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Investors eye Byers Rec District property

Developers' representative indicates luxury RV resort planned north and west of Quint Valley

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — An inquiry aimed at checking the temperature of the Byers Park & Recreation District Board for a potential sale of Quint

Valley found the response to be lukewarm or, in some cases, downright cold.

Jep Seman, a land use attorney out of Denver, attended the board's March 6 meeting, following up on a letter he previously sent to the

district's attorney, Robert Tibbals, on the matter. Seman said he represents an investment group with members who own property surrounding Quint Valley to the north and west.

"They have directed me to initiate

a conversation with you all about the potential acquisition of the fairgrounds property ... to see to what extent the board has an interest in potentially starting some discus-

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Bennett declares itself a non-sanctuary town

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — The town of Bennett Board of Trustees adopted a resolution March 12 declaring Bennett a non-sanctuary town for migrants.

The resolution, penned by Trustee Larry Vitum and first presented to the board Feb. 27, passed 6-1.

The resolution states, in part, the town is declaring itself a non-sanctuary town because its citizens "have expressed concern regarding the transport of migrants entering the country illegally into the town's jurisdictional limits, which may compromise the safety, well-being and resources of the town residents."

The resolution also "calls upon the President of the United States to take immediate and effective action to secure the border and enforce immigration laws to address the concerns of the community and nation."

Another statement "recognizes the importance of legal immigration and welcomes individuals to apply through the legal process."

Two Bennett residents spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting — both in support of the resolution.

Grider Lee, who serves on the Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission, spoke about the costs the city of Denver is incurring with the

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I-70 Picadilly Project Map
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- Constructed by Others (Construido por otros)
- Pavement to be Removed (Pavimento que será removido)

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, motorists should expect a right lane closure on westbound I-70 at the E-470 interchange to set the traffic barrier. Once set, motorists can expect a right shoulder closure for several months. Crews will also begin installing permanent storm sewer pipe north of I-70 through this week. Motorists will also notice increased truck activity near Picadilly Road and Colfax Avenue for several weeks with trucks hauling materials to and from the project. Drivers are asked to use caution when traveling through the work zone and watch for trucks entering and exiting along Picadilly Road between 19th Avenue and Smith Road.

ArapCo OD prevention van makes Bennett debut



by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

As excessive opioid use continues to trend upward so have efforts to try and prevent overdose-related deaths.

One such effort commenced Feb. 29 with Arapahoe County's new Prevention Point mobile unit, an off-shoot of the county's Health Harm Reduction Program, which was originally initiated January 2023 as fixed-location and street outreach program.

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Arapahoe County's new Prevention Point mobile opioid overdose clinic officially started meeting the public Feb. 29. The van, left photo, visited Bennett Town Hall as part of a Feb. 27 kickoff event for the program. Right photo, Arapahoe County Harm Reduction Program Manager Clinton Whatley, left, is pictured with Prevention Point health educators Elicia Chacon and Kit Matzke.



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 - * Camp - April 4-5; Ages: 6-10 (4:30-6pm), 11-14 (6-7:30pm); Fee: \$50 (includes shirt)
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Nine DT residents to challenge for four trustee seats

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL —In addition to a question regarding a new 1.75% sales and use tax town-wide, Deer Trail residents have nine candidates to choose from for four open seats when they cast their ballots on April 2.

Originally, five vacancies were advertised for this spring's election but, further review showed only four. The top three vote-getters in the in-person, polling-place election will receive four-year terms with the next one in line to receive a two-year term.

In addition, a field of 10 original candidates was whittled down to nine after Kasey Bennett told town officials last week he was pulling his name from the race.

The nine candidates, in ballot order, are Brandon Rowley, Ashley Buss, John Kettling, Sanford Bell, Mary Arnold, Dashelle Guertin, Robert Rhodes, Dara Sanders and Phil Steel. Kettling and Rhodes are incumbents seeking reelection and Steel has had a brief stint on the board via an appointment.

Eight of the nine candidates were at a March 7 meet the candidates forum at the Deer Trail School auditorium. Sanders was unable to attend because of a prior engagement but provided a written statement that was read to the audience.



Among the nine candidates running for Deer Trail Trustee April 2 are, from left, Brandon Rowley, Robert Rhodes, Sanford Bell, John Kettling, Mary Arnold, Dashelle Guertin, Ashley Buss, and Phil Steel. Not pictured is Dara Sanders.

BRANDON ROWLEY

Rowley is an I-70 Corridor native, growing up in Bennett and moving to Deer Trail with his wife, who's from the town.

"I love being part of this small little town and look forward to representing it," he said.

He added that he is usually out and about at various community events and invites the public to visit with him if elected to the board.

"I'm out at all the school basketball, football and events as well as other gatherings throughout town," Rowley said. "I'm available to talk with you and listen to what you have to say."

In addition to improving community outreach

and making sure residents have their concerns addressed, Rowley said other goals include proper zoning of properties throughout town, particularly businesses, and increasing enforcement of traffic code.

ASHLEY BUSS

Originally from over the pond in England, Buss has been one of the more visible public fixtures at town board meetings the past three years.

Buss is also a member of the board of directors for the Bijou Manor assisted living facility.

While Buss said the processes and tenor of town board meetings has improved immensely over the

past few years, he hopes to instill more Robert's Rules of Order and address concerns earlier in the policy-making process. Buss said he was particularly agitated when the former mayor only allowed public input at the end of a board meeting and after a vote usually occurred.

"If we take just five minutes at the time subjects are discussed and before they are voted on, a lot of problems would be stopped right there," he said.

He also said he hopes to instill a more jovial atmosphere throughout town.

"Adding some fun to the town. Otherwise it will turn into something similar to a MicroSoft campus," Buss

said. "Let's bring out the kids, their families, and have a fun and safe environment."

JOHN KETTLING

Known as "Mr. K" around town, Kettling is running for a third term.

While not the only proponent of the town's sales tax proposal, he is among its most vocal backers, particularly citing the biggest beneficiary of the proposed new funding.

"There are a lot of challenges, but the sewer system is first and foremost. It's coming and it's a problem that isn't going away anytime soon," said Kettling, adding that a yes vote would allow town residents to "keep the state from taking your TABOR refund, which is what they are wanting to and will do."

Kettling also said that passing a sales tax would provide the town must-needed fiscal leverage in seeking grant funding for projects, particularly infrastructure, down the road.

He added that growth of the business community in town will likely only happen if "outside land speculation," especially along Seventh Avenue, is mitigated.

SANFORD BELL

While a lot of clamoring occurred for passage of the town's sales tax question,

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Bell appeared to be the only vociferous candidate on the other side, saying “Well, my first priority is no new taxes.”

Bell has lived in Deer Trail since the summer of 1955.

“I grew up around here, have had kids that grew up here, and now have grandkids growing up here,” he said. “I’m not the oldest up here right now but I’ve lived here the longest of them all.”

Bell added that his 16 years on the Deer Trail School Board and the fact that he is now retired from the agriculture biosolids industry should serve him well if elected to the town board.

“I think we can improve a lot of things by just visiting with people,” Bell said. “That’s something I like doing.”

MARY ARNOLD

Originally from an Iowa town of about 600 people, Arnold said she appreciates Deer Trail’s small town atmosphere and hopes to keep that in place.

“I’ve been in Colorado about 40 years and was on the road a lot with my job, about 80% of the time, so really appreciate being able to slow down and be part of a smaller community,” said Arnold, citing a long career in the restaurant industry as a regional manager.

On the issue of code enforcement, Arnold said it’s a matter of understanding how the code enforcement officer conducts business and is held accountable.

