



The I-70 Scout

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Bennett board bandies town center plan



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A conceptual drawing of a potential Bennett town square design shows features including multiple seating areas, a small splash pad, a playground with a climbing structure that resembles the town's iconic water tower, a pavilion, and a picnic area. The town square is the central part of a potential civic district with a town hall building, a county administration building, and a community arts and culture building. The town of Bennett is applying for a grant that would get the project started with a land purchase and roadway construction in the area.

Officials seek \$2 million DOLA grant

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — A town center plan in the works in Bennett would create a new “heart of the town,” including a civic district, a cultural center and a town square.

The project area is approximately a half mile north of I-70 and along the western

side of Highway 79 — north of King Soopers.

The Town Board of Trustees heard a report on the final Town Center Conceptual Plan March 26. Deputy Town Manager Rachel Summers provided background, noting that, in 2019, Bennett received a \$25,000 Department of Lo-

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Law enforcement agreement reached

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BENNETT — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will take over law enforcement duties for the entire town of incorporated Bennett May 1 under a new contract approved by Arapahoe County Commissioners and the Bennett Board of Trustees.

The two boards unanimously approved the final version of the agreement at their respective meetings March 26. The intergovernmental agreement provides patrol duties and corresponding investigative and supervisory support for the town of 3,500 residents. It calls for two full-

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Truck driver perishes in snowy I-70 crash

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

For the second consecutive time, a March storm proved more bark than bite to the I-70 Corridor from Watkins to Agate, but blizzard-like conditions further to the east claimed a Front Range truck driver.

At approximately 11:35 a.m. March 25, state

troopers were dispatched east of Limon near I-70 milepost 363 on report of a rolled semi and trailer.

Upon arrival, the 66-year-old male driver was found suspended inside the cab of a Kenworth T68 rig where he was declared deceased. The decedent was later identified

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RICH LOVELESS/Deer Trail Fire Department

A tree burns during a grassfire that charred 75 acres and claimed two abandoned buildings near Winview Road and 120th Avenue March 28.

Grass fires persist despite storms

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

While the ground is wet, the forage above is tinder dry.

That's among the take-aways after two grassfires had all hands on deck for I-70 Corridor

and neighboring fire departments last week.

Most recently, at approximately 4:30 p.m. March 28, Byers, Deer Trail and Strasburg fire departments were first dispatched to the area of

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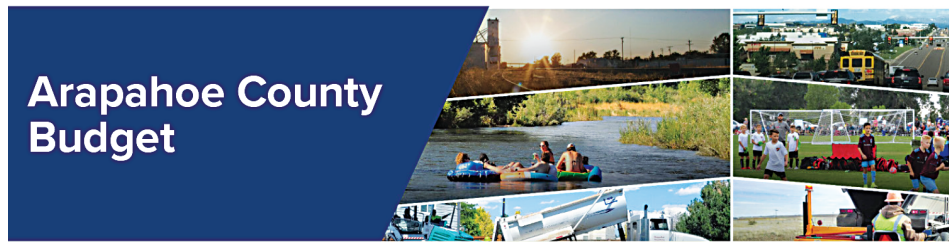


Bennett's Got Talent!



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

High-schooler Madison Wood gets dramatic in front of teacher/judge Brittaney Hudson during a performance of “Agony” from “Into the Woods” during Bennett's Got Talent March 28. The third-place skit also featured Natalee Sanders.



Arapahoe County Budget

Arapahoe County faces significant budget shortfall starting in 2025

After years of insufficient tax revenues combined with a continued increase in demand for services, Arapahoe County faces a choice - and is asking for your input. Read more and provide your input at acbudget.com.

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CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSIONERS

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Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services for Town of Bennett

Beginning May 1, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will provide law enforcement services for the entire town of Bennett, which includes two full-time deputies and a part-time detective. Previously, law enforcement was shared between Arapahoe and Adams Counties as the town resides within both. Learn more at arapahoeco.gov.

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Asbestos barred. Carcinogen still used decades after partial ban

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency March 15 announced a comprehensive ban on asbestos, a carcinogen that kills tens of thousands of Americans every year but is still used in some chlorine bleach, brake pads and other products.

The final rule marks a major expansion of EPA regulation under a landmark 2016 law that overhauled regulations governing tens of thousands of toxic chemicals in everyday products, from household cleaners to clothing and furniture.

The new rule would ban chrysotile asbestos, the only ongoing use of asbestos in the nation. The substance is found in brake linings and gaskets and is used to manufacture chlorine bleach and sodium hydroxide, also known as caustic soda, including some that is used for water purification.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan called the final rule a major step to protect public health.



PAUL SANCIYA/AP Photo

Asbestos Removal Technologies Inc. staff work on asbestos abatement in Howell, Mich. The Environmental Protection Agency March 18, announced a comprehensive ban on asbestos, a carcinogen that kills tens of thousands of Americans every year but is still used in some chlorine bleach, brake pads, and other products.

“With today’s ban, EPA is finally slamming the door on a chemical so dangerous that it has been banned in over 50 countries,” Regan said. “This historic ban is more than 30


years in the making, and it’s thanks to amendments that Congress made in 2016 to fix the Toxic Substances Control Act,” the main U.S. law governing use of chemicals.

Exposure to asbestos is known to cause lung cancer and mesothelioma and is linked to more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Ending the ongoing uses of asbestos advances the goals of President Joe Biden’s Cancer Moonshot, a whole-of-government initiative to end cancer in the U.S., Regan said.

“The science is clear: Asbestos is a known carcinogen that has severe impacts on public health. This action is just the beginning as we work to protect all American families, workers and communities from toxic chemicals,” Regan said.

The 2016 law authorized new rules for tens of thousands of toxic chemicals found in everyday products, including substances such as asbestos and trichloroethylene that for decades have been known to cause cancer yet were largely unregulated under federal law. Known as the Frank Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, the law was intended to clear up a hodgepodge of state rules governing chemicals and update

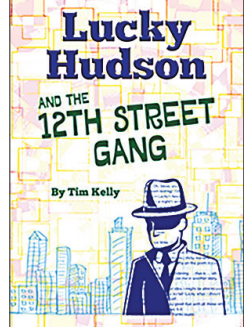
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The Colorado Department of Education maintains a comprehensive child identification system consistent with Part B of IDEA and ensures that each Local Education Agency (LEA), in collaboration with a variety of community resources, assumes the leadership role in establishing and maintaining a process in their community for the purpose of locating, identifying and evaluating all children, 3 through 21 years, who may have a disability and may be eligible for special education services under Part B of IDEA.

If you have any concerns about your child's growth in -

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Ages 3 through 5 year-old concerns should be directed to the following:

- Cheyenne County (Cheyenne Wells and Kit Carson Schools)
- Lincoln County (Genoa-Hugo School)
- Yuma County (Idalia & Liberty Schools)
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- Arapahoe County (Byers, Deer Trail, Strasburg & Bennett Schools)
- Washington County (Arickaree & Woodlin Schools)
- Adams County (Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail Schools)
- Lincoln County (Limon & Karval Schools)
- Elbert County (Agate & Kiowa Schools)
- Kit Carson County (Burlington Schools)

Please contact: Stacey Brown, Child Find Coordinator - (719) 775-2342, ext. 133

All **5 through 21 year-old concerns** should be directed to the **local school district administrator, special education teacher, East Central BOCES (719) 775-2342, ext. 101.**

The East Central BOCES member schools are: Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail, Agate, Woodlin, Arickaree, Limon, Genoa-Hugo, Karval, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Cheyenne Wells, Arriba-Flagler, Hi-Plains, Stratton, Bethune, Burlington, Liberty, and Idalia.

References: IDEA, Part B, Section 300.125
ECEA CCR 301-8 2220-R-4.01-4.04(4)
East Central BOCES Comprehensive Plan Section III Process of Identifying

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the Toxic Substances Control Act, a 1976 law that had remained unchanged for 40 years.

