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New Bennett School SRO cost? \$250K

by Shylo Bockenfeld Editorial Assistant

BENNETT — As the Bennett School District continues to work on its transition of a school resource officer from Adams to Arapahoe County, schools in the community remain well prepared if they should need to lock down.

That was the message from Bennett cessful lock-down drill with staff and ahoe County Sheriff's Office partici-Superintendent Robin Purdy during students in February. the Feb. 26 school board meeting.

SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY

The district partnered with local law enforcement, including the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol, to complete a suc-

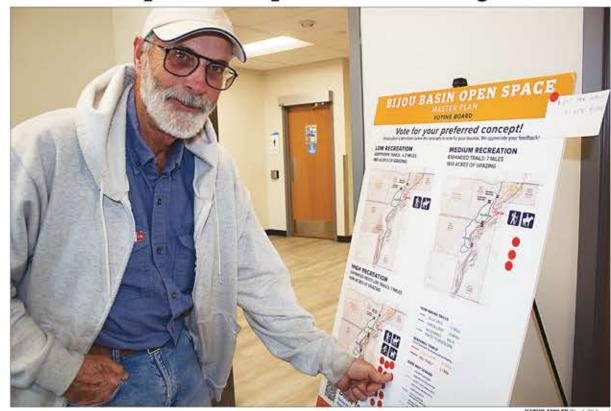
"Feedback from law enforcement was pretty positive, they praised how quickly our staff reacted and how smoothly the buildings were secured and locked down," Purdy said. "They were very impressed."

The drill was the first with the Arap-

pating as the school safety contractor. The Adams County Sheriff's Office was the previous SRO contractor but that changed when the town of Bennett shifted its law enforcement services contract last year.

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Public participates in Bijou Basin Open Space plans



Tim Hasenbalg of Byers places a sticky dot on a chart, indicating his preference for the high recreation design concept. Participants in the Kelver Library open house were leaning toward the high recreation option at the mid-point of the event.

Bijou Basin Vicinity Map



This map of the Bijou Basin presents its location in relation to I-70 Corridor communities south of Byers and west of Deer Trail.

by Kathy Smiley Staff Writer

BYERS — Arapahoe County is creating a master plan for the Bijou Basin Open Space, and officials are gathering community feedback on three draft plans.

Bijou Basin Open Space consists of 3,012 acres located about five miles south of Byers at the junction of Quincy Avenue (CR30) and Bradbury Road (CR173). It is part of a larger mass of more than 15,500 acres of protected land in the West Bijou Creek area. This area includes the county's 939-acre Mule Gulch Open Space; a 1,470-acre conservation easement held by the Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust; and several privately owned properties protected by conservation easements.

The Bijou Basin property is currently closed to the public and is being used for cattle grazing and dry land farming. Upon the conclusion of ing hills tucked into the heart adoption. of the basin, featuring short grass prairie and wildflowers

as well as cottonwoods and other native growth along the winding creek bed of West Bijou Creek."

Community engagement for the Bijou Basin Open Space Master Plan began in early summer 2024 and included the rollout of the project website, key stakeholder outreach including direct letters and phone calls with immediate neighbors, interactive engagement events in eastern Arapahoe County, and an online survey. That feedback resulted in the development of three preliminary design alternatives for the public to weigh in on during the second round of public input now underway.

well-attended public open house was held at Kelver Library in Byers March 6. A virtual public meeting will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, and the online survey is open through Sunday, March 16.

Following the final round of input, the design will be the master planning process, refined. The final master a portion of it will be open for plan will be presented at the passive recreation use such Arapahoe County Fair this as hiking and wildlife view- summer and will go before ing and, as the Bijou Basin the Open Space & Trails Adwebsite states, people "will be visory Board and the Board able to explore acres of roll- of County Commissioners for

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Arapahoe County Natural Resource & Agriculture Specialist Sam Bahl explains a chart showing what visitors to Bijou Basin might experience.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

St. Patrick's Day meal slated by 'Burg Presbyterian Church

STRASBURG — The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner to benefit the Zimbabwe Mission Project is scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 56635 Iowa Ave.

The meal will consist of corned beef and cabbage, homemade soda bread, potatoes and dessert.

Cost is \$15 per adult or two adults for \$25 and \$8 per child.

For reservations and tickets, call Strasburg Presbyterian Church at (303)622-4325.

Chamber of Commerce slates visit by Air & Space Port reps

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn starting at 11:30 a.m., March 19, at May Farms

Representatives from the Colorado Air & Space Port at Watkins will speak and conversations. and sponsor lunch.

To RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei7occoc@ gmail.com by Friday, March 14. Space is limited.

Emergency management key to next 'Burg seniors potluck

STRASBURG - The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association's St. Patrick's potluck begins at at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, at the Strasburg American Community Center, 56423 Westview Ave.

Emergency Management Coordinator Dean Berenbaum with the Adams County Sheriff's Office will speak.

The group, which provides a social outlet for area seniors, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

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

Strasburg museum curiosities key to March 20 presentation

STRASBURG - The Comanche Crossing Historical Society & Museum in Strasburg will host "Unique Items in the Comanche Crossing Museum Collection" from 6:30-8 p.m.,

Wheat growers seek scholarship applicants

do Association of Wheat Growers (CAWG) will award two \$1,000 scholarships in 2025.

One will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who plans to attend an accredited college, university, junior college or community college. The student must enter college the same year as their graduation from high school.

The second scholarship is the Larry K. Haynes CAWG Memorial Scholarship. It will be awarded to a college sophomore, junior, senior or

FORT COLLINS - The Colora- graduate student who is attending an accredited college, university, junior college or community college.

The applicants' parents, grandparents or legal guardians must be members of CAWG or the applicant must be nominated by a CAWG member. Students intending to major in agriculture related fields are urged to apply. The scholarships are one-year, non-renewable awards.

To apply, download an application at coloradowheat.org. Applicants must fill out and return the form no later than Friday, March 28.

Meals are served from 5-6:15 p.m. with stations of the cross starting after at 6:30 p.m.

coffee or lemonade.

The soup supper menu features a variety of soups, dessert, grilled cheese sandwich, coffee or juice, all for a free will offering.

For more information, call Diane https://www.arapahoeco.gov. Fahey at (303)748-3897.

Thursday, March 20, at the TBK Bank Community Room.

Museum Curator Cliff Smith will discuss unique items housed in the collections of the museum. The railroad, farming, pioneering and items of Old Strasburg will be showcased.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for light snacks

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more information, call (303)622-4322.

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Strasburg Lutheran releases Lenten soup supper schedule

STRASBURĞ - Saron Lutheran Church hosts Lenten Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer, Wednesdays during Lent, March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9.

Soup supper begins at 6:30 p.m. with Holden Evening Prayer beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The church is located at 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

Lent: Catholic church slates fish fries and soup suppers

BYERS - Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church will host Knights of Columbus fish fries and altar and rosary soup supper night.

Fish fries are planned on Fridays, March 7 and 21 and April 4.

Soup suppers will occur on Fridays, March 14 and 18 and April 11.

The fish fry menu includes cod, \$7 for one piece or \$10 for two pieces, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, Tater Tots and

Chamber of Commerce plans biz-oriented Easter Egg Hunt

STRASBURG - The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host an Easter Egg Hunt from Monday, April 7 through Monday, April 21.

Eggs will be hidden at participating area businesses. Each location will have at least one "golden" egg containing a \$25 gift card or voucher.

Smaller, treat- and trinket-filled toys will also be hidden at each location.

To get a business recognized by choosing to hide a golden egg with a voucher, contact Watkins Board Representative Candice Rosenbach at Candice.Rosenbach@gmail.com.

Strasburg Preschool readies for 2025-26 academic year

STRASBURG - Strasburg Preschool plans preschool registration and development screenings from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, March 14.

Children who are age 3 by Friday Aug. 1, can enroll in preschool. Multiple program options are offered for students ages 3-4. Universal Pre-K funds up to 15 hours of preschool for all children who turn 4 by Aug. 1. Tuition options are available for 3-year-

To register, call (303)622-9215, ext. 628. For more information visit ses. strasburg31j.com/preschool.

ArapCo seeks three members for Fair Planning Committee

CENTENNIAL - The Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee must fill three current vacancies and a fourth which is expiring soon.

Meetings occur at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

The committee helps plan and manage 4-H livestock events and projects as well as the public competition activities for the fair. It consists of 10 members serving one-year terms.

The planning committee liaison is Dina Baker. She can be reached at dbaker@arapahoegov.com.

To review the panel's bylaws, visit

Colorado State University Cooperative Extension staff members advise the group.

Free tax assistance offered to ArapCo, AdCo residents

BRIGHTON — Free, in-person tax preparation is now available through April 11 to residents of Adams and Arapahoe counties who have an income of \$67,000 per year or less.

The assistance is available from:

- · 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second and fourth Fridays of the month, Arapahoe County Centrepoint Plaza, 14879 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora. Appointments can be made at taxhelpcolorado.as.me/acph.
- Anythink Library Commerce City, 7185 Monaco St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Services available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit taxhelpco.org or e-mail to taxsupport@ adcogov.org.

Assistance is available in English, Spanish, French and Arabic.

