



The I-70 Scout

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I-70: Bare rebar shreds DT woman's tire



PHOTOS BY EMILY RICHARDSON/For The Scout
Exposed rebar on eastbound/westbound I-70 about one mile east of the Peoria Road interchange punctured the tire of a Deer Trail woman last week.

CDOT: Patches made, Bijou Creek bridge rehab set for fall

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

While long-term repairs or replacement isn't likely for at least another six months, state transportation officials have indicated that ramped-up complaints of rapid deterioration of I-70 east of the Denver-metro area are being heard.

Most pressing is the quickly growing pothole epidemic around the Bijou Creek bridge about a mile east of the Peoria interchange. Last week,

the Colorado Department of Transportation received numerous reports of exposed rebar and deep divots that led to multiple vehicles suffering tire or undercarriage damage.

"Our maintenance crews have made temporary repairs to the bridge deck this week," said CDOT Region 1 spokesperson Tamara Rollison in a Feb. 27 statement to *The I-70 Scout*. "We have a project in the plans to begin rehabilitating the bridge deck in the fall. Until the rehabilitation project takes place and is

complete, our maintenance crews will continue temporary patching."

Among the commuters most recently impacted by the "unacceptable" highway conditions was Deer Trail's Emily Richardson, who filed a formal complaint with CDOT and also reported a Feb. 25 incident to a metro TV station last week.

"It's atrocious to see literal rebar peeking up through the concrete and asphalt," said

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ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout
Cast A of the Strasburg Singers performs the finale of "Newsies Jr." based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White Feb. 28 at the Bennett High School auditorium. Two casts staged four performances over two days. **SEE PAGE 24.**

Bennett OKs purchase of back-up generator for essential services

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

BENNETT — A generator system will be installed at the town of Bennett's North Municipal Complex to back up power and continue essential operations in emergency situations.

The Bennett Board of Trustees unanimously approved a contract with Expedia Power for the work Feb. 25. The \$365,361 price tag for the purchase and installation was covered by a grant from the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

Public Works Director Robin Price said the gener-

ator is essential to the continued operation of critical water, wastewater and road maintenance services for Bennett during natural or human-caused power failures.

"Our SCADA (supervisory control and data ac-

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

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. Meals are served from 5-6:15 p.m. with stations of the cross starting after at 6:30 p.m. The fish fry menu includes cod, \$7 for one piece or \$10 for two pieces, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, Tater Tots and 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 Fahey at (303)748-3897.

Free tax planning available to Arapahoe County families

LITTLETON — Through March 28, households with an income of \$67,000 or less can sign up for free tax assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays at Arapahoe County Public Health, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora. Participants could be eligible for cash back from the Family Affordability Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and the Earned Income Tax Credit. More people qualify for these credits than they realize but they must first file a federal and state tax return to receive them. Taxes can be filed securely for free at www.GetAheadColorado.org. The IRS tax deadline is April 15.

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

ArapCo seeks members for 1A advisory group

LITTLETON — During the 2024 General Election, Arapahoe County voters approved ballot measure 1A, which releases the County from spending limits imposed by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and invests those funds into critical services. As a result, Arapahoe County commissioners are now seeking qualified individuals to serve on a 1A Resident Advisory Committee to help oversee the investment process and ensure transparency with taxpayers, residents and other stakeholders. Committee members will:

- oversee the investment process and provide input and direction from county commissioners and staff;
- serve as a recommending body, utilizing consensus-based decision-making to provide insight and guidance to commissioners and staff;
- serve as a conduit between the county and stakeholders, fostering open communication; and
- ensure that 1A funds are being used in alignment with their intended purpose and advocate for proper stewardship of these resources.

The 10-person committee includes at least one representative from each commissioner district. Candidates will be evaluated through an application and interview process. Quarterly meetings are expected as well as initial monthly meetings for orientation. Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 7. Interviews will occur starting March 17, and appointments will be made in April.

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 in Byers. Representatives from the Colorado Air & Space Port at Watkins will speak and sponsor lunch. To RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei70ccoc@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 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 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 senior citizens, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

Big address signs offered at cost by Strasburg FPD

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Fire Protection District is offering address signs at cost. The price is \$33 for each reflective 6- by 30-inch sign. The signs are available in green or blue with 4-inch white numbers. To have a sign made, contact the Strasburg Fire Protection District at (303)622-4444, ext. 1. Credit cards are not accepted.

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., 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 and conversations. 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.

City of Aurora seeks comment on expansion of Picadilly Rd.

AURORA — The City of Aurora is considering the expansion of Picadilly Road between Stephen D. Hogan Parkway and 11th Avenue to address new development and increasing traffic. The project team has developed two alternative design concepts:

- Four lanes on Picadilly Road with a frontage road on the west side.
- Six lanes on Picadilly Road.

The city is taking public comment on the two alternatives through Wednesday, March 12. For more information and to comment, visit www.engageaurora.org/PicadillyStudy.

Denver International Airport observes its 30th anniversary

DENVER — Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper introduced a resolution recognizing and celebrating Feb. 28 as the 30th anniversary of the Denver International Airport. "DIA has become one of the great airports in the world. It will welcome nearly 100 million passengers this year, almost double what was projected as the original capacity," Hickenlooper said. "It is part of the foundation of Colorado's economy and an essential connection to the rest of America and the world." The Denver International Airport is the third-busiest airport in the United States and the sixth-busiest in the world. In 2024, it set a record for passenger traffic, serving more than 82 million passengers.

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The front and back ends of a black SUV were extensively damaged after it crashed into a creek near East Arapahoe Road and Lima Street in Centennial at 1 a.m. Feb. 22.

Good Samaritan saves 2 crash victims

CENTENNIAL — A witness who flagged down and directed police to the scene of a one-car accident has been deemed a Good Samaritan and credited with saving the women's lives.

His actions enabled Arapahoe County Sheriff's Officers to find the vehicle and extricate two women, ages 24 and 22, by wading through chest-deep water, while breaking ice to reach the vehicle in 22-degree weather.

"That witness was in the right place at the right time," said Deputy Sheriff Derek Helveston. "It was late at night, there was barely anyone on the road, and the chances of these two women surviving were slim, especially being upside down submerged in frigid waters with no way to escape."

According to a release, at 1 a.m. Feb. 22, sheriff's dispatchers received a 911 call in which the caller repeatedly said "please" but would not respond to questions.

The emergency Rapid SOS system indicated a crash, and the caller was somewhere on South Lima Street between East Easter Avenue and East Arapahoe Road.

The witness said he saw a black SUV pass him at a high rate of speed and fly off the road into a ditch. Deputies searched the creek bed, but finding the vehicle was difficult due to deep snow, rocks and heavy vegetation.

They finally spotted tire tracks, followed a debris trail, and eventually located the vehicle upside down, submerged in the creek.

When they finally reached the SUV, they could hear someone inside screaming and crying and responding to their calls. They forced open a rear door and pulled one female out, helping rescue crews get her up the steep embankment. The second female was extricated with the Jaws of Life by South Metro Fire Rescue.

"If it weren't for the witness seeing the car go off the road and staying there to direct us to the crash, we never would have found it that night," said Lt. Mike Reed. "When I first saw the vehicle, I thought there was no chance of anyone being alive with the amount of damage it had. The women were submerged in freezing water for 15 to 20 minutes with just inches of breathing room. Had we not found them at that moment, they would have succumbed to hypothermia within minutes, and this would have been a completely different outcome."