The EPA banned asbestos in 1989, but the rule was largely overturned by a 1991 Court of Appeals decision that weakened the EPA's authority under TSCA to address risks to human health from asbestos or other existing chemicals. The 2016 law required the EPA to evaluate chemicals and put in place protections against unreasonable risks.

Asbestos, once common in home insulation, is banned in more than 50 countries, and its use in the U.S. has been declining for decades. The only form of asbestos known to be currently imported, processed or distributed for use in the U.S. is chrysotile asbestos, which is imported primarily from Brazil and Russia. It is used by the chlor-alkali industry, which produces bleach, caustic soda and other products.

Most consumer products that historically contained chrysotile asbestos have been discontinued.

While chlorine is a commonly used disinfectant in water treatment, only eight chlor-alkali plants can be found in the U.S. that still use asbestos diaphragms to produce chlorine and sodium hydroxide. The plants are mostly located in Louisiana and Texas.

The use of asbestos diaphragms has dropped and now accounts for less than one-third of the chlor-alkali production in the U.S., the EPA said.

The EPA rule will ban imports of asbestos for chlor-alkali as soon as the rule is published but will phase in prohibitions on chlor-alkali use over five or more years to provide what the agency called "a reasonable transition period."

A ban on most other uses of asbestos will effect in two years.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies, which represents 350 publicly owned wastewater treatment agencies, said in a statement that it supports "EPA's efforts

to move away from asbestos products" and will work with the agency to track implementation of the rule. The association warned before the final rule was announced that an immediate ban on asbestos would "almost certainly cause shortages and price increases for chlorine and other disinfection and treatment chemicals used by the water sector."

The American Chemistry Council, the chemical industry's largest lobbying group, said a 15-year transition period is needed to avoid a significant disruption of chlorine and sodium hydroxide supplies.

A ban on asbestos in oilfield brake blocks, aftermarket automotive brakes and linings, and other gaskets will take effect in six months.

The EPA rule allows asbestos-containing sheet gaskets to be used until 2037 at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in South Carolina to ensure that safe disposal of nuclear materials can continue on schedule.

Scott Faber with the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group that pushed to ban asbestos, hailed the EPA action.

"For too long, polluters have been allowed to make, use and release toxics like asbestos and PFAS without regard for our health," Faber said.

Separately, the EPA is also evaluating so-called legacy uses of asbestos in older buildings, including schools and industrial sites, to determine possible public health risks. A final risk evaluation is expected by the end of the year.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said the U.S. was "finally starting to catch up" with the rest of the world on asbestos.

"However, it cannot be the end of the road when it comes to phasing out other dangerous asbestos fibers," he said. "Congress has a role to play here when it comes to providing stronger protections for our health."

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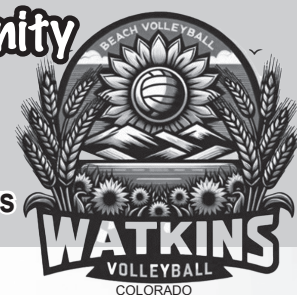
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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Sporting clay shoot benefit scheduled by Bennett FFA

BENNETT — Sponsorships and contestants are sought for the annual Bennett FFA Alumni & Supporters Sporting Clay Shoot.

Registration runs from 7-8:30 a.m. with the competition beginning at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, April 27, at the Kiowa Creek Sporting Club, 46700 E. County Road 30, Bennett. Lunch and awards will follow.

Sponsorships run from \$125 to \$3,000. Raffle prizes and giveaways are also needed.

Teams are limited to six shooters per team. Eye and ear protection is required.

The registration deadline is 3 p.m., Thursday, April 25. Cost is \$80 per team. All proceeds go to Bennett agricultural education.

For sponsorship information or to register a team, contact Brittaney Hudson at bennettffaalum@gmail.com or (303)241-4070.

Free monthly lunch on tap for local veterans, seniors

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor military veterans and senior citizens age 65 and older can receive a free lunch on the second Friday of each month at the Bennett VFW Hall.

The next meal is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, April 12.

Veterans and seniors from all along the I-70 Corridor are invited. Meals will be served by a group of local volunteers.

For more information, call Flora Goodnight at (303)549-2589.

Strasburg seniors group schedules April luncheon

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association will host its monthly potluck starting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Strasburg Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Avenue.

Speaker will be Raymond Morris from Byers, an Eastern Colorado historian.

The group regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month.

I-70 Scout: Major changes underway

Dear Readers, Customers, Residents & Friends:

Due to skyrocketing prices, *The I-70 Scout & Eastern Colorado News* have again been forced to change printers, which, in turn, forces us to adjust our publication days. Stated shortly, the *Scout* will now be delivered on Thursdays, while the *ECN* will remain a Friday publication. While we understand this timing is a bit awkward, we must do it this way to save delivery fees. The change will occur next week.

Printing expenses soared by 100% last August when our then-printer closed. At that time, we raised advertising prices 8% to 10%, but that extra revenue is far too little to offset the outrageous new costs.

Printing prices are also forcing us to downsize the *ECN*, which means that all advertising, except legal advertising, will be removed so we can reduce the paper to eight to 12 pages. Please note that the *ECN* will still contain the same amount of news within this lower page count.

Unfortunately, we cannot reduce ad prices. We are operating on the assumption that our many fine advertisers would rather lose the *ECN* than endure a steep price increase. If anyone objects, feel free to call me at (303)622-9796. Maybe we can work something out.

We appreciate your support during this difficult time. Thank you!

— Douglas Claussen, Publisher & Editor

For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

Bankers, CO treasurer reps to address area biz group

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its April Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at May Farms Byers.

Speakers will be representatives of Independent Financial and the Colorado Treasurer's office. Independent Financial will sponsor lunch.

Local photographer Carl Steitz will be on hand to provide professional head shots for business promotions.

RSVPs to (720) 731-1954 or office-i70ccoc@gmail.com are requested.

First responders invited to wildland fire training

ALAMOSA — A collaborative effort to bring cost-effective, high-quality, hands-on training to first responders of the Eastern Plains is coming soon.

Fire on the Plains 2024, hosted by the Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy, runs from April 26-28, Friday through

Sunday, at Otero Junior College, La Junta.

For more information and to register, visit www.cwfima.org.

'Burg Elementary Council seeks pet food donations

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Elementary Student Council is collecting food for pets in need as a community service project.

The council seeks unopened bags, boxes and cans of pet food for its Care Corner from April 1-19. All food will be donated locally.

A drop-off box is located in the foyer of the elementary school.

For more information, contact Cameron Schiller, Strasburg Elementary assistant principal, at (303)622-9215, ext. 636.

AdCo seeks feedback about gen'l election voting sites

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Elections Department is seeking public comment on proposed Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) and 24-Hour Drop Box locations for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

More information on locations and a link to the survey is available

at adamsvotes.com.

Comments on the locations can also be e-mailed to adams.elections@adcogov.org.

The public comment period is open through Monday, April 29.

Pollinator-friendly gardens key to 17 Mile House class

CENTENNIAL — A class on pollinator-friendly gardening will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at the 17 Mile House Farm Park, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.

Attendees will visit with Colorado State University Extension Master Gardeners, Native Plant Master volunteers, and horticulturists to learn about bee-friendly gardening, support of pollinators, and the Native Bee Watch program. The farm's beekeeper will be on-site to share the basics on beekeeping and honeybees.

Activities include seed-planting and nature tours at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Small-group tours of the historic 17 Mile House and barn will also be offered.

The event is free but registration at www.arapahoeco.gov is required due to capacity limits.

Horse club moves shows to Arapahoe fairgrounds

BYERS — The Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association has announced dates and a new location for its 2024 Summer Buckle Series.

The shows and gymkhanas will be held once monthly starting with halters at 9 a.m., Sundays, April 28, May 26, June 9, July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 15 and Oct. 6, at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora.

