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## 'Burg School Board picks supt finalist

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — The Strasburg School Board's hope of staying in-house for its next superintendent appears on the precipice of fruition.

During an April 19 special meeting, school directors nominated current elementary principal Kelle Bongard as the lone finalist to re-

place Dan Hoff, who announced last month he was leaving the district after two years. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion put forward by board treasurer Julie Winter.

According to statute, the district must wait at least 14 days between announcing finalists and making a final hiring decision.

The first day that the board could vote on Bongard's hiring is

Tuesday, May 7.

In the meantime, the district has tentatively scheduled a community meet-and-greet with Bongard at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, with a public interview with the board to follow.

Visit [www.i-70scout.com](http://www.i-70scout.com) for the location and additional particulars.

During pre-vote discussion at Friday's special meeting, Bon-

gard's extensive resumé, including her last two school years as Strasburg Elementary principal, was deemed impressive.

"All of her work is impressive," said board president Michael Marrero. "Along with her enthusiasm and the philosophies around the folks in the community, leadership, and the opportunity that presents

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A prison warden (Katelyn Faczak), left, berates Jenkins (Aeryn Johnson) during a dream scene set in a jail yard during Bennett High School's production of "Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang," April 10-11. The play takes the audience through a wild dream of under-the-weather crime novelist Steve Jenkins, who takes the place of the primary foil in his stories, detective Lucky Hudson.



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An antique tractor sits in several inches of snow along South Nelson Street in Byers after 3-5 inches of snow and more than a half-inch of moisture fell across most of the I-70 Corridor April 19-20.

## 'Arnold by one.' Recount determines winner of final DT trustee seat

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — The winner of the fourth Deer Trail trustee vacancy from this month's municipal election

was determined before having to be decided by a luck of the draw.

During an April 16 recount at town hall, Mary Arnold was determined the winner of the 2-year

term that was up for grabs. The original vote tally after ballots were cast April 2 showed Arnold and Brandon Rowley with 62 apiece, but a count discrepancy was uncovered.

"Arnold by one," said town clerk Kimberly Sullivan of the recount results.

If the recount had still resulted in a tie, the winner between Arnold and Rowley would have been deter-

mined by random draw or another game of chance.

Arnold and the three winners of four-year terms were to be sworn in during

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## 'Burg 8th grade service project warms, comforts local infants

by **Kathy Smiley**  
Staff Writer

STRASBURG — Hemphill Middle School eighth-graders sewed baby blankets and burp cloths for the Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center and learned about the center in Byers that will receive them.

Laurie Ponserella's sewing class took on the service project after its class assignments were completed.

"This will help fulfill their community service requirements for their upcoming middle school graduation," Ponserella said.

Women's Resource Center Director Deb Jackson visited the class March 11 to receive the donations and talk to the students about the organization.

"We're there for women and families all across the I-70 Corridor from Aurora to Limon," Jackson said. "We're called a resource

center because we have resources to help them."

Jackson said they help clients sign up for the federal Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program to get baby formula, which can run up to \$40 a can. The center also provides diapers and baby wipes.

"New moms who come through our door are supplied with what we call a layette — a gift basket full of new stuff for their new little one," she said.

Jackson added that the center isn't just for pregnant women. "We are there for families that may be having their second, third or fourth child. The programs are also for the fathers and for the grandparents, who are often the caregivers."

The center has a "boutique" providing other necessities.

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From left, Hemphill Middle School eighth-grade sewing class members Joclyne Rector, left, Jaxon Keyworth and Alexis Thurmond pose for a photo while boxing up the baby supplies they helped make for clients of the Eastern Plains Womens Resource Center March 11.

# COMMUNITY CORRAL

## Summer volunteers sought for tours of 'Burg museum

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg is seeking volunteers to welcome guests and conduct tours one afternoon each week from Saturday, June 1, through Saturday, Aug. 31.

Interested parties are invited to the annual meeting of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society for coffee and pastries at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at the museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. through the summer. Special group tours are also accommodated.

For more information, call Dana at (303)622-9706.

## 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.

## Colorado Ballet Studio Co. plans Bennett presentation

BENNETT — The Colorado Ballet Studio Company will visit Bennett to perform excerpts from ballets based on folk tales and literary classics while moving through the history of ballet.

## ArapCo sheriff plans visit to Bennett

BENNETT — The Town of Bennett Board of Trustees will host a Community Meet & Greet with Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown from 5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will assume law enforcement duties for the entire Town of Bennett Wednesday, May 1.

The town approved an Intergovernmental Agreement March 26 with the county to provide

law enforcement services to all of incorporated Bennett.

The agreement provides patrol duties and corresponding investigative and supervisory support for Bennett. It calls for two full-time deputies and a part-time detective assigned to the town and allows for the addition of staff and resources as determined by review of the town's calls for service and future needs.

For more information, visit townofbennett.colorado.gov.

Doors for "From the Page to the Stage" open at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 26, at the Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

Professional dancers will perform brief excerpts from a Colorado Ballet production with discussions on how stories are translated into dance, a brief history of ballet, pointe shoe FAQ, and male roles in dance. The audience can interview the dancers at the end of the event, which is available with sensory friendly adaptations.

Bleacher seating available for the first 100 attendees.

The program is hosted by the Bennett Arts Council and Bennett Park & Recreation District.

## Spring drama production announced by 'Burg School

STRASBURG — The Strasburg High School drama department will present the comedy crime whodunit "Clue" at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, in the small gym.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, and are available at the door.

The show is recommended for ages 12 and up.

## Town of Bennett schedules business recognition event

BENNETT — The annual Town of Bennett Business Appreciation Event is scheduled from 4:30-6 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at the

Bennett Community Center.

Blue Sky Party Rentals and O'Reilly Auto Parts will be recognized for their service to the Bennett community at the free event.

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, visit <https://townofbennett.colorado.gov>. For more information, call Brenda Kroh at (303)644-3249, ext. 1036.

## Journey Church announces 5th yearly Ladies Tea Party

STRASBURG — The fifth annual Ladies' Tea Party will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at Journey Church in Strasburg.

The event is free but space is limited, so RSVPs are required.

People who are interested in sponsoring a table and decorating it in your unique style should call (303)622-4373 for more information.