The women were transported to the hospital and miraculously suffered only minor injuries, according to the release. Both were highly intoxicated. The driver was charged with DUI.

For body worn camera video and more photos of the crash, visit www.i-70scout.com.

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Bijou Basin Open Space
Arapahoe County Open Spaces

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This new map of Bijou Basin includes an additional 362 acres near Byers recently acquired by Arapahoe County as part of its open space program.

Open house slated on Bijou Basin draft plans

LITTLETON — The creation of a master plan for the Bijou Basin Open Space continues with a new round of public engagement for community feedback on three draft master plans. A public open house is planned from 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, March 6, at Kelter Public Library, 585 S. Main St. in Byers.

Engagement for the Bijou Basin Open Space Master Plan began in the summer 2024. The effort included a booth at both the Arapahoe County Fair and Bennett Days, direct letters and phone calls with immediate neighbors, an open house in Byers, and a survey. General feedback in the first round of engagement prioritized trails for hiking and wildlife viewing while minimizing ecological impacts and supporting existing grazing and agricultural practices.

In addition, a virtual public meeting will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, and an on-line survey is open through Sunday, March 16.

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

Rural Eastern Colorado schools improve welding classes with aid of Perkins Grant

by Nicole Volberding
For The Scout

A \$245,000 Perkins Innovative Grant was awarded for the 2025 fiscal year to 19 rural Colorado school districts to improve their welding programs.

Alamosa, Arickaree, Bethune, Briggsdale, Burlington, Byers, Caliche, Eads, Eaton, Hi-Plains, Holly, Holyoke, Kim, Peetz, Revere, Sterling, Valley, Weldon Valley, and Woodlin were all participants of the grant. Each agriculture education program at these schools received \$12,000 to improve their welding programs. The remaining money has been used for grant administration.

Each agriculture education instructor came to NJC to work with Jason Hill, NJC's welding instructor, to enhance the course curriculum taught in the classroom in July.

Over the summer, Jay Jackson, general manager at Buckeye, has been instrumental by visiting each ag program. During that time, he inspected all equipment and worked with each instructor individually to enhance the program. Welders and other welding machines were ordered at the beginning of the school year and have been in use for the fall semester.

On Jan. 14, all of the schools came to NJC with a cumulative 145 students and instructors to discover the next steps in a welding career. They explored the new welding facility, walked on campus, toured businesses in the welding field, and picked up their final resources.

As the grant nears its end, Jackson will revisit the programs to ensure that all equipment is operating.

The grant is administered by Nicole Volberding, who also wrote it. East Central BOCES is the fiscal agent for the grant.

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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-olds.

To register call (303) 622-9215, ext. 628. For more information visit strasburg31j.com/preschool. 3/12

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Family fun night for all ages with food, music and activities. 3:30-6:30 p.m., Anythink Bennett library.

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

Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association online meeting. General meeting at 6:30 p.m., board meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Rock-A-Thon. Bennett High School performing arts fundraiser. 7 p.m.

Vintage Hitchcock Radio Plays: "The Lodger" and "The 39 Steps" performance by the Deer Trail School theater class at school auditorium.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.

Solo and ensemble event, Bennett HS.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.

9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.

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

Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m.,

TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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Arapahoe Co. OKs \$1.5 million in funding for nonprofits

LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners Jan. 23 approved supplemental funding for eight area nonprofits that serve at-risk and underserved populations.

In total, \$1.5 million will be distributed as part of a scaled-back Aid to Agencies Program. The eligible organizations provide critical safety net services such as substance abuse prevention, mental and behavioral health, shelter, food assistance, domestic violence support, affordable housing, and employment skills.

In all, eight organizations will be funded in 2025 to supplement the county's existing safety net programs. Funding amounts for those programs will remain the same as 2024, with amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$400,000.

"These groups can quickly respond to community needs and provide direct service at levels that make a positive impact that the county would not otherwise be able to do," said Commissioner Leslie Summey, board chair. "Assisting these local nonprofits is the right thing to do."

Funding for the 2025 Safety Net Awards is destined for:

- AllHealth Network, \$179,540;

- Aurora Mental Health & Recovery, \$180,063;
 - Aurora Mental Health & Recovery (detox), \$280,000;
 - Comitis Crisis Center, \$68,000;
 - Family Tree GOALS program, \$80,000;
 - Family Tree House of Hope, \$20,000;
 - Gateway Domestic Violence Services, \$300,000;
 - Jewish Family Services of Colorado Aging Care & Connections, \$33,000;
 - Tri-Valley Senior Citizens \$10,000; and
 - STRIDE Senior Dental Services \$400,000.
- The full Aid to Agencies competitive grant program will be paused for 2025 as the county conducts a comprehensive review to ensure its effectiveness in future cycles. The county anticipates reopening the program for 2026 cycle in the third quarter of 2025.
- The Aid to Agencies program was created to help nonprofits serve county residents in ways the county can't do on its own. The program was scaled back for 2025 due to the County's limited revenue stream.

Rodney Joseph Bockenfeld

Rodney Joseph Bockenfeld, Colorado State Representative, age 69, passed away at his home in Watkins, Colo., on Feb. 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Rod was born Dec. 9, 1955, in Quincy, Ill. He was a graduate of Catholic Boys High School in 1974, Western Illinois University in 1978, and University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking in 1990. Rod moved to Denver in 1978 and became a fraud investigator for Mountain States Bankcard and later for Central Bank of Denver where he met his wife Susan in 1984. They were married in 1985 in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and were blessed with five children — Paul, David, Joseph, Jacob and Erika.

Rod was welcomed in heaven by his father Donald Bockenfeld, mother Patricia Meado, brother Jeffrey Bockenfeld, beloved son David Strickland, and beautiful granddaughter Ryleigh Bockenfeld. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Susan, son Paul (Nermina) Strickland, son Joseph (Aaron) Bockenfeld, son Jacob (Kaylan) Bockenfeld, and daughter Erika Bockenfeld as well as eight grandchildren, his brother Jim Bockenfeld and sister Donnette Cannady.

Rod was born for politics! He was high school class president two years and also president of the Denver Chapter of the International Association of Credit Card Investigators. A 20-year career in banking and then owning his own financial business for 10 years helped prepare him for his political career. He was elected Arapahoe County Commissioner for three terms 2004 through 2016. Several of those years he served as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and served on the Finance Committee. Rod also served as Chairman of the Denver Regional Council of Governments for one year as well as on several committees for the National Association of Counties. He was elected Colorado State Representative for District 56 for three terms 2018 through 2024 and served on the prestigious Joint Budget Committee for his final term. Rod was honored to serve the citizens of Colorado as both commissioner and state representative.

Rod was very proud of the adults his children have become and cherished the memories of them growing up and later the time spent with his grandchildren. One of his favorite things to do was to travel in the motorhome with his family. They visited all but three of the lower 48 states over the last 35 years. The final adventure Rod and his wife Susan took was to Germany in 2023. They visited five towns where his ancestors had lived. This trip was his lifelong desire come true!

Memorial services were held Feb. 24 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Aurora with a family only graveside service following. Gov. Polis ordered flags to fly at half-staff from sunrise until sunset Feb. 25 in honor of Rod's political service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Rod's honor to the Glioblastoma Foundation.

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Temporary patching was made to the bridge deck by Thursday of last week.

POTHOLES

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Richardson, who had a tire punctured by exposed steel underneath the road surface. “Didn’t realize anything would come out of it but I’m glad. Many many things worry me about that highway and I’ll do all I can to see real improvement done.”

