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Byers water system project delayed

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — The Byers Water & Sanitation District's water system improvement project is taking a slight detour but will be back on track soon.

The \$4.271 million project includes extending a water line north of the railroad tracks to assist with emergency fire flows and provide redundancy in case of water shutdowns. The Union Pacific Railroad recently denied a permit to bore under the railroad tracks because the proposed route was too close to a switch.

Consulting Engineers GMS redrew the plan and approval is pending.

"They had to redo a couple things and already submitted drawings to get the permit," District Manager Craig White told the water board May

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The May 18-19 weekend was busy with graduations along the I-70 Corridor as Prairie Creeks High School held its commencement ceremonies on Saturday and Strasburg and Byers hosted theirs on Sunday. Clockwise from top left, Strasburg senior Aiden Lang plays the National Anthem on his saxophone; Byers Salutatorian Zach Cary waves to the crowd; Luis Lopez receives his Prairie Creeks diploma; confetti falls onto the Byers graduating class; Strasburg grad Aiden Anderson displays his diploma; and Prairie Creeks senior Krysalei Valencia is all smiles.

Byers School OKs creation of ballot language for possible bond question

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — The Byers School Board gave the nod May 9 for language to be created for a potential bond issue on the November ballot, but more discussion will occur before a request to voters occurs.

Under discussion is a potential 37,606 square foot addition to the high school that would include an entryway, lobby, locker rooms, weight room, large main gym the size of two full gyms, and a third auxiliary gym. The lobby would also lead to the secondary science and home economics rooms, including a new medical career technical education area. The athletic portion could be made accessible to the community in the evenings.

A study session where the architect presented information on the concept and financing for it, raised



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Student representatives freshman Gabe Price and junior Drew Mohatt listen to a discussion at the May 9 Byers School Board meeting.

numerous questions and reservations about the project from board members. Discussion in the business meeting acknowledged the issues and outlined potential alter-

natives to the sticking points.

Superintendent Tom Turrell told the board that the next necessary step would be to approve a motion to create language for a potential ballot question.

"This is not approving putting anything on the ballot; it doesn't say you're moving forward with anything," he emphasized, noting that the board's August meeting would be when a vote would be required to place the question on the November ballot.

Turrell acknowledged that hiring a bonding company and lawyers to write the question will be an expense to the district but is a wise step so the language meets the requirements of the law.

"In the meantime, I can be asking the questions you've asked," he added.

The board agreed with the action and passed a motion unanimously

to create the ballot language.

The board approved the purchase of a new permanent projector and screen for the gym. The \$18,000 purchase will enable slide presentations at graduations, end-of-the-year programs, pep rallies, dances and other events, and would replace the current system that is manually installed for each use and requires the removal of the basketball hoops.

Business Manager Stacy Sondburg presented the preliminary 2024-25 budget, noting that revenue is up, mostly as the result of the state equalization funding. The contingency reserve currently stands at \$9.2 million. The district is projecting 507 kindergarten through 12th-grade students next school year, up from 499 in attendance last January.

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Deer Trail Elks introduce officers, summer events

DEER TRAIL — Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307 recently elected officers for the April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, term.

The new officers are Nick Broadbent, exalted ruler; Sitoa Samate, leading knight; Tyler Newton, loyal knight; Rob Byg, lecturing knight; Sheri Day, treasurer; and Amy Clemenson, secretary.

The Elks also have a number of activities in the coming months:

- Father's Day car show, June 16;
- rodeo, July 13-14;
- Elks dinner (aka Nut Fry), July 14;
- poker run, July 27;
- Elks dinner, Oct. 26; and
- Turkey Shoot, Oct. 26-27.

The Deer Trail Elks Lodge, 664 Second Ave., is open from 4 p.m. to close Thursday through Sunday.

40th anniversary fly-in planned at area airport

WATKINS — As part of its 40th anniversary celebration, Colorado Air & Space Port will host a fly-in from 8-11 a.m., Saturday, May 25, at the airport terminal, 5200 Front Range Parkway, Watkins.

In addition to viewing the beautiful planes, activities include an FAA Wings seminar on managing in-flight emergencies with Bob Brown at 9 a.m. in the Terminal Upstairs Conference Room.

In addition, a pancake breakfast hosted by Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 301 will run from 8-11 a.m. with proceeds benefiting educational resources to the local community, including free Young Eagles program first flights to youth. For more information, visit EAA301.org.

Most of the event is outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, it will be canceled 24 hours in advance.

Byers cemetery org seeks gifts to ease summer costs

BYERS — The Byers Community

Wheat Field Day scheduled at Roggen farm

FORT COLLINS — A 2024 Colorado Wheat Field Day will start at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, at Cooksey Family Farms, Roggen.

In all, events will be held at 11 different variety trial sites throughout Eastern Colorado on June 6-7 and June 11-12.

The program at each site will involve a walk-through of the variety trial with Colorado State University wheat breeder Dr. Esten Mason. Attendees will also hear updates from the CSU Crops Testing leader Sally Jones-Di-

amond; Colorado Wheat Executive Director Brad Erker; and Director of Colorado Seed Programs Laura Pottorff. CSU experts on weed science, entomology and pathology will also showcase their wheat research and extension activities.

Each program will last about an hour. For more information, visit www.csucrops.org.

Additional Wheat Field Days are planned at Walsh, Lamar, Brandon, Burlington, Genoa, Severance, Akron, Yuma, Julesburg and Orchard.