“Have [the code enforcement officer] be more available at meetings,” she said. “We have to make

sure [town codes] are consistent between people across town.”

On the issue of growth, Arnold said business and residential building goes hand-in-hand.

“Otherwise, we’re looking at being more of a bedroom community with everyone having to drive for their goods and services,” she said.

DASHELLE GUERTIN

Originally from Canon City, Guertin said among her goals is to return Deer Trail to how she perceived the town was before one of its most historic tragedies occurred.

“It was described to me as one of best little towns around, but it sounds like it has been broken,” she said. “It sounds like after the flood of ’65, things really changed. I want to get us back to the days where Deer Trail is really known as the home of the first rodeo and being that community that is open and welcoming.”

“I really look forward to bringing Deer Trail back to life, making more things available, especially for our kids.”

Guertin said she is not opposed to growth, but it must be properly managed.

While she said the perceived lack of transparency from town officials has improved recently, Guertin hopes to continue to improve communication between the board and residents.

ROBERT RHODES

Raised a Navy brat, Rhodes moved to the Denver area in 1996 and has lived in Deer Trail the past couple of years.

Upon his arrival, Rhodes helped form the town’s new planning commission and drive-in movie night program, which started last year at the Deer Trail Jockey Club Rodeo Grounds.

“I’ll continue to work on the programs I’ve started, regardless if on the board or not,” he said. “But I’m hopeful that it can still be as a part of this team.”

On the issue of growth, Rhodes said he remains in favor of the town’s current moratorium on new residential water taps until not only the new sewer system is in place but until the community’s future water supply can be confirmed.

He added that previous stints in small Missouri towns showed him that a commercial/manufacturing enterprise would be a welcome addition to the community because of the local jobs and economic stimuli it would bring.

DARA SANDERS

A resident of Deer Trail for 4 1/2 years, Sanders says her extensive administrative background, including most recently with Aurora Water should serve her well to address one of the town’s most pressing concerns.

“I have a working understanding of basic (and some advanced) design and operation of water treatment and infrastructure,” Sanders said. “I enjoy and I support innovation that increases quality of life and efficiency in operations.”

She added that she will work to make sure residents are heard.

“We need to stop treating ‘the government’ as an authority,” she said. “Citizens in each town and in each state are meant to run the



Sanders

business, education and infrastructure of their towns and cities.

“As a Deer Trail town trustee, you are trusting me to deal honestly, act with integrity, and serve the needs of the people.”

PHIL STEEL

Being the other most visible gallery member during board meetings for about a decade-and-a-half, Steel’s focus is on the proper development of growth, both residential and commercial.

“My motivation for being on the board is I want to move things forward regarding the sewer project and providing infrastructure as it is required,” said Steel, a certified welder and inspector with a focus on civil projects.

In addition to focusing on nuisance-based code enforcement and municipal infrastructure, Steel is also adamant that efforts must be made to improve the deteriorating WPA ditch and viaduct at Fifth Avenue and Cedar Street. Steel said continuing communication with the Colorado Department of Transportation is a must.

Steel also said that when it comes to growth, it’s difficult to have new businesses if additional housing doesn’t follow. But, he added that the proper businesses must be part of the town’s plan.

“We need more of the right kind of businesses coming in, not just the [dollar stores] and fast food restaurant type of things that are pretty popular right now,” Steel said. “Looking for good job producers and ones that bring the right kind of economic drivers.”

SALES TAX QUESTION & ELECTION PARTICULARS

During their Feb. 13 meeting, trustees approved, by a vote of 6-0, to move forward with a proposed 1.75% sales and use tax on the April 2 municipal election ballot. In addition, the sales tax initiative specifies that, for at least the first 20 years, 75% of the tax revenue collected will be dedicated to infrastructure, particularly the town’s upcoming sewer plant transition and street maintenance and upgrades.

“We’re hoping this can help keep us from raising sewer rates,” said Mayor Judd Behrens, citing preliminary high-end projections that the town’s new sewer plant could increase rates to more than \$150 per month for 30-40 years. “Unfortunately, we have really no say on our sewer situation, the state has made that decision for us.”

Deer Trail is one of approximately 40 of the state’s 269 incorporated municipalities without its own sales tax. The town has had multiple sales tax proposals defeated, including a 69% to 31% failure of a 2.25% request in November 2021.

This spring’s municipal election is by polling-place only with Deer Trail Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, for residents to cast their ballots. For additional election information, including voter registration or absentee ballots, contact town hall at (303) 769-4464.

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Strasburg church schedules Easter services, egg hunt

STRASBURG — Mountain View Fellowship will again host an Easter Egg Hunt this year starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 23.

A free breakfast will precede the event at 9 a.m.; participants should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. to get the kids to their designated field.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m., Easter Sunday, March 31, in the church auditorium.

Easter Sunday services in Spanish start at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the church's Noble Room.

The church is located at 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg.

Adams Co. Foster Care 5K marks its 10th anniversary

BRIGHTON — The 10th annual Adams County Foster Care 5K and one-mile fun run will take place Saturday, May 4, at scenic Riverdale Regional Park.

Pre-registration is now open at adcogov.org. On race day, registration opens at 6:45 a.m., and the 5K starts at 7:30 a.m.

The Fun Run will start 30 minutes later at 8 a.m. Proceeds from the 5K race will benefit foster families of Adams County.

Prizes will go to the overall top three male and female finishers.

While the Fun Run is free, the 5K registration fee varies from \$15 per student to \$45 for families up to five members. The fee includes a T-shirt to 5K pre-registrants; post-registrants while supplies last; multiple water stops; and post race goodie bags.

Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton is home to the Adams County Fair.

Special Election: Dems set to select candidate for CD4

DENVER— The Colorado Democratic Party announced March 15 that the meeting of the CD4 Special Convention to select its nominee for the June 25 Special Election will

Solar program sign-ups commence

BRIGHTON — Adams County residents have until Wednesday, March 27, to register for Solar Switch, a program by Adams County and nonprofit Solar United Neighbors that makes it more affordable for homeowners to install solar panels.

Solar Switch conducts a rigorous review of installer qualifications, ensuring participants receive a high-quality installation from a trusted installer. In the most recent program, homeowners

saved an average of \$5,800 on a standard-sized solar installation.

The federal solar tax credit can further reduce system costs. Registration is free and does not include an obligation to buy a system.

Optional add-ons such as battery storage and electric vehicle chargers are also available through the program.

To register, visit solarswitch.com/adamscounty.

begin at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 1.

The CD4 Special Convention will be held virtually over Zoom and streamed live for the public on YouTube.

Suggestions for questions for the forum must be received by 5 p.m., Sunday, March 31. Questions can be submitted at www.coloradodems.org.

CD4 contains all or part of 21 counties.

Two Indians invited to play at The Show hoops contest

STRASBURG — Two Strasburg Indians will play in the Top Small School Elite Game for basketball players from classes 1A through 4A at The Show at 1:15 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at Metropolitan State University.

Senior Austin Velasco and junior Tyce Bollers from Strasburg will participate in the game.

Bollers averaged 18.8 points per game last season with 3.2 blocks and 2.8 assists per game. Velasco scored 14.1 points per game, grabbed 10 rebounds per contest, and averaged 1.8 steals and 1.4 blocked shots per game.

Byers Community Church releases Holy Week plans

BYERS — Holy Week and Easter activities start with worship at 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday, March 24, at Byers Community Church, 135 S. Sherman St.

that they may be eligible for these credits and provide links to free tax services so to receive their credits.

'Burg Recreation District announces softball camp

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Recreation District will host a two-part softball camp in the coming weeks.