The show office will open at 8 a.m., and the Western competition will follow the halter contest. Gymkhana will not start before 12 p.m.

Contestants who pre-enter on the Friday before the show will save \$10.

For more information, visit cchahorseclub.com or e-mail to comanchecrossinghorsemen@gmail.com.

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Summer Sublimation Tumblers:

Teen Techies ages 10 and up will make sublimation tumblers for summer. 4-5:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 9.

Hakeem Furious Poetry Workshop:

Established writers or first-time poets can celebrate National Poetry Month with poet Hakeem Furious, who will help adults dive into the world of poetry. Participants can share their writing on Saturday, April 27, at the Poetry Slam, hosted by Adams County Poet Laureate Kerrie Joy, at Anythink Wright Farms, Thornton. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, April 20.

Artist meet-up:

Patrons ages 16 and up only can join the Corridor Creative Arts League for a mini origami workshop led by Grace Yu. Each participant will learn the age-old technique of folding paper into unique shapes and create a state-

ment piece. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 20.

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Adult book club: "The House of Eve" by Sadeqa Johnson. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 9. A New York Times bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick, the novel set in 1950s Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., explores what it means to be a woman and mother. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 9.

WWII's 10th Mountain Division:


Arapahoe Libraries and History Colorado will host a presentation on the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division in World War II. Attendees can learn about this piece of Colorado history and view historical artifacts. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, April 17.

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 about eclipses and make a pinhole camera to safely observe them. To make the 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.

Connie Jaramillo



Connie Kay Jaramillo of Byers, Colo., passed away March 21, 2024, after a brave battle with ALS. Connie was born July 28, 1955, in Kadoka, S.D. She was the daughter of the late George and Phyllis Oldenberg. Connie made Colorado her home in 1988. Before retirement, Connie touched many lives as a Special Education paraprofessional at Bennett High School. Connie enjoyed music, sewing, and her country way of living. She was a member of the senior's group in Byers. Connie is survived by her husband, Archie Jaramillo of Byers, Colo.; her son, Jeffrey Lynch of Denver; daughter, Jill French of Elizabeth, Colo.; daughter, Janelle Partida of Denver, Colo.; and son, Jonah Partida of Houston, Texas. She will also be missed by her stepchildren and grandchildren. To honor Connie's memory, a celebration of life ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 12, at Byers Historical Church. She will be laid to rest at 2 p.m. at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

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Julie Robinson
June 16, 1945 - March 20, 2024



Those who knew Julie best remember her as deeply devoted to her family, her friends and her community. She found immense joy in being surrounded by and serving those she loved. Born to Harold (Buzz) and Clara (Deter) Hanks on June 16, 1945, Julie grew up in Deer Trail, Colo., where all her grandparents had settled. Her grandfather, Philip Deter, homesteaded the ranch owned by her family. During her school years, Julie discovered a love for music that stayed with her for life, singing in choir from a young age and playing in the school band. She also made a lifelong best friend and "blood sister," Carrie Thorn. Their favorite pastime was watching American Bandstand and then practicing all the new dances together. At Deer Trail High School, she also met George Robinson, an acquaintance who was to become much more. George graduated and moved to southern California, where, as the story goes, he learned the twist. After serving abroad in the military, he returned to Colorado. Julie just happened to run into George again at a local dance. Eager to learn the twist, she asked him for a lesson and the rest, as they say, is history. No one knows for sure, but those California twisting stories may have enticed Julie's oldest son to move to the West Coast, much to her chagrin. After graduating from Deer Trail High School and Parks Business College in Denver, Julie went on to work for Frontier Airlines for 10 years. Julie and George were married in 1967 in her parents' yard in Deer Trail. Julie and George took full advantage of the perks of her job at Frontier Airlines, first traveling to Hawaii for their honeymoon, then continuing their adventures to Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Japan, Korea, Greece, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Mexico and throughout the USA. A new adventure came along in the form of their two sons, and they moved back to Deer Trail to raise Shane and Dustin. The boys brought sports into her life as they played baseball, basketball and football, and Julie even kept the books for their basketball games. The family has season tickets for both the Rockies and the Broncos. Later she enjoyed watching ski events when the boys were members of the CSU ski team. While her sons were young, Julie worked part time at the Deer Trail Post Office. Once her sons reached their teens, she became the Postmaster, a position she held for 25 years. Both sons went on to attend CSU, spending their summers as raft guides on the Arkansas River. This was how George and Julie got to know the town of Beuna Vista, Colo. Eventually they decided to retire in the BV community they had come to love. Julie's greatest joy was becoming a grandmother to Dusty's three daughters: Natalie, Maggie and Sabrina. Julie enjoyed serving her community. As Postmaster, she worked in Human Resources at the Employee Development Center and served on the Diversity Team. She also served on the Youth-to-Youth task force for drug-free youth, volunteered for the I-70 Chamber of Commerce and developed and instructed an aquatic program for Morgan Community College. She also wrote and edited "Julie's Jargon and Jabber," a newsletter for the Colorado Postmaster Association. In Buena Vista, she became involved with the Buena Vista Recreation Board, the 51:10 Board, the Pregnancy Center Board and others. George had become involved with the Rodeo Board when Don Hoover found out they were from the Home of the World's First Rodeo, and Julie later joined him in that work. Julie will be most remembered for her love for children. She was a friend, mother, grandmother and aunt to many, blood related or not. She could always be found holding a baby at gatherings or around the community. She came to know and love many children through volunteering at church, helping with AWANA, teaching swimming for Small Fries and more. As she grew into maturity, she also grew in her faith, and she tried to spread the love of Jesus whenever possible. She often said she didn't know where she would be without her faith, and she was so thankful for God's many gifts in her life, especially her family, husband, children and grandchildren. Julie is survived by her husband George Robinson. She is also survived by her children Shane Robinson (and Jennifer) and Dusty Robinson (and Ashley); granddaughters Natalie, Maggie and Sabrina; siblings Naomi (and Bob) Charvanao, John (and Margy) Hanks, Nancy (and Jack) Morris, and Margie Nordstrom; nephews and nieces; and many, many cousins. Please make donations to First Baptist Church of Deer Trail or Valley Fellowship Church in Buena Vista. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. "Postal workers never die, they are just returned to sender."

Adams County, History Colorado join forces on items related to state's namesake ship

BRIGHTON — In 2023, when Adams County unveiled the Adams County Veterans Memorial — a replica of the USS Colorado — at Riverdale Regional Park, Adams County residents with ties to the renowned vessel donated items to honor the lives of veterans.

Among the items received were letters, photographs and artifacts that told the story of life aboard the USS Colorado.

To honor and preserve these donated items, the county has partnered with History Colorado to document and catalog the artifacts into its permanent collection. To turn the donated items into a resource for the community and to expand the impact statewide, the organizations turned items from the collection into Colorado Curated Story: USS Colorado.

Colorado Curated Story: USS Colorado tells the story of the battleship (BB-45) through the vessel, crew and journey.

Items include the original name plaque from the ship, a fragment from a Japanese kamikaze plane that attacked the USS Colorado during World War II, and several artifacts that belonged to Elton Clem, the resident cobbler aboard the ship.

“Working with History Colorado to preserve the stories and pieces of history so close to the hearts of our residents gives them the respect and kind of care they deserve,” said Commissioner Emma Pinter, board chair. “We are especially grateful

we can expand the reach of this project through the curatorial expertise of History Colorado to create a community resource.”

“As a veteran myself, it’s deeply meaningful to ensure the stories and artifacts of our brave servicemen aboard the USS Colorado are honored and preserved for future generations,” said Commissioner Charles “Chaz” Tedesco. “Partnering with History Colorado allows us to pay tribute to their sacrifices while fostering a sense of community pride and remembrance.”