Cemetery Association is requesting donations to defray seasonal maintenance costs for mowing and trimming.

Contributions can be sent to the Byers Community Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 733, Byers, Colo. 80103.

All residents of unincorporated Adams County can now sign up for recycling through their current trash service.

For more information, visit adcgov.org.

Vets announce ceremony in honor of Memorial Day

BENNETT — Memorial Day services will start at 10 a.m., Monday, May 27, at Mount View Cemetery, Highway 79 and East 38th Avenue, Bennett.

Jess-Yaich Post 183 of Strasburg and Tri-Valley VFW Post 8449, of Bennett will conduct the services. Boy Scout Troop 30 of Bennett and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Lexington Divison, will present the honors, and a Bennett High school student will sing the national anthem.

In addition, at 1 p.m., Friday, May 24, U.S. Flags will be placed on the graves of departed veterans.

Veterans, active service members, their family and friends, and the public are all invited.

AdCo offers home recycling thru private trash services

BRIGHTON — April was Earth Month, but Adams County residents can celebrate all year long by recycling at home.

um. Children play pioneer games, learn pioneer history, take lessons on a slate, do pioneer chores, make pioneer crafts, and are welcome to dress in pioneer-era clothes.

Class sizes are limited. The cost is \$35 per child for all sessions except July 1-5, which is reduced to \$28 as the class will not meet on July 4.

For more information, contact Robyn Handy at (720)717-2956.

Individual flowers planned at AdCo Veterans Memorial

BRIGHTON — The Veteran Service Office and Veterans Advisory Commission in Adams County will sponsor individual flowers at the Adams County Veterans Memorial at Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, over Memorial Day weekend.

VAC members will place the first round of flowers at the Story Wall at the Veterans Memorial at 8 a.m., Friday, May 24. Throughout the weekend, individual flowers will be available at no charge to the public to continue the gesture.

The individual flowers will be placed in buckets at the base of the flags for each branch of service.

The flowers are representative of fallen loved ones who served in the armed forces.

Bennett residents offered free access to dump June 8

BENNETT — The annual town of Bennett Clean-up Day will run from 9-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 8, at the Republic Services East Regional Landfill.

During those hours, residents can take their green waste, electronic waste, and other household garbage to the landfill, 8201 Schumaker Road, Bennett.

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Concert band performance with sea theme announced

BENNETT — The High Plains Music Ensemble will present a free concert, "Sounds of the Sea," starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at the Bennett High School auditorium.

Selections will include "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," "Beyond the Sea," "Sea Shanty Saga," and "Titanic."

A reception will follow the performance.

Strasburg museum readies for annual Pioneer School

STRASBURG — Registration is underway for the Pioneer School for children ages 6-12 with four week-long sessions during July.

In-person registration will occur at the Comanche Crossing Museum schoolhouse in Strasburg from 1-3 p.m. June 1; or at the museum from 1-4 p.m. daily.

Each class runs for one week, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 1-5, July 8-12, July 15-19, and July 22-26, at the Comanche Crossing Muse-

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- ◆ Father's Day at the Rockies Fundraiser (June 16 at 1:10pm) - Deadline May 28th
- ◆ Senior Stroll (May 29 at 11am) - Location: Legion Hall; Fee: FREE
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- ◆ Kids Watercolor Art Class: Geometric Fox (June 10) - Deadline June 2nd
- ◆ Summer Field Trip 6th-8th Grade (June 10) - Deadline June 2nd
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In other business, the board approved:

- overnight trips for the Future Business Leaders of America national competition in Orlando, Fla., the Knowledge Bowl Nationals in New Orleans, and the state FFA Convention in Pueblo this summer;
- The first reading of a policy change that would add yearly rent increases for district-owned teacher housing of \$40 a month plus the equivalent percentage of the staff's annual salary increase; and
- 2024-25 staff, elementary, secondary and student policy handbooks.

In discussing the handbooks, Director Jennifer Borders asked if senior trips would return.

"I don't mean Hawaii or a cruise, but ... there are lots of places they could go that would be more reasonable," she said.

Turrell said that participation in the trips has been poor.

"They weren't really class trips; 10 to 12 people went on a trip whether they worked or not. Some people worked (at fundraisers) and (earned) it correctly, others just had their parents pay for it and they went, but the majority didn't get to go," he said. "We had trouble calling it a senior trip."

Secondary Principal Kelly Boren agreed.

"We transitioned from (long-distance trips) to some day trips and we still weren't getting too much participation — maybe a half or a quarter of class members," he said, adding that the liability of long-distance trips was also a factor. "The attorneys said they were probably not a wise move these days."

Boren added that former teacher Carolyn Worrell, who sponsored the senior class for years and still volunteers her time to provide experiences for students, plans a

yearly senior dinner and breakfast.

"Carolyn just a week ago took seniors to Colorado Springs to the Broadmoor and did a whole day down there and, out of the senior class, only 10 people went," he added.

Student representatives freshman Gabe Price and junior Drew Mohatt were asked their opinion on class trips.

"I think it would be a really cool experience," Price said. "But I think it's really understandable when people can't go."

Mohatt said students have full schedules. "A lot of the lack of participation comes from them not wanting to miss their college classes or their Pickens Tech day. Probably half of these seniors have at least two college classes a day."

The board noted that it is not closing the door on class trips if a future class wishes to take one.

