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Bennett sewer plant expansion planned

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

BENNETT — Continued growth in the town of Bennett will require an expansion of the town's Wastewater Reclamation & Resource Recovery Facility, and the Board of Trustees authorized financing for the major project Oct. 22. The town will issue approximately \$30 million in bonds for the expansion. Construction will begin in early 2025. In her staff report, Finance Director Danette Ruvalcaba said the capacity of the wastewater treatment facility will be expanded from the current .4 millions of gallons per day (mgd) with a sequencing batch reactor treatment system to .99 mgd through a membrane bioreactor process. "It will also increase our level of reuse water, which will broaden the uses from

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The Union Pacific Railroad's historic Big Boy No. 4014 locomotive stops at the Monroe Street crossing in Strasburg Oct. 21 as part of its 2024 Heartland of America Tour this summer and fall. In addition to several thousand people converging on Strasburg to see the engine while it was stopped, a long line of onlookers followed it from Deer Trail to Watkins along Highways 40/36. **SEE PAGE 24.**

Byers women's center re-named to reflect family emphasis

by Kathy Smiley
Staff Writer

BYERS — The former Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center in Byers has a new name that better represents its mission. The Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains celebrated its name change Oct. 12 with an open house at the center at 228 W. Front St. in Byers. Director Deb Jackson said that, while the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is categorized as a pregnancy center, its mission is broader — the center is dedicated to helping women and families facing a variety of challenges. "We're changing the name because we want fathers and young men to feel comfortable and welcomed here," she said. The Family Resource Center provides, free of charge, resources and services including pregnancy tests, options education for unplanned pregnancy, relationship classes, sexual health/abstinence education, healing and wholeness support for victims of trauma, addiction counseling, and parenting and life skills classes. Referrals are provided to adoption agencies, free ultrasound providers, food banks, medical/financial/housing assistance and more. The resource center has been in existence since 1995 and moved into its current facility in 2003.

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Director Deb Jackson stands in front of the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains with its new signage.



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The Halloween season gets underway along the I-70 Corridor. Left photo, Jennie from the Boo Crew passes out candy to trick-or-treaters as well as invitations to the annual haunted house in Antelope Hills subdivision at the town of Bennett Trunk or Treat event at town hall in blustery conditions Oct. 24. Center, Kayden Bevan, left, paints a black eye and a skeleton on left cheek of Wesley Junior at the Bennett FFA chapter Halloween Carnival at the elementary gym Oct. 25. Right, Everleigh Smith, 6, has her interest piqued by a glowing spider toy at the town of Deer Trail haunted house Oct. 25-26 in the Bijou Estates subdivision.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

School, church collaborate on Trunk or Treat endeavor

STRASBURG — Mountain View Fellowship will again host its annual Halloween event in conjunction with Strasburg Elementary School.

Car decoration begins at 5 p.m. with Trunk or Treat following from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31, in the elementary parking lot, 56729 Colorado Ave.

The line begins on the sidewalk south of the elementary school by the entrance to the old gym. Participants are asked to refrain from parking along or entering from Monroe Street.

Veteran’s Day celebration set for ’Burg Legion Hall

STRASBURG — All veterans and their families are invited to honor the men and women who have served this nation as members of the U.S. military from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Jess-Yaich American Legion Post 183 of Strasburg will conduct the flag presentation, retirement ceremonies, and a moment of reflection.

Visitors who RSVP will be served a free spaghetti dinner and entered to win door prizes.

To reserve a spot, call (303)622-4260.

History seminar planned on govt’s judicial branch

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society will host a discussion on the judicial branch of government from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, at the TBK Bank Community Room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum will detail the provisions of Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

Discussion will center on the constitutional provisions for U.S. Supreme Court, current topics for its reform and how the court has

historically behaved through history.

A reception will open the event at 6 p.m., and the program will run from 6:30-8 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

ArapCo High Plains: Sheriff short on Victim Advocates

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office needs Victim Advocates who lives on the Eastern Plains of the county.

The sheriff is seeking volunteer Victim Advocates from Bennett to Deer Trail to offer support and counseling to crime and trauma victims.

For more information, contact Renee Grengs, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (720)874-3940 or rgrengs@arapahoegov.com.

Halloween house returns to Bennett home this fall

BENNETT — The theme of the seventh annual Ye Be Warned Haunted House is “Back to the Fear-Ture,” where visitors can sit in a life-size DeLorean and return to various historical events seeking plutonium.

Scare Nights will run from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31, and Friday, Nov. 1. Over 80 animatronics and 15-20 actors are part of the show.

Trick or treaters are welcome all nights. Donations to benefit the Bennett High School cross country and track and field teams will be accepted.

Trombone choir concert planned at Limon church

LIMON — The Eastern Colorado Trombone Choir will perform starting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3, at Limon Methodist Church, 770 B Ave.

The group will play selections by Beethoven, Brahms, Wagner, Handel, Holst, Paul McCartney and others.

The trombone choir is under the

Sign language class planned at Bennett

BENNETT — Communities that Care and Teens for Change are offering an American Sign Language (ASL) class from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 6-7, and Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 12-13, at the Bennett Recreation Center.