Colorado Curated Stories is a series of Community Lending Resources created by History Colorado’s Curatorial Services and Collections Access Department.

“The military history team at History Colorado is grateful to have formed this partnership with Adams County and to have participated in creating this tribute to the brave servicemen who served aboard the USS Colorado,” said Sydney Mauck, Anschutz Military Collections Specialist for History Colorado. “This very special project has given us the chance to dive into the history of the ship that shares our state’s namesake while also honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country.”

The Colorado Curated Story: USS Colorado will be on display at the Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Administration Building, 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, through August.



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cal Affairs (DOLA) grant with a \$25,000 match to create a plan to guide the development of the 40-acre area in the core center of Bennett.

Summers emphasized the conceptual plan is not a final design but lays the groundwork for future grant opportunities and further conversations with partners including Adams County, Anythink libraries, and the Bennett Arts & Cultural Committee, which all wish to expand services in the Bennett area. The landowner has also been involved in the discussions.

After a presentation and discussion of the conceptual plan, the board approved a resolution to apply for a \$2 million DOLA Main

Street Live grant to initiate the agreements for a land purchase and roadway construction within the town center.

Two grants already in hand from Adams County will help complete the Kiowa Creek North Open Space trailhead and parking and rubber surface replacement at Trupp Park. The town was awarded Open Space grants in an amount of 70% of the total project costs for the trail project, not to exceed \$1,166,000; and in an amount of 50% of the total project costs for the Trupp Park project, not to exceed \$25,000. The trustees approved the grant agreements.

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In other business, the board approved an inter-governmental agreement between Morgan Community College (MCC) and the town of Bennett for an office lease at Bennett Town Hall. MCC will use the mayor's office space on Thursdays to bring community college administrative office services to I-70 Corridor residents. The board also approved a rent rebate to MCC for the first year because of the value the services bring to the community. The rebate will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

The board approved a resiliency plan created by a task force of town employees from different departments after attending a Colorado Resiliency Summit and reviewing information from the Colorado Resiliency Office. The creation of such a plan was recommended by DOLA and an identified outcome from the town's 2021 Comprehensive Plan update.

A resiliency plan identifies a community's potential hazards and threats including natural occurrences such as tornadoes, snowstorms, hail and drought; technical and economic incidents such as cyber-at-

tacks and recessions; and human-caused disasters such as pandemics, mass shootings and hazardous waste spills. The goal of the plan is to reduce likely disruptions and ensure that key infrastructure systems continue operation or quickly begin services again.

Trustees also approved a contract with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services in the town. (See sidebar.) The contract will go into effect on May 1. Town Manager Trish Stiles noted that the Community Service Officers Keith Buono and Sonya Zimmerman are taking on extra vigilance during the interim.

"Keith volunteered to change his shift on a temporary basis so he's out and about in the neighborhoods in the evening hours providing more eyes and ears on the community," Stiles said.

During public comment, Bennett resident Peg Mancuso spoke regarding the resolution the board adopted March 12 declaring Bennett a non-sanctuary town for migrants. She said that, while she personally felt the resolution was unnecessary, it was the board's

prerogative to adopt it; but she took issue with some language used in the resolution and in the discussion before the vote.

Mancuso said the word "migrant" was misused in the resolution. The dictionary definition of the word states a migrant is "a person who moves from place to place to work, such as seasonal harvesting."

"The migrants that may come through this town are people working in the farms north of us in other counties," she said, adding that if the migrant workers come through Bennett at all, they are just passing through. "Those people are working and are good people and not disturbing us."

By contrast, an immigrant is a person who migrates to another country, usually for permanent residence, through legal or illegal means.

Mancuso said she was disturbed by some of the discussion in which "exaggeration and scare tactics" were used, including a comment about what would happen to the town when "10 busloads" of illegal immigrants show up.

"These are foolish comments, repeating what they have heard on televi-

sion," she said. "It gives a very negative [impression] about how some of the residents feel about other people."

Mancuso noted that, while she was impressed that one board member voted after talking to some of her constituents and getting their take on the issue, she was upset by another board member's personal, political statement.

"People on the board are either elected by the town residents or appointed, and they are speaking for the town. To make a political comment about the president is [uncalled for,] and I hope I never hear anything like that again. I don't think it's how every person in the town feels."

Mayor Royce Pindell thanked Mancuso for her comments; no other feedback was offered.

The March 26 meeting was the last Pindell will attend as Bennett mayor. Having served two terms in the position, he is ineligible for a third mayoral term, but can, and will, serve as a trustee. Current Mayor Pro Tem Whitley Oakley will take the Mayor's seat at the April 9 meeting.

A Bennett Board of Trustees election is scheduled

in April every two years. However, if the number of nominees does not exceed the number of available positions, the election is canceled, and the candidates declared elected. The last board election that was not canceled in Bennett was in 2019, when Pindell was elected.

This year, the positions of mayor and four trustees were up for election. Nomination petitions were available to candidates in January, and the town clerk's office received one petition for the office of mayor and four petitions for the office of trustee. All petitioners are current board members.

The 2024 election was canceled by the board Feb. 13. Declared elected, along with Oakley as mayor, are Pindell and trustees Denice Smith and Donna Sus for four-year terms and trustee Larry Vittum for a two-year term. All will take the oath of office April 9.

The five officials will continue to serve along with trustees Kevin Barden and Steve Dambroski, whose first terms end in April 2026.

Trustees are limited to two consecutive four-year terms but can be reappointed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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time deputies and a part-time detective assigned to the town of Bennett and allows for the addition of staff and resources as determined by review of the town's calls for service and future needs.

Historically, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office was contracted to provide services only within the

Arapahoe County portion of Bennett, which includes the Antelope Hills subdivision, and the Adams County Sheriff's Office served the larger Adams County portion of the town. After a breakdown in negotiations, the contract with the AdCo Sheriff Gene Claps was not renewed and Bennett began talks with Arap-

ahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown.

Arapahoe County will invoice the town of Bennett for services at an annual base rate of \$502,129, which includes all salaries, benefits, equipment and other direct and indirect costs. In consultation with town trustees, the sheriff will determine a service schedule for coverage hours and days; residents will have 24/7 access to the sheriff's 911 communication center for emergencies and dispatch.

The agreement expressly delegates to the sheriff's office the authority to enforce any and all laws applicable to and within the town; however, the town may enforce and issue summons for violations of the Bennett Municipal Code through its community service officers.

The agreement includes startup costs with Arapahoe County. Additionally, the contract will be adjusted and prorated to reflect the precise duration of Arapahoe County's service to Bennett.

According to an Arapahoe County news release, the contract designates the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office as an independent contractor and is similar to the contract the county has in place with the city of Centennial. The county

retains all authority for rendition of services, including standards of performance, control of personnel, and other matters related to the services by the county.

"Residents in unincorporated Arapahoe County will also benefit from the agreement as the new dedicated deputies will free-up other officers for unincorporated coverage," the release states.

"This is a win-win for the people of Bennett and Arapahoe County and allows us to provide effective coverage for our eastern residents amid tight economic times," said Commissioner Jeff Baker, whose district includes Bennett and eastern Arapahoe County. "These kinds of partnerships reinforce our commitment to providing the best law enforcement by partnering with Bennett in a deal that benefits all."

The arrangement is authorized through the Colorado Constitution, which supports the cooperation of contracting by or among political subdivisions of the state to provide services, such as law enforcement.

The trustees also approved an ordinance amending the Bennett Municipal Code designating the Arapahoe County sheriff as the police chief for the town.

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20 YEARS AGO APRIL 6, 2004

BYERS — One month after accepting his new contract, Byers Superintendent Jeff Perry resigned his position to accept the superintendent's job in Kremlin.

His wife, Lisa has accepted a job at the Colorado Department of Education as a consultant for comprehensive school health on the Western Slope.