Turrell gave a shout out to the Byers Booster Club for a successful after prom event and Lucky Strike Lanes for providing the venue.

"Charlotte and Ross (Winklepleck) are always good about helping the schools and this is another example of that," he said. "The feedback we got back this week about the after prom all said it was phenomenal."

When asked if they had any other comments, Price and Mohatt said more students should be encouraged to attend board meetings.

"It's a cool thing to come to, to hear what's going on and what's changing," Mohatt said, adding that meetings could be mentioned in the student announcements.

"It would make more of an impact if more high school students were here to have a say in what's going on — like the class trips — and even knowing what goes on in the community," Price said.

The next meeting of the Byers School Board starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 19.

BYERS WATER

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13. "It's a setback."

The board declined an offer to fast track the UP approval for \$10,000.

The water improvement project will be funded, in large part, by a loan through the Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority. The loan closed May 7.

White said that approximately 63% of the total \$2 million loan amount will be forgiven, leaving \$617,000, on which the district will make payments of \$16,000 in November and May yearly. The 30-year loan has a 3.25% interest rate.

Other funding for the project came from a \$1 million Department of Local Affairs Economic Impact Assistance Fund grant and \$1.257 million from Arapahoe County — American Rescue Plan Act money earmarked for water and wastewater projects. The district will not need to increase water bills to facilitate the improvements.

The project will likely go out for bid in early June and work will begin in August.

White, who has worked for the district since 2014 and served as manager since 2018, is resigning and former district board president Kagen Kitzman is in line to take his place. Kitzman has been working alongside White to prepare for his required licensure. Kitzman told *The I-70 Scout* May 14 that the state requires district managers to obtain two water and two sewer certifications to operate a water and sewer plant.

"I'm working to get that so we can run the facility off my licenses," he said, adding he has completed a preparatory class that goes over state regulations.

Kitzman said the new water line will be a 12-inch line from the water district facility at 421 S. Sherman to the area of the general store on Highway 36.

"As far as anything being hooked to it, for the time being, there will just be some fire hydrants put in place. We're going to continue to run the old system but, with the new fire hydrants on the north side, it won't affect the water flow for the people in the town on the old line. And if we ever have an issue where the old main line fails, we can go back in, cut it and recap into the new 12-inch line, shut the valves on the old one, and we're

good."

Kitzman said the Marshall Fire in Boulder County in 2021 gave the district the impetus to move forward with the line extension by demonstrating how quickly an entire town could be destroyed. The new line will add extra protection to the north side of Byers.

The large structure fire six miles north of Byers May 4 also pointed out the benefits of another line in that direction.

White said he started receiving calls from residents in the north side of town about water flow issues before he knew about the fire, but the problem became evident when he arrived on scene.

"The fire department was filling their tankers on the north side of town and they were sucking out so much water no one else was getting any," he said.

White said directing the fire department to different hydrants helped the situation. He also turned on a third well.

"They ran from about 5 in the afternoon until 2 in the morning filling trucks," he said. "That took a lot of water."

The water system project also includes smaller improvements such as blasting and re-coating two water tanks, adding an additional hydrant on Thomas Street, and replacing broken valves.

The board approved two resolutions concerning the loan, the first authorizing board president Shannon Roth and Kitzman to sign loan documents, and the second authorizing the first draw on the loan — a requisition of \$234,136 to GMS covering four invoices for completed work.

In other discussion, White reported the district's Consumer Confidence report was published in the May 9 edition of *The I-70 Scout*. It is also available at the water district office. Every water provider is required to publish such a report annually.

"It includes everything we test for throughout the year and any violations. The only thing we had to note on ours was those tanks that need blasting and re-coating," White said, adding that the tanks are empty and turned off.

The district has already been granted two extensions from the state for complete the tank work, and the current deadline is July 31. White said an additional extension could be requested if the re-coating can't be scheduled before that time since the project is rolled in with the other improvements starting in August.

White reported that water tank 3 was cleaned April 4 by Midco Diving & Marine Services. A diver entered the tank, inspected it, and vacuumed sediment off the bottom. The company provided a written report and a DVD.

"They found no real issues or major repairs," he said. "They did mention that a blast and re-coat will be needed at some point in the future."

One of the five district water tanks is cleaned and inspected each year on a rotating basis.

Sewer line cleaning is occurring this week.

Water usage in April was 2,680,100 gallons — an increase of 180,000 gallons from last month.

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CDOT: Summer usually worst for fatal wrecks

GOLDEN — Warm weather fun has officially begun, and the Colorado Department of Transportation is urging motorists to travel safe this summer.

Through June 5, CDOT is supporting the Colorado State Patrol and 72 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Memorial Day DUI enforcement. During the 21-day period, drivers may see saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints, and additional police officers on duty. If your holiday weekend plans include alcohol or cannabis, planning a sober ride is always the best way to avoid a DUI.

Memorial Day marks the start of the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer — the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day that historically sees a spike in fatal crashes. From 2019-23, 54 impaired driving related fatalities occurred during the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer. Additionally, 2,295 DUI arrests were made during CDOT's summer enforcement in 2023.

CDOT also began Click It or Ticket May mobilization seat belt enforcement May 13. The 20-day enforcement period is the largest of the year for seat belts.

"As the days get longer and Coloradans attend more parties and social events, it's important to remember that impaired driving can ruin lives," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, CSP chief. "Colorado lost 218 lives to impaired driving in 2023. These deaths were preventable. Don't put yourself and other motorists at risk this season by driving impaired."