The course is designed to acquaint students with the methods and techniques of learning and using American Sign Language. The beginning class will have a strong emphasis on vocabulary building, expressive and receptive skills in addition to finger-spelling, body language and facial expressions. It will also introduce students to deaf culture and its history by comparing and contrasting ASL with spoken English.

The class will be taught by Lindy Cosgrove, a retired sign language interpreter and ASL instructor. Course materials will include handouts and will be provided by the instructor.

The cost is \$45. All payments go directly to the instructor. To register, contact Beth at bdaniel@bennettrec.org or Nichole at nharrell@bennettrec.org, or call (303)644-5040, ext. 3.

The Bennett Recreation Center is at 455 S. First St.

direction of Mike McCallum.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served afterwards.

1859 Gold Rush, its impact on CO, key to presentation

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County will host a presentation entitled “Discover Our History: How the 1859 Gold Rush Put Colorado on the Map” at an open house from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at the 17 Mile House, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.

The presentation begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants will learn about

the 1859 Colorado Gold Rush and how it shaped the local landscape and Colorado maps of today from guest speaker Wes Brown, co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Map Society.

Historic maps showing new settlements and trails across the region will be on hand.

The event is free; space is limited. To register, e-mail to ksear@arapahoegov.com or visit arapahoeco.gov/17milehouse with the number attending.

Tours of the property are planned before and after the talk.

Grants to help producers combat drought available

FORT MORGAN — The Colorado Ag Water Alliance is seeking grant proposals for its Drought Resiliency Grant Program.

The program helps interested farmers and ranchers in implementing practices to manage drought and water resources. Producers are supported throughout the application and project process by CAWA. Ideas must be discussed project prior to project approval.

Previous projects include alternative crops and forages, irrigation timing and scheduling, livestock management, and agronomic practices to improve water retention.

Applications are due Dec. 13. For more information, contact CAWA at (720)244-4629 or coagwater@gmail.com.

Veterans Day breakfast scheduled at Deer Trail

DEER TRAIL — The town of Deer Trail and Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307 will host a Veterans Day breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Elks Lodge, 664 Second Ave.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

Veterans eat free. Cost is otherwise \$10 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6-12, and free for kids under 5 years old.

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WASTEWATER

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what we have now — irrigation and construction,” Ruvalcaba said.

Bennett is looking to maximize recycled water use to offset current and future demands that could stress the drinking water supply and system, she added.

“Due to the current Category 1 effluent water quality, the town is limited in how it can use recycled water. The expanded and upgraded facility will treat wastewater to Category 3 effluent, significantly expanding the town’s ability to use and sell the treated water.”

Ruvalcaba said that staff researched many funding options.

“Due to restricted funding as well as more strict requirements from the state and an extended time frame for state funding, staff is recommending bond funding to expedite this process and get it started in today’s dollar amounts,” she told the board. “We have had some pre-bids, and we do feel that the \$30 million will cover the construction costs.”

Ruvalcaba said signs indicate a favorable bond issuance at a decent rate.

“At this time, we’re looking at doing the \$30 million at a 30-year term, and bonds are selling at a premium, so I believe the bond issuance will be closer to \$28 million, but we’ll be able to get that 30 million we need to do the loan.”

The town engaged Kutak Rock LLP as representing Bond Council and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. as Bond Underwriters, and both had representatives at the Oct. 22 board meeting to answer questions. The bond process can be completed in the next 60 days.

A bond issuance requires the board to pass an ordinance through its Wastewater Activity Enterprise authorizing financing for the project, establishing covenants in connection with the financing, and providing the payment of the authorized bonds from revenues of the enterprise. The ordinance passed unanimously.

PANDA EXPRESS

The final development plan (FDP) for a Panda Express restaurant was approved by the board,

though not unanimously. The freestanding restaurant with a drive-up window and indoor dining room will be located in the Bennett Crossing commercial area at 1056 S. First St. — north of Son-ic and south of Les Schwab.

Planning Manager Steve Hoes presented the staff report on the plan, noting that the restaurant is a 2,200-square-foot building on a 39,000 square foot lot.

“It will have 27 parking spaces, including two handicap stalls, and a double drive-up aisle,” he said.

The restaurant will be corporate owned, not a franchise.

In board discussion after the staff report and comments from the architect’s representative, Trustee Larry Vittum expressed concern for the town’s only current Chinese restaurant.

“I have some anxiety over the plight of that business and the people who own it,” he said.

“I feel some loyalty to people who have started businesses in our community; have put in a lot of hard work; have invested a lot of money. If this was a franchise owned restaurant, it would be more palatable to me, but basically, a gigantic corporation (could) potentially put this guy out of business. I have a great deal of concern about that.”

Mayor Whitney Oakley asked town attorney Scott Krob if competing businesses are applicable to be considered in public hearings on final development plans.

“You can note what other businesses there are, but competition is not a basis for denying an application,” Krob said.

A motion to approve the Panda Express FDP passed 6-1 with Vittum casting the dissenting vote.