Whether circumstances beyond normal wear-and-tear from traffic and weather are responsible for the rapid deterioration of local sections of the interstate are uncertain, but CDOT funded a project that included replacement of numerous concrete panels in both directions between Deer Trail and Bennett last summer.

“Our maintenance crews make temporary repairs to potholes until permanent repairs can be made,” Rolison said of CDOT’s repair efforts. “Depending on the extreme change in temperatures and traffic volumes, the temporary patches can loosen and other potholes can form.”

Richardson said she hopes state highway officials make the stretch of I-70 a priority and that more permanent repairs occur sooner than later.

“My main concern is about the families that rely on I-70, the out-of-town folks that don’t know about the bounce-around and the other highway games we have to use to avoid potholes, and the semi drivers that are unaware as well,” she said, adding that numerous neighbors have had similar occurrences. “[The] lady who lost her husband to the horrible quality of roads last year, that [itself] is a fact of how absolutely dangerous the situation is.”

Other significant roadway damage observed between Bennett and Aurora include separation of the road surface from the supporting deck structures at numerous bridge sites and wide cracks in the concrete supporting I-70’s overpass with Highway 36 between Byers and Strasburg.

Commuters and residents are urged to contact CDOT with reports of potholes or roadway damage. For Region 1, which is the eight-county metro area including eastern Adams and Arapahoe counties, reports can be made to (303)759-2368 or codot.gov. State officials reiterated that CDOT crews will only fix damage to Colorado highways and interstates.

“I do want to remind people that CDOT only maintains state roadways so please make sure that, when you’re reporting a pothole, that it falls under our jurisdiction,” says CDOT Maintenance & Operations Director John Lorme. “Cities and counties generally are responsible for repairing non-state roadways.”



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Do weighted blankets aid sleep? Here's what to know

NEW YORK (AP) — Rhonda James was skeptical when her husband ordered a weighted blanket for her online. But five minutes after she wrapped it around her body, she zonked out.

"It felt like a really big hug," said James, a banker in Charleston, S.C.

As outside temperatures grow chilly, weighted blankets can be a popular choice to warm up. Some people say the added pressure helps them soothe the worries of the day and get to sleep faster.

But research on the effectiveness of weighted blankets is limited. Here's what to know.

Weighted blankets come with extra heft in the form of glass beads, pellets, cotton or another filling. Scientists haven't studied exactly how the blankets work, but they have a few ideas.

The blankets' firm touch may calm the brain's fight-or-flight response, said Dr. Neal Walia, a sleep medicine



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Packaged weighted blankets are on display in a Saatva mattress showroom Dec. 4 in New York.

expert at UCLA Health.

"The evenly distributed weight on you tells your body, 'Hey, you're in a calm environment,'" he said.

The extra pressure also may signal the brain to release what's called the love hormone, also known as oxytocin. It's produced during bonding and cuddling and can also lower anxiety, Walia said.

For most healthy adults, experts say to choose a blanket that is about 10% of their body weight. So a 150-pound person may opt for a 15-pound blan-

ket.

Weighted blankets are not recommended for babies or toddlers since they can hinder movement and breathing.

People with sleep apnea, sleep-related disorders, or respiratory problems should check with a doctor before using a weighted blanket.

The blankets aren't for everyone and each person gets the best out of their blanket differently. For example, some may find them too hot to use during warmer months.

And the extra swaddling comes at a cost: quality weighted blankets can range from \$50 to over \$300 depending on the size, weight and material.

James takes hers out of the closet to unwind when she's watching TV or sipping a glass of wine.

Lucy Taylor, a freelance writer from Wales, uses her blanket to fall asleep when her anxiety spikes during the winter.

"If my body's relaxed, my mind follows suit," she said.

There isn't a ton of research on

whether weighted blankets actually work, and the studies that do exist are on small groups. Most studies don't focus on the average sleeper. Instead, they investigate whether weighted blankets can help people with chronic sleep problems, mental health conditions, or developmental disorders.

There are some hints that weighted blankets can help with anxiety, chronic pain and sleep. But the research isn't conclusive.

A study of 120 people with insomnia found that the weighted blankets helped them sleep better compared to light blankets. Another study on 67 children with autism found the weighted blanket didn't affect their sleep — but the kids and their parents preferred it to a regular blanket.

And a third study on 94 adults with chronic pain found that a heavier weighted blanket didn't affect sleep, but was better at reducing pain compared to a lighter one.

Even though there's not yet strong evidence to back up the benefits of weighted blankets, sleep experts say there's no harm in giving them a try if you're willing to splurge.

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

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

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Packaged weighted blankets are on display in a Saatva mattress showroom Dec. 4 in New York.

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 (Ariba-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.

References: IDEA, Part B, Section 300.125
ECEA CCR 301-8 2220-R-4.01-4.04(4)
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GENERATOR

FROM PAGE 1

quisition) computer system runs in the NomCom building,” she said. “If power goes out, we really need that SCADA system to run.”

Price said last year the town contracted with Integrated MEP to develop a set of electrical plans before a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued. “We had an electrical engineer come in (who gathered information including) what loads are coming off of our building at our peak times and recommended the type of generator,” she said, adding that the RFP was issued last August.

When bids came in lower than the available grant funding, additional elements were added, including a sidewalk, curb and gutter, concrete pad, fencing and a floodlight.

“With it being federal funding, we just have to make sure that we’re following all the processes,” Price added. “There are very specific items that are required.”

The generator will be a 600-amp, 100-kilowatt diesel unit, with a time frame of 10 to 12 weeks for delivery and installation.

Price also gave the staff report on another action item — the refurbishment of the town’s 2005 International dump truck. Bennett also currently owns a 2003 International dump plow combo, and a new 2024 Freightliner with plow combo is on order and will arrive in a few months.

Price said that, as Bennett has grown, so has the demand for snow removal, ice slicer treatment, road and parking lot maintenance, and stormwater management. The town currently maintains 30 miles of streets — 7.5 of which are arterial.

The refurbishment will extend the 2005 truck’s life at least eight to 10 years, Price noted.

“Giving the rising cost of new trucks — we spent over \$300,000 for the Freightliner — staff researched companies specializing in refurbishing used trucks to extend the lifespan of our fleet,” she said. “I really feel this is a good investment for us.”

Price added that the refurbishment was allocated and approved in the Fleet and Replacement Program budget within the town’s general fund.

The board voted unanimously to waive the RFP process and approve a contract with O.J. Watson Equipment for the work, which includes installing a new dump body, applying fresh paint, repairing base lighting, and conducting electrical work.

In other business, after an executive session the board approved a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Assistance (EDA) agreement with Homegrown Grounds LLC, doing business as Ziggi’s Coffee. The agreement provides a rebate for an additional single-family equivalent (SFE) allocation to the business’ annual water usage allowance, ensuring it remains in the correct water tier.

The approval was granted because the applicant did not request or receive economic development assistance when initially establishing the business and had estimated water usage in good faith.

In her staff report on the matter, Management Analyst Brenda Kroh recommended the agreement.

“Ziggi’s has been an excellent addition to our community through both workforce opportunities and sales tax generation,” she said. “Utilizing the EDA will allow Homegrown Grounds monetary assistance that will aid in spreading out the cost of the SFE until they can balance the budget and incorporate the higher cost into their budget.”

The trustees encouraged Ziggi’s to continue implementing water conservation measures moving forward.



Kindergarten Roundup

Who: Screenings will be completed on children registering for kindergarten that will be 5 years old on or before August 1st, 2025, and must reside in Strasburg School District. If your child has attended Strasburg Preschool, they do not need to attend.

