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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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