A reported 479 DUI arrests occurred over the 2023 Memorial Day weekend. Alcohol impairs concentration while driving and increases the risk of a crash. To stay safe, one should never drive if under the influence of alcohol or cannabis, wear their seat belt, and set their phone to Do Not Disturb. Buzzed driving is drunk driving and can result in a DUI.

"Leave the driving to the sober this Memorial Day weekend. Always plan a sober ride home before going out so you won't be tempted to later drive impaired," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "A DUI will ruin your summer fun and a crash could cost you your life. Never get behind the wheel if you are impaired."

Party hosts can be held liable if a guest they served alcohol to gets in a crash. If hosting a gathering:

- encourage guests to designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride-sharing service, taxi or public transportation;
- provide plenty of food and non-alcoholic drink options and encourage guests to stay fed and hydrated; and
- offer guests a place to stay if a sober ride is unavailable.

The recent Spring Events DUI enforcement period concluded with 506 arrests across 81 participating agencies. The agencies with the highest arrests were Denver Police Department (65), Colorado Springs Police Department (55), and Aurora Police Department (36). The next DUI enforcement period will be the Summer Blitz from June 8-21.

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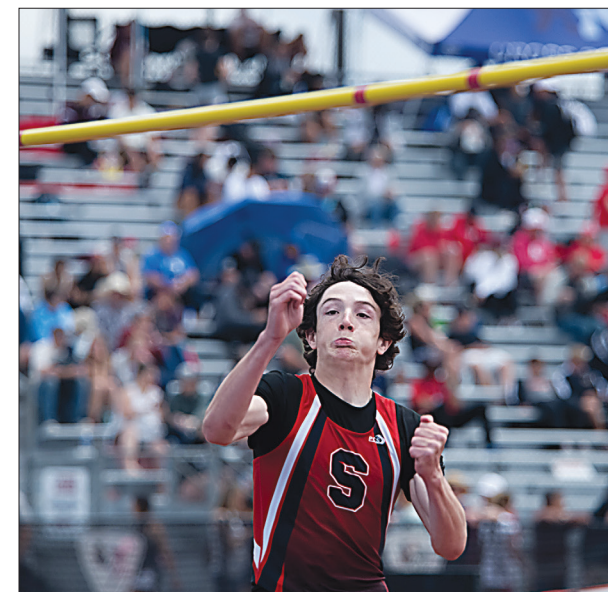
The I-70 Corridor boasted five state titles during the Colorado Track & Field Championships May 16-18 at JeffCo Stadium in Lakewood. Above from left, Deer Trail Lady Eagles Ally Hardwick, Allena Sanchez-Neal, Jaden Gudenkauf and Megan Donovan run to the 1A girls 4x200-meter relay championship and a state meet record Friday afternoon. Below from left, Byers' Ben McPherson holds off Peyton's anchor leg for the Bulldogs' state title in the 2A boys 4x400-meter relay to end the meet; clockwise from top left, the Strasburg quartet of Rylee Tiffany, Emma Middlemist, Peighton Marrero and Addi Kent stand on the top of podium after taking the 2A girls 800-meter sprint medley relay Friday afternoon; and Ayden Dodge approaches the bar during his winning jump of 6'3" in the 2A boys high jump. Marrero also won the 2A girls 400-meter dash. For full state meet coverage, see the May 24 *Eastern Colorado News*.



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Delmer Davis



Delmer G. Davis was born on April 28, 1937, to Kirby and Lena Davis on the home place near Agate, Colo. Delmer passed away on May 14, 2024, at the age of 87.

Delmer lived 85 of those 87 years on the home place. He had to quit school when he was a sophomore to run the farm for his parents. But that never stopped his learning. He was very mechanically inclined and could weld anything. He married Lydia (Guy) Davis on Nov. 29, 1958. To this union, they had two children-Cinda Ross and Tod Davis. Besides working on the farm, he had jobs that included Nichols Tillage Tools in Simla and the Elbert County Maintenance Department, which he retired from after 20+ years of employment. He loved to work on lawnmowers and making garden/weeding tools. He enjoyed his garage and every person that would stop by to visit or needed something fixed. He was a member of the Agate Community Church, served on the Agate School Board, and the Board of the Agate Telephone Company.

He is survived by his daughter Cinda (Kevin) Ross from McGrew, Neb. and son, Tod (Gina) Davis from Agate; granddaughters Kalena (Noah) Perry and Candace (Colton) Ehler from Bayard, Neb.; great grandsons Calvin Perry, Kyle Perry, Grady Smith and Klay Davis Ehler; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws Vince and Sherry Guy of Centennial, Colo., and Larry and Terry Nagatz of Greeley, Colo.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded him in death was Delmer's wife, Lydia, of almost 63 years; parents Kirby and Lena Davis; father-in-law and mother-in-law Delbar and Jessie Guy; sister and brother-in-law Evelyn and Don Peppel; brother-in-law-Harold Guy; and sister-in-law-Vickie Sanders.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, with a funeral to follow at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, at the Agate School. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Deer Trail.

Memorial contributions in Delmer's name can be made to the Agate Fire Department, P.O. Box 146, Agate, CO 80101, or to the Agate Community Church, 41078 1st Ave., Agate, CO 80101.

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LIBRARY NEWS



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Strasburg senior Peyton Wallace, left, receives roses and congratulations from high school dean Vicki Dickens for his direction of Strasburg High School's spring play, "Clue," April 26-27.