A pitching camp is planned on Saturday, March 30, with players with less than one year experience gathering from 9-11 a.m. and players with more than a year meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A hitting and fielding camp will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. for players ages 6-10 and from 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 11-14, Thursday and Friday, April 4-5.

Participants will work with Strasburg High School coaches and players. All activities will occur at the South Softball Field, 1932 Burton St., Strasburg.

The cost is \$40 for the pitching camp and \$50 for the hitting and fielding camp. The registration deadline is Sunday, March 25. To register, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Youth volleyball camp set for 3rd- thru 8th-graders

STRASBURG — The Strasburg High School volleyball program will host a youth volleyball camp on four evenings during April.

Camps for third and fourth-graders will run from 5:45- 7 p.m. while camps for fifth- through seventh-graders will run from 7:15-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, April 9 and 16, and Thursdays, April 16 and 18, at the Strasburg High School gymnasium.

Participants will work with Strasburg coaches and players to learn volleyball fundamentals through drills, game activities, and scrimmages.

The registration deadline is Monday, April 1. To sign up, visit www.strasburgparks.org. For more information, call (303)622-4260 or e-mail to activities@strasburgparks.org.

The church also plans a special Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7 p.m., March 28.

A Tenebrae service in combination with Saron Lutheran and Strasburg Presbyterian will begin at 7 p.m., Good Friday, March 29, at Saron Lutheran, 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

An Easter celebration will start with a potluck breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 29.

For more information, e-mail to ByersChurch@gmail.com or call (303)822-5717.

Texts utilized to promote free tax support, credits

DENVER — The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is sending text messages this week to connect Coloradans to free tax support and information about the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.

The Get Ahead Colorado statewide awareness campaign will deliver two different messages to two priority audiences. The first audience involves individuals who are likely eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, including those who earn up to \$65,000.

The second audience consists of parents and caregivers who earn up to \$65,000 and have dependent children under 17 years old. These individuals are likely eligible for the Child Tax Credit.

The messages inform residents

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influx of immigrants and warned of dire consequences for Bennett.

"You all think you got trouble with that ornery sheriff up in Adams County? Just wait until you get about 10 school buses of folks in here that you've got to take care of," Lee said. "I think you'd want to protect the city, its finances, and the services of the citizens. Now I don't have a cold heart and I'm sure you don't have a cold heart. But if you feel [sympathy for the immigrants] I suggest you call the town of Denver and ask for a couple of migrants you can put up in your house. But I wouldn't be asking the town to be putting them up. It's too expensive."

Sheila Wadsworth spoke out against those who come into the U.S. without proper documentation.

"These aren't just migrants, they are illegal migrants," she said. "I've

heard too many accounts of people being accosted in Aurora by illegals asking for money and begging for things. We need to take a stand against this."

In board discussion before the vote, Mayor Royce Pindell asked the town attorney, Scott Krob, if the resolution falls within the town's parameters for such declarations. Krob noted that the resolution is, in fact, not a binding contract.

"It's more of just a declaration of policy so there's not a lot of formality required in such a resolution," he said.

Discussion before the vote was brief. Trustee Donna Sus said that, since the resolution was tabled in February, she spoke with residents.

"I will support this resolution this evening based on the input I got from my constituents," she said.

Vittum said that the large influx of immigrants into so-called "sanctuary cities" has escalated crime

and strained the cities' budgets. He blamed the Biden administration for the problem and expressed his fears for the country if the current president is reelected.

"The cogent thing for the town of Bennett to do is to immediately erect as many barriers as possible to prevent people who have entered the country illegally to come and live on our streets," he said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitney Oakley expressed disappointment that the resolution was brought to the board, noting that the town of Bennett has no resources that would draw migrants to the town and that the resolution is simply a political statement, and "one I don't feel the town of Bennett needs to make."

Oakley indicated she would not support the resolution.

"I hope and pray for the safety of the migrants that are now in these cities that cannot support them," she added. "I believe these large cities have used them to garner a

voter base for a particular party, and I find that very disappointing. Personally, I believe that there are other issues the town of Bennett needs to focus on."

Pindell agreed with Oakley that the resolution is a non-binding political statement, but noted he is "on both sides of this."

"I would like to send the state a message, but whether or not we have enough (clout) — except our standing right now as being in the news cycle with our problems — I don't know that we're going to do much more than make the political statement," he said.

He added that he would vote to approve the resolution as such a statement and, if a "more substantial decision" must be made later concerning something the town might provide to migrants, "I don't believe that many of [us] would be in favor of that."

The next regular meeting of the Bennett Board of Trustees is 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 26.

*Notice of Election for the Town of Deer Trail

The Town of Deer Trail will conduct a polling place municipal election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The 2024 Town Board election ballot will be for four (4) Town Board Trustee seats. The top three vote-getters in the Trustee election will each serve a four-year term, with the next top vote-getter to serve a two-year term.

Trustee Candidates are (in ballot order): Brandon Rowley, Ashley Buss, John Ketting, Sanford Bell, Mary Arnold, Dashedle Guertin, Robert Rhodes, Dara Sanders, and Phil Steel.



The ballot also includes the following Tabor Sales Tax and Use Tax Question: "SHALL THE TOWN OF DEER TRAIL'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY ONE AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT (1.75%) ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE ADOPTION OF A SALES AND USE TAX AT A RATE OF ONE AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT (1.75%), SUCH SALES TAX TO BE IMPOSED ON THE SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL AND THE FURNISHING OF TAXABLE SERVICES, AND SUCH USE TAX TO BE IMPOSED ON THE PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS IN THE TOWN, OR FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING OR USING ANY MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER VEHICLES PURCHASED AT RETAIL ON WHICH REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX BE USED AS FOLLOWS: SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF SUCH REVENUES TO PAY FOR TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS, AND THEREAFTER SUCH FUNDS SHALL GO TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND, TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) SHALL GO TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?"

Persons desiring to vote in the upcoming election and who have not registered to vote must do so on or before Election Day. Persons may register to vote at the Arapahoe County offices at 5334 South Prince Street in Littleton or Arapahoe County Motor Vehicle Office, 538 N. Highway 36, Byers, CO 80103. Persons may also register to vote online at govotecolorado.com.

This year's election is polling place only and will be hosted at Deer Trail Town Hall, 555 Second Ave. Ballots can be cast from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 2. THIS IS NOT A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION.

For more information, including absentee ballots and other election assistance, please contact Deer Trail Town Hall at (303)769-4464.

/s/ Kimberly Sullivan, Town Clerk

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CO's Medicaid terminations 7th-most in U.S.

by Eric Galatas
Public News Service

Two-thirds of Coloradans who have lost their health insurance during Medicaid's unwinding process are still eligible for coverage — but were terminated due to administrative errors, according to a new brief by the Colorado Center on Law & Policy.

Katherine Wallat, the center's legal director, said she has heard from people who have been forced to postpone critical heart surgery due to lack of coverage.

"Or a child who had cancer treatment, who had to stop his treatment for a period of time because the family couldn't afford it," Wallat said. "But, in fact, he was eligible for Medicaid during the time that he was terminated. So the costs are high."

Medicaid coverage renewed automatically during the pandemic, but that policy ended in April 2023.

During the first six months of unwinding, over 412,000 Coloradans lost coverage.

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing has largely dismissed concerns about the high rate of procedural disenrollments, arguing the process has simply returned to normal and that

some participants are not returning paperwork.

Wallat said Colorado's enrollment process was broken long before the pandemic. Due to a host of factors including the state's fragmented, county-administered system, she said Medicaid participants routinely get notices giving them wrong or contradictory information.