MUEGGE FARMS FILING NO. 5

Muegge Farms Filing No. 5 was the subject of four public hearings and four actions — all of which were unanimously approved. The board approved the Final Plat, a resolution and ordinance approving the FDP, a Subdivision Agreement (SA), and a memorandum of understanding with MGW investments, LLC for the Muegge Way

extension.

Muegge Farms Filing No. 5 is immediately northwest of the intersection of Marketplace Drive and Muegge Street, west of King Soopers. It will have 74 single-family homes, a “pocket park,” and three open space tracts with a trail.

Paul Shoukas with PCS Group Landscape Architecture & Planning said the pocket park will be approximately two-thirds of an acre in size.

“The site plan proposes a park area within walking distance or a short bike ride from all the proposed homes,” he said, adding that the park’s turf area will be approximately 14,000 square feet. “We tried to be pretty conservative because we know water is something that’s of value here in Colorado, but it can still fit a couple of 30 by 60 sports courts for volleyball. The central portion of the park is features a half-court basketball area that is currently non-existent in the Muegge Farms community.”

The park will also have a playground, a covered pergola for shade, and a picnic area.

The conditions of the SA require the subdivider to construct more than \$3 million in public improvements and additional landscape improvements and satisfy the fair contribution for public school sites by cash-in-lieu. It authorizes the subdivider to build up to four model homes in the development.

A representative with developer MGW Investments said the closing with the builder, Dream Finders Homes, will likely occur from 30-60 days and land development work will start after that, when weather permits. The permits will likely be pulled for the model homes next summer.

SALES TAX FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Trustees approved a resolution establishing a revised Sales Tax Fiscal Review Committee to review the 1 percent sales tax expenditures dedicated to roads and streets. The new advisory committee will have more clearly defined roles and objections than a previous committee that was appointed after the tax increase was approved by Bennett voters in 2015. The committee’s yearly outcomes would be reviewing the expenditures of the tax and the proposed budget for the following year — providing an additional

layer of transparency and citizen review that expenditures from the fund are made in accordance with the parameters of the ballot issue. Advisory committees do not make legally binding decisions or have any fiduciary responsibility, but are a collaborative method for organizations to engage stakeholders. The Town of Bennett will seek applicants for the Sales Tax Fiscal Review Committee. More information about when applications are available will be posted on the town website.

CROSSWALK SAFETY

Residents are asked to use extra caution around the crosswalks at the intersection of Adams Street and Colfax Avenue. Town Manager Trish Stiles noted that the town staff has been giving input to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT),

“We’re well aware (of the issues) and we’re working diligently to try to work with CDOT and get these crosswalks improved,” she said. “But I just really want to reiterate that, at the end of the day, they are crosswalks on the CDOT roadways and we are (subject) to their rules, regulations and time frames.”

Stiles added that the intersection is part of a CDOT Region 1 project to improve crosswalks and safety.

“While town staff is meeting with CDOT to provide input, this is a CDOT-led project on a CDOT-maintained road, meaning they will ultimately make the decision on improvements.”

Residents are urged to contact CDOT to provide feedback on traffic safety concerns. Visit www.cdor.gov and click on the contact page to share a comment on traffic safety issues.

VETERAN’S DAY PROCLAMATION

The board issued a proclamation to recognize the service men and women in the community. The proclamation called upon all citizens to observe Monday, Nov. 11, with appropriate ceremonies in honor of those who have served to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

The town is continuing an annual tradition by offering veterans and current service members with military identification a free meal at High Plains Diner. The meal will be offered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO LDC24-008, COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC WAYS /
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Amendment to the Land Development Code to restrict the use of public roads and ways for commercial purposes such the storage and off-loading of vehicles, products, or materials.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2024, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described amendments to the Land Development Code, Case No. LDC24-008. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112, by calling 720-874-6650 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), or by emailing planning@arapahoegov.com.

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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ArapCo water supply study: Demand can be met thru 2050

LITTLETON — Adequate water exists to meet demand through 2050 but measures must be taken to sustain a long-term supply, according to preliminary findings of a water supply study conducted by Arapahoe County.

The water supply findings will help the county plan for future growth in unincorporated areas of the county.

“The water supply is projected to be sufficient to meet demand whether or not there is conservation in the future,” said Bill Fronczak, a county water consultant who is the vice president of LRE Water. “Conservation measures are currently being taken by water providers and users, and the water study offers various recommendations how the county can conserve even more in the future.”

According to the study, renewable water sources and Denver Basin aquifers, which supply municipal water providers and wells in the eastern area of the county, can produce up to 141,000 acre feet of water a year. One acre foot of water is the equivalent to filling a football field with 9 inches of water and can supply two to four homes water for a year.

The current yearly water demand for the county’s population of 656,000 is 83,400 acre feet. The study projects that, by 2050, the county population will be between 900,000 and 960,000 and demand will be between 108,000

and 116,000 acre feet per year. If conservation measures are continued, the demand drops to 97,000 to 103,000 acre feet of water per year.

The study found that water providers are working to increase supplies to meet growing demands within the county, and conservation, sharing agreements and regional supply development partnerships can close gaps in relation to supply and demand.

The study’s proposed recommendations include improving water use efficiency and conservation and extending the life of Denver Basin aquifers to sustain a long-term supply.

