ln	Strasburg	3 2	1170	1170	27	\$435,000	97%
471 S 3rd Ave	Deer Trail	3 2	2880	1440	120	\$397,000	99%
1446 4th Ct	Deer Trail	3 2	2532	1276	79	\$420,000	92%
*650 Kiowa Ave	Bennett	3 3	1653	1653	42	\$424,900	99%
47355 Lilac Ave	Bennett	4 3	2168	2168	46	\$450,000	100%

*indicates new build

As we step into February, the beginning of prime selling season starts. What does that mean to you?

If you are in a position where you are needing or wanting to sell your home, lets talk, it’s a great time to sell.

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With that philosophy in mind, Bear Mountain BBQ ambassador Jennifer Danella is sharing two BBQ winning recipes.

Both incorporate the brand’s premium pellets for unbeatable flavor at the table.

SWEET HEAT BARBEQUE

WILD TURKEY BITES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 boneless, skinless turkey or chicken breast, approximately 2 pounds, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon loosely-packed light brown sugar
- 1 package center-cut bacon, cut in half
- sliced green onions
- ranch dressing
- Chef’s Choice or Butcher’s Blend Bear Mountain BBQ Pellets
- ½ cup sweet barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons buffalo sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat grill to 400 degrees.
2. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. Place 1-inch turkey pieces into a medium size bowl. Sprinkle chili powder, paprika, cayenne, garlic salt, black pepper and brown sugar over top. Mix well.
4. Wrap half a slice of bacon around each turkey piece. Secure with a toothpick and place them onto the parchment paper.
5. Place the baking sheet into the preheated grill and bake for 25 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the barbecue sauce, buffalo sauce and garlic in a small bowl. Brush the turkey pieces halfway through cooking. Brush another layer of sauce five minutes before the cook time is over. Cook until the turkey pieces reach 165 degrees.

6. Garnish with sliced green onions and serve with ranch dressing for dipping.

BEER CHEESE DIP

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups cheddar cheese grated
- ½ cup gruyere cheese grated
- 8 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ of a 1-ounce ranch dressing packet
- 2 tablespoons green onions chopped
- ¼ cup German lager beer
- 2 tablespoons baking soda
- 1 can biscuits
- 1 large egg, mixed with 1 tablespoon water
- 12-inch cast iron skillet
- Bear Mountain BBQ’s Chef’s Choice Blend pellets

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat pellet grill to 350 degrees.
2. In large bowl, combine 1 cup cheddar, gruyere, cream cheese, Dijon mustard, Hidden Valley Ranch seasoning, beer and 1 tablespoon green onions. Mix evenly.
3. Cut biscuits in half. Roll each half into a ball and slice an X across top.
4. Boil 2 cups water in medium saucepan. Once boiling, add baking soda and mix immediately.
5. Add biscuits to grill in batches and cook until puffy, approximately 1 minute. Remove and transfer to skillet, forming ring along inside edge.
6. Brush biscuits with egg wash. Sprinkle with salt.
7. Transfer dip to center of skillet. Sprinkle with remaining cheddar.
8. Smoke until biscuits are golden and dip is bubbly, 30-35 minutes.
9. Garnish with remaining green onions. Serve!

As you make your Game Day preparations, head to Walmart, which is carrying a new collection of Bear Mountain’s grilling and smoking pellets. The five exclusive flavors — Smoky Apple Whiskey, Maple Bourbon Pecan, Chef’s Choice, Butcher’s Blend and Chop-house Blend — add unrivaled flavor to all grilling and smoking occasions. The collection can also be found at Walmart.com. For recipe ideas and techniques for adding smoke flavor using any grill, visit bearmountainbbq.com.

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2024-25 Preschool Roundup

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WHAT: Preregistration for preschool

WHERE: Deer Trail Preschool
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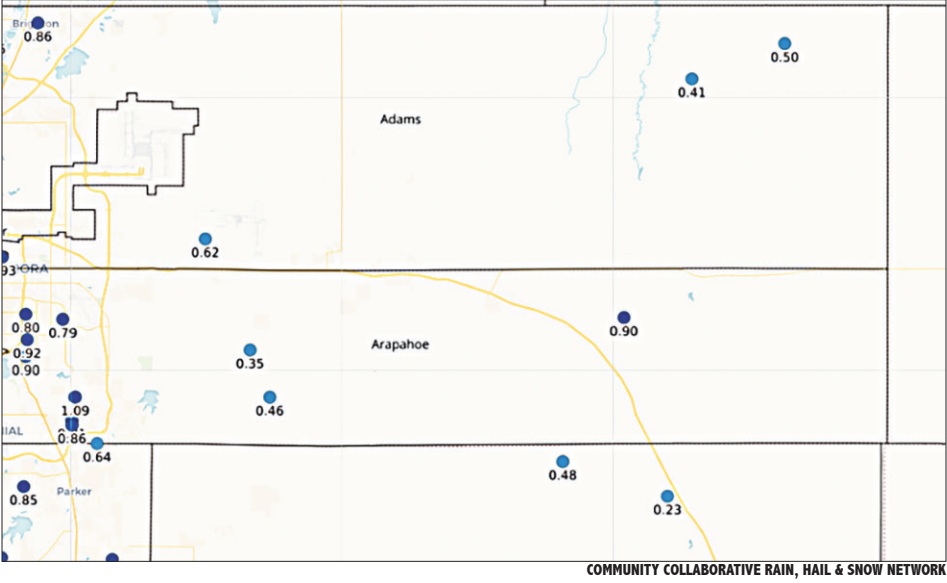
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* Please bring child's birth certificate and immunization record."