Many never received correct notification of their impending termination date.

"There was an audit done by the legislature, finding 90% of the notices are incorrect," Wallat said. "It's really not just the members, it's not just people who should be doing something differently, and that if they just did that, we wouldn't have such a high rate."

Colorado ranks 21st nationally in terms of state population, but has the seventh-highest number of people losing Medicaid coverage.

Wallat said the costs of the unwinding process are significant. Every 10,000 unnecessary applications cost Colorado taxpayers up to \$6 million.


"The cost of being dis-enrolled and having to re-apply for a program like Medicaid is pretty large," Wallat said. "It's between \$400 and \$600 for each person that is terminated and gets re-enrolled."

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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 23, 2004

BENNETT — Former Bennett public works director Bert Eads acknowledged falsifying bids in order to cover up violations of the town's purchasing policy during an interview at his home March 18.

Eads admitted to fabricating bids for TruGreen Lawn Care and Douglas County Maintenance & Repair, bids he was accused of making up by a former trustee in January.

Eads said he created the false bids to cover up violations off the town's purchasing policy, which requires that items more than \$10,000 go through a sealed bid procedure.

However, Eads accused the Bennett Board of Trustees of not providing enough direction on the Brothers Four Park project and not alerting him of the purchasing policy violations sooner.

"Steve Tukua (owner of Another Scene Landscape Construction) and I put together that conceptual plan that was hanging on the wall in the town hall for three months," Eads said. "All of the board members knew it was there. Nobody said anything about it."

15 YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 2009

BENNETT — A former Bennett Municipal Court

Clerk accused of stealing from the court's coffer has avoided charges and possible prosecution, so far.

According to the Adams County District Attorney's Office, Jill Dee Certain, 49, has agreed to a type of intervention. In return she won't face charges for fourth-degree felony theft.

Certain allegedly stole about \$4,500 from the Bennett municipal court over an unspecified time frame.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH 18, 2014

STRASBURG — Strasburg High School seniors in 2015 will continue to receive their diplomas on Sundays.

The school calendar includes a Sunday, May 17, graduation ceremony, which at least one parent wanted changed but, after lengthy debate, the board said no. During the board's February meeting, parent Janeen Nuttall asked the board to consider moving graduation off of Sunday so residents with religious conflicts could attend. Nuttall indicated that her students would likely be precluded from taking part in a Sunday ceremony.

High school principal Jeff Rasp responded, "I strongly recommend against the change. It would put a wrench in what we currently have going in the community."

Byers and Bennett high schools host their graduations on the same Sunday.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 20, the 80th day of 2024. There are 286 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 20, 1996, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun

slayings of their wealthy parents.

ON THIS DATE

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was

founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wis.

In 1922, the decommissioned USS Jupiter, converted into the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, was recommissioned as the USS Langley.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Hal Linden is 93. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Pat Riley is 79. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Orr is 76. Movie director Spike Lee is 67. Actor Holly Hunter is 66. Actor-model-designer Kathy Ireland is 61.


— Associated Press

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS

- ACROSS**
- Swell up
 - Pendulum's path
 - Type of salmon
 - *Steve Miller Band: "I want to fly like an ____"
 - Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
 - Popular winter boot brand
 - Ohio city
 - Lodge
 - Squirrel away
 - *Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause ____ is on"
 - *John Travolta in "Grease": "I got ____, they're multipl__in"
 - Automated teller
 - Clarified butter
 - Bad-mouth, slangily
 - Stag
 - Tartans
 - "I'm ____ you!"
 - Commies
 - Monocot's alternative
 - Road's edge
 - Living room centerpiece?
 - Prefix meaning "left"
 - Deadly snake
 - Sasquatch's cousin
 - Court petitioner
 - Blood infection
 - Indian flatbread
 - Opposite of post-
 - Sound of impact
 - *Duran Duran: "Her name is ____, and she dances on the sand"
 - *The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it ____"
 - *Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't ____"
 - Relating to a mode
 - Scrooge's exclamation
 - Memory failure
 - Bouquet thrower
 - Number of candles on a cake
 - Musketeers' weapons
 - Picnic invaders
 - "Just kidding!"
 - Did, archaic
- DOWN**
- *The Go-Go's: "They got the ____"
 - 100,000, in India
 - Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
 - Hula dancer's hello
 - These are held to be true
 - Miners' passage
 - *Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I ____"
 - "Lord of the Flies" shell
 - Like the other side of the pillow?
 - Certain kind of exam
 - Not his
 - Antiquated
 - Protection from a sword
 - To death, in French (2 words)
 - __ B vaccine
 - Manna from heaven
 - *Bon Jovi: "Tommy used to work on the ____"
 - Habituate
 - Spaghetti ____
 - *Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the ____"
 - Pains
 - Frost over (2 words)
 - Capital of Delaware
 - *Tennessee Ernie Ford: "I owe my soul to the company ____"
 - Geishas' sashes
 - "____ good example"
 - Royal topper
 - __-tattle
 - Pronoun
 - Refused to act, archaic
 - City-related
 - Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
 - *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were ____ to run"
 - Change a manuscript
 - Small amounts
 - Make sharper
 - Newspaper piece
 - Applications
 - Midterm, e.g.
 - Wharton degree, acr.
 - Back then

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A Challenge From Jupiter

The planet of luck in the sign of commerce challenges us to get a result faster, cheaper or simpler, and then offers bonus points if we figure out how to maximize the enjoyable part of the work and minimize the rest. Much will boil down to excellent organization. It's not about a good list or method, rather it's about an entire system and an attitude of efficiency.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Follow the instructions and you'll get the expected result. Add a twist or break a rule and you'll get a unique result, and the immense satisfaction of knowing it's all yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your every move is one of gratitude. In a sense, your ambition will be an acknowledgment, as you are building on what you already have. The appreciation will compound and attract more good stuff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you were younger, you imagined your adult self doing what you now do daily. And though it's now commonplace, the childhood wonder is still in there somewhere. Let that child be impressed by you. You're impressive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love changes things. The love for one person makes you more loving to all. Every bit of love flowing from your heart improves relationships and ripples out to the population at large.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Cultural exploration leads to spiritual connection. Whether celebrating traditions from distant lands or convening in a serene gathering at a sacred place, you'll be drawn to the exotic and unfamiliar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's the least you could do? It's not a question for the lazy today, rather it's for the wise souls who realize that trying too hard often has an effect opposite of what's intended. Do enough to be effective and no more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't know someone until you see how they

are under different circumstances. In the spirit of inclusion, you extend your trust anyway and, over time, learn what you can expect from a person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've told your story many times and in different ways, too, because you're learning to cater to your audience. The ability to read a room and give them what they need and want will make you money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may disagree, but you don't disrespect. You're open to hearing other points of view, even ones you'll probably never agree with, because compassion doesn't require agreement; it requires empathy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind is working on all cylinders to solve a complex problem. While the thought process is layered, ultimately, the solution will be simple, elegant, inexpensive and effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know yourself from the inside out, but you know other people from the outside in. This is just one more reason not to make comparisons. Unless you're comparing reversible jackets, the logic falls apart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Responsibility gives structure to your time. It seems like this would limit your freedom, but it actually works in the opposite way, helping you feel a sense of urgency to prioritize the things that make you feel most vital.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). You're talented, hardworking and, in the season ahead, also super lucky. You'll stay in a state of readiness and make good on a succession of opportunities. More highlights: New connections enrich your personal life, open professional doors and pay you, too. You'll upgrade aspects of your lifestyle that activate your most vital self. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 16, 2, 20 and 11.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Little Explorers: Children from infants to age 4 and their caregivers will explore early literacy and learning through hands-on sensory activities. They will move, build and create. Wear clothes appropriate for messy play. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, March 21.