## Bennett Gives Back grant Application period opens

BENNETT — The Town of Bennett is now accepting applications for the 2024 Bennett Gives Back Grant.

The grant may provide up to 90% of the costs of a qualifying event, project, program or activity in an amount up to \$10,000 per organization per year from the town's general fund.

The grant allows eligible organizations and special districts to

obtain additional resources to supplement services or resources provided to town residents. Awarded funds will be disbursed based on board discretion and project limits.

Applications are due Friday, May 10, and the awards will be announced June 12 with the awards ceremony following July 10.

For more information, visit <https://townofbennett.colorado.gov> or call (303)644-3249.

## 1st Saturday thru summer slated for 'Burg car show

STRASBURG — The monthly Caffeine & Chrome car show will resume for the summer on the first Saturday of the month from May through September in Strasburg.

The first meeting will run from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 4 Strasburg Community Church, 56155 Sunset Ave.

All years, makes and models are welcome. Free coffee and donuts will be provided.

Future dates for the show are June 1, July 6, Aug. 3 and Sept. 7.

## Two specialists set to lead emerald ash borer webinar

LITTLETON — Emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle deadly to ash trees, is slowly spreading throughout Colorado and, to combat the bug, two experts will host a Zoom webinar from 6-7 p.m., Thursday, May 2.

While EAB hasn't impacted the Denver area or many other parts of Colorado, homeowners should make a plan for its eventual arrival. Horticulture Specialist & Entomologist Lisa Mason with Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County, and Littleton City Forester Mary Danser, City will teach participants to identify an ash tree, the signs and symptoms of EAB and lookalikes, and the options available for homeowners.

Last summer, EAB was found in Littleton and Carbondale. For the last decade, EAB has spread in Boulder County and nearby areas.

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# Colorado House passes semiautomatic gun ban

## Bill faces more difficult battle in state Senate

DENVER (AP) — Colorado’s Democratic-controlled House on April 14 passed a bill that would ban the sale and transfer of semi-automatic firearms, a major step for the legislation after roughly the same bill was swiftly killed by Democrats last year.

The bill, which passed on a 35-27 vote, is now on its way to the Democratic-led state Senate. If it passes there, it could bring Colorado in line with 10 other states — including California, New York and Illinois — with prohibitions on semiautomatic guns.

But even in a state plagued by some of the nation’s worst mass shootings, such legislation faces headwinds.

Colorado’s political history is purple, shifting blue only recently. The bill’s chances of success in the state Senate are lower than they were in the House, where Democrats have a 46-19 majority and a bigger far-left flank. Gov. Jared Polis, also a Democrat, has indicated his wariness over such a ban.

Last year, a similar bill died in committee, with some Democratic lawmakers citing concerns over the sweep of a ban and promises they made to their constituents to avoid government overreach affecting most gun owners’ rights.

Democrats last year passed and Polis signed into law four less-expansive gun control bills. Those included raising the age for buying any gun from 18 to 21; establishing a three-day waiting period between the purchase and receipt

of a gun; strengthening the state’s red flag law; and rolling back some legal protections for the firearms industry, exposing it to lawsuits from the victims of gun violence.

Those laws were signed months after five people were killed at an LGBTQ+ nightclub in Colorado Springs last year. On April 20 the state marked the 25th anniversary of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting that killed 13 people. Other mass shootings in Colorado include 12 people killed in 2012 at an Aurora movie theater and 10 people killed in 2021 at a Boulder supermarket.

“This is the state where the modern era of the mass shooting began with Columbine,” said Democratic Rep. Javier Mabrey in urging fellow lawmakers to join other states that ban semiautomatic weapons.

Republicans decried the legislation as an onerous encroachment on the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment. They argued that mental illness and people who do not value life — not guns — are the issues that should be addressed. People with ill intent can use other weapons, such as knives, to harm others, they argued.

Democrats responded that semiautomatic weapons can cause far more damage in a short time.

“In Aurora, when the shooter walked in that theater and opened fire,” Mabrey said, “and in less than 90 seconds shot up a room full of people. That cannot be done with a knife, that can’t be done with a knife.”



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP Photo

Visitors stand on the west steps of the Colorado Capitol last year in Denver. Colorado’s Democratic-controlled House April 14 passed a bill that would ban the sale and transfer of semi-automatic firearms, a major step for the legislation after roughly the same bill was swiftly killed by Democrats last year.

## Polis receives state’s '24 wildfire plan

BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control April 17 presented Colorado’s 2024 Wildfire Preparedness Plan to Gov. Jared Polis.

DFPC Director Mike Morgan discussed the 2024 wildfire outlook and an overview of state resources to combat wildfires.

“The 2024 Wildfire Preparedness Plan outlines a holistic, comprehensive approach to wildfire management that includes suppression and response, fuels and forest management, and mitigation activities of all types,” he explained.

DFPC is committed to continually enhancing fire training, utilizing new technologies, and implementing early detection and rapid response to bolster the fight against wildland fire in Colorado, according to a release.

“Colorado is no stranger to the impact of devastating wildfires, and we refuse to rest when it comes to preparing for the future. Colorado is a national leader in fire mitigation efforts, and we continue building on proven methods to protect Coloradans and our communities from wildfires,” Polis added.

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Marissa Hauser's chemistry class from Strasburg High School visited Metro Water Recovery in Denver during a field trip last month. Students learned about the process of wastewater treatment and careers that exist in the growing field. The trip also included a visit to a lab. Metro Water Recovery processes sewer sludge into biosolids at its MetroGro farm in Deer Trail. The finished product is applied to local and statewide farm ground. Left photo, among the students on the tour are Nik Christopherson, left, Peighton Marrero, Preston Mace, Kam Gilbert, Kailey Rushman, Lamburg Ly, and Erin Johnson. Right photo, the tour included a first hand look at one of the city's wastewater treatment sites.

# STRASBURG ELEMENTARY

## PRESCHOOL *ROUNDUP*

**DATE:** May 13, 2024  
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## Policy recommendations identified through Arapahoe Co. water study

LITTLETON — As the Arapahoe County Water Supply Study enters its final stages, policy recommendations have been identified that, if implemented, will ensure the county has a sustainable water supply for future demand.

Residents can learn more about the recommendations and offer feedback at an open house from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 9, at Kellver Library, 585 S. Main St., Byers.