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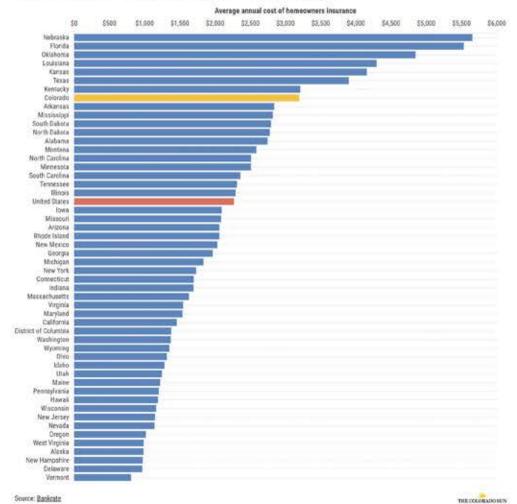
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Colo. homeowners insurance rose nearly 60% in 5 years

The cost of homeowners insurance



Colorado ranks 8th highest in the U.S. for the cost of homeowners insurance, according to Bankrate, which tracks premiums. That's well above states like California and New York, as well as neighbors Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. Hover on the bars to see average monthly and annual premiums by state.

by Tamara Chuang The Colorado Sun

This may come as no surprise to homeowners, but the cost of Colorado's home insurance is the eighth highest in the nation, according to Bankrate, a financial services company that tracks monthly bills.

At an average of \$266 per month or nearly \$3,200 a year, premiums are higher here than in states such as California (\$121) and New York (144), as well as neighbors Arizona (\$172), Utah (\$104), New Mexico (\$169), and Wyoming (\$131).

Blame extreme weather, hail damage and wildfires for our lofty rank, said Shannon Martin, Bankrate's insurance analyst and a licensed insurance agent. But diving a little deeper, Martin also cited how policies are structured by states, the rising cost of homes, and something called "social inflation," a term used by the insurance industry to describe the impact beyond regular economic inflation.

"That's the increase in lawsuits and the amount of payouts from the lawsuits," Martin said. "Public opinion has changed on who's really liable for these actions and how much money you should get in a lawsuit. ... It's impacting how policies are rated and how much they cost."

A 2023 analysis by the Colorado Division of Insurance found payouts have increased in recent years, caus-

ing Colorado insurers to lose money on the premiums collected. And premiums for the average homeowner increased 51.7% between January 2019 and October 2022. The report also touched on wildfire risks near densely populated areas of Fort Collins, Denver and Colorado Springs where "insurance carriers would be reassessing their appetite for wildfire risk (and) could have an impact on a material group of Colorado homeowners."

Colorado is ranked second in the nation for hail-damage claims and has a "highly litigious climate," said Carole Walker, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Association, a trade group for insurers. And nearly half of the state's population lives in wildland-urban areas that include another 1 million people living in areas with "moderate to very high risk of wildfire," according to the Colorado State Forest Service. Combined with a growing population and pricier homes, there are a number of reasons for higher prices.

"We truly are at a tipping point in Colorado," Walker said. "(Colorado) ranks second after California for risk of wildfire. ... I think fears of what we've seen happen in California in recent years of an exodus of insurers, a lot of the reasons that insurers were reducing the number of policies or leaving California was because of

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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their care-givers can drop in for "luck of the Irish" activities and take home a free goody bag to continue the learning at home. Crafts and toddler-friendly snacks provided. 10:30-

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum: Adults

11:30 a.m., Friday, March 14.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. 1:30- 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 25. 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 19.

Will it waffle? Will they waffle, or will they crumble? Kids ages 5-18 will make traditional waffles and test out fun ingredients with a variety of toppings. 12-1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20.

Book Buddies: Kids ages 5-8 can celebrate their favorite book characters with art, games and more. The book are invited to a show-and-tell of quilts this month is "The School for Magical

from the 1930s Depression Era by the Monsters." No need to read the book.

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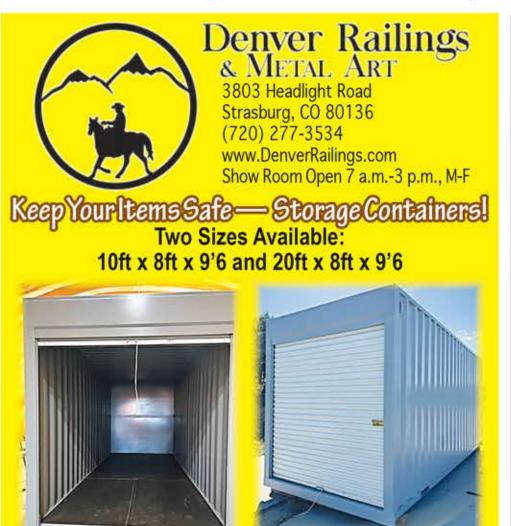
Diamond art: Teens ages 12-15 can create diamond art key chains or make their own perler bead creation. Snacks and supplies provided. 12:15-3:15 p.m., Thursday, March 13.

Friday matinee: All ages are invited to Wednesday, March 26.

an afternoon showing of "Harold and the Purple Crayon" (2024, rated PG, 1 hour, 32 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, March 14.

Adult book club: "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston. 6-7 p.m., Monday, March 17.

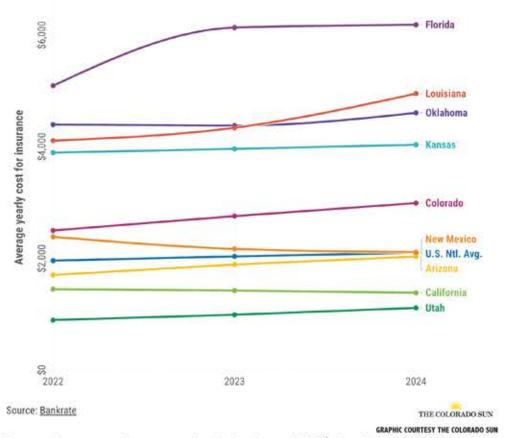
Fairytale Crafts: Tweens and teens are invited to make fairytale-themed crafts, decorate a "magic" mirror, and design a bookish trinket box. All supplies provided. 4:30-5:30 p.m.,



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Homeowners policies: CO cost compared to other states



The cost of homeowners insurance nationwide has increased 7.1% since 2022, according to an analysis by the financial data site Bankrate for The Colorado Sun. The impact of wildfires, hail and other weather-related damage aggravated by higher housing prices and lawsuits pushed average premiums 19.6% from 2022-24. Utah had the highest, at 24.2%, followed by Florida's 21.4% and Louisiana's 20.5%

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

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man-made catastrophes."

According to the state's insurance division, the agency has asked homeowners and insurers about renewals and non-renewals. The results are expected next year, a spokesperson said.

Walker, who sits on many local government boards, doesn't recall any insurers exiting Colorado yet but are reducing the number of policies on risky properties they no longer can afford to cover.

She's trying to make sure government restrictions and outdated regulations better balance insurer risk with availability of insurance for all Colorado households.

"If we stabilize the market, that's what we've all been working toward, she said. "Put in more hail-resistant roofs. If we scale up our mitigation for wildfire and make it measurable, those are all things we can do to reduce the risk of hail and wildfire. That's going to have a long-term impact on keeping insurers here (and) keeping those homes insurable."

According to RMIA, the average increase in homeowners' premiums in Colorado grew 57.9% from 2018-23.

Lawmakers passed to cancellations and non-renewals. everything packaged in one policy, property coverage to homeowners pensive."

and businesses in the highest-risk areas who are unable to get coverage.

FAIR coverage is funded by insurance assessments based on an insurer's market share. The policies should be available to homeowners and businesses in early 2025.

But it's just one "tool in the toolbox," said Walker, who is on the state's FAIR board.

"At the same time, I do think that people have to understand that insurance has been under-priced for homeowners when people haven't had to use it," she said. "Now that we're using insurance more, it's got to be balanced with what it costs to pay out claims."

As for the cost by state, Bankrate's Martin pointed out that states like Florida, ranked second-most expensive, must include wind coverage from storm damage while nearby states like Louisiana, also hurricane prone, do not.

In California, ranked in the bottom half of insurance costs, fire coverage is excluded so buyers must pay extra for it.

"In Colorado, fire is still included, legislation which is actually a really good thing last year after concerns arose about because the cost of having two polihouseholds losing their insurance due cies is just so much more than having The Fair Access to Insurance Require- Martin said. "People in California COMPETITIVE WAGES/HIRINGS ments, or FAIR plan, is an "insurer of now need home, fire, flood and earthlast resort" and designed to provide quake insurance policies. It's very ex-

CORNERSTONE

Free Community Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday, April 5

Spaghetti with meat sauce (gluten-free options available), salad, dinner rolls, lemonade, coffee, and dessert.

> Location: Cornerstone Fellowship Church 460 3rd St.; Bennett, CO 80102

Due to limited seating, please RSVP

Contact coordination@cornerstonebennett.com or 303.644.3450

(Please include name, numbers of guests, phone number and if any gluten free guests.)

BENNETT BOE

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"We are still working on an SRO for the district but that doesn't sound like it's going to come to fruition this year. It sounds like costs are still going to trend around that \$250,000," reported Purdy, who indicated plans to meet with the Arapahoe County Sheriff to discuss pricing.

The Bennett Board of Trustees is working on a grant for an additional law enforcement officer that would share traffic control and SRO respon-

The district would like to see more traffic enforcement in school crossing zones.

'We see a lot of those trucks come around those corners about 45 or 50 miles per hour not slowing down at all," Purdy said. "We have asked for some enforcement there but we're not seeing that yet."

According to school director Andrew Thornton, crosswalks on Colfax Avenue that many students use in warmer months are a shared concern with the town board. He suggested residents file complaints through the Colorado Department of Transportation about inadequate crosswalks.

CHAMPION STUDENTS

During special commendations, lauded freshman Emma Faczak, who won the 105-pound weight class at the state tournament Feb. 13-15 at Ball Arena in Denver.

'So [Emma is] Bennett's first woman state champion," Purdy explained. "We expect to see three more state championships from her because she is such a fierce competitor. So we are excited to watch her.'

"I think it's phenomenal watching Emma win state," board member Al-yssa Pae added. "Kudos to her and how amazing she is.'

National FFA Week was held Feb.15-22 with the Bennett chapter revving up its activity.

"They had a great turnout for their Taste of Colorado. Such a great turnout they were not able to do their deliveries until later in the day because they had so many folks there that showed up," Purdy said. "Then they finished out their week with a movie night on Friday.'