"Lisa has always sacrificed for my career," Perry said. "I talked with the board several weeks ago and told them about two special jobs that might come through. I did tell them if the positions didn't come through, I would stay happily."

Perry will leave June 30, the last day of the district's fiscal year. Perry's successor will be Byers' fourth superintendent in three years.

15 YEARS AGO APRIL 7, 2009

DEER TRAIL — In yet another curious turn of events in the Deer Trail community, a new trustee was seated almost one year after resigning as the mayor.

In a March 31 special election, James Johnson was voted in and trustee David Boyd out. Recall petitioners also aimed their effort — which was initiated last December — at two other trustees, but Robert Hardwick and Dutch Venter were retained.

Johnson stepped down last April, primarily as a result of angst created when he and other former trustees voted a nuisance ordinance onto the books. The resignation followed closely on the heels of an April 1 election in which fellow nuisance supporters Gary Lavoie and Bob Sanger were voted off the board. In the same election, Hardwick and Boyd were voted in.

While 2008's election was characterized by high voter turnout at over 40%, last week's volume was significantly higher at 63%.

10 YEARS AGO APRIL 1, 2014

BENNETT — The possibility of Bennett getting its first stoplight is gaining traction as development continues closer to the town's I-70 exit, but other traffic control options are available.

Dave Ruble with DB Enterprise told town trustees March 25 that vehicle activity at of Highway 79 and Marketplace Drive has reached thresholds where the Colorado Department of Transportation can require some sort of control.

According to Ruble, last month's traffic study at that intersection indicated that vehicles traveling Highway 79 was more than the 210 vehicles per hour CDOT standard. Traffic on Marketplace Drive exceeded 140 vehicles per hour.

"And that was during February, the lowest traffic month normally," Ruble said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 3, the 94th day of 2024. There are 272 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers

in Memphis, Tenn., that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

ON THIS DATE

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton,

N.J., for the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan

Death March.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Singer Tony Orlando is 80. Actor Alec Baldwin is 66. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 65. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 63. Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 53.

— Associated Press


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9. Taj Mahal city
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14. "Fat chance!"
15. Fits of shivering
16. Rundown
17. Historical period
18. "___ its weight in gold"
19. *Namesake of famous pact signed in 1955
21. *"The City of a Hundred Spires"
23. Financial assistance
24. Bird's groomer
25. Pod nugget
28. Fountain order
30. Duck dish a certain way
35. Picture on a coat
37. Feline vibration
39. Stocking fiber
40. Stink to high heaven
41. Cocoyam, pl.
43. Pelvic bones
44. Frost over (2 words)
46. Stew bean
47. Sleeveless garment
48. Predicament
50. Snakelike fish
52. Hi-___ monitor
53. Toothy wheel
55. *Street, in capital city in #38 Down
57. *On the Danube
60. *On the Thames
63. Virtue, in Italian
64. *Street, in capital city in #25 Down
66. Dashboard instruments
68. Beside, archaic
69. Geological Society of America
70. Type of heron
71. Parks or Luxembourg
72. Pecking mother
73. Like oboe's sound

DOWN

1. "___ the land of the free ..."
2. Cold one
3. Peruvian Empire
4. Miss America topper
5. Blood infection
6. Prepare to swallow
7. *Dublin's cultural quarter neighborhood, "Temple ___"
8. Parallelogram, e.g.
9. All excited
10. Spiritual leader
11. Network of nerves
12. Certain something in a tray
15. Rouse
20. Take puppy from a pound
22. *Hamilton: An American Musical" singing style
24. Great ___ Reef
25. *On the Seine
26. Not slouching
27. Arabian chieftain
29. Like Roman god Janus
31. *Also the most populous city in Ukraine
32. More ill
33. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ___"
34. Annoying tiny biters
36. Arctic jaeger
38. *Located in boot-shaped country
42. Sound of artillery
45. Kind of hickory nut
49. Jack's inferior
51. Like a Grammy nominee
54. Frustration, in print
56. "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush," e.g.
57. Source of veritas
58. Wraths
59. Volcano in Sicily
60. Ground beef description
61. Fairytale giant
62. "All You ___ Is Love"
63. Variable, abbr.
65. Put to work
67. Hog heaven



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Shadows of a Venus Conjunction

Attraction, like all mysteries, exists in particular lighting — never total illumination. Our pursuit is magnetized by clues and questions alike. The last day of Venus in Pisces features a conjunction to Neptune to highlight our fantasies and projections. There are things we will never know about our beloved. Why not imagine the best?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though you are a high-energy person, you can pull off a slow burn with the best of them. The trick is in finding contentment in the present moment. People will be magnetized by your serene warmth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've hit your limit of clutter, and you'll not only clear, clean and organize. You'll also make new policies going forward to avoid unnecessary purchases and consumerism-driven habits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Take your time in deciding who belongs in your support circle. Observe potential candidates, especially how they communicate with you and others, whether they listen to other perspectives without judgment and how they handle differences of opinion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You love a topic enough to devote yourself to learning its deeper layers. Teaching will enforce your love. Instead of telling people what to do or explaining things, you'll demonstrate and thus inspire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have aspirations for your personal life and you're willing to grow into the person who can handle these things. You expect things to feel a little weird. Being slightly uncomfortable just means you're stretching.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe you've never had the kind of relationship where a partner listens to your wild ideas without batting an eye and cheers you on like a hype squad at a pep rally for your dreams. But if you're open to it, it's coming your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Simplify your daily routines and habits to reduce com-

plexity. Attention is a precious commodity. If it weren't, people wouldn't be working so hard to get yours. Eliminate the unnecessary. Focus on essentials.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be as effective as your support system, so use discernment to choose well. Seek people who are more concerned with seeing the big picture come together than they are with getting ego needs met.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your relationship should be a dance where kindness takes the lead, and disagreements are just spicy breakaway moves that keep things interesting before you rejoin and get in step. All spice and no dish is not sustainable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You live by your own rules, cultivate habits aligned with your goals and exercise qualities you value, resulting in a surge of inner strength. Compassion, humility and integrity sing in harmony -- the soundtrack of your day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The paradox of effort and ease is very much alive in your day; you'll be reminded how striving often leads to frustration and suffering, while surrendering and letting go brings ease and fulfillment. Balance between doing and being.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you consider the complexities and nuances of a situation, you wonder if it's worth it to get involved at all. But that's the problem with thinking. It never accurately represents actual experience. And so you will boldly go and see for yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 3). A banger of a year! Just as music relies on the space between notes, success depends on a delicious problem to solve. You'll do this with a fantastic team. You'll lose yourself in the project only to find yourself in the warmth and admiration of the wonderful people involved. More highlights: whirlwind travel, a nest egg of security and the expansion of family. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 33 and 16.

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Kellen McClintock, left, Wesley Schmoker and Macie Cook all show off their golden eggs and other prizes won at the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District's annual Egg-stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt March 23 at Lyons Park.

Area ArapCo rep Baker plans two April forums

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker will hold an open meeting from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, at the Byers American Legion Hall,



Baker

He is also hosting an event on April 25 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds about homelessness and will attend the Deer Trail Town Board meeting on Tuesday, May 14.

ArapCo investigators ask for aid in ID-ing 7 burglary suspects

CENTENNIAL — Arapahoe County Sheriff's investigators want the public's help in identifying seven burglary suspects.

The first incident happened at a home in the 6500 block of S. Rifle Way on Feb. 27 around 3:30 p.m. Four suspects, three males and one female, smashed a sliding glass door, then entered the home and rummaged through bedroom closets and dressers.

The thieves stole jewelry valued at \$6,000.

Surveillance video captured the three suspects outside the residence, in the front of the house and in the backyard. They took off in a newer model silver Nissan Altima. They are each facing three felony charges of burglary, criminal mischief and theft.