When: April 7th, 2025 at 8am

Where: Strasburg Elementary School

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More information will be emailed upon appointment sign up



Raccoons suffer from distemper outbreak

ENGLEWOOD — Arapahoe County Animal Services is cautioning urban residents of an outbreak of raccoons suffering from canine distemper and asking residents to take precautions to prevent the spread.

Raccoons can acquire canine distemper, a viral disease that also infects foxes, coyotes, skunks and unvaccinated dogs. The disease does not affect humans.

“It is important that residents do not provide a source of food or water to raccoons at this time,” said Animal Services Field Supervisor Alyssa Haden. “Providing food sources may lead to unnaturally large concentrations of animals and increase the spread of disease.”

Canine distemper is more likely to occur when raccoon populations are large or concentrated. Wildlife biologists note that it seems to run in cycles of five to seven years. Not all raccoons get the disease and many survive the outbreaks.

The disease is spread when animals have direct contact with body fluids or droppings from an infected animal. Symptoms may include discharge from the nose and eyes, a rough coat of hair, emaciated appearance, and unusual behavior such as disorientation or aimless wandering. Symptoms become progressively worse and is usually fatal.

Distemper is not the same as rabies, although the symptoms are similar. As the disease progresses, the animal may appear calm but can become aggressive if approached.

Residents can also take the following steps:

- Make sure dogs are vaccinated.

Dog owners should contact their veterinarian to make sure their dog’s shots are current.

- Discourage raccoons by feeding pets indoors. If feeding does occur outdoors, owners should bring in food and water bowls promptly after the pet has eaten.
- Keep trash cans in a closed garage or shed. If they must be left outside, residents should tether the can to a stable object or drive a long stake through the handle into the ground. Garbage cans should be secured with lids that can’t be knocked off or removed.
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Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: April 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
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Request: 1. Conditional Use Permit to allow a large-scale solar energy facility in the Agricultural-3 zone district; 2. Conditional Use Permit to allow a utility substation in the Agricultural-3 zone district. Portions of the site affected by the Natural Resources Conservation Overlay. The entire project consists of 2,569 acres.
Location: 7110 Hanks Crossing
Parcel Number: 0180700000007, 0180700000005, 01737000000046, 01737000000045, 01737000000043, 01737000000041, 01737000000042
Case Manager: Cody Spaid
Applicant: Paul Gascoigne, 1 Bridge Street, Suite 11, Irvington, N.Y.
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Owner: Byers Water and Sanitation District

/s/ Kagen W. Kitzman, District Manager

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Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum: Adults are invited to a show-and-tell of quilts from the 1930s Depression Era by the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 19.

Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their care-givers can drop in for a variety of activities about zoo animals. They will work on motor skills, literacy and counting and take home a free goody bag to continue the learning at home. Free crafts and toddler-friendly snacks provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, March 7.

Adult book club: "Breaking the Age Code: How Your Beliefs About Aging Determine How Long and Well You Live" by Becca Levy. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday,

March 11.

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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.

Tea at 2: Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, March 7.

Prescribed burning underway at nat'l wildlife refuge

COMMERCE CITY — Weather permitting, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is now conducting prescribed burning from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Tuesday, March 18, at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

The service plans to burn up to 2,836 acres over several weeks and may adjust the dates to accommodate the weather.

Smoke may be visible for several miles from the perimeter of the refuge and people in the area may smell smoke.

The purpose of the burns is to reinvigorate the growth of native prairie vegetation, reduce accumulated veg-

etation, manage weed control efforts, and improve habitat to sustain wildlife.

Prescribed burns are an important tool to reduce the risk of wildfire in local communities. Interagency fire crews from the service, local fire departments, and other federal agencies will participate. Safety is the No. 1 priority, and every burn is carefully planned to ensure the safety of the community.

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3A Boys Region 3

March 7-8 @ Strasburg

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 3 Strasburg, 19-4

No. 30 Addenbrooke Classical Academy, 13-10

Friday, March 7

No. 14 Salida, 15-8

No. 19 Lotus School for Excellence, 18-5

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 13-15, University of Denver, Hamilton Gym

3A Girls Region 8

March 7-8 @ Strasburg

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 8 Strasburg, 17-6

No. 25 Meeker, 11-12

Friday, March 7

No. 9 Roaring Fork, 21-2

No. 24 Lyons, 16-6

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 13-15, University of Denver, Hamilton Gym

2A Boys Region 4

March 7-8 @ Byers

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 4 Byers, 19-4

No. 29 Center, 11-12

Friday, March 7

No. 13 Akron, 12-11

No. 20 Twin Peaks Classical, 14-8

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 13-15, Blue Arena-Loveland

Six I-70 Corridor basketball teams qualified for this weekend's regional level of playoffs with three of them — the Strasburg boys and girls and Byers boys — being top-eight seeds and hosting their respective four-team tournaments. All regional winners will advance to the respective Elite Eight state tournaments next week. For postseason updates, visit [www.i-70scout.com](#).

Six squads reach regional hoops; 3 to host

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

AURORA — While Byers, Strasburg and Bennett boys and girls basketball teams all knew they were safely into their respective upcoming playoffs as the regular season came to a conclusion, who and where they will be playing this weekend wasn't known last weekend.

The Colorado High School Activities Association formally unveiled the 1A through 4A basketball postseason brackets for both girls and boys on March 2 and while six I-70 Corridor qualifiers will compete in regional

tournaments this weekend, three will host.

In 3A, Strasburg will host both boys and girls March 7-8 at Mundell Gymnasium. Times were uncertain at press time. The third-seeded Indian boys will play No. 30 Addenbrooke Classical Academy on Friday with the winner to play either No. 14 Salida or 19th-seeded Lotus School for Excellence in Saturday's regional final. The eighth-seeded Lady Indians were the last of the regional hosts to be determined and will take No. 25 Meeker Friday with the winner to play in Saturday's regional final against either No. 9 Roaring Fork or 24th-seeded

Lyons.

The third local hosts are the Byers boys, who are seeded fourth in 2A and will take on Center from the San Luis Valley on Friday; the other two teams are 13th-ranked Akron and No. 20 Twin Peaks Classical Academy. The two winners face off on Saturday with a berth to the Elite Eight March 13-15 at Blue Arena in Loveland. The No. 11 Byers Lady Bulldogs will travel to Simla to take on 22nd-seeded Hayden in Friday's first round with the sixth-seeded host school facing Loveland Classical Academy; the two winners will take on each other Saturday.

In 4A, the No. 22 Bennett Lady Tigers will make the trek over the mountains to Delta where they will take on 11th-seeded Skyview on Friday with the winner to take on either sixth-seeded Delta or Frontier League foe Fort Lupton, which is seeded 27th, on Saturday. The Bennett boys concluded the regular season ranked No. 17 and they will play 16th-seeded Eaton at Kent Denver, which is the top-ranked team in 4A and will take on No. 32 Steamboat Springs. The winners of the eight 4A regionals will advance to the state tournament March 12 and March 14-15 at the Denver Coliseum.