Pae shared some secondary performing arts accomplishments from high school music teacher Val White, including 115 of 429 high-schoolers and 105 of 283 middle-schoolers participating in band, choir or drama.

"In the last five years, students that were in performing arts that went on to go to college have received \$329,000 in scholarships," Pae said.

The district expects to have fewer positions to fill in the upcoming years and Purdy attributes the positive retention to the board's effort to provide competitive salaries and benefits.

"We are excited about the retention rate we are seeing with our staff,"

gy Director Matthew Crater will begin his training the second week of March. Crater comes to the district after working at the Children's Hospital Network, helping open new hospitals across the state.

Purdy said she sat in on interviews for the head football coaching position and relayed, "the committee did recommend the hiring of our current interim football coach, Mr. Chris Dupree. He has had a successful career at the college level and he has been active in the Bennett community at all levels for several years."

Dupree, who took over the Tigers' football program mid-season in 2024, currently serves as a physical education teacher substitute in the district."

The principals have been interviewing candidates for physical education, English and science teachers, and a food service director.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Changes to the school calendar are the result of a community engagement survey that allowed stakeholders to share their preferences with the board. The administrative team at the school board is examining start- and end-time options after heavy write-in commentary - 128 parents and 60 staff members.

Classes for 2025-26 will start on Aug. 11, except for the preschool, which will start the following week. Classes will return from winter break Jan. 5. The last day of school will be May 21 with graduation on May 22. The district hopes to partner with the town to continue providing an annual fireworks display in honor of the graduates.

Purdy noted that recent enrollment trends are down. October enrollment numbers were at 1,310 but are currently at 1,276 for the Bennett campus. High school enrollment dropped from 432 to 411 and middle school from 284 to 274, while intermediate, primary school, and Sky Ranch enrollment is steady. Four students graduated early, some left as a result of relocated military families, and others transferred to schools mostly in the Denver metro area. Sixteen students are on the preschool wait list with a mix of kids ages 3-4 preparing for school.

Baseball fields at the high school are leased to the school district by the town. The district is in talks to purchase the property, which would require a vote from the constituency.

"We just respectfully ask the public to understand that the district does lease that and they need to fill out a facilities form at the high school to use that field, and there will be costs associated with that."

Public use of the field without prior notice can burden the staff and sports teams who maintain those fields, but the district encourages community engagement about facility use.

The Bennett Board of Education next meets at 6 p.m., Wednesday, New 2025-26 District Technolo- March 26, in the high school library.



AdCo Accounting Team honored for excellence for 30-plus straight years

BRIGHTON — Receiving the highest level of recognition for financial reporting once is significant, but to receive it annually for more than three decades? That signifies an above-andbeyond commitment to excellent fiscal service to the Adams County community.

This month, Adams County was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2023.

The certification comes to the county thanks to the efforts of the Adams County Accounting Team in the Budget & Finance Department. In complement to the certificate, the Budget & Finance Department itself was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to recognize the team's extraordinary efforts.

"For Adams County to have earned this recognition for the last 30 years speaks volumes to the hard work, diligence, and character of the public servants in the Budget & Finance De- recognition, the GFOA said the Ad- principles and is the highest form of the \$800-plus million budget.



STORM DRAINAGE FUND

Members of the Adams County Budget & Finance Department and the county commissioners celebrate their selection for the GFOA Award for Financial Reporting, Budget & Finance Department.

County Commissioners. "This award for excellence in financial reporting shows we are committed to our community's right to know what's happening in their government and in every action we take."

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partment," said Commissioner Lynn ams County report "demonstrated a Baca, chair of the Board of Adams constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story."

This certificate was created by the GFOA to recognize state and local government agencies that go above and beyond the minimum require-In its news release announcing the ments for reporting and accounting

recognition available to state and local government agencies in accounting and financial reporting. Adams County has earned this designation for more than 30 years in a row.

"I am so proud of our team for earning this recognition, and for continuing-year after year-to put in the hard work to make sure our community is receiving the highest level of fiscal responsibility and transparency possible," said Nancy Duncan, Di-rector of Budget & Finance. "Adams County's residents trust us to serve them, and ensuring practical, thorough, and thoughtful financial reporting is an essential responsibility of accountable governance-and we take that duty seriously."

The Budget & Finance Department handles all accounting, payroll, budget preparation, procurement, contracts, and more for all of Adams County's many departments. Importantly, the Budget & Finance Department is responsible for the preparation and research for all documents and reports advising county leadership for the current and future state of county financial needs, stewarding

TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED December 31, 2024



welcome neighbors

GENERAL FUND		
REVENUES		
Taxes:	\$	700 025
Property Tax Sales Tax	•	796,835
Other Tax		4,793,656
Franchise & Royalty		105,582
License & Permits		98,117 513,380
Impact and Development Fees		27,702
Charges for Services		106,174
Fines and Forfeiture's		20,739
Other Revenues		875,148
Transfers from Other Funds		960,882
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	8,298,214
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	\$	1,942,667
Finance		440,020
Internal Service		473,167
Boards and Commissions		219,851
Town Clerk		99,176
Municipal Court		35,744
Public Safety		722,487
Community Development		530,302
Planning		175,132
П		318,692
Economic Development		137,230
Public Works Internal Service		503,879
CIP		157,535
Parks and Recreation		468,161
Public Buildings and Grounds		322,511
Non-Departmental		666,507
Transfers to Other Funds TOTAL EXPENDITURES	s	297,250 7,510,311
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND REVENUES		
Taxes	\$	439,559
Other Revenues	120	62,691
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	502,250
EVACUALTURES		
EXPENDITURES		240,000
Road and Bridge	\$	216,226
Transfers to Other Funds		137,088
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	S	353,314
SALES TAX CAPITAL IMPROVEM	MENT FUND	
Sales Tax	\$	1,604,136
Grant	7.5	449,491
Other Revenue		109,028
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,162,656
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EXPENDITURES	(520)	100,010,000
Capital	\$	685,556
Maintenance		145,327
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ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPA TOTAL REVENUES	\$	16,356

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	**
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Adams County Open Space	S	791,034
Arapahoe County Open Space		553:
DOLA		31,253
Other Grants		589,921
Transfers from Other Funds		465,218
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,877,426
EXPENDITURES		
Adams County Open Space	\$	1,244,488
CDOT	(C)	507,105
DOLA		67,692
Other Expenditures		58,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,877,426
TOTAL EXILENDITORES		1,077,420
CIP FUND REVENUES		
Use Tax	S	200 277
		388,277
Other Revenue		381,387
Transfers from Other Funds		215,900
Use of Fund Balance		796,765
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,782,328
EXPENDITURES		
Capital	\$	1,557,228
Debt Service		225,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,782,328
WASTE WATER CAPITAL FUND		
TOTAL REVENUES	s	1,670,187
Transfers to Other Funds		827,043
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	827,043
WATER CAPITAL FUND		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	3,096,500
Transfers to Other Funds	1.00	1,081,445
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,081,445
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	\$	323,586
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	(4)
PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL FU	ND	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	410,218
		110 010
Transfers to Other Funds		410,218

TOTAL REVENUES	\$	83,032
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	8,950
WATER FUND		
REVENUES		
Water Sales	s	1,882,709
Other Revenues		101,051
Transfers from other funds		1,081,445
TOTAL REVENUES	s	3,065,205
EXPENDITURES		
Water Operations	S	808,364
Capital Expenditures		1,081,445
Debt Service		507,488
Water Rights		20,000
Transfers to Other Funds		411,897
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,829,193
WASTE WATER FUND		
REVENUES		
Waste Water Sales	s	1,469,308
Grant		375,770
Other Revenues		209,057
Transfer from other funds		827,043
Bond Issue		30,546,001
TOTAL REVENUES	s	33,427,179
EXPENDITURES		
Waste Water Operations	\$	641,601
Capital Expenditures		842,503
Debt Service		220,099
Transfers to Other Funds		411,897
Bond Issuance Costs		546,001
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,662,100
BENNETT ART & CULTURE FUN REVENUES	D	
Donations/Sponsors	s	72,367
Grant		5,222
Transfer from General Fund		21,510
Art Council		15,025
Use of Fund Balance		42,262
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	156,386
EXPENDITURES		
Bennett Days	\$	99,099
Bennett Art Council	170	57,287
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	156,386

I, being the Treasurer for the Town of Bennett, hereby certify that the above statement is a true and correct annual account of revenues and expenditures of the Town of Bennett for the year 2024, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in accordance with C.R.S., Section 31-20-304.

Danette Ruvalcaba, Bennett Town Treasurer





Adams County will host its eleventh-annual 5K race and one-mile fun run. Proceeds will benefit the foster families of Adams County.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton.

Scan the QR code to register or learn more.







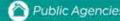


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2 scholarships offered by County Clerks Assn.

submissions for its 2025 scholarship program, which is open to graduating high school seniors.

Three scholarships are available two \$1,500 awards and one \$1,000 award. Winners will receive the awards for expenses at universities, colleges, junior or community col- www.clerkandrecorder.org.

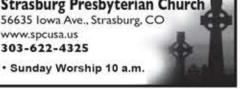
LITTLETON - The Colorado Coun- leges, or technical institutions. Stuty Clerks Association is accepting dents pursuing studies in public service are given special consideration.

Arapahoe County seniors only can send their completed application and supporting documents to clerk@ arapahoegov.com.

The application deadline is Friday, March 28. For more information, visit

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Strasburg Presbyterian Church 56635 Iowa Ave., Strasburg, CO





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Every Sunday:

· Lauds at 10AM · Strasburg American Legion (56423 Westview Ave.)

Tuesday, 7PM:

 Vespers & Study Saron Lutheran Church (1656 Main St.)