The second burglary happened on March 23 around 10:30 a.m. in the 6300 block of South Havana Street. Three males entered an apartment by prying open the front door and stole a large amount of cash, a designer handbag, jewelry and a computer altogether valued at more than \$112,000.

Surveillance video shows the men wearing dark clothing, and one wearing an orange vest and carrying a black bag. The three suspects face four felony charges of possession of burglary tools used to facilitate entry, burglary, criminal mischief and theft.

The public is asked to call the agency's Investigations Tipline at (720)874-8477 with any information. Callers can remain anonymous.

Youth, age 17, charged with 2nd-degree murder

BRIGHTON — A second-degree murder charge was filed March 22 against a 17-year-old man related to an alleged motor vehicle theft and subsequent crash that resulted in a death in Aurora March 17.

Enrique Leon-Madera, 17, was also charged with one felony count each of vehicular eluding and aggravated robbery and two counts each of vehicular homicide and second-degree motor vehicle theft. He also received a misdemeanor charge for possession of a handgun by a juvenile.

The crimes occurred in the 1900 block of Dayton Street. Leon-Madera's next court date is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, in Adams County District Court.



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SPORTS



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Bennett Lady Tigers advanced to 2-0 on the young soccer season with an 8-3 victory over Arvada March 27. From left photo, Reese West steals the ball and goes the other way for a goal; backup goalkeeper Ava Black makes a late save on a Bulldog shot attempt; and Arianna Harrison rifles a shot on goal.

Lady Tigers soccer team wins first 2 games

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — There's only been two games so far this spring, but hopes for more dynamic offense from the Bennett girls soccer team this season appears to be coming to fruition.

Most recently, the 3A Lady Tigers defeated visiting 4A Arvada 8-3 March

27. After their first two contests, the troops of head coach Mike Rinner have tallied 14 goals, almost half of last year's 29 that were scored over 13 contests.

"I like where we are at offensively, still a few hiccups defensively, but the girls are responding well," Rinner said following Wednesday's victory. "Battled through some tough officiating and

physical play."

The two-week hiatus from the season-opener at Sterling March 12 didn't appear to slow down the hosts, who recorded their highest goal total since recording a 10-0 shutout victory in the spring 2021 season. The Lady Tigers first two games have had higher scoring output than any other games the previous two seasons.

Over the first half of the opening 40 minutes, the teams traded goals but, after the visitors closed the gap to 3-2, Bennett tallied the next two goals to lead 5-2 at halftime. In the second half, Bennett scored the first two goals within less than a minute to take an insurmountable advantage. Arvada's only second-half goal occurred

about midway through on a penalty kick after last year's leading scorer, Tiger senior Arianna Harrison, received a yellow card for a tackle on the Bulldogs' top player — senior Emma Ngewasi, who scored all three goals for the visitors. To keep her from receiving another yellow card and ejection, Harrison

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ALYSSA STEMOM/For The Scout

In the Corridor's first baseball rivalry matchup of the season, Bennett infielder Evan Dear receives a throw from a teammate but not before Byers' Marshall Hacker slides in safely.

Bennett beats Byers for 1st win

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — The first leg of the annual spring I-70 Corridor baseball round-robin went to the Bennett Tigers as they utilized two big innings to upend visiting Byers 11-5 March 27.

The host orange-and-black jumped out early with a 6-run first inning by taking advantage of three walks, two triples and a double. Key hits were a 2-RBI double from junior Brody Hawes, a run-scoring triple from sophomore Forrest Smith, and an RBI groundout off the bat of freshman Evan Dear. Freshman Avant Dickens, and junior Elizabeth Westendorf both

scored on a combination of passed balls and a dropped third strike by the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs tried to claw back into the game in the third when junior Marshall Hacker doubled and came around to score with steals of both third and home.

In the top of the fourth, the Bulldogs closed the gap to 6-2 after freshman Gabe Price ran all the way to third base on a Tiger error in the outfield and later scored on a fielder's choice.

The green-and-white continued its comeback effort in the fifth, closing the deficit to 6-4. Byers junior Drew Mohatt singled and scored on

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was taken out of the game, but the Tigers more than held their own, adding one insurance goal.

“Got a few more weapons to go with Ari this time around,” Rinner said.

Three Tigers reached the back of the net two times each — junior Finnish exchange student Eerika Harju, junior Marayha Munoz, and Byers freshman Reese West — while Harrison and sophomore Natalie Galdamez each chipped in one. West also had a team-high in assists with two, while Munoz had one.

Defensively, senior goalkeeper Carmen Rinner played 70 minutes and made eight saves and junior backup goalkeeper Ava Black added two more saves over the final 10 minutes. In front of the net, senior first-year player Lily Venneberg recorded a team-high three steals, followed by Harju, junior Raquel Thorpe, and senior Aileen Maciel with two apiece; as a team, Bennett collected 15 steals.

In 2023, Harrison scored 24 of Bennett’s goals and assisted on four more but, so for this season, multiple teammates have improved their offensive game. After the first two games, Harju had a team-high four goals, followed by West and Harrison with three apiece and Munoz with two.



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From left photo, Bennett defender Lily Venneberg sticks herself in the path of an Arvada pass, and Natalie Galdamez battles with a pair of Arvada defenders.

Michael Porter Jr. says brother would never risk hoops career by gambling

by **Arnie Stapleton**
AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Denver Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr. said March 27 that he’s sure his younger brother would never do anything to jeopardize his budding NBA playing career.

The league announced March 25 it has opened an investigation into Toronto two-way player Jontay Porter amid gambling allegations. ESPN first reported the probe, which it said surrounded Porter’s performance in games Jan. 26 and March 20. In both games, Porter played briefly before leaving citing injury or illness. In both of

those games, Porter did not come close to hitting the prop-wager lines for points, rebounds and three-pointers that bettors could play.

Michael Porter Jr. took the podium following the Nuggets’ loss to the Suns March 27 and was asked about the probe into his brother.

Michael Porter Jr. said he has no more details than the media does but he vouched for his brother, who, at 24, is a year younger than him, saying “Jontay loves the game of basketball” and has been thrilled to play for Toronto this season.

“I’ve known my brother my whole life. I know what type of dude he is and I know he’s excited to play basketball and I highly doubt he would

do anything to put that in jeopardy,” Michael Porter Jr. insisted.

Jontay Porter hasn’t publicly addressed the situation and he has missed the last couple of games with the team citing personal reasons.

The younger Porter is averaging 4.4 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 26 games, including five starts. The 6-foot-10 Porter also played in 11 games for Memphis in the 2020-21 season.

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From left photo, Bennett's Avant Dickens tries to slide around Bulldog shortstop Kaden Bennett, who awaits a throw from his catcher, and Tiger Forrest Smith (29) chugs for home plate as Byers catcher Chas Butterfield awaits a throw.

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a single by classmate Chase Long, who also scored on a steal of home plate.

Bennett stemmed the bleeding with a run in the bottom of the fifth as Dear doubled in Smith, who was one of two base runners to reach via Byers errors to start the frame.

Byers again tallied a run in the sixth as junior Carson Gaudot walked, advanced to third on a dropped third strike, and scored on an RBI sacrifice fly by sophomore Alan Brewer.

But Bennett put an exclamation point on the annual rivalry, scoring 4 runs in its half of the sixth. After senior Isaac Santoyo singled,

junior Ben Mathis tattooed a two-run home run to left field. Junior Dane Ortiz then doubled, advanced to third on a passed ball and came home on a Byers error; Smith scored the Tigers' final run on a sacrifice fly by Triston Cronk.

In the top of the seventh, Byers got a runner on base but were thwarted thanks to a ground out, lineout and a base runner caught stealing.

"Against Byers, we finally had a better game on the offensive side, outhitting them 11-6," said Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz. "A good start for us, but we were not able to keep the

foot on the gas pedal until the last two innings. Need to develop that killer instinct."