2A Girls Region 6

March 7-8 @ Simla

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 8 Simla, 17-5

No. 27 Loveland Classical, 13-9

Friday, March 7

No. 11 Byers, 14-9

No. 22 Hayden, 10-8

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 13-15, Blue Arena-Loveland

4A Boys Region 1

March 7-8 @ Kent Denver

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 1 Kent Denver, 20-3

No. 32 Steamboat Springs, 8-15

Friday, March 7

No. 16 Eaton, 14-9

No. 17 Bennett, 17-6

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 12 & 14-15, Denver Coliseum

4A Girls Region 6

March 7-8 @ Delta

(Game Times TBA; visit [www.i-70scout.com](#))

No. 6 Delta, 17-6

No. 27, Fort Lupton, 13-9

Friday, March 7

No. 11 Skyview, 19-4

No. 22 Bennett, 14-9

Saturday, March 8

State Tournament Qualifier

March 12 & 14-15, Denver Coliseum

The Byers Lady Bulldogs and Bennett boys and girls qualified for their respective basketball playoffs but will be on the road for regional tournaments this weekend. For updates, visit [www.i-70scout.com](#).



Left photo, Byers' Quincy Eacret, left, and Cody Harris scramble after a loose ball following a Harris deflection during the Bulldogs' 55-37 home victory over Burlington in the first-round of the first-ever joint tournament between the 2A Union Pacific and Lower Platte conferences Feb. 26. Right photo, Bulldog players and coaches celebrate their tournament title March 1 after defeating Haxtun. Saturday's championship game and the previous night's semifinal victory over Akron were both played at Akron. For full coverage of the last two night's of tournament play, see the March 7 edition of the Eastern Colorado News.

Bulldogs commence UP/Lower Platte run with rout of Burlington

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BYERS — For the second time in February, the Byers Bulldogs easily dispatched of a longtime rival and advanced to the championship semifinals of a first-year dual league tournament.

The host green-and-white downed Burlington 55-37 in the first round of the inaugu-

ral Union Pacific and Lower Platte League Tournament Feb. 26. The Bulldogs then avenged a regular-season home defeat to Akron, 58-44, on the Rams' home floor in the semifinals Feb. 28 and beat Haxtun, 52-42 in the title tilt March 1. For full coverage of the last two nights of the tournament, see the March 7 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

BURLINGTON QUARTERFINAL

After scoring the first 10 points and taking a 14-8 lead after the first eight minutes, the host Bulldogs blew the game open with an 18-3 second quarter to head into halftime up 32-11. After maintaining its defensive intensity in a 9-7 third quarter, Byers was outscored 19-14 over the final period.

The Bulldog defense was the

featured storyline of the night as the hosts not only kept the rival Cougars to single-digit points each of the first three quarters but they held the visitors to under 25% shooting — 3-of-15 from three-point range and 8-of-33 closer to the bucket — and forced 25 turnovers, 15 via the steal.

Conversely, the Byers offense shot 40% from the field, including 38% from three-

point range, and assisted on 16 made buckets.

Byers head coach Jeremy Kerns said he was pleased with his squad maintaining its intensity, especially after Byers defeated the Cougars 59-29 Feb. 1.

"Not a great job on the boards but we defended them in the half-court well and played efficiently and shot the ball well, offensively."

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A trio of local girls dominated en route to 4A weight titles during the Colorado State Wrestling Championship. She shut out Gunnison's Roxie Uhrig for a 16-0 technical fall victory during Saturday night's 145-pound title. Brittane Hudson, left, and boys coach and father John Faczak following her 8-1 championship decision over 1:40 pinfall over Rifle's Reese Davis for the 155-pound title. The Gitkes are the first ever sister duo to win s

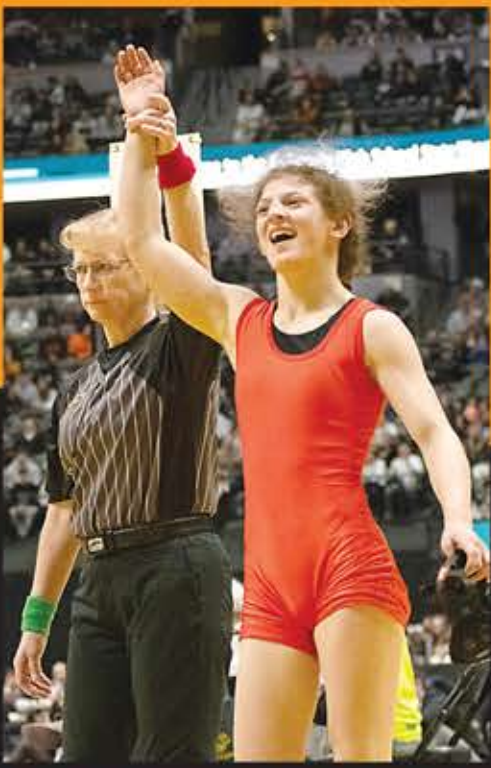
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pos at Ball Arena in Denver Feb. 13-15. Left photo, Strasburg junior Vivienne Vitke has her hand raised after the match. Center, Bennett freshman Emma Faczak is sandwiched between hugs from Lady Tiger head coach Canon City's Piper Montoya at 105 pounds. Right, Lady Indian freshman Madilyn Gitke is all smiles after her state titles. Emma Faczak is following in the footsteps of her father, who himself was a Tiger state champion.