Info: strasburgorthodox.org



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American Legion Hall

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Teaching God's Word verse-by-verse

Sundays 10:45 AM Meeting @VFW in Bennett 115 Palmer Ave



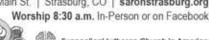
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Mt. Tabor

Sat., 6:00 p.m. Saturday Service Sun., 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun., 10-10:30 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. ... Church AwanaTuesday, 5:15-7:15 p.m., Dinner served

Hebrews 13:5 I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.



Sundays at 10:00 AM

2722 S. County Rd 173; Byers, CO In-person services every Sunday, but be sure to visit our ebsite and Facebook page for up to date information.

LivingSpringsCowboyChurchByers.org

719-659-8848



Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:15am Servicio en Español a las 10:15am

1955 Headlight Road in Strasburg

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- Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & every 1st Saturday 8:30 am
 - · Saturday 5:00 pm
 - Sunday 9:00 am 11:30 am en español

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm Sunday 8:15-8:45 am & 10:45-11:15 am Or by Appointment OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Churches and other nonprofits! Please keep us informed of your

activities for publicity and coverage! - Douglas Claussen, Publisher & Editor Wednesday, March 12, 2025 The I-70 Scout • 7





Among the casualties of the 50 mph-plus winds that plagued most of Eastern Colorado March was the elevated Conoco sign at the Deer Trail Corner gas station and store, left photo. The top panel of the sign was ripped out of its frame and sent down Fifth Avenue. Right photo, while pea soup-like fog shrouded much of the I-70 Corridor through about 10 a.m. March 7, measurable accumulation of snow from the previous night wasn't seen until about 10 miles south of the interstate. Most local communities saw a trace of snow and precipitation with upwards up to an inch of snow and about 0.15 inches of moisture south of Byers, Deer Trail and Agate. The above photo was taken Friday morning a couple miles south of the Chaparral subdivision in eastern Elbert County. Visibility was called less than 1,000 feet.

Request for Qualifications for

Byers Water and Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant

Byers Water and Sanitation District is responsible for domestic water and sanitary sewer in the unincorporated town of Byers, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado. BWSD is soliciting applications for bidder prequalification for the purpose of obtaining a qualified contractor for the design and construction of a wastewater treatment plant with the potential to include an effluent reuse and storage system. The objective of the project is to treat wastewater to a high-quality standard that allows for safe and sustainable reuse of effluent water to irrigate parks and open space and sell water for construction. Only applicants who have been prequalified in accordance with this RFQ will be allowed to submit or negotiate a bid for this contract. Any bid or solicitation received from those who have not been prequalified will not be opened.

2.

The site is located east of Denver approximately 27 miles east of E-470 on Interstate 70. The anticipated plant location is approximately 1/2 mile north of I-70 on Main St where the current lagoons are located.

3. RFQ COORDINATOR

Any questions, additional information, and clarifications regarding this RFQ shall be directed via email to the RFQ Coordination:

> Eric P. Tuin, P.E. 2N Civil, LLC Englewood, CO eric@2ncivil.com

Responses to all questions or changes in the RFQ will be issued in writing and shall be acknowledged by the respondents in their SOQ (Statement of Qualifications).

RFQ SCHEDULE 4.

The anticipated timeline for this RFQ follows. BWSD reserves the right to modify the schedule below to meet the needs of the project.

February 27, 2025 RFQ Released

March 13, 2025 Last day to submit written questions or clarifications

March 27, 2025 Submissions due by 1:00 p.m.

April 10, 2025 Recommendation of Award (pending successful negotiation)

5.

Responses to the RFQ will be received in a single Adobe PDF to the RFQ Coordinator's email address above. The RFQ cover page shall clearly show the name and address of the responding firm and state "RFQ for Byers Water and Sanitation District - Wastewater Treat-

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Wastewater Treatment

The scope of the project includes assessment, design, and permitting through Arapahoe County and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), acquisition of equipment, architectural, mechanical, geotechnical, surveying and construction for a wastewater treatment facility to serve an existing population of 1,700 people with the capability of quickly expanding to a population of 2,500. The current District flows are approximately 80,000 gpd with anticipated growth, due to a planned RV park, of 125,000 gpd average. The facility currently discharges to Bijou Creek, however the District desires to explore the option of treating effluent to reuse standards and re-construction the existing lagoon ponds to store the reuse water for use in the area.

B. Reuse Treatment

The District is exploring the potential to provide additional treatment to allow the effluent water to be reused. Tertiary treatment may be required to meet CDPHE Regulation 84 to allow for the effluent to be used for irrigation of open space, parks and construction water in the I-70 corridor. Respondent shall be prepared to deliver design, permitting, equipment, architectural, mechanical, geotechnical, and construction of equipment and processes necessary to deliver effluent that meets Regulation 84 at the point of compliance. Respondents should be aware that permitting reuse is a separate process through CDPHE but shall be processed concurrently with the wastewater treatment application.

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Alternatives Analysis Since the District will be replacing the existing lagoon system it is critical to consider a wide range or alternatives do address the unique needs of the District, including future adaptions and scalability. The respondent shall demonstrate the capability and experience to deliver a comprehensive set of solutions while balancing effectiveness, scalability and sustainability.
- Design and Engineering Develop a wastewater treatment solution that meets or exceeds

- regulatory requirements and project requirements. This will include providing detailed engineering drawings and specifications for permitting and construction. BWSD is expecting the successful respondent to complete all necessary design and construction including engineering, architectural, mechanical, geotechnical, electrical, startup and training for the facility.
- C. Effluent Limitations BWSD currently maintains a discharge permit with the State of Colorado. Respondents shall review the permit and be able to provide effluent meeting the requirements of the discharge permit should the reuse not be feasible or cost effective at this time.
- D. Site Application Per CDPHE Regulation 22.6 the state will require a "Site Location Application For New Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant." This may require two separate applications for the Wastewater Treatment and for the Reuse Treatment, however the applications should be processed concurrently.
- E. Process Design Following or in conjunction with the approval of the Site Application the State will require further approval of the specifics of the treatment plant. A Process Design Report will need to be prepared that outlines the methods that will be used to meet the regulations. Again, this process should consider both the wastewater treatment as well as the Reuse component of the proposed plant.
- F. CDPHE Design approval The final process with the State to receive construction approval is the Basis of Design Report. The complete design of the project will need to be presented and approved through the State to receive construction approval for the wastewater and reuse treatment.
- G. Building Permit Acquire a building, grading, erosion control permits through Arapahoe County to complete site work and building construction.
- H. Equipment Acquisition Procure all necessary equipment, pumps, blowers, headworks, filters, treatment processes, etc for construction of the wastewater plant.
- I. Assembly and construction provide complete and in place wastewater plant with effluent discharges to Bijou Creek and/or reuse storage ponds.
- J. Startup and Training provide comprehensive review of all equipment and processes, safety protocols, SCADA integration, maintenance schedules and requirements, etc. Firm shall be responsible for providing certified operator/operator training during this phase and also provide performance verification of the effluent to meet water quality standards.
- K. Funding Support The District will require outside funding sources to accomplish the project. Respoonding firm should be knowledgeable of local, state and federal alternatives to finance and fund the project.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The nature and form of response are at the discretion of the respondent but, at a minimum, the following information must be included:

- A. Project Organization and Staffing Organization chart showing proposed team members and describing their responsibilities and the percentage of time each person will devote to this project. Include brief summaries of similar project experience key team members bring to the project.
- B. Describe the portion of work that will be performed by subconsultants and information about
- the professional qualifications of proposed subconsultant(s).

 C. Approach to the Scope of Work / Methodology Describe sequentially the tasks and methodologies appropriate to accomplish this project, including key deliverables, estimated permit schedule, and a project timeline. The submittal should include recommended modifications of the preliminary scope of work provided above as part of this RFQ that the Respondent believes are pertinent to the successful completion of the project.
- D. Description of Related Experience Describe recent, directly related experience, including at least three projects the firm has completed with land developers, or municipalities that are similar to the project described in this RFQ. Projects may be for private or public agencies and should clearly demonstrate familiarity with regulatory requirements for wastewater treatment and water reuse within the jurisdiction. Provide the following information for each project:
 - Name, address and telephone number of the client.
 - 2. Name of project manager and personnel who worked on each project with a brief description of their responsibilities.
 - 3. The elements of the projects that are common to the projects proposed above.

9. EVALUATION

BWSD intends to enter into an agreement with the respondent that best meets the following evaluation criteria. Interviews may be conducted to select respondents should additional information be required to evaluate the decision. The evaluation team will generally use the following criteria to evaluate the Statement of Qualifications.

- · Project understanding, experience with alternatives analysis and treatment technology, ultimate approach to carrying out the design and construction - 35 pts
- Project schedule identifying critical tasks for deliverables and understanding of realistic timelines - 20 pts
- Firm qualifications, knowledge and experience designing and constructing similar projects –
- Project team and references including availability and responsiveness 10 pts

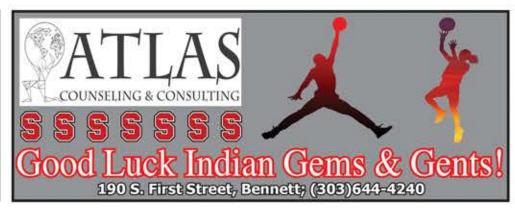
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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

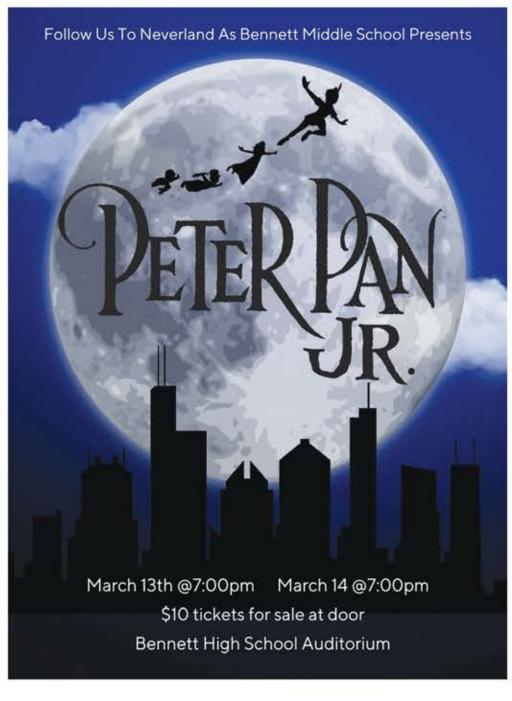
Notice is hereby given that final payment will be made on or after the 23rd day of March, 2025, on a contract dated September 11, 2024, between the Byers Water and Sanitation District (Owner) and Swedish Industrial Coatings (Contractor) for the Water System Improvements – 2023, Schedule 2: Existing Water Storage Tank Improvements – Base Bid project.