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Adult book club: "How to Survive Everything" by Ewan Morrison. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, May 24.

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, May 24.

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Bingo! Library users are invited to an afternoon of family bingo. Free entry. Refreshments provided. 4-5 p.m., Monday, June 3.

'Tea at 2:' Adults are invited to "Tea at 2" every first Wednesday

Book giveaway slated

Summer Reading kicks off at Arapahoe Libraries on Saturday, June 1, and, to celebrate, readers up to age 18 can visit any Arapahoe library to choose a free book, while supplies last.

The library will host events and activities for all ages, all summer long. Summer Reading concludes Aug. 3.

of the month. The library will provide tea and activities, such as playing cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages.

Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, June 5.

Botanical crafts: Kids ages 9-18 can attend an afternoon of botanical crafts with multimedia artist Nicole Zacharias, who will help participants design a self-portrait with natural materials. All supplies are provided and all skill levels welcome. 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, June 11.

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2024-2025 Fiscal Year

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Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections thereto.

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Agate High School Commencement



Top photo, longtime Agate maintenance man Rick Martin addresses the Agate Class of 2024 — Samantha Winant, left, Adan Ramirez, Brenda Quezada, Dylan Bertram, Shannun Harvey and Conner Pratt — at commencement ceremonies May 11.



From left, valedictorian Conner Pratt and salutatorian Brenda Quezada address the audience and Agate Board of Education members Ray Martin, Tonia McBride and Chris Sonneleitner are introduced.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 26
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.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit townofbennett.colorado.gov.
EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. New players welcome. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmmusicdirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
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Free barn dances slated at church south of Byers

BYERS — Three free barn dances are planned over the remainder of the summer, all from 7-10 p.m. on Fridays, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16, at Living Springs Cowboy Church, Byers.
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Byers graduate heads to Montana to study pre-med

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — An outstanding Byers graduate will head to college with a lion's share of the cost covered by a major scholarship.

Sydney Oberdorf was awarded a Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship to attend the University of Montana at Missoula. The scholarship is highly competitive, academic, and based on a student's grade point average. Sydney earned the highest amount available — \$21,000 per year for students with GPAs of 3.9 or higher.

Sydney, 18, attended Byers School since kindergarten and,

over those 13 years, she firmly established herself as not only a stand-out student but an active, involved, all-round awesome person. She will be missed by a Byers staff that has become accustomed to watching, teary-eyed, as their "kids" march into their futures, diplomas in hand, and by her parents, Kirk and Lori Oberdorf, who have no such previous experience.

"I don't know what my mom is going to do," Sydney told The I-70 Scout May 16. "Maybe get another cat once I'm gone."

That cat has big shoes to fill — if cats wore shoes.

Sydney is taking a pre-med track with a double major in forensic

anthropology.

"I want to be a forensic pathologist, and pre-med is the way to get there," she said. "You have to be a licensed doctor and there's a one-year fellowship after that."

Sydney is graduating with 45 college credits earned through dual enrollment and will have around a year-and-a-half head start at UM.

Sydney has been, and still is, involved in numerous school activities. She will travel with fellow Future Business Leaders of America members to its national competition in Orlando, Fla., in June, where she will compete in Parlia-



KATHY SMILEY/The I-70 Scout

Byers grad Sydney Oberdorf earned a Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship and will attend the University of Montana.

SEE OBERDORF PAGE 12B



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Strasburg Elementary School youth perform during the school's spring concert, "Hello to All the Children of the World," April 29 at Mountain View Fellowship. Clockwise from top photo, The Strasburg Singers present "Wau Bulan" in Dikir Barat, a Malaysian musical form; Tucker Streeks, left, Lila McDonald, Cohen Nelson and Iris Dobransky do a German dance called "Ach Ja;" and Jeff Sagerman of Bennett plays a Slovenian style accordion called a Steirsiche Harmonika to the rapt attention of a class of first-graders.