Adult book club: "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 22.

Gardening on the High Plains: Adults can learn to grow and preserve food with local experts Rhonda Hattar and Scott Noble, who have been gardening for self-sufficiency for over 15 years, first in east Aurora and later in Bennett.

The class will include tips for garden planning, starting seeds and soil preparation, plus materials and equipment particularly benefit High Plains gardens. It will also learn the basics of preserving

to extend the harvest. The class is designed for both new and experienced gardeners. Participants will leave with a seedling to start their gardens.

Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 23.

Pokémon Trainer League: Kids ages 7-14 will play, trade and discuss all things Pokémon. They can bring their own cards or use a library deck. Snacks provided. 4:15-5:15 p.m., March 26.

Games and Music with Plants: Library enthusiasts ages 10 and up will explore the use of plants and electrically conductive technologies in making music and playing new games. 2-3:30 p.m. Friday, March 29.

Pysanky eggs: Local expert Scott Noble will discuss the traditional Ukrainian egg decorating technique of pysanky (pronounced pih-sahn-kih) and teach participants how to create their own at an event

hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League. Sponsored by the Bennett Arts Council, the event will occur at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave. Appropriate for ages 16 and older. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 30.

KELVER LIBRARY

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www.arapahoelibraries.org

Gallery on the Go: Participants at this afternoon of painting will create their own unique works of art in acrylic on canvas with guidance from a Gallery on the Go instructor. No art skills are needed; all supplies provided. 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 3.

DAVIES LIBRARY

128 Second Ave., Deer Trail
(303)769-4310
www.arapahoelibraries.org

Celestial crafts: To celebrate the

upcoming total solar eclipse, Davies Library will host an afternoon of "celestial crafts." Tweens and teens ages 9-18 can make a variety of sun- and moon-themed crafts, including a metallic journal, an aromatherapy necklace or car air freshener, and a mini moon mirror. All supplies included; all skill levels welcome. 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, March 27.

ARAPAHOE LIBRARIES ON ZOOM

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

"Science through Shadows:" Kids ages 5-12 participate in a virtual presentation with an astronomer from Fiske Planetarium. They will learn why eclipses happen and how to make a pinhole camera to safely observe them. To make a pinhole camera, participants are asked to bring a cardboard box (such as a cereal box), a piece of foil, tape and a thumbtack. 4-5 p.m., Thursday, April 4.

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SPORTS



Lady Tigers start soccer season with 6-2 win

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

It took a handful of extra days to start the season, but the Bennett Lady Tigers opened up their 2024 spring soccer campaign with a 6-2 road victory at Sterling March 12.

Bennett was originally scheduled to host Valley in the season-opener March 7 but inclement weather postponed the tilt with the Vikings until March 25.

At Sterling, the visitors scored a 4-0 shutout over the first 40 minutes and, out of the locker room without their undisputed leader, Bennett and its hosts traded goals over the second half.

“A good overall game, especially with our offense and scoring,” said Bennett head coach Mike Rinner. “Still a few things to work on to solidify the defense.”

Two of Bennett’s first-half goals were scored by senior Arianna “Ari” Harrison,

who tallied all but five of the Lady Tigers’ 29 goals last season; however, three others put the ball in the back of the Sterling goal — junior Eerika Harju twice and senior Belen Zubia and freshman Reese West once each. Junior Nadia Perez assisted on one of the Tigers’ tallies.

“We lost Ari at halftime due to an ankle injury,” Rinner said. “Then Reese and Eerika ran the midfield in the second half.

“[Sterling] scored one

[to open] the second half, then we answered. They scored another and we answered again, so the girls responded when they needed to. But Sterling scored their two goals because of miscommunication on our back line.”

Senior Carmen Rinner manned Bennett’s goal and made nine saves on 11 Sterling shots. The defense in front of Rinner totaled 14 steals, led by Harju and senior Aileen Maciel with

three apiece, and Harrison, senior Lily Venneberg and junior Raquel Thorpe with two each.

Bennett’s March 14 home game against Frontier League foe Arrupe Jesuit was also postponed because of the weather and will be made up on April 11.

COMING UP

March 25: Valley

March 27: Arvada

April 3: @ Frontier Academy

April 5: @ Fort Lupton

Bennett sprints, horizontal jumps solid at Berthoud meet

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BERTHOUD — When the starter’s pistol fired for the first time on the spring track schedule, Bennett’s hopes for a strong sprints and horizontal jumps appeared to be on the road to fruition.

At the season-opening Max Marr Invitational at Berthoud March 9, the Lady Tigers finished in a three-way tie for 20th with 6 points, while

the Bennett boys also placed 20th with 5 points.

In the girls meet, the Bennett 4x100-meter relay quartet of sophomore Kaurlie Voorhies, junior Kyra Turner and Vivi Cranwill, and senior Franchesca Soriano-Wilson finished on the podium in fifth place with a time of 53.81. Voorhies placed seventh in the triple jump at 31’3.”

According to Bennett head coach Lance Mangham, Cranwill, who was 10th and two spots out of placing for points in the 200-meter dash, ran in place of senior Lily Venneberg in the 4x100

relay.

“A pretty good start for that group though,” Mangham said. “Competed against a lot of really big schools with some really good athletes.”

Junior Sophia Funk also had a 10th-place finish in the long jump.

On the boys side, senior Victor Barron accounted for all the Tiger boys’ points with a fourth-place finish in the triple jump at 40’3½”.

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Tiger 9 falls to Pumas 12-2

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

LAFAYETTE — Three innings, especially the opening frame, spelled doom for the Bennett Tigers in their 12-2 season-opening baseball loss at Peak to Peak March 13.

The orange-and-black was supposed to start the spring diamond schedule at Sterling March 7 but weather postponed the contest until March 22.

At Peak to Peak, the host Pumas jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first inning and held that advantage until the top of the fourth when Bennett tallied its first run an RBI single by junior Peyton Mott. In the bottom of the fourth, Peak to Peak responded with another three of its own. Bennett junior Brody Hawes drove in the Tigers’ second run in the next inning, but the Pumas tacked on another 4 runs to end the contest by the 10-run, five-inning mercy rule.

“It wasn’t the outcome we were hoping for to start the season,” said Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz. “We really struggled at the plate. Four hits and nine strikeouts is not going to keep us in many games. We need to do better offensively.”

Despite the nine strikeouts, multiple Bennett hitters were patient at the plate, walking six times and being hit by a pitch once. Juniors Dane Ortiz and Forrest Smith both had two free passes and Mott and freshman Evan Dear one apiece, while senior Triston Cronk got plunked. Hawes recorded half of the Tigers’ hits with two. Mott and junior Elizabeth Westendorf had a single apiece.

Eight Tiger baserunners were stranded.

Mott and Hawes also toed the rubber for the Tigers. Mott threw the first two innings, giving up 5 runs, 4 earned, on four hits while

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Bulldogs endure 9-2 defeat

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

AULT — In a case of anemic offense, the Byers Bulldogs were no-hit in a 9-2 season-opening loss at Highland March 12.

The visiting green-and-white struck out 21 times over seven innings at the plate. Four of the strikeout victims reached on balls mishandled by the Husky catcher, including two that helped manufacture the Bulldogs’ 2 runs in the third inning. A base on balls and hit batsman also assisted in the Byers runs.

Highland scored 2 runs in the first, third, fourth and sixth innings, while tacking on 1 run in the fifth.