All persons, companies or corporations that have furnished labor, materials or other supplies or services used by Contractor under and in connection with said contract and whose claims have not been paid by the Contractor shall file with the Owner a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such a claim on or before the date of final payment stated above. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such settlement will relieve the Owner from any or all liability for such claim.

Owner: Byers Water and Sanitation District

/s/ Kagen W. Kitzman, District Manager

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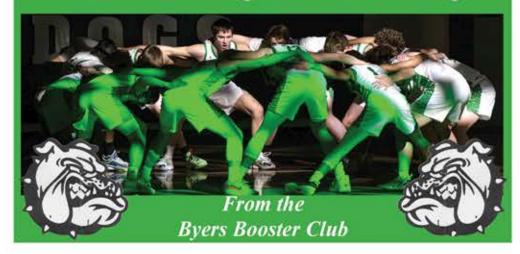
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Good Luck Bulldogs at the Great Eight!



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Ben Claussen, D.C.

1517 Main Street Strasburg, CO (303) 622-4200

Congratulations and Good Luck at State Basketball to the Strasburg boys and girls and the Byers boys!



Monday: By Appointment

Tues./Wed./Fri.: 9:30am-5:30pm

Thursday: 9:30am-1:30pm

Open First Saturday of Each Month



Marilyn June Behrens, a cherished music teacher and beloved matriarch, embraced her earthly journey from March 1944, until Heaven received her on February 18, 2025. Born in Limon, Colo., to Glen and Margaret Rector, June grew up surrounded by the wide-open spaces of the family farm in Agate, Colo., where she cultivated her lifelong affinity for community, music, and family.

June's extensive career as a dedicated educator began at Strasburg Elementary, where her passion for nurturing young minds through music shone brightly. She further enriched the lives of countless students as the talented show choir director at Strasburg High School. Her commitment to education was matched only by her devotion to her church community, where she served as the director of the Strasburg Community Church Choir. Across her endeavors, June's spirit was one of joy and enthusiasm, qualities that radiated in her interactions with those lucky enough to know her.

Her love for music manifested in her remarkable ability to play the piano, organ, clarinet, and guitar. Whether dancing joyously at community events or volunteering with Meals on Wheels, she sought to touch the lives of others with her talent and warmth. June's heart resided wherever her grandchildren were, ensuring that family moments were filled with laughter and love.

On a bright September day in 1966, June joined in matrimony with her beloved spouse, Dana Behrens, at the Agate Baptist Church, beginning a partnership rooted in mutual respect and affection. Together, they celebrated many milestones of life with their children Kevin Behrens and Tanya Garwood and her husband John. Soon came the joy of their grandchildren - Miranda Elmgreen and her husband Austin, who recently welcomed June's great-grandson Gunnar into the world; Zachary Garwood, and Cassidy Garwood. The bonds within her family were strengthened by unwavering support from her sister, Colleen Pakuer, and brother-in-law Floyd Pakuer, as well as from her brother, Andy Rector, and his wife, Joan Rector.

June leaves behind a vibrant legacy interwoven with kindness, music, and a profound dedication to family. Those fortunate enough to have been part of her life gathered to honor her memory at a celebration of life service March 8 at Mountain View Fellowship Church in Strasburg, Colo.

As we remember Marilyn June Behrens, let us celebrate a life full of passion, music, and giving — a life that inspired and uplifted all who had the privilege of knowing her.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY



Cottage Food Safety

Learn food safety guidelines and the specifics of operating a cottage food business from a home kitchen. The next online class will be held March 21, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Register now at https://bit.ly/CSUCottageFoods



March 19 is Social Worker Appreciation Day

Our amazing social workers provide compassion, dedication and commitment to the children, adults, and families in Arapahoe County. Thank you!

Interested in exploring a fulfilling career that serves your community? Visit arapahoeco.gov/caseworkers













Spring is almost here!

Get your tickets now for Arapahoe County's annual spring wine and chalk art festival at the Fairgrounds.



Visit arapahoecountyeventcenter.com or scan the QR code with your smartphone for details and tickets.



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SBDC plans class on Google Tools

GREELEY - The Small Business Development Center will host a free informative session where participants can learn to leverage to enhance product visibility and reach more cus-

"Increase Your Sales with Google Tools" will run from 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, in the Bennett Town Hall meeting room.

Facilitators will show brick-andmortar businesses how to list products on a Google Business Profile and cover Google Merchant Center, a free tool that allows both e-commerce and brick-and-mortar businesses to create free product listings.

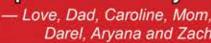
For information, e-mail to info@ eastcoloradosbdc.com.



Kindergarten through sixth-graders discuss some of their 89 projects with high school students as judges at the Byers Science Fair Jan. 28 at Byers Elementary School. For more coverage of this event, watch the Eastern Colorado News.

Congratulations Peighton and Ayden Good Luck at State!!

We are so proud of both of you







Good Luck at State, Nathan. Love you!



Go Indians!

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHILD FIND

East Central BOCES and/or its member districts would like to locate all 3 through 21 year olds, who may have a disability.

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

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

- Speech/Language Development
- Learning
- Vision and/or Hearing
- Social and/or Emotional Development
- Physical Motor Development

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

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

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

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

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

IDEA, Part B, Section 300.125 References:

ECEA CCR 301-8 2220-R-4.01-4.04(4)

East Central BOCES Comprehensive Plan Section III Process of Identifying

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One day only! No appointment needed!

PASSPORT FAIR

When: March 21st 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Bennett Town Hall

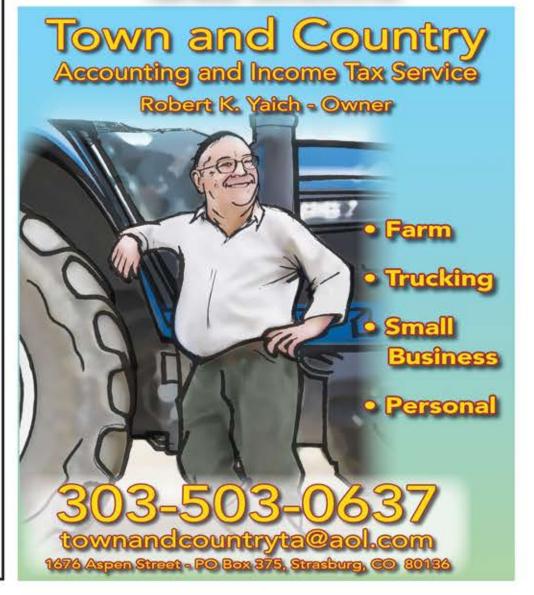
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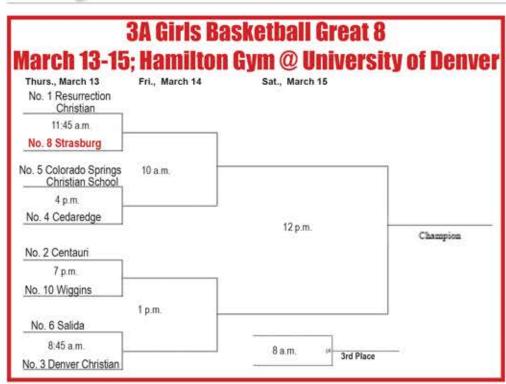


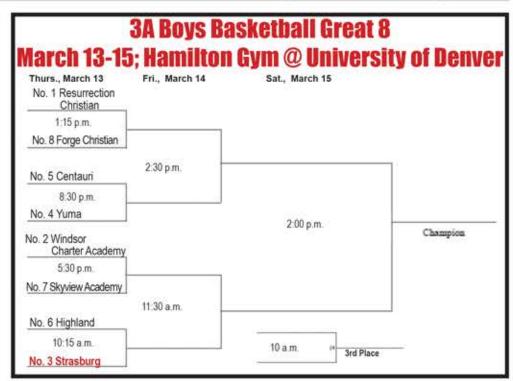


SPORTS









Burg girls, boys and Bulldogs win regionals

past weekend and will play in their respective Great Eights this week and weekend.

BYERS BOYS

The fourth-seeded Bulldogs took care of No. 29 Center 60-31 in their Region 4 firstround game March 7 before STRASBURG GIRLS, BOYS utilizing a strong fourth quarter to defeat Akron, 67-53, in Saturday's regional final. Both games were at home

The two victories advanced the troops of head coach Jeremy Kerns to the 2A quarterfinals against No. 5 Plateau Valley at 1:15 p.m., Thurs- host school Strasburg domiday, March 13, at Blue Arena nated both opponents — 81-

six basketball playoff quali- Bulldogs would play either Classical Academy on Friday fiers won regional titles this top-seeded Simla or No. 8 Sanford in the semifinals at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. With a loss, Byers would be in a 1:15 p.m. consolation semifinals on Friday. Saturday in 2A includes fifth- and third-place games and title tilt.

The No. 8 Lady Indians escaped with a 59-57 home win over ninth-seeded Roaring Fork in the Region 8 championship game March 8, which succeeded Friday's 54-46 victory over No. 25 Meeker.