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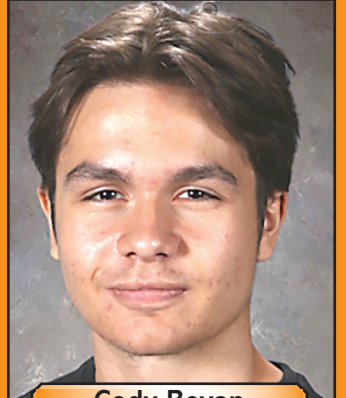
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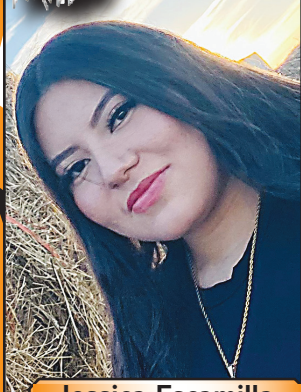
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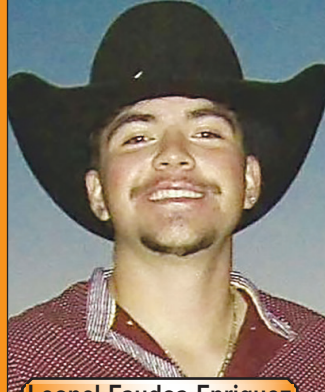
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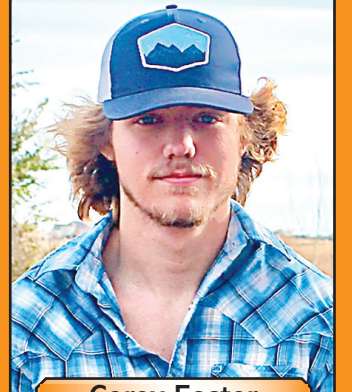
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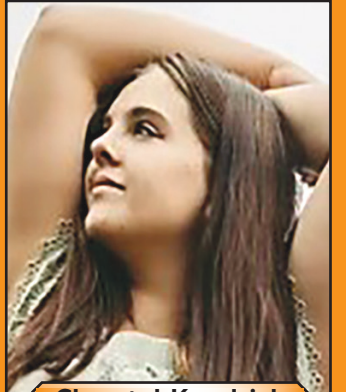
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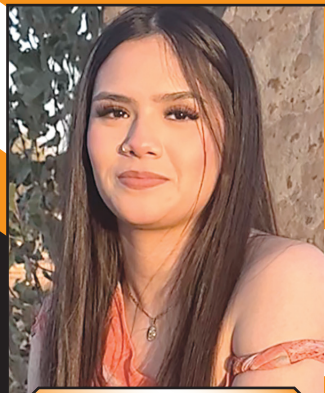
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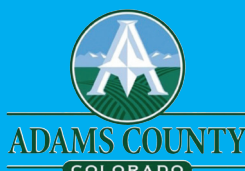
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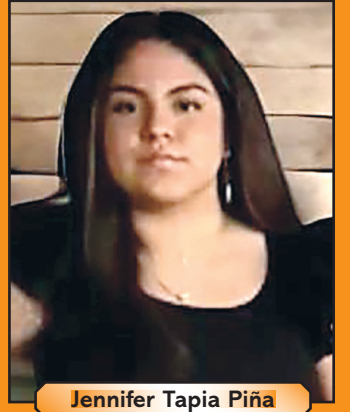
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Bennett woman named coordinator of foreign exchange student service

BENNETT — A new local coordinator for exchange student services has been named for Eastern Colorado by International Cultural Exchange Services.

That individual, Katy Taylor, is also a Bennett native.

“I love living in Bennett, where I grew up. I also love reading, walking my dog, spending time with my family and cooking. I love working with students,” Taylor said. “We had exchange students in our home growing up. I am looking forward to being a local coordinator and making a difference in the lives of these wonderful students.”

Taylor feels that exchange students in local schools and communities increase mutual understanding and improve relationships between countries. She will be working with families and schools in Bennett and the surrounding area and is currently looking for families to host for the 2024-25 school year.

Exchange students live as a member of the host family — not a guest or boarder. They participate in family activities, follow host family rules, and help with chores.

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Left photo, Eddie (Krayton Ebert), Betty (Ray Montoya), Mona (Shadra Mikita), Legs (Torin Wardall) and Trixie (Sydney Oberdorf) sing about the "Grand Old Flag" during Byers High School's rendition of "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway" April 19. The play centered on a producer trying to get a musical off the ground in the face of challenges such as finding the perfect leading lady, raising money for the production, and a dealing with gangsters who are out to get a troupe member. Center, Gangsters Mugsy (Anna Vetter), Babs (Meadow Robinson), and Knuckles (Sharla Kontour) discuss the whereabouts of the man they seek. Right, in a grand finale, the company sings "Give My Regards to Broadway." Pictured, from left, are Dick (Michael Papaianopol), Mary (Callie Sharp), Donald (Danica Lancaster), Flossie (Quincy Bowling), Connie (Maggie Messer), Suzie (Ema Kucerova), and Hilda (Jena Rains).

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Deer Trail middle and high school students present their version of the Roald Dahl classic, "Willy Wonka Jr.," April 26 and May 3. From left photo, Willy Wonka, played by Natalie Varney, leads a boat tour of his chocolate factory for a quartet of golden ticket contest winners and their families; Augustus Gloop, played by Angel Gonzalez enjoys a gluttonous meal of candy and other sugary treats; and The Candy Man, played by William Ramirez, sings the song about his character from the classic film.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A project on snails, left, by eighth-grader Madison Nielsen, facing camera in right photo, is the winner of the Deer Trail School science fair for grades 4-8 April 30 and May 1. She won a countertop hydroponic indoor garden.

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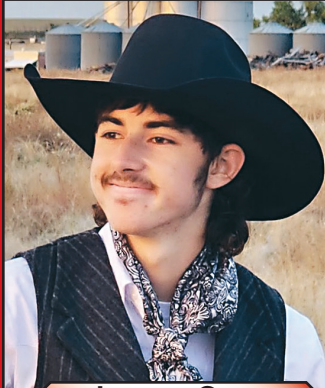
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mentary Procedure. As a member of the Byers Knowledge Bowl team, she has been invited to compete in the national Knowledge Bowl competition in New Orleans, also this summer.

Sydney said the Byers FFA chapter recently attended a state competition where she took both gold and silver in floriculture and milk product testing. She was also involved in National Honor Society and Student Council.

As well as her academic pursuits, Sydney was active in sports at Byers. She participated in cross country and basketball during all four high school years.

“I’ve actually played basketball since I was in fourth grade,” she said. “I played volleyball since fourth grade, too, but I stopped sophomore year. This year I tried out golf for the first time. I’m not very good, but it was fun. And I did track for five years starting in junior high, but I didn’t have time for that this year.”