The recommendations include:

- coordinating with developers and water providers on opportunities to consolidate individual wells into community systems serviced by fewer, larger wells;
- requiring a water supply plan documenting an appropriate supply of water to serve a proposed development;
- encouraging a countywide transition from non-native, water-intensive landscaping to water-wise landscaping that aligns with the current landscaping standards for the county. This encouragement will occur through education and support programs exploring water use efficiencies and possible water reclamation and reuse opportunities. The county is proposing new

landscape regulations that take in account water conservation measures. For more information, visit www.arapahoeco.gov;

- considering the location of the new development in relation to water availability within the Denver Basin rather than using the 200- or 300-year rules when making planning decisions. Currently, developers must provide to the county proof of a 100-year water supply for a new development. A 100-year rule allows 100 housing units on a property compared to a 300-year rule, which would allow 33 units. Fronczak said jurisdictions using the 300-year rule have experienced “rural sprawl;” and
- updating development regulations to identify opportunities to promote or require greater water efficiency in new development. The proposal includes updating building and plumbing codes to require low-flow fixtures and water conservation measures such as water-wise landscaping;

The public is encouraged to review the draft study at www.arapahoeco.gov/waterstudy.

Commissioner Bill Holen says conservation will be key moving forward.

The Board of Commissioners will consider the study at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the East Hearing Room at the Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.



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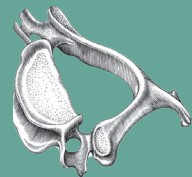


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Back pay owed to 163K U.S. workers

DALLAS — In fiscal 2023, investigations by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage & Hour Division recovered more than \$212 million in back wages for nearly 163,000 workers.

These wages were owed for work performed but unpaid by their employers.

The average back wage check recovered for a single employee in 2023 was over \$1,100, according to a Labor Department release. These workers applied their skill, put in the hours, but failed to receive their full and fair pay.

Yet a significant portion of that money remains unclaimed because some of the workers cannot be located. In many cases, the employees change jobs or change addresses and cannot be notified. Name changes or an employer’s failure to retain contact information can also make it difficult to find employees and put back wages recovered into their hands.

The Wage & Hour Division can only hold unclaimed back wages for three years before it must turn it over to the Department of the Treasury. Much of the money remains unclaimed.

To help more workers claim the money, the agency has developed an online search tool, Workers Owed Wages (WOW) that allows employees to learn if they are owed to any back wages.

The WOW system is = available in English and a Spanish. Last year, the division also updated WOW to make it more user-friendly, offer

**Littleton firm penalized
for non-payment of OT**

DALLAS — The U.S. Department of Labor successfully recovered \$91,000 in back wages and damages from a Littleton landscaper who shortchanged 21 employees, according to a release dated Sept. 5.

The Labor Department’s Wage & Hour Division recovered \$45,537 in back wages and \$45,537 in damages from JRM Enterprises Inc., operating as JRM Landscape & Design. It found that JRM denied overtime and failed to keep payroll records. The actions violated the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Wage & Hour Division determined that JRM paid 21 workers straight time for all hours worked, including those exceeding 40 hours per week.

ways to search the database, and enhance security.

Both the English and Spanish versions allow workers and their advocates to answer a series of questions to determine if they are owed wages and to easily claim them. If money should be distributed, workers will be directed to the Wage & Hour Division office that can help them get their check quickly.

Calls can be answered, confidentially, in more than 200 languages.

AdCo jailbirds offered in-person voting

BRIGHTON — With the passage of Senate Bill 24-072, inmates will be able to register and vote in person while incarcerated at the Adams County Detention Facility.

While the Adams County Elections Department has assisted with mail-in voting for the incarcerated population, the challenge was how to host a voting center within the facility.

Both the elections department and jail leadership researched the best practices to ensure that registrations and voting occurred in the best way possible. The first step was communicating who was eligible and what the process looks like for the incarcerated population. The elections department disseminated that communication throughout the detention facility.

The jail will also facilitate early registration so inmates can register in advance of in-person voting. Deputies will be dedicated to the election process to ensure a smooth transition of individuals from their housing units to the voting center.

In living up to a core value (collaboration) of the Adams County Sheriff’s Office, its information technology unit, the elections department, certified law enforcement personnel, and professional staff united to make the inmate voting process possible, according to a release.

Although the incarcerated population previously voted with mail-in ballots, the opportunity to vote in person, as part of the community process, meets another core value — service.

“Although there are challenges in coordinating the effort, we are dedicated to providing this service to our inmate population,” the release states.



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Arapahoe Co. seeks comments on proposed rules, regulations for open spaces, parks, trails

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing an update to current rules and regulations for county-owned open space, trail and park properties.

The public is invited to weigh in on the proposed changes during a 30-day public comment period from Oct. 21 through Nov. 18.

The current rules and regulations were adopted in 1996 and predate the formation of the Open Spaces Department.

No updates to the adopted rules and regulations have occurred over the past 28 years despite the program’s significant growth (from 60 acres and two properties owned in 1996 to 5,466 acres and 28 properties in 2024) and expanding operational and public safety needs.