“For the first game, we played pretty well defensively and on the mound. Really better than at any point last year,” said Byers head coach D.J. Jackson. “But it’s hard to score runs when you strike out

that much. Timing was completely off. Pitch selection was no good.”

Byers runs were scored by junior Chase Long and freshman Gabe Price.

On the mound, sophomore Jaxzen Egger got the start and threw three innings, allowing 5 earned runs on four hits, while striking out four and walking four.

Freshman Kaden Bennett threw the final three innings, giving up 4 runs, 3 earned, on five hits while striking out four and not walking a Husky batter.

“Our young pitchers threw well,” Jackson said. “A lot of strikes, which is all you can ask for.”

Defensively, Byers committed two errors.

“Still, a lot better than we were last year,” Jackson said. “Showing a lot of improvement in the field.”

The Bulldogs hoped to get in the win column with a doubleheader at Holyoke March 16. They also hosted Simla March 19.

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I-70 Corridor youth seek funds for national cheer travel

BYERS — An I-70 Corridor-based youth cheerleading group is hopeful to raise enough money this spring to travel to a national competition.

The Regent and Regal teams from 70 Corridor Athletics are hopeful of attending at least one of the national meets that they have received bids to compete at.

“We can only afford to commit to one of these and will be fundraising through April to be able to go,” said 70 Corridor Athletics CEO and head coach Jessica Hicks.

The Regent and Regal teams have already received bids to attend:

- Redline Glow Tour in Frisco, Texas;
- Global Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C.;
- Deep South Season Finale in Biloxi, Miss.; and
- Open Prep and Rec Grand Nationals in Orlando, Fla.

“Regal and Regent are our full year competition teams and they have both received all of these bids,” Hicks added.

It appears the most likely destination is the Biloxi.

The local youth program currently has 30 athletes participating across five teams. In addition to the



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Local youth cheerleading group 70 Corridor Athletics is currently fundraising in an effort to send two of its squads to at least one national competition later this year. From left photo, members of 70COA perform at a Redline championship meet, and the entire program — including head coach Jessica Hicks and assistant coaches Rebbeca Shuster, Dana Gutierrez, Brailynn Bell, and Rachael Sorensen — poses for a photo.

Regent and Regal squads, there is the Royalty team for boys and girls 7 years and older; the introductory Royals group for ages 3-7; and the Revenge stunt team.

For information or to donate, visit www.70coa.org; call (970) 260-6041; or e-mail cheer@70coa.org.

PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER

One money-maker scheduled lat-

er this month is a paint party for all experience levels and almost all ages.

The 11x14 canvas painting event will be hosted by Sharon Manley from 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 29, at Kelter Library in Byers.

No experience needed and ages 9-99 are invited to partake in the step-by-step instruction and refreshments to be provided.

Fee for the evening is \$45 per person.

Online registration closes at 10 p.m., Monday, March 25. For more information, call (720)486-6119 or e-mail RelaxandCreatewithMe@proton.me.

Childcare will also be available for ages 8 and under for \$5 per child. The childcare fee can be paid at the door.

TF BENNETT

Bennett’s trip to the annual Murray Kula Invitational in Windsor was postponed from March 16 to March 18 because of weather.

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GIRLS MEET

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Rocky Mountain 112
2. Fort Collins 88.75
3. Timnath 64
4. Berthoud 58
- 5-7. Thompson Valley, Loveland, Roosevelt 48.75
8. Mountain View 47
9. Horizon 41
10. Riverdale Ridge 26
11. Middle Park 25
- 12-13. Liberty Common, Skyview 22.5
14. Brush 21
15. Sterling 18
16. Severance 17
17. Weld Central 13
18. Brighton 12
19. Valley 10
- 20-22. Bennett, Wellington, Fort Morgan 6
23. Resurrection Christian 4

BENNETT INDIVIDUALS

100-meter dash: Sr. Francheska Soriano Wilson, 13.96, 19th; So. Layla Counce, 14.03, 23rd; So. Kaurlie Voorhies, 14.25, 27th.

200-meter dash: Jr. Vivi Cranwill, 28.95, 10th; Soriano Wilson, 29.35, 15th; Counce, 29.57, 17th; Fr. Addyson Travis, 31.17, 38th.

400-meter dash: Cranwill, 1:09.91, 20th; Fr. Nadia Larson, 1:21.59, 43rd.

800-meter run: Sr. Marie Jordan, 2:53.87, 22nd; Jr. Maddison Hawkins, 2:59.02, 24th.

1,600-meter run: Jordan, 6:17.81, 15th.

100-meter hurdles: Jr. Kyra Turner, 18.82, 13th; Jr. Kayla Barela, 23.29, 30th.

4x100 relay: Voorhies, Turner, Cranwill and Soriano Wilson, 53.81, fifth.

Long jump: Jr. Sophia Funk, 14’8,” 10th; Cranwill, 13’1,” 32nd.

Triple jump: Voorhies, 31’3,” 7th; Funk, 28’6’/2,” 19th.

Discus: So. Rosemary Smith, 49’5,” 47th; So. Teighan Morse, 45’5,” 49th; So. Audrey Harrell, 43,’ 50th.

Shot put: So. Lila Blessinger, 21’6,” 40th; Smith, 17’3’/2,” 54th; Morse, 15’3’/2,” 56th.

BOYS MEET

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Fort Collins 95
2. Rocky Mountain 83
3. Berthoud 65.5
4. Roosevelt 64.5
5. Thompson Valley 61
6. Loveland 51
- 7-8. Horizon, Riverdale Ridge 48
9. Brighton 27.5
10. Sterling 26
11. Timnath 21
12. Valley 20
13. Mountain View 16
- 14-15. Liberty Common, Fort Morgan 15
16. Brush 13
17. Skyview 10
18. Clear Creek 7
19. Severance 6

20. Bennett 5
21. Middle Park 3.5
22. Weld Central 1

BENNETT INDIVIDUALS

100-meter dash: Sr. Victor Barron, 12.18, 27th; Sr. Christian Gonzalez, 12.72, 48th; So. Ethan Spies, 13.09, 61st.

200-meter dash: Spies, 27.25, 51st; Fr. Marcus Pauley, 30.19, 59th.

400-meter dash: Fr. Jacoby Badolato, 1:03.80, 46th; Fr. Noah Yardley, 1:27.01, 57th.

800-meter run: Sr. Tyler Sefcovic, 2:29.28, 37th; Sr. Alex Kane, 2:34.22, 44th; Jr. Noah Scoby, 2:41.40, 47th.

1,600-meter run: Kane, 5:34.61, 31st; Sefcovic, 5:38.33, 33rd; Scoby, 6:10.06, 49th.

4x100 relay: 49.14, 15th.

High jump: Fr. Oscar Delfin, 4’9,” 31st.

Long jump: Gonzalez, 16,’ 42nd; Sr. Nazier Diop, 14’9,” 48th.

Triple jump: Barron, 40’3’/2,” 4th.

Discus: So. Manolo Williams, 79’4,” 46th; Fr. Thomas Williams, 60’5,” 64th; Fr. Alexander Petre, 53’8,” 66th.

Shot put: Jr. Wyatt Farley, 29’1,” 53rd; Williams, 26’1,” 62nd.

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walking two and striking out two. Hawes threw 2²/₃ innings, allowing 7 runs, 4 earned, on eight hits, while striking out three and walking three.

The Bennett defense committed three errors, two that led to the Pumas handful of first-inning runs.

“Things we need to clean up for sure but, on the bright side, it was only the first game of the season, and a lot of time to work on things and get better,” Ortiz said.