The study is projecting the county's population will grow to between 900,000 to 960,000 from roughly 655,000 by 2050. The study's proposals include closing potential gaps between future supply and demand, improving water use efficiency and conservation, and extending the life of Denver Basin aquifers to sustain a long-term supply.

- The recommendations include:
- coordinating with developers and water providers to identify opportunities to consolidate individual wells into community water systems serviced by fewer, larger wells;
  - requiring a water supply plan

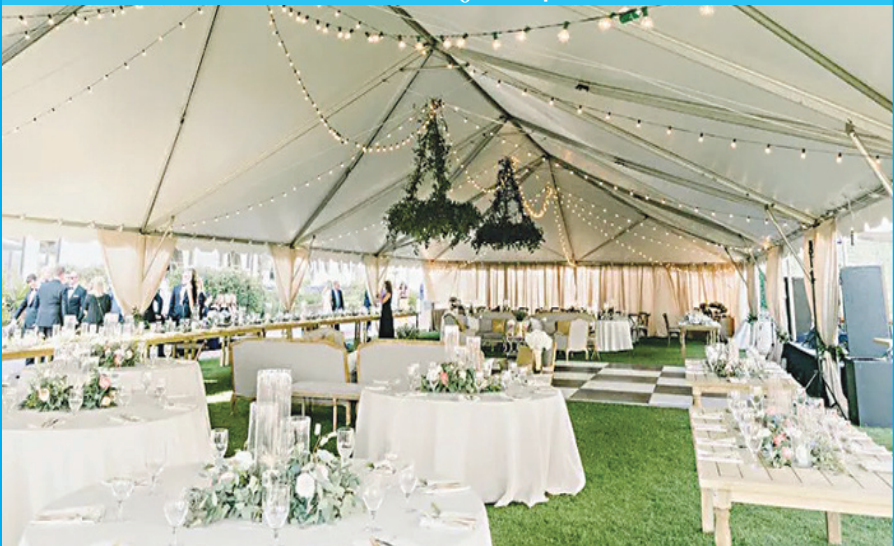
documenting an appropriate supply of water to serve a proposed development;

- reviewing and updating regulations to identify opportunities to promote or require greater water efficiency in new development. The changes would include updates to building and plumbing codes to require low-flow fixtures and water conservation measures such as water-wise landscaping; and
- encouraging a countywide transition from non-native, water-intensive landscaping to water-wise landscaping that aligns with the current landscaping standards for the county. This adjustment will occur through education and support programs exploring water use efficiencies and possible reclamation and reuse opportunities.

The study will be finalized this summer. RSVPs are encouraged but not required. To register, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov). Refreshments will be provided.

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**"Beauty and The Beast"** by Bennett Middle School, 7 p.m., high school auditorium. \$7 for seniors and children, \$10 adults.

**"Willy Wonka Jr."** 6:30 p.m., Deer Trail High School. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 12 and under.

**"Clue."** 7 p.m., Strasburg High School small gym.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**Church giveaway.** Furniture, clothing, kitchen items, linens, pictures, all for free. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saron Lutheran Church, 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

**"Clue."** 7 p.m., Strasburg High School small gym.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association Show & gymkhana.** Office opens at 8 a.m., halter class starts at 9 a.m., western riding follows. Gymkhanas do not begin before 12 p.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**

**Agate School Board.** 6 p.m.  
**Bennett fourth-grade choir,** 6:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

**Bennett third-grade choir,** 6:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

**Bennett fifth-grade choir,** 6:30 p.m., high school auditorium. Wednesday,

May 1.

**Byers Park & Recreation District Board.** 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**

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

**"Willy Wonka Jr."** 6:30 p.m., Deer Trail High School. Tickets cost \$5 per adult and \$2 for kids ages 12 and under.

**Bennett Middle and High School** choirs, 7 p.m., high school auditorium.

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**Family story time.** 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Afterschool poetry workshops:** Kids ages 7-14 will play with words and rhyme in this four-week poetry workshop in honor of National Poetry Month. 4:15-5:15 p.m., Anythink Bennett library.

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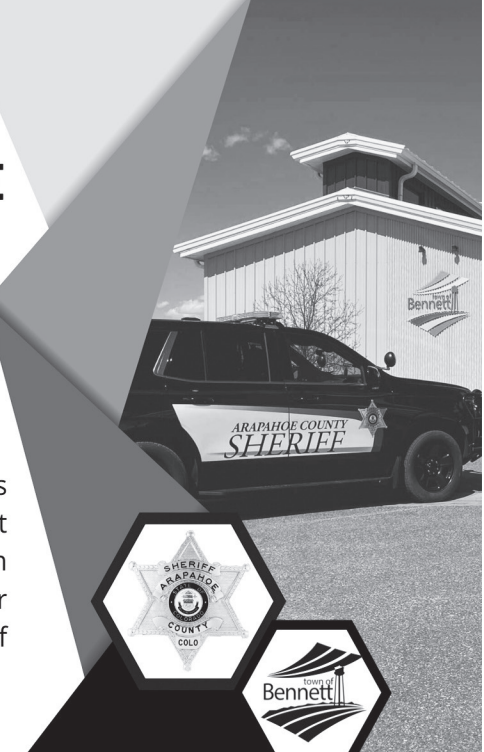
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# LIBRARY NEWS



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Local crafters learn Pysanky, a traditional Ukrainian egg decorating technique, March 30 at the Bennett Community Center. The Corridor Creative Arts League hosted the event sponsored by the Bennett Arts Council, and local expert Scott Noble taught the class. Left photo, Mike and Rhonda Goodwin of Bennett outline a design on their eggs. Right, Noble dries an egg after removing it from a dye bath.

## ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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**Story Time Yoga for Littles:** Toddlers and young children ages 2-6 explore yoga poses and movement through stories, songs and play that encourage their imaginations. 11-11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 25.

**Pop-Up Studio:** A Pop-Up Studio team of all ages make custom kumihimo bracelets using an ancient style of Japanese weaving. 3-5 p.m., Thursday, April 25.

**Adult book club:** "Happiness Falls" by Angie Kim. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 26.

**Tarot Club:** Adults can learn about the tarot and practice their skills by doing readings for other participants at this beginner-friendly workshop. Participants can bring their own deck or borrow one from the library. This program is designed to explore the tarot and improve card-reading skills. 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, April 26.