Deer Trail School District 26J
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The I-70 Corridor was among areas of the Front Range and Eastern Colorado to receive 5-6 inches of snow and more than three-quarters-of-an-inch of moisture during a surprise storm Feb. 3.

FEB. 3 STORM

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when 1.01 inches of precipitation was measured and, on Feb. 22, 1909, the second-highest total of 0.88 inches was recorded. Saturday's snow and rain accumulation tied Feb. 17, 1962.

While forecasts leading up to last weekend indicated mostly rain along the Front Range and Eastern Colorado, a rapid decrease in temperatures overnight changed the heavy drizzle to large, sloppy-wet snowflakes.

Most areas between I-25 and Highway 71, including most of eastern unincorporated Adams and Arapahoe counties, reported between 5-6 inches of snow from approximately 5-10 a.m. Saturday, which followed anywhere from a quarter- to half-inch of rain. Among Saturday's local Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network reports was 5.5 inches of snow and a total of 0.90 inches of moisture about five miles north of Deer Trail. Other reporting stations near Strasburg and Byers showed around 0.85 inches of precipitation throughout Saturday.

East of Highway 71, steady snow never materialized with many weather watchers in Lincoln, Washington and Morgan counties noting at least three-quarters-of-an-inch of rain; in one case, a CoCoRAHS reporter about a half-mile south of Fort Morgan said 1.11 inches of rain fell.

An NWS meteorologist said that the change to snow occurred where temperatures dropped drastically — down to 30 degrees or colder — after 2-3 a.m. Saturday morning.

"If things stayed around 40 degrees, the rain stuck around but, further west, a lot colder air forced its way down towards ground level and turned it into snow," the NWS forecaster said. "Pretty much followed the (Palmer) divide — west of 'that ridge' cooled down enough but, east of it, not so much. It was a very hard storm to predict because of that."

In addition to catching forecasters off-guard, the storm also created numerous issues for commuters between Agate and Aurora, who were unaware of the below-freezing, snow-packed, and slick conditions until they were on the road.

A Colorado State Patrol spokesman indicated to *The I-70 Scout* that from approximately 4 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, between 15-20 crashes occurred between mile markers 290-330. While most were considered property damage-only crashes, one of the first incidents resulted in at least two people

Denver's Wettest February Days since 1872		
Rank	Precip	Date
1	1.01	02-19-1953
2	0.88	02-22-1909
3	0.72	02-03-2024
	0.72	02-17-1962
5	0.71	02-10-1934
6	0.70	02-27-1918
7	0.67	02-05-1881
8	0.61	02-09-1898
9	0.60	02-26-1884
10	0.58	02-22-1960

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE—BOULDER
Last Saturday's storm tied for the third most daily precipitation ever in February for Denver.

transported to a hospital with serious injuries.

At approximately 4:15 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the eastbound lanes of I-70 near Manila Road on reports of a crash involving a semi. According to the State Patrol spokesman, two vehicles had collided with each other when a semi behind the accident was unable to avoid the scene and struck the vehicle that was on the receiving end of the original crash.

Both occupants of the vehicle that was struck twice — the 40-year-old female driver from Byers and a 38-year-old male passenger from Byers — were both transported emergent to University Hospital.

The other two drivers were reportedly uninjured or suffered minor injuries. The driver of the other vehicle in the original crash is a 23-yr-old male from Venezuela. The semi-driver was a 62-year-old male from Littleton.

Intermittent lane closures of I-70 between Airpark Road and Bennett lasted for about two hours, and the thoroughfare was fully reopened about 6:10 a.m.

Another injury crash was reported near the I-70 interchange at Airpark Road, but severity of the injuries were unknown.

"But mostly property damage crashes and a lot of them," the State Patrol spokesman said.

Saturday's surprise snowstorm didn't result in any extensive highway closures east of the I-25 Corridor, but the same couldn't be said for southern and western areas of the metro area that reported between 10-20 inches of snow.

In addition to temporarily snarling local I-70 traffic, folks trying to fly out also had significant headaches as around 1,000 flights were canceled or delayed at DIA on Saturday.