The new proposed rules and regulations include:

- Visitors shall not release animals on Open Spaces properties.
- Dogs shall be on leashes.
- Pedal-assisted electric bikes are allowed.
- Default speed limit on trails and pathways is 15 mph.
- No smoking on Open Spaces properties.
- No glass bottles on Open Spaces properties.
- No dumping waste generated offsite.
- No use of flotation devices or flying objects unless otherwise posted.
- No unpermitted commercial

activities.
“Like many public places, Arapahoe County’s parks, trails and open spaces are not immune to damage caused by vandalism, dumping and other activities that degrade the places we love,” said Director of Open Spaces Gini Pingenot. “After reviewing several well-developed Front Range local governments rules and regulations, staff concluded that the current rules and regulations needed to be updated to ensure the protection of the county’s natural resources and assets, align better from a consistency standpoint with adjacent agencies, and protect public safety.”

In developing the proposals, the county has been mindful about balancing the personal freedom and enjoyment that comes with outdoor spaces with a broader sense of respect for community, natural surroundings and the well-being of all life forms.

The effort “will help ensure that the treasured places we all support through our tax dollars remain special now and into the future,” according to a release.

Adoption of the proposed updated rules and regulations requires a public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners. The hearing is set for Monday, Nov. 18. If adopted, the new rules would be effective Jan. 1.

To share feedback, visit www.arapahoeco.gov or e-mail to askopenspaces@arapahogov.com.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Bennett Community Food Bank. 8-10 a.m., Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

Deer Trail Elks Turkey Shoot. 9 a.m. to dusk, Deer Trail Rodeo Grounds. \$5 per round, no buyback on Saturday. Dinner at 6 p.m., Elks Lodge. \$10 per plate on pass-through.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Deer Trail Elks Turkey Shoot. 9 a.m. to dusk, Deer Trail Rodeo Grounds. \$5 per round.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Strasburg High School Athletic Booster Club. 6 p.m., high school library.

Bingo. 7 p.m., Byers American Legion Hall.

Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Adams County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)405-3298. Online appointments available at Anythink libraries for

one-on-one discussion with a volunteer attorney. Space limited.

Arapahoe County free legal clinic. 2-3:30 p.m. by phone. To sign up, call (303)739-6630. Online appointments available at Aurora Main Library for one-on-one discussion with a volunteer attorney. Space limited.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

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

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans Day concert hosted by Byers Elementary School. 2:15 p.m., big gym. Red, white and blue attire encouraged.

Veterans Day program. 2:35 p.m., Agate School.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Veterans Day assembly, 8:30 a.m., Strasburg Elementary School cafe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trump in Aurora story draws ire from reader

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to an article in the Oct. 17 issue of *The I-70 Scout*, “Trump drives anti-immigration message in Aurora,” written by Jesse Bedayn & Adriana Gomez Licon of the Associated Press.

If your publication published an article verbatim from the AP, then I assume that this is also the view of *The I-70 Scout*. I hope this is not the case. You represent the people of the I-70 Corridor, which may or may not agree with the viewpoints represented in the article. If that is true, then you should have stated that *The I-70 Scout* does not necessarily agree with the views expressed in the article.

There were many views expressed in this article that I would like to take issue with! Here are just a few:

1) “... [Trump] drives a message, often using false or misleading claims and dehumanizing language, that migrants are causing chaos in smaller American cities and towns.”

I believe that a majority of Americans recognize that the huge and unknown number of unvetted immigrants allowed into this nation through an open border are creating many problems including violent deaths of American citizens, unsustainable costs for food, housing, education and medical care — costs that are not being reimbursed to the towns and cities by the U.S. government for immigrants dropped off, flown in, and bused to these communities without the approval of the local citizens.

2) “Trump’s rally in Aurora marked the first time ... that either presidential campaign has visited Colorado, which reliably votes Democratic statewide.”

I know that there is a substantial population of Colorado that does not vote Democratic, including my friends and neighbors that live in the areas covered by *The I-70 Scout*!

3) “Aurora entered the spotlight in August when a video circulated showing armed men walking through an apartment building housing Venezuelan migrants. Trump has claimed extensively that Venezuelan gangs are taking over buildings, even though authorities say that was a single block of the suburb near Denver and the area is again safe.”

The Daily Mail reported Oct. 16 “that the dangerous Venezuelan gang, Tren de Aragua, has taken over at least four apartment complexes in San Antonio, Texas, as it expands its reach in yet another American city. Tren de Aragua is known to run drug smuggling, child prostitution and human trafficking rings in South America.”

The news today said that the San Antonio Police had arrested 12 members of this gang. I feel like one block of Aurora taken over by Venezuelan gang members is one block too much!

I sincerely hope that *The I-70 Scout* has views that are more in line with the people that live in this area, and I hope that in the future you will strive to communicate with us, your readers, that you do not necessarily agree with the views that you published directly from the Associated Press article!