"We fought hard to get it back down to 6-4, but we can't spot them 6 runs in the first," responded Byers head coach D.J. Jackson. "Ran out of some other opportunities."

For the victors, not only did Mathis have a team-high three hits, including a triple and home run and 2 RBIs, he also threw all seven innings, allowing 5 runs, 4 earned, on six hits while striking out 10 and walking three.

"Our pitching was really good, great game by Ben,

but we need to work on the three errors that we committed behind him," Ortiz said. "Need to play cleaner in the field."

Other Bennett notables included Ortiz with a double, one walk and two runs scored; Hawes with 2 RBIs; and Triston Cronk, who walked twice. The Tigers also got the running game in gear, stealing 10 bases, led by Dear with three and Dickens and Westendorf with two apiece.

Byers junior Chase Long also led his squad both in the batter's box and on the mound. In addition to two hits, an RBI and a run scored, Long threw six in-

nings, allowing 11 runs, 6 earned, on 11 hits while walking five and striking out six. Multiple defensive letdowns hurt the Bulldogs.

"Need to focus on making the plays when they are right at us," Jackson said.

The win was Bennett's first of the season in five games, while Byers dropped to 2-5.

BYERS @ LIMON

The Union Pacific rivalry between the Bulldogs and last year's 2A runner-up Badgers ended up 10-2 in favor of the hosts March 26, but Jackson indicated he

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From left photo, Bulldog Carson Gaudot reaches first base ahead of the throw to Bennett first baseman Peyton Mott; Tiger Elizabeth Westendorf slides in safely ahead of a throw into third base; and Byers Drew Mohatt lays down a bunt.

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was happier with his team's play than he was the following day.

On the mound, the Badgers started senior Keon Bandy, who concluded the 2023 season 13-2 overall and is 3-0 to start this season.

"We played all seven innings in Limon with Bandy on the mound. That was a win for where we are at," Jackson said.

After the Badgers tallied a run in each of the first two innings, Byers scratched the run column in the top of the third when sophomore Jack

Earl singled and rounded the bases on the combination of a Long groundout and a Badger error.

Limon regained the momentum with 2 runs in the bottom of the third and 3 runs each in the fourth and fifth innings.

Byers tallied its other run in the seventh when Mohatt walked, stole second and third, and crossed home plate on a Badger error.

The Bulldogs mustered four hits, all by first or second year players — Brewer, Earl, Price and freshman

Kaden Bennett with a single each. The Bulldogs walked four times and was hit by a pitch once.

Sophomore Jaxzen Egger and Mohatt split the workload on the mound. Egger threw the first three frames and allowed 5 earned runs on six hits while walking four and striking out three. Mohatt threw the last three innings and gave up 5 runs, 2 earned, on three hits while striking out three and walking three.

PREVIOUS TIGER LOSSES

Over spring break, Bennett struggled mightily, losing a trio of games — 10-0 at Lamar March 19, 13-8 to visiting Sterling March 22, and 14-0 to Fort Morgan at home the following day.

"The Lamar and Fort Morgan games were not good offensive performances for us. We struggled just putting the bat on the ball," Ortiz said. "The Sterling game was much better, especially on the offensive side, but four errors didn't help us defensively. And it was really one inning that killed us and we couldn't fully recover from it."

In the battle of Tigers with Sterling, both teams scored a run in the first, but the visitors jumped up 7-3 after the third. After Sterling extended the advantage to 9-3 after four innings, Bennett tried its best to come back, scoring 5 in the bottom of the fifth, but the hosts couldn't inflict more damage the rest of the way. The fifth-inning rally was highlighted by a 2-RBI single by Smith and a 2-run double by Mathis.

Of Bennett's eight hits, Dear had three and Smith two. Smith had a team-high 4 RBIs, while Mathis added 2.

On the mound, junior Peyton Mott started and allowed 7 runs, 4 earned, on six hits, while striking out four, hitting three and walking two. Hawes threw the final four innings, giving up 6 runs, 5 earned, on five hits while striking out three and walking seven. The Tiger defense committed four errors.

At Lamar, the host Thunder dominated from opening pitch, taking a 5-0 lead in the first frame and tacking on 3 runs in the second and 1 each in the third and fifth to conclude the game early via the 10-run mercy rule.

Bennett only mustered two hits against Lamar pitching while striking out 11 times and receiving four free passes.

Mathis threw the first four innings for Bennett, allowing 9 earned runs on 10 hits while walking two and striking out six. Cronk threw the fifth and allowed an earned run on two hits.

Against Fort Morgan, the Tigers' offense struggled even more as they were no-hit by a trio of Mustang hurlers. The visitors, who had nine hits over five innings, were also the beneficiaries of two errors and wild Tiger pitching, including seven walks and six hit batters.

Six of Fort Morgan's runs were unearned.

The orange-and-black hoped to get its second consecutive win March 30 when it traveled to Kersey to take on Platte Valley.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Bennett Community Food Bank. 8-10 a.m., Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link-2feed.com.

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.

Daughters of the American Revolution Silver Spike Chapter. 6:30 p.m., TBK Bank Committee Room, Strasburg.

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

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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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.

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TRAFFIC DEATH

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According to the State Patrol's accident report, the semi was westbound on I-70 when it crossed the center grass median and went across the eastbound lanes of the interstate.

"The vehicle was still on its wheels when it went off the south side of the eastbound lanes, rolled 1³/₄ times, and came to rest on its passenger side facing west," a State Patrol spokesman said. "We ended up blocking the No. 2 lane of eastbound I-70."

Preliminary reports indicated that alcohol, drugs and excessive speed were all ruled out as suspected causes. Instead, poor road conditions related to cold, snow and wind were thought to lead to the incident.

Both directions of I-70 between Limon and Burlington were shut down around 2 p.m. Monday because of weather conditions. The roadway reopened at about 4:45 p.m. once the accident investigation had concluded and weather conditions improved.

I-70 was also closed from Airpark Road to the Kansas border from about 11 p.m. March 24 until 4 a.m. Monday because of windblown snow. Further east, road closures remained in place late Monday, particularly north-south routes, including Highway 385 between Burlington and Cheyenne Wells.

From a moisture standpoint, the I-70 Corridor only received 2-5 inches of snow Monday but, with preceding rain, about 0.25 inches of moisture was received.

Last week's storm was similar to

March 13-14 when the Front Range and neighboring areas to the south and west received a foot or more of snow, but the immediate I-70 Corridor between Aurora and Limon received 5-6 inches or less. In both cases, all area school districts in session canceled classes for at least a day because of forecasts for severe snow event.

Most area superintendents indicated they were in a no-win situation given the forecasts for severe weather.

During the March 12 Strasburg School Board meeting, Superintendent Dan Hoff said himself and Facilities Manager Glenn Wallace would be up early to determine how best to handle the projected heavy snowfall and determine the future of classes the next couple of days.

"I love being a superintendent in the spring, right. Plus, we're right up against spring break (next week)," he said. "Last I checked, about 4 a.m. is when that snow is supposed to come in with a great deal of ferocity. I personally drive around as well at 4.30 in the morning before making any of these

calls. So does transportation [and] Glenn's checking buildings and making sure they're up to date,"

Hoff added that making the call overnight or early in the morning isn't ideal because the full extent of storms aren't usually known by then.

"But 4 a.m. is not even going to be a great time to make the call because, what they're saying is, it's going to start snowing all day and we can get anywhere between 6-12 inches," he added. "I got to admit, in my time as your superintendent, I felt like I've gotten nearly every single one of those snow days and delays right. So I am looking at this one and monitoring, and I am hoping to make the right call. I always want students in school, but I will never compromise on student safety and try to force that issue. But I wanted to give everybody a heads up."

During both recent spring storms, Capt. Clint Rushing with the Colorado State Patrol Limon Troop Office said that no significant weather-related accidents occurred between Agate and Watkins.