**Poetry workshop:** Established writers and first-time poets will celebrate National Poetry Month with a workshop hosted by Lighthouse Writers Workshop and Anythink libraries. Using generative prompts and published poems, Lighthouse instructor Joy Sawyer will help inspire adults to dive into the world of poetry. Participants can share their work at the Poetry Slam, hosted by Adams County Poet Laureate Kerrie Joy, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, April 27, Anythink Wright Farms. Space

limited; registration required. Visit [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org) to sign up.

**Virtual writers workshop:** Adults can share their work with other aspiring writers in a fun, supportive workshop. Participants will learn to write better and hone their skills through creative exercises. Space limited; registration required. To share work, register at [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org) by April 27. A Zoom link will be provided in advance. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, May 4.

**Painted papers:** In part one of this two-part series, participants ages 16 and older only will learn to create unique hand-painted papers using a variety of mark-making tools and household items from local artist Angie Perryman. In part two, participants will use their hand-painted papers to create a one-of-a-kind funky art journal. Hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League and sponsored by the Bennett Arts Council, the event will run from 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 4, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org).

**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., Tuesday, April 30.

## KELVER LIBRARY

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**"Tea at 2:"** Adults and older adults are invited to visit the library to chat with neighbors over a cup of tea and enjoy a relaxing activity on the first Wednesday of the every month. Tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages, will be provided. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, May 1.

**Puzzle swap & bingo:** Attendees can bring one to three puzzles to swap with their neighbors, then play bingo for prizes. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, May 15.

## ARAPAHOE LIBRARIES ON ZOOM

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

**'See and be seen.'** Educator Jane Barton will present a talk for adults on Zoom about forging meaningful connections called "See and Be Seen."

Humans are relational creatures. In fact, this characteristic has helped ensure our survival as a species. But how do people come together and stay together? How do they connect with other people in meaningful ways, thereby creating supportive and sustaining communities? In this event, educator Jane Barton will share how people can take the time to see other people, and then allow them to see us. By seeing and being seen, potential points of connection that reinforce one's sense of belonging can be identified.

Barton believes that knowledge is power, particularly with challenges around aging. She is passionate about emotional topics.

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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

FNB Bank in Bennett bid adieu to two key cogs who started its Bennett branch 20 years ago. Both Vice President/Branch Manager Debra Deines, left, and FNB Senior Vice President Jim Lunsway were both honored during a March 29 retirement party. Over their tenures, the Bennett branch had two homes, moving into its newest digs in summer 2021.

### 'Play & Learn' sessions slated at Byers

BYERS — Kelter Library will host a series of four "Play & Learn" events for children ages 1-3.

Attendees can mingle with other families, explore different activities, and chat with early childhood professionals, who are on hand to answer questions in a relaxed setting.

At each Play & Learn session, visitors can chat with specialists about topics like early literacy, early intervention, nutrition, behavior and speech development.

Parents can explore their child's interests while they play with other children their age and get ideas to learn at home. Several participants say that each time a child comes to the program, they find something new to enjoy.

The events will be held at 10-11 a.m. weekly starting Thursday, May 2, and ending May 23. For more information, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call (303)769-4310. Drop-ins welcome as space allows.

### Hours extended at Bennett library

THORNTON — The Bennett branch and two other libraries in the Anythink system in Adams County have had their hours extended.

Hours for the Anythink Bennett, Commerce City and Perl Mack locations now open one hour earlier and remain open one hour later three days per week.

Their hours now extend from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

The branches will also open one hour earlier on Fridays and Saturdays. They are now open from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. those days.

The changes were effective April 16.

All other branch locations will continue with current hours of operation.

"Responding to the needs of our customers is an important priority for us," said Mark Fink, Anythink's executive director. "Expanding the hours at these locations will provide residents with additional time and opportunities to visit the libraries in person and connect with the programs and resources they appreciate."

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### NEW SUPT? FROM PAGE 1

itself, it really positions Mrs. Bongard as a really strong candidate.”  
 “Plus there’s continuity of someone who has been in the district, knows where we’re headed, knows what is important,” Winter added. “I think we continue in that same vein.”  
 Board secretary Mary O’Malley said Bongard’s presence on the district’s strategic planning committee the past year will also be helpful.  
 “She can implement how it needs to be implemented and make sure it’s done appropriately,” O’Malley said.  
 Board first vice president Diana Elliott also said the past two years gives her faith in Bongard’s ability to step in as superintendent.  
 “With what’s been done in the elementary school, we have a good, solid candidate,” she said.  
 With the announcement becoming public, the board has already done due diligence in the case that residents come forward with questions about Bongard and her sister, Jill Schmidt, who serves as the district’s human resources manager.  
 “I’ve already consulted with legal and there is zero conflict of interest between the person that leads

HR and Mrs. Bongard as a potential superintendent candidate,” Marrero said. “Everything’s now public and will be on the table.”  
 Bongard’s husband, Jeromie, is also a teacher in the high school and the Indians’ head baseball coach.  
 Hoff emphasized that board members, staff and residents must understand the current hiring process is “a personnel matter and not a personal matter. Important to remember that.”  
 Prior to her hiring as Strasburg Elementary principal for the 2022-23 school year, Bongard was a teacher who became assistant principal at High Point Academy, an Aurora charter school.  
 If Bongard ends up being the district’s new superintendent, her hiring process would have been much quicker than in spring 2022 when two separate searches were required before naming Hoff to replace Monica Johnson, who had been with the district the previous seven years.  
 Hoff announced his resignation during a March 8 e-mail blast to district families and the community.  
 In subsequent conversations, he has indicated he is retiring.

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### DT ELECTION FROM P1

a special board meeting at town hall April 23.  
 Winning four-year terms are incumbent Robert Rhodes, who was the top vote-getter with 104 votes, followed by newcomers Ashley Buss and Sanford Bell, who received 84 and 65 votes, respectively.  
 The municipal election saw nine people run for the four open spots. The unsuccessful candidates are incumbent John Kettling with 58 votes, Dara Sanders with 41, Phil Steel 38, and Dashelle Guertin with 30.  
 Current trustees Gerry Lamont and Heather Kerin did not run for reelection.  
 The April 2 election also resulted in residents approving the town’s proposed 1.75% sales and use tax. Final vote tallies showed the question passed 93-60.  
 The town’s new assessment, which earmarks 75% of funds for infrastructure improvements, takes effect July 1.