— Joan Eckhardt, *Deer Trail*

I stand by the Trump article as written

Dear Readers:

Ms. Eckhardt is making assumptions about me and the newspaper. First, I will never kowtow to the absurd suggestion that I should print whether I agree or disagree with an article. Besides, how does she reconcile the fact that on the cover of this very edition is a story about the women’s center in Byers, which opposes abortion rights, with an article about Trump, who claims that he opposes abortion rights. Where am I, Ms. Eckhardt? Are you going to misconstrue the women’s center story to mean that I also oppose abortion rights? Should I state whether I agree with the article or not? Or should I only agree with it if you agree with it?

In addition to Ms. Eckhardt, I was involved in one lively conversation on social media about the Trump article and you know what? Not one person contested any fact in it. Perhaps they just want me to print “alternative facts.”

That said, I hereby stand by the article as written.

— Douglas Claussen, *Publisher & Editor*

P.S. The 30th anniversary of the founding of *The I-70 Scout* occurred on Oct. 16. I want to thank the public, my many customers, my many friends, and my family for their support over all these years. It has truly been a great ride!

ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO LDC24-006, NATURAL MEDICINE LAND USES / LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL: Amendment to the Land Development Code to allow natural medicine land uses pursuant to Colorado Proposition 122 in certain zone districts, set operational and location standards, and describe rules for non-commercial cultivation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2024, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial, CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described amendments to the Land Development Code, Case No. LDC24-006. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112, by calling 720-874-6650 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), or by emailing planning@arapahogov.com.

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

Published in *The I-70 Scout* on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, and *Eastern Colorado News* on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024.



FAMILY CENTER

FROM PAGE 1

“This building was once the Byers post office,” Jackson said, adding that the resource center operated out of a church in town at the time. “In 2003 they got a grant and a loan to buy the old post office and then they remodeled it to fit what they did.”

By 2010 the loan was paid off and the organization got another grant and loan to expand the building.

The Family Resource Center, a faith-based organization, is funded largely by individual pledges, corporate sponsorships, and church donations.

“We don’t get any government subsidies whatsoever,” Jackson said, adding that several fundraisers are held each year. “The Knights of Columbus with Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church hold a dinner and silent auction every year and they donate some of the proceeds to us. This year the amount was the largest it has ever been — \$8,500.”

Another fundraiser is the “Baby Bottle Boomerang.”

“We provide churches with a basket full of baby bottles and congregation members can take one home and fill it with change,” Jackson said, adding that the boomerang is a fun way to get families involved.

Each June, the Denver/Boulder area Christian Motorcycle Association holds a “diaper run” for the center.

“They start in Boulder and come out here carrying boxes of diapers on the back of their motorcycles,” Jackson said. “This year we had 15 motorcycles and 30 riders. They also give us monetary donations.”

Jackson said that, while the building is paid off, the organization pays for utilities, supplies and insurance — which increased by \$900 this year.

“That really hurt,” she noted.

Nonprofits don’t pay taxes but must be certified with the Secretary of State. Pregnancy centers must belong to at least two support organizations. The Byers center is a member of Care Net and the National Institute of Family &



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Deb Jackson stands in the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains’ “Boutique,” which provides free baby and child supplies to Corridor families in need.

Life Advocates.

“I’m taking our volunteers to the Care Net Colorado convention next month,” Jackson said. “They help with things like educational materials and pamphlets.”

Jackson is the only paid employee. A four-member board oversees the organization’s workings and finances and receives a report by Jackson at its monthly meetings.

Board members also work as volunteers at the center. Including the board members, eight volunteers currently serve at the center.

Potential volunteers fill out an application and go through an interview and background check after the application is accepted by the board of directors. Volunteer opportunities include front desk reception, childcare helper, class facilitator, maintenance/housekeeping, material donation sorting, marketing and fundraising.

“We always need volunteers,” Jackson said. “People can go to our website, (www.FamilyResourceByers.org), and look over the application.”

The center offers free material needs at its well-stocked “boutique.” The boutique is open to residents along the I-70 Corridor and offers newborn through size 6 diapers, baby wipes, baby formula and food, baby bottles and sippy cups, nursing pads, maternity clothes, children’s clothing from

size newborn to children’s size 6, children’s shoes, baby equipment, toys, books and more.

The boutique is stocked through monetary donations and donations of new or gently used items. The center cannot accept furniture such as cribs, mattresses, changing tables, but other baby equipment is happily received including unexpired car seats, strollers, baby carriers, swings, walkers, bumbo seats, baby bathtubs and potty seats.

Donations are accepted during business hours at the center: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m.

Jackson said clothing donations are washed, folded, sorted by season and size, and stored in tubs.

“We have our fall/winter line out now, which includes heavy coats and Halloween costumes,” she noted.

A holiday boutique is held yearly, which features special items including toys, books and quilts.

“One group makes quilts that they give out at Christmas and last year they had 30 quilts of all sizes,” Jackson said, adding that 58 families attended the event last year. “Through those families, we served 150-plus kids. It was wonderful. It was God’s blessing.”

Jackson said the boutique is open to all, based on need. Clients are not required to take the center’s classes, but class attendees receive extra access.

“If they come in once a week for a class, they can have diapers and wipes once a week and anything else they want in the boutique,” she said. “We call it ‘earn while you learn.’ We have prenatal, post-natal and developmental classes; classes on tantrums, how to discipline, the teenage years, budgeting — whatever they need. We have a fatherhood program we’re trying to get implemented.”