Sydney hopes to have time to participate in campus recreational sports at UM.

“If I can fit it in my schedule, I’d like to do some intramural sports,” she said. “I’m not really good at all the sports I do — I do them for fun and I don’t want to have more pressure.”

Sydney credits her parents for instilling a love of learning in her.

“They’ve always pushed me to do my best and helped me as much as they can,” she said. “They’re both really smart and I just always wanted to be like them when I was younger.”

Sydney has had plenty of interaction with Byers staff over the years and she had a hard time naming individual teachers who were influential for her.

“There are so many good ones,” she said.

She finally offered up math teacher Corey Green and language arts teacher Sabrina Hamilton as

stand-outs.

“I’ve had Mr. Green for most of my math classes up until this year, and Ms. Hamilton has been a big influence since junior high,” she said.

As far as reading and writing go, Sydney likes to do both, unless it is an assignment.

“Under pressure, sometimes, I don’t like them,” she said.

Math is another conundrum.

“I don’t really like it, but I’m good at it,” she said. “It’s a hard mix at times.”

Science is by far her favorite; she has no mixed feelings on that subject.

“I love science,” she said.

Sydney was frustrated by the question of what she does in her free time because she rarely has any.

“In all my (college and scholarship application) essays they ask what I like to do in my free time and I never know what to say,” she said, adding that, if she actually had some free time, she would probably play her guitar.

Sydney is looking forward to her upcoming adventure in Montana.

“I have a lot of family in Missoula and many of them are UM alumni,” she said. “Not parents or grandparents, but basically everyone outside of that were Grizzlies at one time. They have a big rivalry with Montana State and, at first, I was considering that school, and they were like, ‘We’ll still love you, but ...’”

The Scout caught up with Sydney on the last day of classes, and she was feeling the weight of it.

“It’s kind of scary,” she said. “I knew it was going to be over but now that it is, I can’t grasp it’s done.”

Jitters aside, Sydney will face her future with her trademark excitement over the new things she’ll learn and try. She has places to go and things to do. That free time, and guitar, can wait.

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Water in the silo tested at .7 micrograms per liter. Both contaminated soil and water will be taken offsite for disposal. The water will be taken to Arvada's water department, which holds a permit for disposing of PCBs, and the soil from private property will be processed by RM Inc. in Lakewood. Soil from the section still owned by the Air Force will be treated at a site at Gun Club and Quincy roads.

Cleanup will begin in July with 180 cubic yards of soil removed.

15 YEARS AGO MAY 26, 2009

DEER TRAIL — A Deer Trail woman was arrested and is facing a felony charge after attempting to steal from a local gas station early morning May 22.

Bethany K. Swenson, 44, was taken into custody by Arapahoe County Sheriff deputies after the owner of the Phillips 66 station caught her trying to enter the station through the attached garage.

"At about 12:11 a.m., [a deputy] was dispatched on report of a burglary in progress. Dispatch further advised the female suspect was detained at gunpoint by the reporting party and owner of the business. The suspect fled ... but was quickly located and placed into custody," the sheriff's report said.

When asked if the owner did the right thing confronting Swenson with a gun, Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said he understood why.

"Ironically, he had her at gunpoint, but she still walked away, which is probably a good thing," Robinson said.

10 YEARS AGO MAY 27, 2014

A series of storms May 20-22 brought the I-70 Corridor ahead of its normal annual moisture total less than six months in but also wreaked havoc on local farmers' fields, residences and roadways.

While a majority of confirmed reports from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network and weatherunderground.com reported upwards of 3-plus inches of moisture from the three-day series, other sources said up to 5-6 inches of precipitation, including most areas receiving 2-plus inches at least two of the three days.

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Today is Thursday, May 23, the 144th day of 2024. There are 222 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

ON THIS DATE

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary during World War I.

In 1937, philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and

the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Fla., at age 97.

In 1939, the Navy submarine USS Squalus sank during a test dive off the New England coast. Thirty-two crew members and one civilian were rescued, but 26 others died; the sub was salvaged

and recommissioned the USS Sailfish.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide by biting into a cyanide capsule while in British custody

in Luneburg, Germany.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

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—Associated Press

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This full moon has the feel of a slumber party. The close vicinity of friends will bring enough joyful adrenaline to fuel a night filled with more laughter than sleep. Names for the full moon in Sagittarius include the hare moon, corn planting moon and milk moon. But the one most fitting now is the flower moon, as the youthful energy opens like a fresh blossom.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The variety of tones you bring to interactions makes a relationship interesting and beautiful. Sometimes you do this on purpose, but it's always nice when it happens organically because the other person really brings out different facets of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Through consistency, you are building trust in a relationship. You'll be punctual and show up strong, knowing that every little gesture counts. You'll meet expectations time and again until you eventually exceed them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Old patterns, items and even relationships will be categorized. You're seeing with stark clarity what is useful and what isn't. You'll file, refine or apply what's useful. As for the rest, you'll retire it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not always the case, but today the presence of loved ones will lift you up and remind you of your worth. Also, you will have to be strong for someone else — a gift that will reveal to you your own strength.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's natural to assume others have similar strengths and abilities to our own. But, as you will note from today's discourse, just because a lot of people have a certain set of life skills doesn't mean everyone does.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The quality of your work will depend on the information you gather before you begin. If you spend the entire day researching, it will pay off in the end. You'll arrive at conclusions you weren't expecting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some