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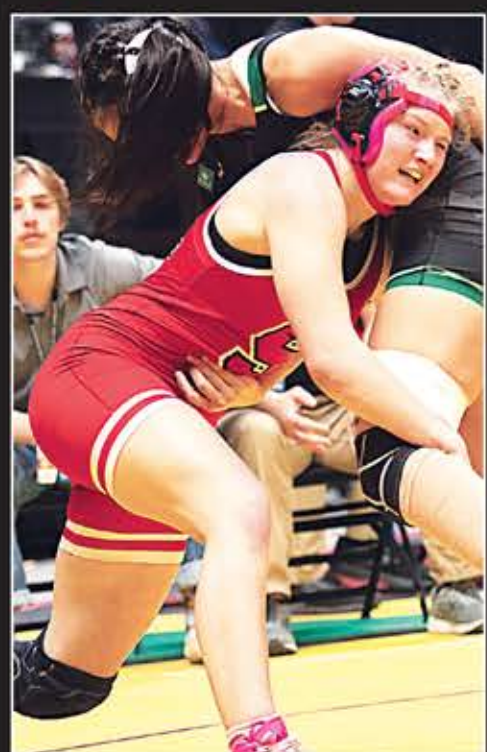
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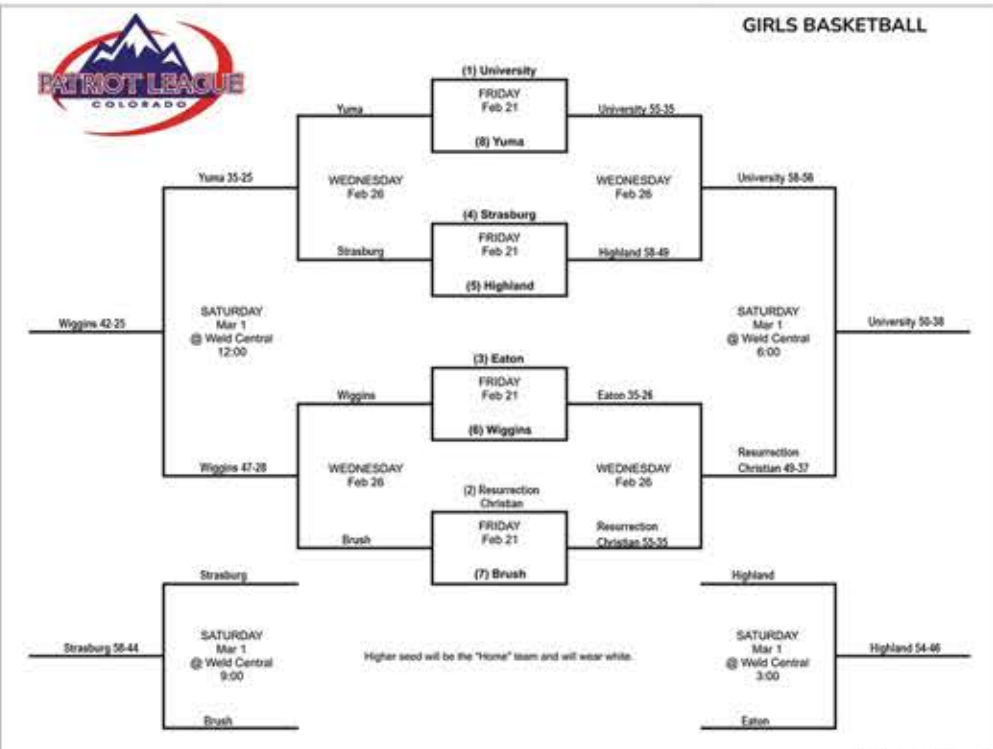
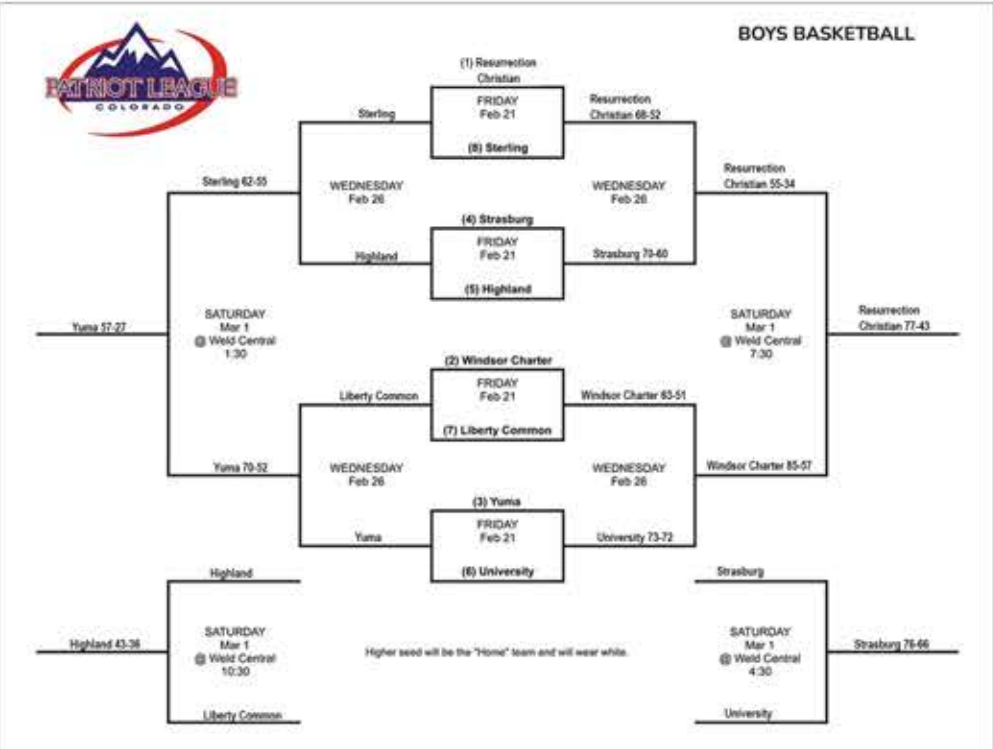
 Congratulations Indians on a Championship Weekend! 



Vivienne Gitke, left, 4A 145-pound champion; Madilyn Gitke, right, 4A 155-pound champion; and Carly Larsen, below, 4A 170-pound sixth place.



From Strasburg School District 31j



The Strasburg Indian boys led up to the 3A playoffs with a third-place finish at last week's Patriot League Tournament while the Lady Indians finished seventh. Both Strasburg teams were successful enough to be among the host schools for this coming weekend's regional level of postseason play.

The Indian boys run at a league championship comes to an end

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

LOVELAND — The Resurrection Christian defense suffocated the offense of the Strasburg boys and led throughout in a 55-34 home victory in the semifinals of the Patriot League Tournament Feb. 26 at Loveland. Strasburg entered the contest as the fourth seed, while the Cougars were No. 1. With Windsor Charter

whipping University 85-57 that same night, Resurrection Christian defeated second-seeded Windsor Charter, 77-43, in the March 1 title game at Weld Central while the Indians beat University, 76-66, in the third-place game. For coverage, see the March 7 *Eastern Colorado News*.
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The Cougars won with ease, leading 13-4, 27-11 and 49-21 after each of the

first three quarters. "It was a very rough night. We scored half our season average and, if you shoot 13-of-51 from the field, you're not winning, especially against undefeated No. 1 Resurrection Christian," said Strasburg head coach Kyle Bollers. "We missed shots early and I feel that fed into our frustrations and I saw our body language go flat. Have to be of the mindset of 'next play' in

big games and we weren't very good in that facet." Strasburg was paced by junior Nick Glatfelter with 8 points, 10 rebounds, and two steals followed by sophomore Colton Holloway with 8 points, two boards, and two assists; senior Tyce Bollers, usually the Indians' biggest offensive threat, was held to 6 points with five rebounds; and sophomore Brody Hopwood had 6 points, four boards, and two steals.



From left photo, Lady Indians Addie Kent, Natalie Damron, Taryn LaForce and Wynne Winter battle against the visiting Lady Outlaws of Yuma during the consolation semifinals of the Patriot League Tournament Feb. 25. Strasburg fell 35-25 in a defensive struggle.

Strasburg girls fall short at Patriot League tournament

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

STRASBURG — The Yuma Lady Outlaws visited town and thumped Strasburg 35-25 in the consolation semifinals of the Patriot League Tournament Feb. 25. "We couldn't throw it in the ocean from the shore," said Merci Ames, head coach of the Lady Indians. Brush lost 47-28, to Wiggins in the other consolation semifinal game Feb. 25, so Yuma moved on to the consolation championship for fifth place. The Lady Outlaws lost to Wiggins, while Strasburg downed Brush 58-44 in the game for seventh, both on March 1.

YUMA
The biggest factor in fourth-seeded Strasburg's defeat to the league's eighth seed? The absence of senior star Peighton Marrero, who injured her shoulder Feb. 15 against Forge Christian. "We're probably putting more pressure on ourselves than we need to and we got to remember this is a pretty young squad," Ames added. The score was 10-5, 19-14 and 31-18 after each of the first three quarters. "We just could not get on track. We were just out of sync offensively," Ames said. "We were having trouble shooting from the outside and they just collapsed inside, so our posts were getting doubled, tripled every time they got the ball. "And credit Yuma, they made some adjustments

that were pretty good from the first time that we played them. And then there's always a little bit of confidence in a team coming in when they know that the other team is down a little bit." Strasburg had defeated Yuma 44-28 before Marrero was injured. Concurrently, the Lady Outlaws shot better than usual, while Strasburg converted on only five of 19 free-throw attempts. "It was one of those times that ... you just can't do anything right," Ames added. Ames praised the play of her other senior, Natalie Damron, for doing her best to pick up the slack from Marrero's absence. Damron had 7 points and 12 rebounds while junior Taryn LaForce scored 8.