Home games against Wellington and Weld Central March 14-15 were both postponed because of weather; no makeup dates were uncertain at press time. The Tigers traveled to the southeast corner of the state to face perennial 3A power Lamar March 19; results of the contest were unknown at press time.

The first of the I-70 Corridor rivalry match-ups this spring take place on Wednesday, March 27, when Byers travels to Bennett.

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Byers School District hosted its kindergarten through sixth-grade Science Fair Jan. 31 with 98 projects judged by junior high science students. Clockwise from top left, first-grader Dax Jackson explains his project on tornadoes to judge Eli Yeater-Cary; third-grader Sydney Rummel discusses Arctic animals with judge Kaci Harris; fifth-grader Haley Crecelius shows off her display on magnets to judge Brianna Mendoza Vazquez; second-grader Willow White's project on flowers is evaluated by judge Taylor Skinner; and kindergartner McCall MacLennan interprets his project on apples for judge Wesley Butterfield.

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PREVENTION POINT

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“Evidence shows that strong harm reduction programs reduce the spread of disease, increase the rate of proper syringe disposal, and increase the likelihood of individuals accessing critical services, such as Naloxone for overdose reversal,” a county statement says. “During the departments first year of operation, the team identified a significant need to remove barriers to accessing services by offering them outside of public buildings. Prevention Point offers Arapahoe County the opportunity to innovate for and partner with a community that is often overlooked and stigmatized, though they are acutely affected by the harm opioids have had on our society.”

During a Feb. 27 kickoff tour of the mobile clinic that included a stop at Bennett Town Hall, Harm Reduction Program Manager Clinton Whatley told *The I-70 Scout* that Prevention Point was purchased and staffed with the help of a \$250,000 grant. In addition, the mobile unit can travel across the county when needed.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Narcan and pamphlets with prevention information are laid out in Arapahoe County's new Prevention Point mobile opioid clinic.

“Anywhere from Sheridan, Englewood all the way out here, even to Byers and Deer Trail. At least that’s the plan to start,” Whatley said. “Hoping to get out here at least up to twice a week once things get going, but more if the need is there. There is an overdose crisis and our

focus is on turning that around and meeting with [people] directly is the best way we can do that.”

Additional staff is anticipated in the near future, which could lead to more frequent trips to eastern Arapahoe County.

“Looking at hiring three new peo-

ple over the next month,” Whatley said. “That would give us six people total and help us get out here as much as we are needed.”

In addition to educating the public about opioids, Prevention Point will dispense overdose reversal drugs at no charge.

“We want them to know about Narcan and how to take it to minimize an overdose and, save a life, hopefully,” Whatley said. “But we are also about the preventative stuff and educating those who use drugs those that are around them.”

According to Whatley, Arapahoe and Adams County have collaborated in Narcan training for health department staff, but the counties haven’t teamed up to provide a singular mobile service between them. According the Whatley, Adams County has its own set of mobile preventative units, but partakers of the Arapahoe County unit don’t have to be residents of the county.

“We do want to make sure people from either county don’t fall through the cracks,” Whatley concluded.

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Left photo, Aladdin (Peyton Matthews), center, is joined by guards Razoul (Briley Schaffer), left, Babkak (Etta Owens), Omar (Blakely Dominguez), and Kassim (Avangelina Salas) during the Cast A performance of "Aladdin Jr." by the Strasburg Singers from Strasburg Elementary School March 2 at the Bennett High School auditorium. Right photo, Aladdin (Curtis Barnes) is carried in by servants Andy Garcia, left, and Cliff Barnes during the Cast B performance, also on March 2.

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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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

Byers School Board. 7 p.m., Byers High School lecture hall. Visit byers32j.k12.

co.us for a link via Zoom.

Strasburg Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., firehouse.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Egg-stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt for

ages 10 and under. 10 a.m., Lyons Park, Strasburg.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

West Arapahoe Conservation District Board. 5 p.m. Visit westarapahoconservationdistrict.wordpress.com for virtual access.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Senior citizen game day. 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m., Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Bennett School Board. 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit bsd29j.com for a Zoom link.

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For link, visit townofbennett.colorado.gov.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Bennett Municipal Court. 6 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

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STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kindergarten ROUND UP

The Strasburg School District will be hosting Kindergarten Roundup for next year's kindergarten students and their parents on **FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2024**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The screening will take place at Strasburg Elementary.

Screenings will be completed on children registering for kindergarten that will be 5 years old on or before June 1st, 2024, and must reside in Strasburg School District. Parents or guardians can call the office at (303) 622-9215 to schedule an appointment for your child. Appointments will take at least 1 hour. If your child attended Strasburg Preschool this year, you do not need to attend Kindergarten Roundup.

For your child to be registered for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, all students will need to bring a birth certificate, an updated immunization record, and proof of residency (utility bill).

To make the kindergarten round-up successful:

- Make other arrangements for siblings
- Only one adult with each kindergartner
- Have paperwork ready to go

Teachers will be taking your child to a classroom for screening and transition children between activities.

If you know someone with a kindergarten aged child please pass along this information!

For further information or to make an appointment, please call the elementary office at (303)622-9215.

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE

Thursday, March 21: Cheeseburgers, whole grain bun, chips.
March 25-29: Spring break.

BENNETT

Monday, March 25: Turkey sandwich, shredded lettuce, black beans, fruit cocktail.
Tuesday, March 26: Spaghetti, roll, green beans, banana.

BYERS

Thursday, March 21: Chicken alfredo, bread sticks, broccoli, mixed fruit.
Friday, March 22: Macaroni & cheese, little smokies, dinner roll with butter, steamed carrots, grapes.
Monday, March 25: Chicken patty sandwich, chips, baked beans, grapes.
Tuesday, March 26: Italian roll-up with marinara, baby carrots with ranch, pears.

STRASBURG

Monday, March 25: Hot ham & cheese sandwich.
Tuesday, March 26: Sloppy joes.



RICHARD SOUTHWARD/For The Scout

Fine artist Megan Morgan describes how to stretch a burlap canvas and complete a masterpiece at a unique oil pastel on burlap workshop Jan. 27 at the Bennett Community Center. The event was hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League and Bennett Arts Council.

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QUINT VALLEY

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sions that might lead to negotiation,” Seman said.

The developers are initiating a rezoning request from agricultural to commercial for the property they currently own “to allow them to develop the property principally to build a luxury RV resort something along the lines of Jellystone in Larkspur,” Seman added. “That process has started. We will file a formal application for the rezoning probably sometime in April.”

Jellystone features amenities including swimming pools, cabins, dining, miniature golf and other activities for people traveling in their RVs.

When asked what exactly the developers are offering to the district, Seman didn't have an answer.

“We're nowhere near the place I can answer that question,” he said. “The idea is that if you give your counsel direction to move forward, we would probably work on a letter of intent and start down a path to see if this thing hunts. It's a complicated thing to purchase a parcel anyway, but [more so] on something that's got amenities on it, such as this does,” he added.

Board president JaLee Kitzman asked if the project would move forward if the district does sell.

“I think their plan will go forward regardless, it's just that it makes more sense to try to consolidate all of the parcels,” Seman said.

Director Kagen Kitzman expressed his firm dissent to the proposition, noting the traditional and historic value Quint Valley has



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

A group of investors March 6 asked the Byers Parks & Recreation District board if it would consider selling the district's Quint Valley property.

to the community and adding that community members surveyed for the Byers Subarea Plan indicated a desire to keep Byers a small town.

“As far as I'm concerned, as long as I'm on this board, Quint Valley won't get sold,” he said, adding that selling Byers' history to individuals for their own benefit is not acceptable. “I won't be a part of having my name [on any agreement] to sell the place.”