people seem to need saving on a regular basis. You've come to the rescue before, and you'll do it again. But at some point, you have to wonder if it's keeping someone from helping themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In some games, the only way to win is not to play. Avoid toxic cultures defined by aggression and competition. Focus on improving your own work in your own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Responsiveness to the challenge at hand requires versatility. Counterintuitive moves will be necessary to stay on track. It's like keeping a car on the road. Sometimes you must steer left and other times right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your actions are not the only things that affect others. Attitude and energy level are highly influential factors. Feel good about what you do, and do what you feel good about.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A secret can be fun, like a spring-loaded surprise, or it can be more like a burdensome rock that weighs you down. With the latter kind, it's not possible to be fully effective while also managing how to hide the information. Consider declassifying it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To some extent you can manage how you feel and deal, and you'll do all you can, though it's good to recognize that it's not always within your control. Offer self-compassion on the matter, as processing styles vary from brain to brain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). A year of discovery and rapid development into the person you want to be. The "ah-ha" moments will be numerous though understated — no fireworks, but nonetheless transformative. More highlights: a dream makeover of one area of your life, the means to cross a big one off your bucket list, and a reward for giving knowledge and wisdom to the next generation. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 13, 20, 25 and 7.

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The recipients of ARPA funding to combat domestic violence in Adams County pose with members of the Board of Commissioners following a grant award ceremony April 23.

AdCo awards \$4.638 million in ARPA funds for domestic violence prevention programs

BRIGHTON — With federal funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Adams County Board of Commissioners April 23 awarded \$4.638 million to local organizations for domestic violence prevention.

The grants support projects that address the critical needs of domestic violence victims. The goal is to reduce the impact of domestic violence and to support survivors. Domestic violence includes physical, emotional and psychological abuse and family trauma.

"Preventing domestic violence is a moral and fundamental duty of our entire community," said Commissioner Emma Pinter, board chair. "By partnering with these deserving organizations in this effort, we can protect the well-being of our families and uphold the principles of equality and respect for everyone in Adams County."

The county put out a call for local applicants earlier this year. The evaluation criteria included project feasibility, impact and alignment with the objectives of domestic violence services.

The county will monitor the financial performance of all organizations that receive funding using grant management software.

The grant recipients are:

- **Almost Home:** \$170,100 for a domestic violence emergency sheltering program.
- **Colorado Poverty Law Project:** \$500,000 for legal advocacy for tenant victim survivors.

- **Crowley Foundation:** \$150,000 for boys2MEN domestic violence program.
- **Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities:** \$300,000 for victim services for survivors with disabilities.
- **Family Tree:** \$65,600 for relocation assistance for domestic violence survivors.
- **Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation:** \$438,000 for its Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program.
- **Ralston House:** \$150,000 for a child advocacy center with forensic interviews and victim advocacy.
- **Rebuilding Together Metro Denver:** \$25,000 for Safe at Home and emergency repairs for domestic violence victims who are low-income homeowners in the county.
- **Regents of the University of Colorado:** \$400,000 for an Adams County community collective for youth and family resilience.
- **Salvation Army:** \$539,300 for housing.
- **Servicios de La Raza:** \$700,000 for comprehensive, integrated, and culturally responsive health and human services for victims of domestic violence.
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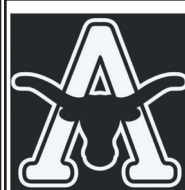
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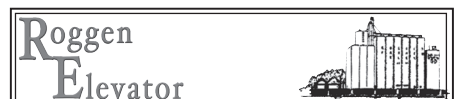
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Pacific Pork Chops

by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout



Part of the reason pork chops often turn out dry and tough is that they are a leaner cut of meat that is easily overcooked.

I use thick bone-in chops. By the time thin-cut pork chops are finished cooking in a crock pot, they will be dry. The low-and-slow cooking method demands thick-cut pork chops.

This is one of many recipes I have for pork chops. Because it seems to have an oriental flair, I serve them over rice.

Making tender, flavorful pork chops smothered in creamy gravy has never been easier!

This meal is not only tasty, it is so pretty. Especially if served with a green vegetable. My mom taught me that you should always use contrasting colors to make dinner impressive!

DIRECTIONS

Spray slow cooker with non-stick. Rinse and dry pork chops with paper towel. Heat oil in large skillet. Brown pork chops on both sides. Transfer to slow cooker.

In same skillet, add garlic, soy sauce, chicken broth, brown sugar, black pepper, red pepper flakes. Cook and stir until combined.

Pour over pork chops in crock pot. Cook covered on high 2 hours. Then cook on low another 2 hours or until meat is tender. Remove pork chops to plate.

Mix cornstarch and cold water in a container until smooth and totally dissolved. Stir into slow cooker to make sauce. When mixed well, cook uncovered on high 30 minutes until thickened. Stir often.

Return pork chops to slow cooker. Immerse in sauce. Reheat a few minutes. Serve pork chops and sauce over rice with vegetable of choice.

PACIFIC PORK CHOPS

INGREDIENTS

- 4 pork chops
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cold water
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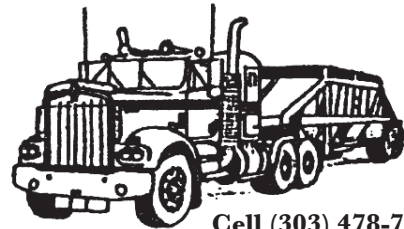


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