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The Deer Trail Lady Eagles concluded the 2024-25 basketball campaign 7-15 overall, 0-6 in Union Pacific League play. The red-and-white concluded the season with a split — a 44-25 loss to visiting Elbert Feb. 24 and a dominating 51-6 victory in the season finale at Manzanola Feb. 27. The Lady Eagles, who played mostly six players towards the end of the season, finished No. 40 in the state polls and outside the ranking needed to be included in the 32-team postseason bracket. From left photo, KyAnn Kitzman looks for an open teammate while pressured by an Elbert defender; Allena Sanchez-Neal (15), the lone Lady Eagle senior, drives the lane with the dribble; and Fatuma Hussein pokes the ball away from a Bulldog ball handler. Kitzman and Hussein are both freshman and are expected to be part of seven returnees for head Phil Donovan next season.

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Sharon L. Gaudot was born on August 2, 1947, in Denver, Colo., to Avery and Betty Ebert. She graduated from Harrison High School in Colorado Springs, Colo. After graduation, she married Fredrick Morrisette, and they moved to Newport News, Va. Through this union, they had two daughters, Carrie and Shellie. Fred passed away in an automobile accident in 1970. After his death, Sharon returned to Colorado to be near family. While working, Sharon met Dale Gaudot, and they were married July 6, 1972. Through this union, their son, Dean, was born.

Throughout Sharon's life, she enjoyed canning, and baking (especially banana and zucchini bread.) She also enjoyed crocheting, reading, camping, fishing, and doing ceramics. Sharon was a bartender her entire adult life. She had the personality and spitfire attitude for the job. During summer weekends, you could find Sharon at either Jackson Lake or Bonnie Reservoir with her family and friends. Sharon was the secretary for Byers Park and Rec District for several years, and during her time with them, she prided herself in helping organize the Fourth of July Rodeo. She organized the best concession stand around. During summers when her grandchildren were young, you could see them tagging along with her trying to maintain the Byers Park. Almost every year, you could catch Sharon dealing Black Jack at the Byers Turkey Shoot for the American Legion. She was known for her Sour Cream Raisin Pie that she would make for the pie sale. In addition, Sharon was a retiree from the Byers Fire and Rescue where she served for 20-plus years helping keep her community cared for and safe. Sharon's love for her family was evident; she almost always had a grandkid or several of them with her.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Dale; her children, Carrie (Joe) Kalcevic, Shellie (Steve) Cook, and Dean (Becky) Gaudot; her grandchildren, Gretchen (Eric) Little of West Bloomfield, Mich., Sarah Kalcevic of Bennett, Kaitlyn (Chad) Hickman of Keenesburg, Carl (Shelby) Cook of Denver, Preston and Carson Gaudot of Byers; and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Carolyn (Jerry) Hankins; niece, Elle Stafford; nephew, Stacy Hankins; and several cousins.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother, Betty; her father, Avery; and her first husband, Fredrick Morrisette.

A Celebration of Sharon's life will be held 1-3 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at the Byers American Legion, 278 W. Front St. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Byers Fire Protection District, PO Box 85, Byers, CO 80103, or Strasburg Fire Protection District, PO Box 911, Strasburg, CO 80136.



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The Deer Trail Eagles concluded their 2024-25 hardwood season with a 67-24 home loss to Elbert in a makeup game Feb. 24 and lost 39-24 at Manzanola Feb. 27. The red-and-white finished the season 0-22. The Eagles lose only two to graduation off of this year’s squad. From left photo, Eagle senior Koltin Kitzman bounces a pass around an Elbert defender; fellow senior Kooper Eldringhoff (14) streaks ahead of the Bulldog defense with the fast-break dribble; sophomore Dmitri Gonzalez-Soto threads a pass through arms and legs; and sophomore leading scorer Chauncy Gudenkauf puts up a running half-hook shot.

Request for Qualifications
for
Byers Water and Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. **NOTICE**
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. **LOCATION**
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:

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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).
4. **RFQ SCHEDULE**
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. **RFQ SUBMISSION**
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 Treatment Plant.”
6. **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.
7. **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 of 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.
B. 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. Responding firm should be knowledgeable of local, state and federal alternatives to finance and fund the project.
8. **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:

1. 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 – 25 pts

• Project team and references including availability and responsiveness – 10 pts
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MARCH 8, 2005

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The agreement includes a payment of \$600 to a consulting firm.

"I don't like it," said town administrator Joe Kiely.

"I am flabbergasted," said Mayor Del Beattie.

Town attorney Stan Kimble called some of the language in the agreement "dangerous," but said the right-of-way agreement is similar to agreements the town has for other facilities.

The language of the agreement "seems to prohibit insulation of a planned fence," Kiely said, to secure the tank, mandated by regulations.

"[The charge is] 60 cents per square foot for grassland worth about \$250 per acre," said trustee Ted Bandy.

15 YEARS AGO
MARCH 9, 2010

BENNETT — The first crack at a proposed 2010-11 budget for the Bennett School District appeared to be a successful one, according to feedback from board members March 4.

An expected 10 percent, give-or-take, cut in funding has led to district administrators statewide looking to tighten fiscal belts anywhere they can and Corridor schools are no different.

In Bennett, programs and employees aren't on the chopping block yet, but the money to support staff in charge of clubs and activities is being impacted.

"What we have preliminarily proposed is a 6 percent across-

the-board reduction in salaries for coaches and activity sponsors," said Superintendent Richard Coleman during Thursday's special board meeting. "We are also looking at possibly increasing athletic fees from \$50 per sport to \$100 per sport. We are currently the lowest in those fees at least in the west end [of the Eastern Central BOCES District] and are lower than about any other district we've checked with."

According to finance director Keith Yaich, total athletic department savings next year would be a little over \$32,000. The cut in salaries would total approximately \$7,700.

10 YEARS AGO
MARCH 10, 2015

DENVER — The self-proclaimed largest economic engine for Denver, the Front Range, Colorado and the Inter-mountain West is looking to follow up its first two decade with a long future of growth.

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Today is Wednesday, March 5, the 64th day of 2025. There are 301 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

ON THIS DATE

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections six days after the Reichstag fire, the Nazi Party won 44% of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender parliamentary majority.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., in which

he said: "From Stettin in the Baltic, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent."

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died from a stroke at age 74 after nearly three decades in power.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas and Hawkshaw Hawkins

died in the crash of their plane, a Piper Comanche, near Camden, Tenn., along with pilot Randy Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1979, NASA's Voyager 1 space probe made its closest approach to Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug

overdose in a rented bungalow at Hollywood's Chateau Marmont hotel; he was 33.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Fred Williamson is 87. Magician Penn Jillette is 70. Football Hall of Famer Michael Irvin is 59. Rock musician John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 55

— Associated Press

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: MARCH MADNESS

ACROSS

1. Giant Himalayan

5. "M in MAC

8. Bathtub libation

11. Joie de vivre

12. Do like fly fisherman

13. East side of Jersey

15. Tucked in

16. Diva's solo

17. Length of a forearm

18. * ___ Sunday

20. Osiris' wife

21. Freshwater fish

22. Stir fry pan

23. Victorian era overcoat

26. Smallest

30. *Like attending band at the NCAA Tournament

31. Kaa of "The Jungle Book"

34. Great Lake

35. Prep mushrooms for steak, e.g.

37. Cooking fat

38. Bible song

39. Second to last word in some fairytales

40. False

42. Dip oreo into milk, e.g.

43. Tiresome

45. Hoariest

47. NBC's sketch comedy show

48. Misrepresent

50. South American monkey

52. *2025 NCAA Championship game venue

56. Renaissance fiddle

57. "To ___ and to hold"

58. ___-friendly

59. Founding Father Thomas ___

60. Damien's prediction

61. Reunion group

62. Bancroft to Hoffman in "The Graduate"

63. Agreement word

64. Ages and ages

DOWN

1. Nay opposers

2. River in Bohemia

3. 13 ounces, in Asia

4. Owes money (2 words)

5. Angelina Jolie's 2024 singing role

6. "Kick the bucket," e.g.