On the boys side, No. 3 and

Half of the I-70 Corridor's in Loveland. With a win, the 28 over No. 30 Addenbrooke and 78-48 against No. 14 Salida on Saturday.

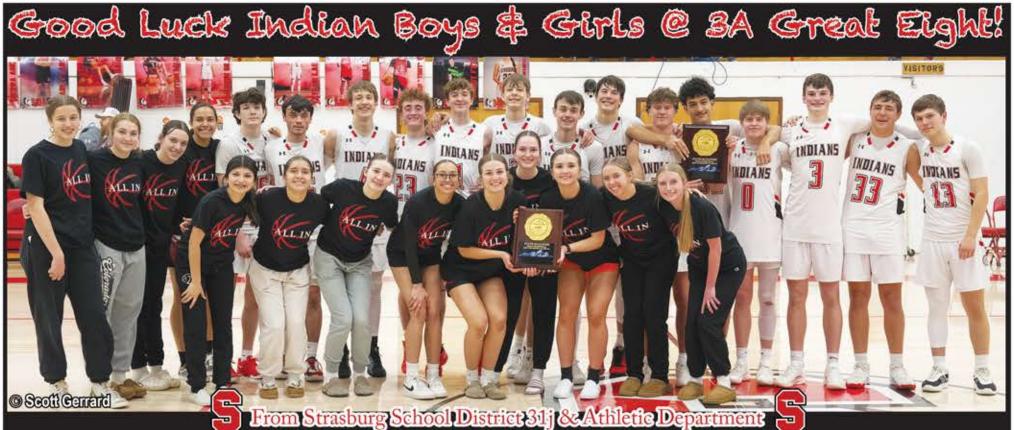
> Strasburg plays back-toback during Thursday's 3A quarterfinals at Hamilton Gym on the campus of the University of Denver. The boys tip off at 10:15 a.m. against familiar Patriot League foe and No. 6 Highland. The Lady Indians will look to beat top-seeded Resurrection Christian for the second time this season at 11:45 a.m on Thursday. Championship semifinals occur on Friday.

> For full coverage of regionals for all local schools, see the March 14 Eastern Colorado News.











Good Luck Kam & the Strasburg Indians!
Drive past the competition!
Good Luck Lady Indians!

— The Gilberts, Eric, Jennifer and Jake



Good linek to #3 Nick Clatifelter, and the rest of the Strasburg Indians! You make us all proud!

—Love, Mom, Dad, and your entire extended family



Good luck at State, Indians! Love you #0!

— Love dad, mom, Payton, and Riley

GO Indians, drive your way to state titles!

— Winter Familia



Good Luck Addi & all the Lady Indians! Good Luck Indian Boys too!

— The Kents & Stones



Good Luck to Chas & all the Byers Bulldogs!
Aspire to Greatness!

- The Butterfields



Good Luck
Byers
Bulldogs!

- The Eberts

Congrats Indian Girls ar



Strasburg Lady Indian players and coaches celebrate a 3A Region 8 championship and their second conse Strasburg March 8. The girls will play their quarterfinal contest against top-seeded Resurrection Christian



The Strasburg Indian boys and coaches are all smiles following their 30-point home victory over Salida dur boys game on Thursday's quarterfinal docket, tipping around 10:15 a.m. against Highland at Hamilton Gyr



In addition to winning the rubber match to Akron, 67-53, during the March 8 2A Region 4 Tournament on t ticket to the 2A Great Eight at Blue Arena in Loveland. The green-and-white will take on Plateau Valley at 1



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Boys and Byers Boys!



cutive trip to the Great Eight after pulling out a 59-57 victory against Roaring Fork in the regional finals at at approximately 11:45 a.m. at Hamilton Gym on the campus of the University of Denver.

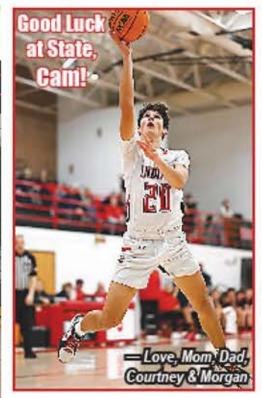


ing the March 8 championship game of the 3A Region 3 Tournament at Mundell Gym. Strasburg is the first n on the campus of University of Denver.

heir home court, the Byers Bulldog boys punched their :15 p.m. Thursday.

Photos of both regular-season and playoff games are 1-70 available from The Colorado Scout & Eastern (303)622-News by calling 9796 or e-mailing requests to advertising@i-70scout.com.

For full coverage of all local playoff activity, read Briday's Colorado Eastern News.







Good Luck Gabe and the entire Byers Team at State Basketball!



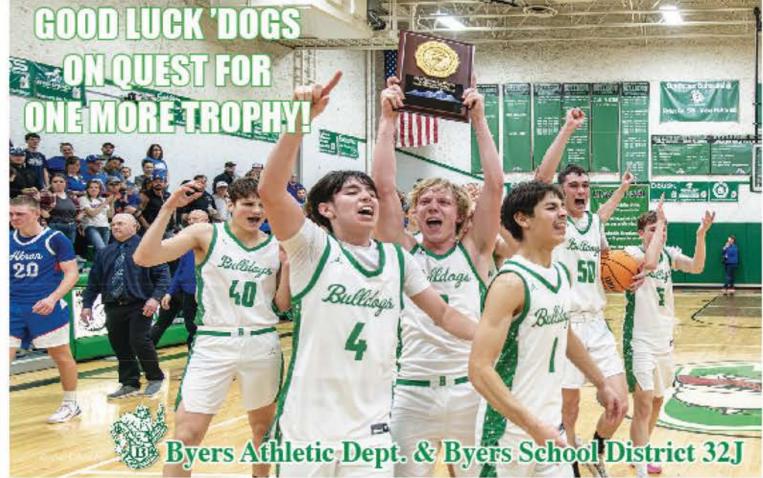


Good Luck at State Basketball, Carson. We are proud of You!

- Love, Dad, Mom & Preston

Good Luck to Cody and all of the Byers Bulldogs!





DT Elks Lodge hosts hoops contest

DEER TRAIL - Deer Trail Elks Adra Malcom and Max Randolph Lodge 2307 hosted its annual free- and Jacey Layton, who placed third. throw shooting contest Jan. 26 in the Deer Trail School gymnasium.

The Deer Trail Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot featured 24 players from seven schools - Big Sandy at Simla, Genoa-Hugo, Deer Trail, Arriba-Flagler, Limon, Hi-Plains at Seibert, and Byers following school-level competitions with 403 boys and girls competing. Up to six first-place winners from the school-level contests came to the lodge-level contest.

Owen Pedersen and Tinsley Malcom, both of Limon, were the boys and girls highest scorers with Petersen making 23 of 25 free throws and Malcom connecting on 17 of 25. Each received a medallion and certificate the district competition Feb. 8 in for their accomplishment.

ipants with six, which also includ- winners can advance by winning at ed first-place winners Cayten Head, state, regional and national levels.

All four participants from Big Sandy placed second: Jackson Sedlak, Weston Amendt, Lexi Guy and Kayson Frihauf.

Calista Bledsoe and Declan Brent, both of Arriba-Flagler, placed first and third, respectively.

Amber McCaffrey and Aubry Mills of Seibert both placed second.

Emma Green of Byers and Lane Chambers of Genoa-Hugo both took third.

The first-, second- and third-place winners were awarded medals at a lunch hosted by the Elks Lodge following the contest.

First-place winners advanced to Aurora to compete with winners Limon also had the most partic- from seven other lodges. Those

ADAMS COUNTY

Conservation Services, Inc. Bennett Facility Case Number: EXG2024-00002

Planning Commission Hearing Date: March 27, 2025 at 6 p.m. Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: April 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Location of Hearings: 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton, CO 80601 Request: A Major Amendment to continue an existing asbestos and non-hazardous liquid solidification and disposal facility use within the Agricultural-3

Location of Request: 41800 E. 88th Ave., Bennett, CO 80102 Parcel Numbers: 0172725200001, 0172700000157,

and 0172700000158

Case Manager: Nick Eagleson

Applicant: Conservation Services, Inc., 41800 E. 88th Avenue, Bennett, CO 80102

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Spring registration opens for youth soccer

opened for the spring season of the Eastern Plains Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA) and will remain open until April 1.

The association has teams for all ages from 3 to 15. Registration cost is \$65 for ages 3-4); \$75 for ages 5-6; \$90 for ages 7-12); and \$150 (jerseys included) for ages 13-15. A \$10 discount applies for two or more players from the same family.

All players ages 3-12 need EPYSA jerseys, which can be ordered for \$40 at registration. The jersey can be used in future seasons as long as it still fits.

Players ages 13-15 will receive a jersey from the city of Aurora Soccer

STRASBURG - Registration has League, which is included in the price. It does not need to be ordered at registration.

The age of each child on Sept. 1, 2024, determines their eligibility for both the spring season. Only the age groups a child is eligible for based on the cut-off date will be displayed during registration.

If arrangements are made for a child to play in an older age group, they should be registered in their eligible age group first.

Their placement will be manually adjusted later.

For more information, visit epvsacolorado.org or e-mail to Colorado-EPYSA@gmail.com.

Colorado fishing licenses now on sale

DENVER - Colorado Parks & Wild- 1-800-244-5613, in person at a CPW life is now selling fishing licenses for office, or through a sales agent. the 2025-26 fishing season.

March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026 (13 months).

Regulations and pricing for annual, tions. daily and multi-day licenses are listed in the new 2025 Colorado Fishing Brochure (Pesca en Colorado En Español). Youth ages 15 and under fish

line at cpwshop.com, by phone at non-game aquatic species.