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# SPORTS



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Left, Bennett's Arianna Harrison tools a pass around a pair of defenders from The Pinnacle during the Lady Tigers' 10-0 home shutout victory April 9. Right, Bennett defender Lily Venneberg (21), right, repels a Middle Park shot attempt in front of Tiger goalkeeper Carmen Rinner April 13.

## Soccer playoff prospects high for Bennett

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

The Bennett Lady Tigers' hopes for snapping a 14-year postseason drought on the soccer pitch remain alive heading into the final third of the spring schedule.

The orange-and-black advanced to 7-2-1 overall, 4-1 and a tie for second place in Frontier League play, after a pair of conference shutout victories, a shutout loss to a conference arch nemesis, a tie in nonconference play, and another league victory between April 8-17.

### @ WELD CENTRAL

Against the neighboring Lady Rebels, a scoreless tie at halftime was broken by Bennett, which took the 2-0 victory on Weld Central's home artificial turf April 8.

The orange-and-black dictated the pace throughout most of the match, outshooting the hosts 21-14.

Bennett senior goalkeeper Carmen Rinner was up to the task as she repelled all Weld Central shot attempts for the shutout victory.

Byers freshman Reese West (nine shots attempted) and Tiger junior Marayha Munoz

(five) both reached the back of the Weld Central net with senior Arianna Harrison (four) assisting on both scoring efforts.

"A lot more offensive balance this year," said Bennett head coach Mike Rinner. "Defenses just can't focus on Arianna any more."

In front of Rinner, Harrison and junior Raquel Thorpe tied with a team-high three steals. As a team, Bennett recorded 13 thefts.

### THE PINNACLE

In the program's biggest scoring outburst since a 9-0 home victory in spring 2013, the Lady Tigers dominated visiting The Pinnacle 10-0 April 9.

The hosts' led 3-0 at halftime but exploded with 7 more goals to end the match early.

Harrison and Finnish exchange student Eerika Harju, a Strasburg junior, scored three goals and had two assists apiece, while West and Munoz each tacked on a pair of goals. West also had an assist.

The scoreboard dominance translated to the stat sheet where Bennett recorded 37 shots on goal — led by Harrison with 12 and West



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**SEE SOCCER PAGE 12** HEADS UP! — Lady Tiger Eerika Harju (38) propels the ball ahead with her head against The Pinnacle April 9.



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with 10 — compared to only two for the visiting Timberwolves. Rinner made both saves.

Harrison, Thorpe and senior Aileen Maciel tied for the team high in steals with two.

**MIDDLE PARK**

The Lady Tigers' four-game winning streak was snapped by a familiar foe when visiting Middle Park left Paul Read Field with a 5-0 shutout victory April 13.

The Panthers scored 3 goals over the first 40 minutes and salted the game away with 2 insurance goals over the second half.

Bennett lost the overall shooting battle 44-11 and could never muster consistent offensive pressure. Harrison led the Tigers with five shots on goal while West had three. Rinner made nine saves on 14 shots on goal.

Defensively, Bennett only recorded nine steals, led by Harrison with four and Maciel with two.

**DSST: GREEN VALLEY RANCH**

When the non-league Lady Raptors visited Bennett April 16, Bennett controlled much of the contest, recording 19 shots on goals compared to 12 for the visitors; however, both teams reached the back of each other's net twice in the first half and tacked on a goal apiece after halftime for a 3-3 tie.

Bennett's goal pressure was also noted by six corner kicks, compared to three for the visitors.

Lady Tiger goals were scored by Harrison, Harju and an own-goal credited to junior Marelin Vazquez.

Rinner recorded nine saves. Thorpe had a team-high two steals.

**@ ENGLEWOOD**

The middle third of the regular season concluded with Bennett pulling out a 2-1 victory at Englewood April 17.

In the battle of evenly matched squads, the



Left photo, Lady Tiger goalkeeper Carmen Rinner swats away a Middle Park shot April 13 and, right, Reese West controls the ball against a DSST: Green Valley Ranch defender April 16.



PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEM/For The Scout

game was tied 1-1 at halftime but Bennett scored the winning goal in the second 40 minutes off the foot of Harju. Harrison scored the visitors' opening goal.

Bennett again dominated ball possession, outshooting the Pirates 20-9 with Rinner making eight saves.

Defensively, seven Tigers recorded a steal apiece.

**PLAYOFF HOPES**

As of April 20, Rinner's troops sat No. 21 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index to determine the 32-team bracket in 3A girls soccer with all five remaining regular season games against Frontier League foes.

While four of the contests are against teams .500 or under in the league, the other is against

undefeated Bruce Randolph, which is in 2A for playoff purposes.

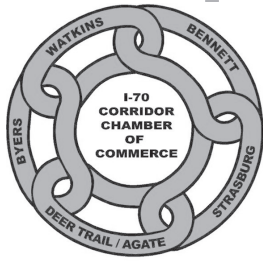
Bennett and Middle Park are currently tied for second in the league with 4-1 records, but the Panthers have the tiebreaker. If the Lady Tigers win their remaining games they would receive the league's automatic playoff bid and avoid holding their collective breath come playoff selection time.

All nine league champions receive automatic berths while the other 23 playoff spots are determined by the CHSAA rankings.

The regular season across the state concludes May 4 with all playoff pairings to be announced by CHSAA on Sunday, May 5. The first round of the 3A postseason will occur at higher-seeds home fields on Thursday, May 9.

Bennett last made the girls soccer playoffs to conclude the spring 2010 season.

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Spring 2024 marks a developmental season for both the Byers and Strasburg girls golf programs, which are both dominated by underclassmen and first-year players to the sport. In addition, a first-year coach, Thomas Byrns, is leading the Byers program, which just started this year. The Lady Indians are under a longtime coach from the Pacific Northwest in Les Day that's new to the I-70 Corridor. The first part of the season included a two-person, nine-hole "friendly triangular" scramble that Strasburg hosted at Spring Hill Golf Course in Aurora April 10. The other school attending was Brush, which had the top two placing duos. Clockwise from left photo, Byers Cossette Kerns chips up to a green as partner Grace Foosse looks on. The duo placed third; Strasburg's Sophia Fields rolls a putt as Day watches from behind; Lady Bulldog Gemini Johnsrud putts as partner Jordan Criddlebaugh watches; Byers' Kiera Egloff lofts a pitching wedge; and Strasburg's Leyla Christoferson tees off with an iron. For additional spring golf coverage, see upcoming editions of *The I-70 Scout* and *Eastern Colorado News*.