Jackson teaches many of the classes herself but calls in others to help when needed. Classes generally run once a week for four or five weeks.

Jackson, who has served as the resource center director since 2018, loves her job, her volunteers, and helping the clients who come through the door.

“It’s a blessing when a family comes in and we can help them,” she said.

For more information, visit www.FamilyResourceByers.org; e-mail Contact@FamilyResourceByers.org; or call (303)822-9368.

Jeff Baker has earned your vote for his re-election.

Jeff Baker, candidate for re-election to the Arapahoe County Board of commissioners, in my opinion, has earned your vote by his hard, dependable and successful work on behalf of the I-70 corridor, as well as the rest of Arapahoe County.

His successful experience as a Colorado native before becoming a commissioner eight years ago includes 17 years of service in the U.S. Army starting as a private and retiring as a Warrant Officer, who trained in police, sex crimes on children and Crimes Scene (CSI) Investigations. He was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division while deployed in Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. Upon returning to civilian life he was CSI supervisor for the Aurora Police Department. He currently uses those skills as a member of the Colorado Sex Offender Board. He was also employed by Arapahoe County in a number of positions before seeking election as County Commissioner for District 3.

I got to know Jeff pretty well when I served for him on the Arapahoe County Open Space Committee for seven of the eight years, which I served. During that time, Byers received their first Arapahoe County sponsored Open Space funding to greatly improve a local community park. Strasburg and Bennett received money from the County Open Space multiple times to improve their existing Open Space areas

Aside from his duties as a commissioner, his fellow county commissioners respect & trust his friendly leadership and judgment. They elected him as their chair (functional president) of the County Commission for two years in a row. In addition, the 58 members of the Denver Regional Council of governments voted Jeff as their chair (functional president) where he will serve until the beginning of 2026.

Jeff is a family man, married for 44 years. He and his wife have two children, one of whom is a disabled veteran from serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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‘Geek Out:’ For the next monthly hangout for teens ages from 11-18, participants will create fandom-inspired creative art for the annual “Geek Out” creative contest. Variety of art supplies provided. The contest runs from Nov. 1-30. 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Tea At 2: Adults and older adults are invited to “Tea at 2” every first Wednesday of the month.

Attendees can enjoy tea and relaxing activities, such as puzzles, playing cards, and adult coloring pages. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6.

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Youth Drop-In: Kids and tweens ages 5-12 can drop-in to enjoy crafts, games and technology with a new activity each month. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Wacky Wednesday: Kids and tweens ages 5-12 can drop in for snacks, games, cool technology and creative crafts with a new activity each month. 4-5:30 p.m.,

Arapahoe Libraries
‘Geek Out’ entries
open thru Nov. 30

ENGLEWOOD — Teens ages 11-18 can unleash their creativity in the annual “Geek Out” creative contest at Arapahoe Libraries.

Each entrants must submit an original piece of art inspired by their favorite fandom. The contest is open to any form of art — cosplay, drawing, music or writing, for example.

Participants must enter online or in person from Nov. 1-30 for a chance to win exciting prizes.

Winners will be notified by Thursday, Dec. 12, and all participants can attend the party and awards ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial.

For more information, call (303)542-7279 or visit arapahoelibraries.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Art party: Teens are invited to create fandom-inspired art.

Participants can submit their creations to the Annual “Geek Out” creative contest. Supplies provided. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce and town of Bennett co-hosted a ribbon cutting for the new F&M Bank building at 1077 Cedar St. Oct. 11. Bank representatives cutting the ribbon are Tina Prinsloo, Mary Sheely, Dulce Fernandez-Herrera, Berta Guadarrama, Brent Wiedeman, Michael Collitt and Ivy Craig. The new building is expected to house a micro-brewery, including a tasting room, as one of its tenants.

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Wednesday, Nov. 6: Queso meatball sandwich, Mexicorn, chips, grapes.
Thursday, Nov. 7: Rattlesnake fries, queso cheese, shredded cheese, fruit cup.

BYERS
Friday, Nov. 1: Mini corn dogs, Sun Chips.
Monday Nov. 4: Chicken and a bis-

cuit, broccoli and carrots with ranch, peaches.
Tuesday, Nov. 5: Pasta bake, roll with butter, garden salad with ranch.
Wednesday, Nov. 6: Pork chimi-changa with green chili, Spanish rice, beans.
Thursday, Nov. 7: Chicken alfredo, garlic roll with butter, green beans.

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Thursday, Nov. 7: Chicken nuggets.