By purchasing a license, anglers Fishing licenses are valid from play a crucial role in funding Colorado's fishery management, supporting hatcheries, and fish stocking opera-

This practice not only balances their outdoor recreation with conservation but also contributes to the maintenance of recreational fishing opportunities in Colorado's rivers, streams Anglers can purchase a license on- and lakes, and the needs of native,

Softball camps planned by Strasburg HS program

STRASBURG - The Strasburg High ing camp is Thursday, March 27, The School softball program will host softball camps on Saturday, March 29, and Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6.

The March 29 camp will focus on pitching. New pitchers will play from 9-11 a.m. and pitchers with one or more years experience pitchers will take to the mound from 11 a.m. to

cost is \$40.

The April 5-6 camp will address hitting and fielding with players ages 6-10 going from 9-11 a.m. and ages 11-16 playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The deadline to apply for the hitting and fielding camp is Friday, April 4. The cost is \$50.

For more information and to regis-The deadline to apply for the pitch- ter, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

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20 YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 2005

Larry Mugler, planning service coordinator for the Denver Regional Council of Governments, spoke before the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) on March 10 at the Front Range Airport to discuss the council's plans to manage urban growth.

"We're growing. We expect to add 1.3 million more people [to the region] by the year 2030," Mugler said. "We're going to need to provide service for them, including clean water. And they're going to use land. We can't put 1.3 million more people on land MARCH 17, 201 that is already developed, so we're going to need more land."

Metro Vision 2030 is the Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) plan to manage urban growth. It in- complete for at least another two weeks. Kim Superintendent cludes plans and goals to maintain clean air and clean water, Monica Johnson has been tagged to fill the position now held to improve transportation systems and to limit urban growth to by the retiring Ed VanderTook, who has led Strasburg Schools to improve transportation systems and to limit urban growth to maintain the current population density of Denver.

"We've been holding our density about the same for the last 40 years. We want to make sure that the Denver central busi-ness area remains healthy, not a hole in the center like Detroit," Mugler said.

15 YEARS AGO MARCH 16, 2010

BRIGHTON - For the first time in its history, the Adams BRIGHTON — For the first time in its history, the Adams — We've decide after that we were done interviewing. We had County Sheriff's Department's second-in-command is from the found what we were looking for," Miller said. "It is a unanieastern part of the county - specifically the I-70 Corridor.

Sheriff Doug Carr March 3 officially swore in Roger Engels— The second finalist was the warrants superintendent from a man of Bennett as the department's new undersheriff, replacing small district in the eastern quarter of the East Central BOCES Paul Sitka who retired Feb. 28 after 33 years of service. Engelsman enters the post after 15 years with the sheriff's office. Previously he served 13 years in the Northglenn Police Department.

"We've had seven really good years (of a reduction in crime).

The reason is because of our relationships between the business communities and neighborhoods that we have in place," Darr said in a March 12 interview.

Roger is competent, knows his business and knows it well. But on top of that, he has created really good relationships.

Roger's specialty is in relationships and developing trust and understanding between us and the residents, and that's what got him the job over the other candidates."

MARCH 17, 2015

STRASBURG — The Strasburg School Board named its lone finalist for superintendent March 11 but the hire won't be the past six years.

Johnson has been at Kim since 2011 and has another eight years of previous school administration experience between Rocky Ford and La Junta school districts. She started as a teacher in the East Otero School district in La Junta.

According to Strasburg School Board President Dean Miller, 14 applications were narrowed down to four by the five-member board and a combination of all five board members. The three building principals, and three other selection committees members conducted interviews with two applicants.

mous decision by the five board members."

service area.

Under state statute a school district must wait at least 14 days from announcing its finalist before signing a contract. If Johnson takes on the job, her first day on the job will July 1.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March an act of non-violent civil dis-12, the 71st day of 2025. There are 294 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 12, 1930, Mohandas Gandhi began his 24-day, 240 mile (387 kilometer) "Salt March" to the Indian village of

obedience to protest the salt tax

In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.

Dandi (then called Navsari) as north of Los Angeles, California

gallons of water into San Francisquito Canyon and killing over 400

In 1933, President Franklin

In 1938, Nazi Germany annexed Austria, as German troops

crossed the border into the coun-

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman announced what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist

In 1980, a Chicago jury found

to death; he was executed in May 1994.)

Actor Barbara Feldon is 92. Ac-

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: THE 1980s

ACROSS

- 1. "Sunday Bloody Sunday" author, with The
- 5. "Saget of "Full House" fame
- 8. Last month
- 11. "Howdy, ___!" 12. Hurtful remark
- 13. *Actor Hudson of Winston Zedde-
- more fame 15. Give the cold shoulder
- 16. *Musical based on 1980s rock "Rock
- of ___"
 17. *Comedy horror ".
- Hell" 18. *Transparency, to Gorbachev 20. Slangy "Follow me!"

- 21. Coffee shop order
- 22. Pro vote 23. Heart abnormality
- 26. Act out Civil War battle, e.g.
- 30. Eisenhower, familiarly
- 31. Mediterranean island 34. Small island
- 35. *Oscar-winning "Tootsie" actress
- Jessica 37. Not hers
- 38. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion 39. Not on land
- 40. Water pipe
- 42. Dog tags, e.g. 43. First lunar phase (2 words) 45. Higher education reward
- 47. Biblical mother
- 48. "What "I love Lucy" did in the '80s 50. Name of the Blue Ox
- 52. *Gull-winged sports car 55. Party handout
- 56. Smoothie berry
- 57. Clickable image
- 59. Follows orders
- 60. Mixed breed canine
- 61. *Air Jordan, e.g. 62. *"Cheers" setting 63. Byron: "Maid of Athens, ___ we part"
- 64. Dispatched
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- 3. Person of French descent 4. Preserve, as in body 5. Prejudiced one
- 6. Falstaffian in body
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- 10. ___ Aviv 12. Bridge-like structure
- 13. Wedding singer, e.g.

levied by colonial Britain. ON THIS DATE

In 1928, the St. Francis Dam

14. *Ceausescu's country

Pasta accompaniment

24. Tsar's edict

25. Re-establish

27. Up and about

29. To the point

33. "Duran Duran's hit

40. Gardening tool 41. Quick and skillful

46. Metamorphic rock

_ Maggie Smith

44. Sets, in cricket

48. Happen again 49. Fill with spirits

50. Rum cake

54. "High" time

55. Watch chain

51. Affirm

53. Pain

38. Give sheep a haircut

32. Sound unit

26. Zwieback

22. ""Owner of a Lonely Heart" band

28. *Blinky, Pinky, Inky and __

*Arrigo Sacchi's Associazione Calcio .

"Hand-held "Tetris" device (2 words)

failed, sending over 12 billion people.

D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his "fireside chats," a series of evening radio broadcasts to the American public.

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Communism during the Cold War.

John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

tor-singer Liza Minnelli is 79. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 77. Actor Lesley Manville is 69. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is Actor Jaimie Alexander is 41.

Associated Press

Horoscope

On the Eve of a Full Moon

The solar conjunction to Saturn in Pisces wants to remind us that sensitivity is a feature rather than a bug. And on the eve of the full moon, it's important to note that even favorable circumstances, fortuitous opportunities and wonderful events can come with their own kind of stress. Gentle support and excellent care will help sensitive souls enjoy what's coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life will arrange itself almost theatrically to amuse and delight you. A stranger's offbeat comment, a perfectly timed song or an animal's uncanny antics will feel like a little wink from the universe - proof that magic is real.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Priorities have a way of aligning themselves in a secret order unbeknownst to your conscious mind. That's why it's interesting to note what you end up doing that was not part of the plan. Your choices will spill the secret. Greater self-knowledge is the prize today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There will be something to settle, and a face-to-face exchange is the best option, as it gives you the chance to read the unspoken and feel the weight of the words. A real conversation can resolve more than assumptions ever will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Personal growth isn't always obvious from the outside, but when you look back, you'll notice you're of a different mind from where you were last year. What once felt certain seems irrelevant; what you dismissed holds new mean-

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may have harsh judgments about yourself, but they do not represent the truth of who you are. You are dynamic, smart, loving, funny and incredibly perceptive. That shines through no matter what.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're the one who hangs out with you the most, and therefore if you have to make compromises to please someone, you're the one you should be bending over backward to please. And certainly don't try to be likeable to all. Be likeable to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Seize your moments whether or not you feel ready. Your talents and instincts get sharper when you use them often and deliberately. Growth happens in motion, not in waiting; trust yourself, take the leap and let experience

out energy, care and empathy. Though you don't do it for the return, it would be better if the people closest to you were giving back in the ways you need. Don't be a lighthouse for people who can't see your light. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It takes just as

much time to bake a cake in the flavor you don't like as it does to bake your favorite. This is why you should think long and hard before you compromise your vision. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People witnessing the same scene will have in-

teresting and varied interpretations. How

they recount the story reveals more about themselves than about the actual event. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Responsibilities have been distributed, you taking on more than the others, sometimes by choice but more often because they dropped the ball and it fell to you. On the bright side, you're an amazingly capable

juggler, and you'll get your due. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Creativity is alive in you. Don't worry whether you're applying what you've learned; you can't help but do so. Your self-expression uses everything you know and have experienced up until this point, both consciously and unconsciously. Trust.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Mar. 12). Just when you think you know what's next, life pulls a magic trick, revealing something even better. What means even more than your own surprise luck: witnessing the improved lives of those you help. They let you know the world is better because you're here. More highlights: A friendship takes on lovely depth. A place you once longed for becomes part of your story. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 19, 31, 42 and

Horoscopes by Holiday

58. Nothing but this in basketball? **ANSWERS ON PAGE 18**

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Sleep well my angel!

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Bennett Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Administrative Office, 355 Fourth St., Bennett.

"Peter Pan Jr." 7 p.m., Bennett MS drama performance, Bennett High School auditorium.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Free lunch for military veterans, law enforcement officers, and senior citizens age 65 and older. 12 p.m., Bennett VFW.