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Deer Trail student Eden Nielson, center, is the winner of a Deer Trail Lodge 2307 drawing for a new bicycle at the end of Bike Safety Day for boys and girls ages 7-15 at the lodge on March 23. Each participant received a free bike safety helmet and manual; a bike chain inspection and lube; safety reflectors; a video presentation; a minor tune-up; and a safety flag. All participants were entered into the drawing for the new bicycle. Also pictured are Eden's brother and father, Zeke, left, and Cory Nielson and Elks Lodge members Nick Broadbent, Les Day and Ron Byg. The Elks Lodge, 664 Second Ave., will host its next Bike Safety Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 4. Preregistration runs from 4-7 p.m., Friday, May 3. Parents must accompany children under 12.

## East Colo Trombone Choir concert to feature noted music professor

LIMON — A former professor of music, trombone and euphonium will perform with the Eastern Colorado Trombone Choir starting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at Limon Methodist Church, 770 B Ave.

The free concert will feature Dr. Nat Wickham, a music professor retired from the University of Northern Colorado. A versatile performer and experienced teacher, Wickham's work as a classical and jazz soloist, recording artist, clinician and adjudicator has led to performances throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Currently, Wickham is principal trombonist with the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and lead trombonist in the Colorado Jazz Orchestra. He has performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Rochester (N.Y.) Philharmonic, Colorado Music Festival, Spokane (Wash.) Symphony, Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, and the

Boulder Brass. He was principal trombonist with the Rochester Broadway Theater League for two years; presently serves on the Board of Directors for the International Trombone Association; and is a frequent performer at ITA Festivals. Under his baton, the UNC Trombone Choir was invited to perform at the 2001 International Trombone Festival in Nashville, Tenn.

For six years he was lead trombonist and soloist in the Bob Curnow Big Band and has performed with the Woody Herman Orchestra, Natalie Cole, the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, and countless jazz artists.

Wickham has a doctorate of musical arts and the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music. Prior to his appointment at UNC, Wickham taught at the Eastman School of Music, Eastern Washington University, Central Michigan University, and the University of Wisconsin at River Falls.

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## Bennett, Byers librarians to address area biz group

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, at May Farms in Byers.

Speakers will be representatives of Kelter Library in Byers and Anythink Bennett library. Both entities will sponsor lunch.

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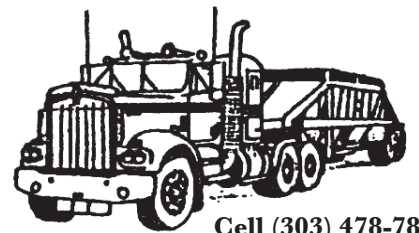
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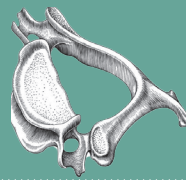
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### 20 YEARS AGO APRIL 27, 2004

Among the decorated state Easter eggs on display in Washington, D.C., is an egg made by a former Byers resident.

Ruth Radebaugh left in 2000, the same year she began decorating eggs. She now lives in Belfield, N.D.

Radebaugh started a class in Ukrainian egg decoration but had trouble with the kistka, a tool that holds wax to draw lines on the shell. The tool is usually held over a candle flame while the artist is working.

"That Christmas, my sister bought me an electric kistka and I loved it," Radebaugh said.

She created the egg that was selected to represent the state for the White House Easter display.

### 15 YEARS AGO APRIL 28, 2009

**CENTENNIAL** — A Parker man faces six felonies relating to an early February accident that killed a Bennett teenager and his mother.

Dylan Zwegardt, 23 allegedly was driving a 2006 Ford pickup on northbound Arapahoe County Road 129 south of Quincy Avenue at 9 p.m. Feb. 9 when he failed to stop at the in-

tersection and T-boned an SUV traveling east-bound on Quincy.

Daniel Salazar, 13, was in the front passenger seat of the SUV and pronounced dead on-scene. Yanira Salazar, 28, died the second week of March from her injuries. Vivian Salazar, 8, received minor injuries.

### 10 YEARS AGO APRIL 29, 2014

**BENNETT** — A knitting group at a local library is making caps for cancer patients.

The class started last December at Bennett Anythink library. Participants of all ages sit in the fireplace area and share knitting projects. Bonnie McGrew is on hand to teach beginners.

Longtime library patron Jamie White received the devastating news a year ago that she has leukemia. During her months of grueling treatment she received a box of hats her step-sister from New York knitted for her.

The hats gave her such comfort and self-esteem boost that she made plans to knit hats for fellow cancer patients at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver. When returning to the library, she showed the caps to librarian Kaye Barnes and both women saw the opportunity for the knitting group to participate.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 25, the 116th day of 2024. There are 250 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1507, a world map pro-

duced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured New Orle-

ans.

In 1898, the United States Congress declared war on Spain; the 10-week conflict resulted in American victory.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell, Jr. signed a bill imposing a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1915, during WWI, Allied

soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Meanwhile, dele-

gates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Al Pacino is 84. Actor Talia Shire is 79. Actor Hank Azaria is 60. Actor Renee Zellweger is 55.