Seman was asked how they would use the Quint Valley property if it was sold, and he said the plan would be to preserve the rodeo grounds, improve them, and continue to operate them. He didn't know what would happen with the other structures and fields.

Noting that the board would consider the proposal, JaLee Kitzman asked Seman to provide more information to see what might benefit the district.

Tibbals suggested a “wait and see” stance.

“There may be some room to negotiate something, but for now there is not enough information in front of us,” he said. “It doesn't necessarily mean giving up anything that is critical to the historic operation here, (but it may provide) something to set aside for future years. I just urge caution and let's see what they have to say.”

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

In Tibbals' attorney's report, he

noted he received information on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for websites. The district's website must be updated by July 1. JaLee Kitzman will work on it.

Tibbals discussed the district's audit exemption, which must be submitted electronically by March 31 and signed by all board members.

Treasurer Wendy Hise presented the financial report. She noted that, while \$4,000 in tax funds have been received from Adams County, nothing has come in from Arapahoe County.

Kitzman said that she and Hise will work to designate project and activity costs to specific budgets to make sure that funding is available for all planned renovations and activities.

In her operations report, caretaker Justina Herman said she has been working the arena ground, which is looking better. She has been dealing with the aggressive and prolific stickers and weeds on the big baseball field by dragging the area with the tractor, but the process is slow. Kitzman and Director Willy Elliott will meet with Herman to examine next steps for the field.

The board approved \$825 to hire Weed Wranglers Inc. to spray pre-emergent weed killer around the Quonset, park and baseball field.

Hise reported on items needing

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repair or improvement to get the arena ready for the Fourth of July rodeo. She is working with Miller Rodeo to get estimates for the work.

An update to the Quonset kitchen is underway. A stove approved for purchase last month has arrived, and the old cabinets, sink and dishwasher removed. The board approved \$4,500 for the renovation in February. Kagen Kitzman is looking for used materials to save money on the project.

BYERS FOURTH OF JULY

Byers' Independence Day cele-

brations will be bigger than ever this year, with new events and community members and businesses stepping up to help.

Tentative plans on Thursday, July 4, include breakfast at the Byers American Legion Hall with breakfast burritos sold by the Knights of Columbus and pancakes sold by a community group. The parade will feature the theme, "Freedom Rings." A street fair will be hosted by Wide Open Heating & Electric and will feature a car show, food trucks and a live band. The rec district will host games and boun-

cy houses at the park. Food trucks and vendors will be on hand at the Quint Valley Rodeo. An antique tractor pull at Quint Valley will be followed by fireworks on Saturday, July 6. Other events at the Quonset at the same time as the tractor pull are under consideration.

JaLee Kitzman reported she was unable to schedule fireworks on July 4.

"I called all the vendors in the state and all of them are booked on the Fourth of July. The people who have provided our show in the past are now booked for a golf course in Denver for a \$75,000 show," she said.

A Brighton company is available July 6, and, in thinking about another event to complement the fireworks, Kitzman contacted Frank Kalcevic from Wiggins with the Northeastern Colorado Antique Tractor Pullers. Kalcevic attended the board meeting and indicated his group will provide the event.

Byers resident Amanda Meier is spearheading an effort to bring the traditional July 4 pancake breakfast back. The breakfast was hosted for years by the Byers Silver & Gold

Seniors group. When it was unable to continue three years ago, the Knights of Columbus stepped up to sell breakfast burritos. Meier is looking into the potential of sharing the Legion hall with the Knights of Columbus and having two breakfast choices; another location will be chosen if necessary.

Meier's group, which is affiliated with veterans, will provide all the food and volunteers from Buckley Air Force Base will help with cooking and serving.

"Part of our proceeds would go to [Buckley] and part to the rec, to give back to the community," Meier said.

An Easter Egg Hunt and Hop starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 30, at Byers Community Park. The district will host the egg hunt, games and a visit by the Easter bunny. The board approved an expenditure of \$500 for Easter supplies.

The "hop" will involve multiple businesses including Wide Open Heating, Air Conditioning & Electric, Escape the Clock art studio, Emily Burch Properties, and others, which will be open to hand out treats from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Heating aid request record broken

DENVER (March 5, 2024) — Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) has received a record number of applications this winter heating season, according to a March 5 release.

As of February, more than 112,000 Coloradans have applied for the program, a 4.4% increase over last season.

LEAP helps eligible people pay a portion of winter home heating costs by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household. This season, eligible families can expect to receive between \$200 to \$1,000 in energy assistance, depending on the type of heating fuel, household income, and other factors. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

"Recent data shows that we are spending more of our in-

come on food than we have in over 30 years. This leaves less money available for other household necessities like home energy bills," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "LEAP helps alleviate some of this financial burden."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income of up to 60 percent of the state median income, which equates to a household income of less than \$71,112 a year for a family of four. For a further breakdown of income requirements and an application, visit cdhs.colorado.gov/leap or call 1-866-432-8435.

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CHUCK WAGON

Bobbie's Meat Loaf

by **Bobbie Keefe**
For The Scout

My first date was with a boy I went to school with. The boy's mom drove us to the afternoon movie matinee since neither of us were old enough to be behind the wheel.

After watching "Ma and Pa Kettle," we walked to the nearby diner, Cora's Café. My date, the gentleman he was, ordered meat loaf for both of us. It was the best I had ever eaten! I wanted to gobble it all up, but I didn't think that would be lady-like, so I ate half of it.

When we were done, his mom picked us up and drove me home. He kissed me right on the lips! Just a little peck but right in front of his mom, who could see from the car.

I don't remember anything more about that boy, but Cora's meat loaf stayed in my memory forever! After many trials and errors, I created meat loaf that has that same delicious taste and perfect texture that I remember from long ago.

I have been making this recipe now for several years and have never come up with another that I like as much. My first date, my first kiss, and Cora's meat loaf — all in one memorable day!



- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, beat eggs with milk until frothy. Add bread crumbs, ground beef, onion, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce.

Mix well with hands. Form into loaf. Press into ungreased meat loaf pan. In small bowl, mix ketchup, mustard, brown sugar. Taste and add 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, if desired.

Spread glaze on top of meat loaf. Cover completely. Bake 45-55 minutes until inside temperature reaches 160 degrees. Remove from oven and lift onto platter. Cool 5 minutes. Slice and serve.

I use a two-piece meat loaf pan. The top has holes so the fat drains while baking. Just \$10 on Amazon!

BOBBIE'S MEAT LOAF

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
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Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., leaves the chamber at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., last June. A judge March 11 ended a temporary restraining order Boebert had sought against her ex-husband at her request.

Boebert drops protection order against ex-hubby

RIFLE (AP) — A judge March 11 ended a temporary restraining order U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert had sought against her ex-husband at her request.

During a court hearing in Rifle, Rep. Boebert asked Judge Jonathan Pototsky to vacate the order she had requested against Jayson Boebert, saying they had come to a “strict” agreement she hopes he will follow, the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent* reported.

Rep. Boebert asked for the restraining order last month after accusing Jayson Boebert of threatening to harm her and entering the

family’s home without permission, the latest in a series of flare-ups between her and Jayson Boebert.

Rep. Boebert, a far-right Republican and staunch ally of former President Donald Trump, switched districts in December to escape a tough reelection bid and cited the family turmoil as another reason for her move from Silt to Windsor in her new district.

In her request, she mentioned their Jan. 6 argument in a restaurant where Jayson Boebert claimed she had hit him — a claim he later recanted and that police eventually said was unfounded.



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