"Peter Pan Jr." 7 p.m., Bennett MS drama performance, Bennett High School audi-

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Deer Trail School bus barn, 370 Aspen St.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

East Adams Conservation District Board. 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Strasburg Parks & Recreation District Board. 6 p.m., TBK Bank, 56641 E. Colfax Ave. Call (303)622-4260 for information.

Byers Fire Rescue. 6 p.m., Byers Fire-

Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission. 6 p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas page at townofbennett.colorado.gov for information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.

Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees. com for link and location.

Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers Firehouse.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

1-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May Farms, Byers.

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Music & Movement: Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and play musical instruments. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

Preschool Storytime: Children up to ages 3-6 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that promote early literacy. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelver Library, Byers.

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

Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all I-70 Corridor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation

Gaming Club: Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.

Business Checklists the key to SBDC program in Limon

GREELEY - The Small Business Development Center will host a free informative session where participants can explore their vision and empower their business goals.

"Empowering Your Vision with a Constructive Business Checklist" runs from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at the Limon Community Building.

The workshop will cover essential steps to strengthen the business foundation, such as evaluating business goals, developing a plan for unexpected challenges, and utilizing a business

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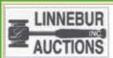








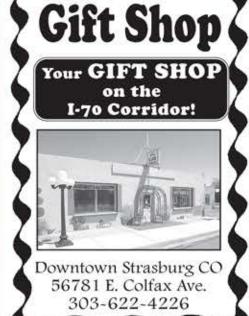




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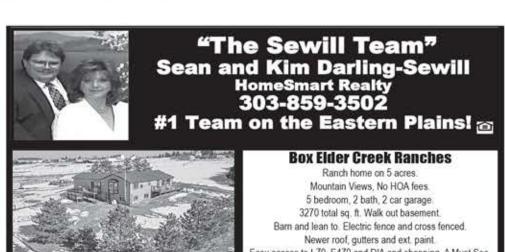
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Top teacher nominees sought for state honor

DENVER — The Colorado Department of Education is seeking nominations of exceptional teachers for the 2026 Colorado Teacher of the Year.

The program recognizes educators who demonstrate excellence in teaching and positively impact their students, communities and schools.

"Great educators are the heart of successful schools," said Colorado Education Commissioner Susana Córdova.

Anyone in Colorado can nominate an educator for the award. Once the nomination window closes on Monday, March 17, all nominees will receive an e-mail asking them to start the application process, which is open until Wednesday, April 22

until Wednesday, April 23.

The selection process includes the announcement of semifinalists in July and finalists in September. The 2026 winner will be announced in October with their term starting next January.

Eligible nominees must be public school teachers working in state-accredited K-12 schools who plan to continue teaching through the 2026-27 school year.

"Teachers play a crucial role in shaping the future, and this program is one way to celebrate their hard work and commitment," said Tiffany Anderson, vice president of grants for the Boettcher Foundation.

The Colorado Teacher of the Year program is supported by the Boettcher Foundation.

To submit a nomination, visit cdeino.org/toy.

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competed in its district competition
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Tyler Allyn: Financial Math, Public Speaking.

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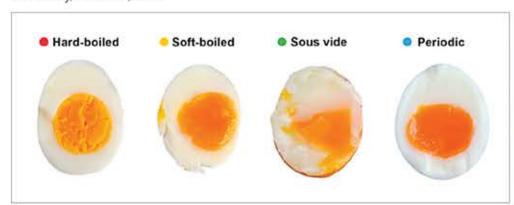
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How to cook perfect boiled egg, according to scientific research

by Adithi Ramakrishnan

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Scientists say they've cracked the code for boiling the perfect egg.

It's a recipe you can test for yourself — though the timing isn't ideal with soaring egg prices in the United States from a bird flu outbreak.

The perfect boiled egg has a velvety yolk paired with a soft, solid white. lenge because the yolk cooks at a lower temperature than the white.

Hard boiling an egg can yield a chalky yolk, while cooking low and something new, the researchers testslow can produce jelly-like, undercooked whites.

Researchers cooked hundreds of eggs and used math to tackle this runny conundrum. One equation dealt with how heat travels between a hot more time in the kitchen compared to surface and an egg; another captured how the egg's contents morph from liquid to solid with a gel-like state in between.

Their final recipe involves transferring eggs in a steamer basket evof water — one boiling and the other lukewarm at 86 degrees - for a total running water and peeling.

"You could definitely do this at home with half a dozen eggs or so," said Gregory Weiss, a chemist at the University of California at Irvine, who was not involved with the research.

In the method proposed by the researchers, dubbed periodic cooking, the egg whites heated and cooled until fully set. The yolk, on the other hand, held firm at a constant temperature and cooked until creamy.

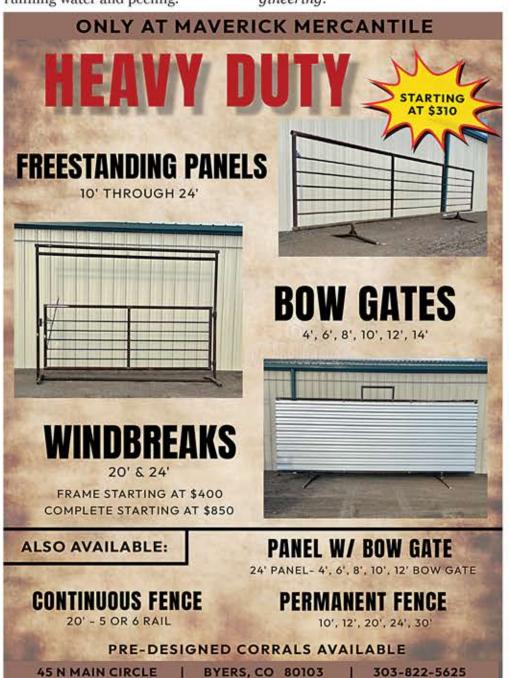
"You can almost spread it, like on Achieving this balance can be a chal- bread," said study author Emilia Di Lorenzo from the University of Naples Federico II.

> To confirm they had cooked up ed the chemical makeup of the prepared eggs and served them to a panel of eight tasters alongside traditional boiled eggs.

> This new technique could mean a standard hard-boiled egg, said food scientist Joanne Slavin from the University of Minnesota. But the blend of textures on the tongue could be worth the extra time.

"This is a slower process to get a ery two minutes between two bowls better outcome," said Slavin, who had no role in the study.

The research was published recentof 32 minutes before cooling under ly in the journal Communications Engineering.



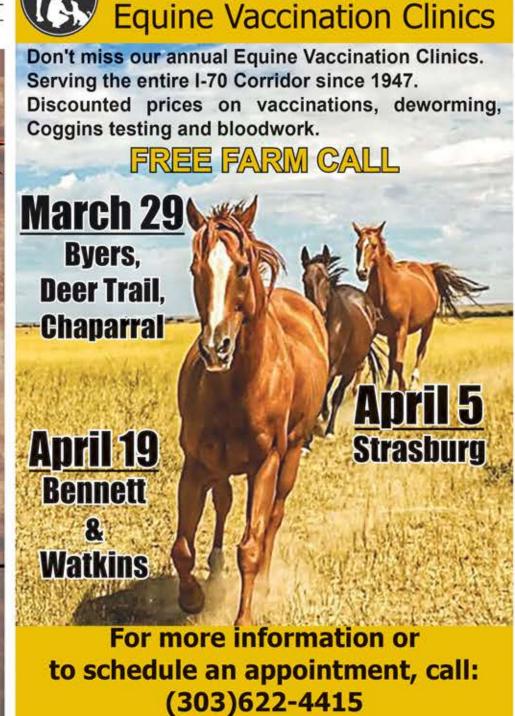






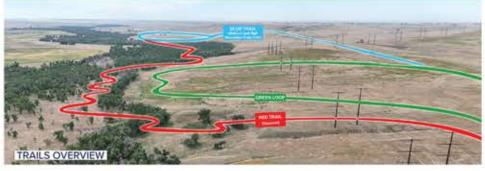
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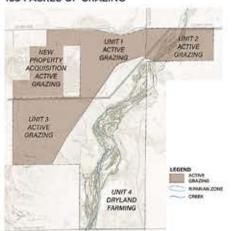


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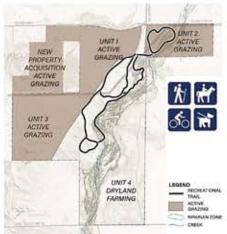
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Designs are being created by Wenk Associates. Landscape architect Nicole Horst said that public input shows that people are seeking passive

"Hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing and photography are valued, along with primitive restrooms, a ans only, reducing potential visitor

gravel parking lot, a picnic table at the trailhead, and the opportunity to have overlooks, access to the creek corridor and educational signage," she noted.

At the Kelver Library open house, participants were asked to choose between three concepts: Low, medium and high recreation.

The low recreation design features 4.2 miles of trails, 2.4 of which would be only open seasonally to allow for grazing and/or flooding. Trails would be accessible to hikers and equestri-

conflicts and impacts to grazing op- medium level of natural resource proerations and natural resources. Trails would be consolidated to the northern portion of the site, minimizing maintenance for operations staff. The design also preserves existing grazing and farming operations and potentially increases total grazing acreage by 217 acres. The low recreation plan provides the greatest level of natural resource protection of the three designs.

The medium recreation design would have seven total miles of trails, with 2.5 open only seasonally. The trails would be expanded to the south and would be accessible to hikers and equestrians only. The design would preserve existing grazing and farming acreage and operations and provide a

tection.

High recreation would have seven total miles of trails with 2.5 open only seasonally.

The trails would be accessible to hikers, equestrians, bikers and dogs on-leash.

Grazing and farming acreage would be preserved but the plan potentially has the highest impact on those oper-

Expanded usage would potentially have the highest impact on natural resources. Potential programming could be increased.

For additional information and links to the survey and virtual meeting, visit www.arapahoeco.gov/bijoubasin.





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