—Associated Press

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  - Green gemstone or Heather Graham in "The Hangover"
  - Turning point
  - 34th U.S. Pres
  - Actress Sophia \_\_\_\_
  - Each and all
  - Lake, in France
  - Roof overhangs
  - \*Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. \_\_\_\_
  - \*Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah \_\_\_\_
  - Not safe, in baseball
  - "Hold on!"
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 14

## HOROSCOPE

### Another Retrograde Down

The start of the year was remarkably retrograde-free, and then Mercury pulled the Retrograde Fools' Day prank and got the backward ball rolling. Next up, Pluto will take his moonwalk move on May 2. For the record, Venus is the only planet that doesn't retrograde this year; the love goddess has opted out of the shenanigans, opting for a year of love and beauty served without the twists.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Life's adventures demand a toll. For the treasures you chase, you'll pay the price willingly, even if it's high. The key? Calculating costs upfront, so your struggles have purpose.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The theme of the day is, "Tell me what I don't already know." And though you will have to kindly listen to many more "known" things to get to it, you'll finally land on the golden nugget of novel information that makes things interesting again.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll step into the role of supportive friend. Your understanding offers invaluable validation. Your ease in relating to others stems from the times you've been able to accept compassion from yourself and others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your adaptability is a strength, but don't switch plans too often. It's important to figure out if your original strategy will work with a little more patience or persistence. Feedback will be invaluable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Consider that some amount of tension is healthy for a relationship. It wouldn't be very compelling otherwise. How much — that's the question. You'll reflect on aspects of relationships you normally wouldn't think about.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're coming into your own. People are listening to you better, asking for your opinion and letting you call more shots that matter. Money may be involved, but of course money isn't power. How it's used is what matters.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Mentorship is a necessary part of going to the next level in an endeavor. It will center you in a certain way to report. Finding the right mentor is less important than just choosing one. You can always change later.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Socializing will be part of the work. Step back and take a good look around the room. Who do you think would be good to know? It doesn't take you long to get a sense of people today; 15 seconds can do 80% of the job.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Love will not be in the mood to follow the rules. Opposites won't attract, meets won't be "cute"... somehow, at the end of the day, you'll feel closer and more connected to others than you were at the start.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Here it comes again, the urge to rebel. Does it count if your non-conformity affects only you? A person who has control over their own process, to whatever degree it's possible, doesn't feel a strong need to control the lives of others.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** With a little tinkering, things will smooth out. A few domestic tweaks, plus your upbeat way of communicating them to whoever else is involved in their execution, will make for a more pleasant experience at home.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Making others happy won't feel like enough. It's the way you do it that will matter. Part of you wants to handle things in your own signature style and be recognized for it, too. It's not too much to aim for, and a very natural thing to want.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 25).** Oh, the cosmic grace of other people's needs intersecting with yours! You'll often get your wishes on the wings of your generosity to others. Fascinating plot turns where love grows increasingly honest and connected. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 14, 7, 21 and 32.

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Left photo, Eastern Plains Womens Resource Center Director Deb Jackson speaks to Laurie Ponserella's eighth grade sewing class as she accepts the baby blankets and burp cloths the students made as a community service project. Right, community service project participants include, front row from left, Hemphill eighth-graders Alexis Thurmond, Lesly Montalvo, Paloma Rodriguez, Jaxon Keyworth, Joclynn Rector and Bailey Taylor and, standing, Jason O'Malley.

**BABY ITEMS**

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"We have clothes for boys and girls in sizes from preemie to size 6, car seats, bouncers, swings — all the things little ones may need so they can grow up to be strong children, like you are," she said.

The center provides prenatal, postnatal, parenting and life skills classes. It also helps clients with crisis pregnancy and adoption options.

"We have all sorts of educational programs for before they are pregnant, while they are pregnant, and after the baby is born," she said. "We're there for them and support them and have resources that will help them."

The resource center has been in existence since 1995 and moved to its current facility at 228 W. Front St. in Byers in 2003.

Jackson noted that to better reflect their emphasis on family resources, the center is in the process of a name change.

"We're getting all the paperwork ready to become the Family



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Students in the Hemphill Middle School eighth-grade sewing class pose for a photo with teacher Laurie Ponserella, right, and Eastern Plains Womens Resource Center Director Deb Jackson, center, March 11.

Resource Center of the Eastern Plains," she said.

The nonprofit, faith-based organization depends on donations.

"We have churches, individuals and organizations that help us stay afloat with material and monetary donations," Jackson said. "While, as a nonprofit, we don't have to pay certain taxes, we still have to pay for insurance, electricity and

water."

Jackson thanked the students for taking on the resource center as a community service project.

"It not only helps us, it helps the community that you live in," she said. "If you need more community service hours now or in high school, you're more than welcome to come through our doors and fill in a volunteer form and have your

hours there. I have plenty of work for any of you."

Jackson added that the blankets and burp cloths the students made will be greatly appreciated.

"It means so much more when someone knows the things they receive were made locally and that someone like you put their heart and their time into something that will help their little one," she said.



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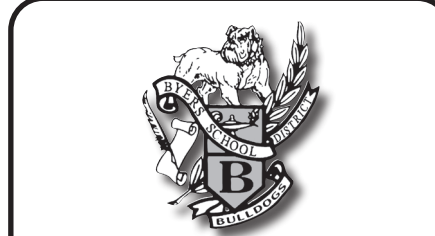


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  - Head HS Basketball Coach
  - Bus Driver
  - Small Vehicle Drivers

PLEASE FILL OUT AN ONLINE APPLICATION AT WEBSITE  
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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL  
HAYLEY WHITEHEAD  
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Byers School District 32-J is now accepting applications for a:

**Elementary Teachers For 2024-25**

Certified Application can be found at: www.byers32j.k12.co.us under the Human Resources tab on the District page. Applications should be submitted to Byers School District, Attn: Stacy Sondburg, 444 E. Front St., Byers, CO 80103. Applications may also be emailed to sondburg.stacy@byers.k12.co.us or faxed to 303-822-9592.

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## April 30 property tax deadline nears

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County Treasurer Michael Westerberg is reminding property owners that the full-pay deadline for property taxes is April 30.

Property tax due dates and additional information follow:

- If the tax amount is less than \$25, the full amount must be paid no later than April 30.
- Single, full payments due no later than April 30.
- If the first half payment has been paid, the second half payment is not due until June 17.
- If making a payment by mail, the envelope must be post-marked no later than April 30.
- Payments placed in an Arap-

ahoe County Treasurer's drop box, must be placed there no later than 2 p.m. on the due date.

- All cash payments must be made in person at the Treasurer's Office.
  - Arapahoe County has eliminated the e-check fee for taxpayers by contracting with a new online payment vendor. To pay online for free, visit www.arapahoeco.gov/PayTaxes.
- Direct questions to the Treasurer's Office at www.arapahoeco.gov/treasurer, by e-mail to treasurer@arapahoegov.com, or by calling (303)795-4550.