FIRES

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120th Avenue and Winview Road in far northeastern Adams County on reports of billowing smoke. Upon arrival, grass, trees and a couple of vacant unoccupied structures were already engulfed in flames.

The approximately 4¹/₂-hour fire-fight included first responders from Sable Altura, Southwest Washington County, Wiggins, Brush, Fort Morgan and South Metro fire districts; the Adams County Sheriff's Office; and local residents with heavy machinery.

"I saw disc harrows out there cutting in fire lines," said Adams County Sheriff District 5 Cmdr. Karl Smalley. "Everyone did a really good job of getting things knocked down pretty quickly, especially when the wind started to kick up."

In all, 30-plus fire apparatus and a farm implements combined to curtail the blaze.

Deer Trail Fire Chief Rich Loveless, who took command of the scene, said the fire burned approximately 75 acres on a local ranch.

"It turned out to be the ranch manager that was out there on a tractor, so he was aware of what was going on," Loveless said.

According to Byers Fire Capt. Dillon Sketers, abundant fuel was available for the fire to burn hot and move quickly.

"The weeds and grass are pretty tall and very dry," he said, noting that winds quickly dry out above-ground old growth. "A few of the trees must have been hollow in

the middle and the wind blew the flames right up inside them, so they were burning hot from the inside out."

An old vacant house and barn were also lost in the blaze and were expected to burn or smolder for several days. According to responders, the ranch manager was going to keep an eye out to make sure the fire didn't rekindle.

No injuries to residents or responders were reported and livestock was not threatened.

The scene, about a mile west of Winview Road, was mostly cleared a little after 9 p.m.

"I think I actually left there closer to 10 that night, waiting on the ranch manager to get back to keep look over the place to make sure it did more than just smolder."

While the exact cause of the blaze is unconfirmed, at least one report indicated that sparks were coming from power lines blowing in the wind.

Thursday's response was four days after 120 acres were burned in the area of Manila Road and County Road 6 March 24.

The preliminary investigation from Sunday indicates the fire was accidental but still human ignited and whether charges will be filed are uncertain.

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- *Interpreter/Translator (*Temporary as needed)

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- SPED Teacher
- Girls Golf Head Coach

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- SPED Teacher
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- Math Teacher
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Elementary School

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For additional information, please call Machaela Eymann at (303)822-5292, x1113.

Byers School District 32-J
is now accepting applications for a:

Part-Time Psychologist/Counselor

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2321 Ance St	Strasburg	4 3	2552	2356	70	\$490,000	96%
7172 S Oakleaf St	Bennett	4 6	6756	5920	264	\$1,325,000	76%
55125 E Wolf Creek Dr	Strasburg	3 2	2174	2174	129	\$629,000	98%
13141 Converse Rd	Bennett	3 2	3944	1972	0	\$640,000	100%
*3089 Nectar St	Strasburg	3 2	1638	1638	117	\$460,359	100%
568 S 3rd Ave	Deer Trail	2 2	2288	1144	103	\$380,000	100%
*55179 E 31st Ave	Strasburg	3 3	1875	1875	305	\$449,990	98%
*46553 Orchard Dr	Bennett	4 3	2377	2377	39	\$525,000	89%
815 Green Gable Way	Bennett	5 4	3340	3340	17	\$800,000	97%
49204 E Dorado Pl	Bennett	4 4	4110	4044	3	\$1,170,000	102%
*3051 Pershing St	Strasburg	3 2	1638	1638	422	\$442,085	98%
391 S Main St	Byers	5 1	1968	984	2	\$285,000	100%
640 S Split Rock Rd	Bennett	3 4	3013	3013	87	\$780,000	93%
55657 E Apache Pl	Strasburg	3 2	3248	1624	5	\$560,000	102%
*46525 Orchard Dr	Bennett	3 2	1366	1366	77	\$424,000	96%
1954 Longbranch St	Strasburg	5 3	3046	2349	2	\$515,000	100%
*54977 E 31st Ave	Strasburg	2 2	1253	1253	116	\$436,900	101%
*55055 E 31st Ave	Strasburg	3 3	1572	1572	116	\$456,900	101%
2345 Asoka St	Strasburg	4 3	2551	2393	21	\$480,000	97%
*3013 Nectar St	Strasburg	4 3	2451	2451	53	\$536,990	103%
*2937 Nora St	Strasburg	4 3	2451	2451	164	\$539,990	94%
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47375 Lilac Ave	Bennett	3 3	1869	1869	3	\$449,000	100%
*3001 Nectar St	Strasburg	3 3	2332	2332	49	\$520,990	98%
*715 Aspen Ave	Bennett	3 3	1851	1851	49	\$424,900	96%
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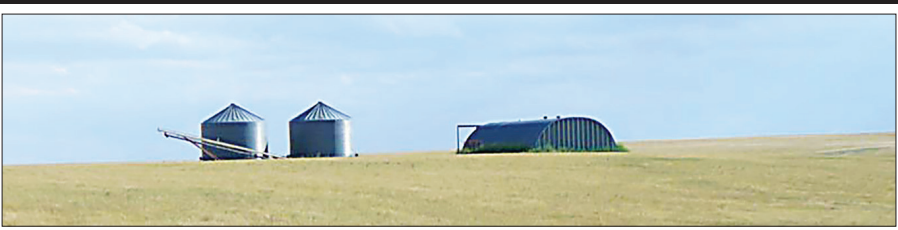
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Philly Cheesesteak

by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout

Many Philly cheesesteaks include sautéed bell peppers. My recipe is simple with steak, onions and cheese.

A traditional Philly cheesesteak sandwich is made with ribeye steak sliced thin and grilled. I'm cheap so I sometimes cheat and buy shaved roast beef from the deli.

Buy bread that is a little firm so it doesn't get soggy. If you would like a spicy chipotle version, use pepper-jack cheese.

Cheez Whiz is the cheese used in the classic sandwich, mostly because it melts and is creamy on top of the beef. I prefer provolone. Cheez Whiz is too ooey-goey for my taste.



DIRECTIONS

Pound steak between plastic wrap to flatten. Slice into thin strips. Season with salt and pepper.

Melt butter in skillet. Add onions. Cook until caramelized, transfer to bowl.

Mix butter with garlic powder in small bowl. Split rolls open. Spread open sides with garlic butter.

Place rolls butter-side down in same skillet.

Toast and set aside. Add oil to same skillet. Brown beef. Stir in onions. Top with cheese slices.

Spoon beef mixture on top of toasted garlic rolls.

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound sirloin steak
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 hoagie rolls
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

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Monday, April 8: Hot dogs with whole grain bun, potato.

Tuesday, April 9: Chicken nachos, refried beans.

Wednesday, April 10: Macaroni & cheese, whole grain roll.

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Thursday, April 4: Greek chicken wrap, broccoli florets, applesauce.

Monday, April 8: Galaxy Pizza, Sun Flare Corn, Sun Chips, Eclipse Side Kick, Smoothie.

Tuesday, April 9: Teriyaki chicken bowl, rice, broccoli, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday, April 10: Beef tacos, green beans, banana, churro.

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Thursday, April 4: Walking taco, Goldfish, refried beans, grapes.

Friday, April 5: French toast sticks, sausage links, country potatoes, orange wedges.

Monday, April 8: Popcorn chicken, biscuit with butter, broccoli and carrots with ranch, pears.

Tuesday, April 9: Hot ham & cheese, tomato soup, green beans, peaches.

Wednesday, April 10: Macho Nacho, cornbread, corn, mixed fruit.

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Thursday, April 4: Grilled cheese, corn, peaches.

STRASBURG

Thursday, April 4: Pasta bake with garlic bread.

Friday, April 5: Chicken sandwiches.

Monday, April 8: Orange chicken with rice.

Tuesday, April 9: Walking tacos.

Wednesday, April 10: Omelets, sausage, biscuits.

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