7. * ___ Smith, coach of 2 champs and 11 Final Four teams

8. Mongolian desert

9. Fleur-de-lis

10. *Cut down at end of last game

12. Like rheumy eyes

13. Descendant

CROSSWORD

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14. *2024 winners

19. Thin pancake

22. * ___ and move on

23. *Cinderella's victory

24. Furlough

25. Spew, past tense

26. Cough syrup balsam

27. Use other end of pencil?

28. Farm structures

29. Dangle a carrot

32. * ___-up or evenly matched game

33. Step on it

36. *2024 Most Outstanding Player Newton

38. Paralyzing disease, for short

40. Afghan monetary unit

41. Neolithic tomb

44. "Reunite ___, that's nice"

46. Figure out

48. Scapegoat's due

49. Roof overhang

50. Salty drop

51. Avian wader

52. Sailor call

53. Capital of Norway

54. Statistics calculation

55. Sea eagles

56. Dashboard acronym

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HOROSCOPE

Fresh Curiosities

At this point in the Pisces solar journey, we experience heightened sensitivity, which raises new curiosity. The Mercury change has us keen to land on clear answers where there aren't any, and in that case, we may be tempted to make them up. The human mind hates an open loop, but the human heart begs us to linger in the unsolved a moment longer and live the question.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're setting yourself up for something good, whether it's for you directly or for the people around you. This way you live -- open-hearted, growing, showing up for life -- has the joy of finding its way back to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some decisions are made more difficult the longer you dwell on them. Stand at the edge of the diving board just long enough to gather your courage, but not so long that overthinking makes you hesitate and step back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's so hard when a person seems right on your wavelength but they can't or won't be there the way you want them to be. But Shakespeare was right... it really is better to have known this than not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can do it happy, sad, scared, tired, robotically or with feeling. The key is to just do it. The act itself, whether fueled by emotion or not, moves you forward to a better place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Confidence isn't something that suddenly comes to you one day; rather it's a building process that happens with each action you take. Don't let yourself get discouraged. As you do even a little bit of work toward a change, you are becoming your best self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you like to be agreeable, you're wise to say yes to only the things that solve a problem. Check to make sure you're having the impact that matters to you. Help in ways that fit your skills and long-term aspirations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your excellent powers of discernment will not only help you learn from the best examples but will also guide you in noticing what to avoid. But it's not just learning from other people's

mistakes that matters. It's moving forward with a willingness to make your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you wait to feel worthy of or ready for an experience, you may be waiting forever. It doesn't work that way. There's always going to be an awkwardness, a problem to solve or something to overcome before the victory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're deep in a feeling, sitting with so much tenderness, mourning something that isn't quite gone but isn't quite there either. You can hold both truths -- the ache of missing something and the acceptance that all is unfolding for the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll think of your entire situation, zoom out to see the full scope of where you are and where you're heading. You'll take on responsibilities that align with your larger goals and vision, ensuring that each task you embrace naturally fits into the bigger picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thoughtful choices about where you invest your time and energy will help you build momentum without stretching yourself too thin. By focusing your energy on what truly matters, you'll avoid feeling overwhelmed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This sky is an encouragement to look outward when you feel lost -- whether that's to books, mentors, art or the actual sky, which has no end of messages waiting to be read, though not with the mind. The sky speaks in the language of heart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5). Your combination of talents culminates into something unique this year, and you'll be driven to give what only you can give. Personal success arrives in waves; momentum builds until you're riding high on the results of past efforts. More highlights: An ally helps make a long-held dream a reality. Your generosity attracts good karma. You'll be at the center of a vibrant, supportive community. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 21, 39 and 47.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

CHUCK WAGON

Hamburger Stroganoff

by Bobbie Keefer
For The Scout

Anytime sour cream is added to make a sauce, it will curdle if added directly to a hot liquid.
To avoid this mishap, stir small amounts of liquid from the pan into the sour cream until warm. Then pour all of it into the pan and stir until the Stroganoff thickens.
I didn't put these steps in the directions.
If your soups and sauces look like you added cottage cheese, try my hint!

HAMBURGER STROGANOFF

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (12-ounce) package wide egg noodles
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 12 (12-ounce) mushrooms sliced
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes

DIRECTIONS

Cook egg noodles per package di-



rections. Drain and rinse.
Brown ground beef and onion in skillet. Drain fat.
Add garlic and mushrooms. Cook 2 minutes.
Stir in flour and cook 1 more minute. Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, pepper. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring often.
Remove from heat. Slowly stir in sour cream and parsley. Serve over cooked egg noodles.

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE

Thursday, March 6: Buffalo chicken sandwich, potato wedge.

BENNETT

Thursday, March 6: Buffalo chicken sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw.
Monday, March 10: Mini corn dogs, French fries, salad, applesauce.
Tuesday, March 11: Verde pork taco, corn, shredded lettuce, mandarin oranges.
Wednesday, March 12: Gold Coast chicken, tortilla chip, diced pears.
Thursday, March 13: Chicken fried rice, egg roll, banana, cookie.
March 14-21: Spring break.

BYERS

Thursday, March 6: Barbecue chicken sandwich, baked beans, peaches.
Friday, March 7: Cheese pizza, garden salad with ranch, pears.

Monday, March 10: Chicken tenders, biscuit, celery sticks, tropical fruit.
Tuesday, March 11: Chili, cinnamon rolls, corn, applesauce.
Wednesday, March 12: Hot ham and cheese, tomato soup, mixed vegetables.
Thursday, March 13: Cheeseburgers, French fries, carrots sticks, peaches.
March 14-21: Spring break.

STRASBURG

Thursday, March 6: Cheeseburgers with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles.
Friday, March 7: Hot ham & cheese sandwich.
Tuesday, March 11: Corn dogs, baked beans.
Wednesday, March 12: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls.

DEER TRAIL

Thursday, March 6: Breakfast pizza, green beans, Sidekick Fruit Slushy,

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Friday, March 14 & Monday, April 7
Preschool Registration
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Two casts from the Strasburg Singers present "Newsies Jr." based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White at the Bennett High School auditorium Feb. 28 and March 1. Top row from left, Jack Kelly (Reed Barnes) ponders a possible strike at *The World* newspaper as reporter Katherine (Sadie Hart) takes notes; newsies meet in Jacobi's cafe the day after they protested an increase in the price of each edition; and Crutchie (Caleb Jeffries) walks in with a new design on his cane — a towel wrapped over the top informs the other newsies that a strike will be happening. Bottom row, Bowery Beauty Medda (Aspen Sir Vandewerken) stands before a painting created by Jack Kelly with her side beauties Ethel (Sadie McDole), left, Olive (Destiny Hassell) and Ada (Violet Jimenez) following her performance of "Just a Pretty Face" at Medda's Theater; Snyder (Greyson Rickett) is arrested by a police officer (Joshue Reyes) as Davey (Iris Heiter), left, Crutchie (Brinley Ljunhag), Jack Kelly (Brendan Lind) and other newsies laugh; and Crutchie (Ljunhag) points in the distance as he reflects on life before and after he gets out of jail.


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MARCH 11, 2025

5:00-8:00 P.M.

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