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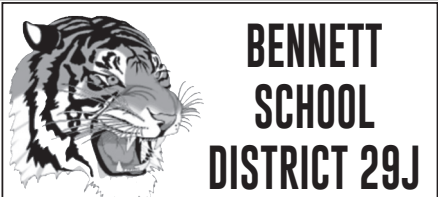


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### CREW MEMBERS

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### IS CURRENTLY HIRING FOR DISTRICT POSITIONS FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR:

- **Transportation Director**
- **Bus/Car Drivers**

For information or to apply, contact Ramie Dillingham **303-644-3234 X 8202; www.bsd29j.com.**

**BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

**Remote or in-person** full- or part-time speech language pathologist or SLPA positions available for the 2024-2025 school year. Open to school internships; no contract agencies. Able to provide supervision for CFY hours. Join our dynamic, multidisciplinary team of professionals. Complete assessments, attend IEP meetings, provide direct services and indirect services for students in PreK-12th grades. Competitive salaries: SLP \$50,450-\$56,050 and SLPA BA \$41,000-\$46,600 based on a 186-day contract. Salaries given are based on a full-year contract. Salary commensurate upon experience. May also be eligible for loan forgiveness. Excellent benefits including full health benefits and mileage reimbursement. For in-person providers there is flexible scheduling with the opportunity to complete some work at home. To apply for this position, please visit our website [ecboces.org](http://ecboces.org) and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in and then click on the green button "Apply Online" located at the bottom of the job listing. Questions, contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101. EOE. 5/16

## HELP WANTED



**Limon Public Schools** is now hiring the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

### Classified

- **Food Service Manager** hourly range (\$23.78-\$31.28)
- **Reading Specialist** (\$16.90-\$24.40)
- **Para-Professional** (\$15.25-\$22.75)
- **HS Volleyball Coach** (\$2,700 for the season)

### Certified

- **Elementary (K) Teacher** (\$40,000-\$62,000)
- **Business/FBLA Teacher**
- **Visual Arts Teacher (K-12)**
- **SPED Teacher**

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**East Central BOCES** is seeking a part-time, 3 days/week teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing for the 2024-2025 school year. Salary range: \$27,750-\$32,790 for 112 days dependent on experience and education. Must have or be able to attain a Colorado teaching license with an endorsement as a special education specialist (deaf/hard of hearing required). Complete assessments, attend IEP meetings, provide direct and indirect special education services. Excellent benefits including access to a company vehicle or mileage reimbursement and fully paid health insurance including vision and dental. May be eligible for loan forgiveness program. Flexible scheduling with the opportunity to complete some work from home. To apply for this position, please visit our website [ecboces.org](http://ecboces.org) and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in and then click on the green button "Apply Online" located at the bottom of the job listing. Questions, contact Tracy at (719)775-2342, ext. 101. EOE. 5/16

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### OPEN POSITIONS: District

- **Executive Assistant**
- **Transportation Director**
- **Food Services Director**
  - **Bus Driver**
  - **Small Car Driver**
  - **\*Grant Writer**
- **\*Interpreter/Translator (\*Temporary as needed)**

### High School

- **SPED Teacher**

### Middle School

- **SPED Teacher**

### Elementary School

- **Teacher**

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**STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 31-J IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND DOES NOT UNLAWFULLY DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, ETHNICITY, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, CREED, RELIGION, AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY OR OTHER PROTECTED STATUS.**

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IS CURRENTLY HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

**High School**

- Softball Coach
- ELA Teacher
- Business Teacher

**Middle School**

- Social Studies Teacher
- ELA Teacher
- Art Teacher
- PE Teacher

**Elementary**

- K Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- Paraprofessional

For information or to apply, contact Ramie Dillingham 303-644-3234 X 8202; [www.bsd29j.com](http://www.bsd29j.com).

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## FOR SALE



**Byers School District 32-J** is now accepting applications for the following position:

- **Secondary Special Education Aide**

Benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, and Life insurance. Certified application available on Human Resources page of the District website, [www.byers32j.k12.co.us](http://www.byers32j.k12.co.us).

Inquiries should be directed to: Kelly Boren @ (303)822-5292, x1115.

Applications can be sent to: Attn: Stacy Sondburg, Byers School District 32J, 444 E. Front Street, Byers CO, 80103; (303) 822-9592 fax; or [sondburg.stacy@byers.k12.co.us](mailto:sondburg.stacy@byers.k12.co.us).

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## Chicken Salad Divine

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 For The Scout

Serve Chicken Salad Divine as a salad, a sandwich, on a bed of lettuce or anyway you desire. I like it on crackers as a snack. It is delicious! Serve in a pretty salad bowl so it's even more impressive!

Chicken Salad Divine is a good way to use leftover chicken. You can get creative with other ingredients. In this age of grocery store deli convenience, most people don't ever make chicken salad from scratch, the way our moms and grandmothers did.

Chicken salad is one of those meals you don't have to cook; it is assembled. The salad will last up to 4 days in an airtight container.

Freezing salad changes the texture from good to bad. But you won't need to worry — there won't be any leftovers!



- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 green onions, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 teaspoon dill weed
- 2 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

### CHICKEN SALAD DIVINE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

#### DIRECTIONS

In salad serving bowl, mix together mayonnaise, sour cream, sugar, mustard, lemon juice, salt, pepper. Stir in green onions, red pepper, celery, dill. Fold in chicken and walnuts. Chill and serve.

## LUNCH MENUS

### AGATE

- Monday, April 29: Cheeseburgers on whole grain buns, French fries.
- Tuesday, April 30: Alfredo chicken.
- Wednesday, May 1: Crunchy chicken tenders.
- Thursday, May 2: Corn dogs.

### BENNETT

- Monday, April 29: Chef's choice.
- Tuesday, April 30: Corn dog, chips, banana, coleslaw, baked beans.

### BYERS

- Friday, April 26: Cheese pizza, Bug Bites, mixed vegetables, oranges.
- Monday, April 29: Chicken nuggets,

biscuit with butter, mashed potatoes with gravy, grapes.

Tuesday, April 30: Crunchy tacos, cornbread, beans, rice, pineapple.

Wednesday, May 1: Pulled pork sandwich, French fries, baby carrots with ranch, peaches.

Thursday, May 2: Rotini with meat sauce, garden salad, applesauce.

### STRASBURG

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