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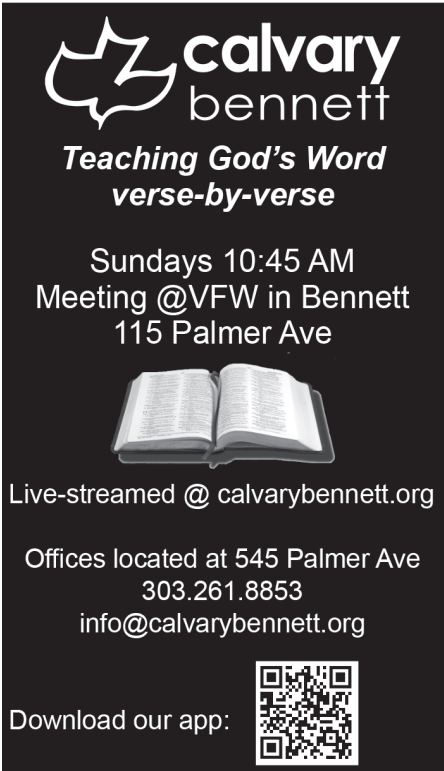














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SPORTS



Area cross country teams reach state meet



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The Byers girls cross country team was honored during Parent Appreciation Night at the Bulldog football game Oct. 25 after qualifying for state at the 2A Region 2 meet Oct. 24. Pictured are Danica Lancaster, left, Reese West, Quincy Bowling, Michaela Casey and Caroline Casey.

Byers Lady Bulldogs finish second at regionals

by Isaac Manaugh
Editorial Assistant

BYERS — The leaves are changing colors, the weather is cooling, and competitive cross country running is heating up. The Byers Lady Bulldogs grabbed their second state meet ticket as a team in three years with a second-place performance with 33 points at the 2A Region 2 meet in Lyons Oct. 24-25. The green-

and-white last qualified for state in 2022 but junior Quincy Bowling is making her third state championship showing in a row. Byers will run in the 2A State Championship at 2:20 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. Leading the way were sophomore Reese West and Bowling, who finished first and third, respectively. **SEE XC BYERS PAGE 12**

Strasburg boys advance for 3rd consecutive year

by Isaac Manaugh
Editorial Assistant

The Strasburg boys ran their way into a third consecutive state cross country berth after finishing third in the 3A Region 5 meet in Englewood Oct. 24. After running in the 2A classification the past couple of seasons placing eighth last year and 10th in 2022 in state, the Indians qualified in 3A, placing third out of 11 teams with 82 points. The red-and-black will run in the 3A State Championship at 11

a.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. Junior twin brothers Dawit and Israel James led the team with a pair of top 10 finishes with Dawit stepping on the podium. It was a hard fought race by the boys to qualify. Three of the Indian runners — the James brothers and sophomore Noah Dobransky — were within 45 seconds of each other and all placed in the top 15. Dawit James ran his way into **SEE XC STRASBURG PAGE 13**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Strasburg boys pose after qualifying for state at the 3A Region 5 Oct. 24. Pictured left to right are Jeremiah Redd, Dawit James, Noah Dobransky, Israel James, and Daniel Handy.



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Left photo, Tiger Jessica Venneberg stretches long to tip a ball back over the net against Fort Lupton in the Frontier League championship game Oct. 19. Center, Lady Tiger setter Raquel Thorpe leaves the floor and arches herself into a push back over the net versus Platte Canyon. Right, Bennett libero Brailyn Neade receives a Fort Lupton serve above her head.

Bennett girls second at Frontier League tournament

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A third consecutive Frontier League Tournament title was not in the cards for the Bennett volleyball girls as they fell in the championship match Oct. 19, but aspirations for a high postseason seed remain in place. The top-seeded orange-and-black started out the two-day conference finale with a pair of dominant home sweeps in round-robin play Oct. 17 — 25-4, 25-13, 25-4 over Platte Canyon and 25-7, 25-9, 25-8 over Sheridan. After a 25-19, 25-21, 25-14 semifinal sweep over Arrupe Jesuit in Saturday morning's semifinal, the host Tigers lost to Fort Lupton for the second

time in five sets this season, 25-21, 25-15, 14-25, 24-26, 15-7. "Saturday's results were definitely rough for our team," said Bennett head coach Corissa Thornton. "While we didn't win the league championship, we have a bigger picture in mind and are hoping to finish out the season strong and secure a spot to host regionals. I had to remind the girls that there is a bigger goal and that is to make it to the state tournament. They are focused and ready for that challenge." Following its 25-17, 25-21, 25-13 home sweep over Weld Central Oct. 22, Bennett advanced to 17-5 overall and was ranked No. 12 in the Oct. 26 Colorado High School Activities Asso-

ciation's Selection & Seeding Index for the 36-team bracket in 3A volleyball. The top 12 seeds host three-team, round-robin regionals the weekend of Nov. 8-9 with those dozen winners moving onto the state tournament Nov. 14-16 at the Denver Coliseum. Regional pairings will be announced Nov. 4. **LEAGUE TITLE TILT** After fighting back from a five-point deficit to get within 19-18 in the first set, Bennett got no closer, losing four of the next five points and six of the final eight. In game two, Bennett appeared to right the **SEE VB BENNETT PAGE 14**

Best of Luck to the Strasburg Boys Cross Country Team and Coach James!

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Colorado Cross County Championships

Saturday, Nov. 2; 3A Boys Race @ 11 a.m.

Norris Penrose Event Center, Colorado Springs





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Above, Strasburg Metro Parks & Recreation District Manager Angie Graf presents Lonnie Losh with a plaque at an Oct. 12 dedication of Losh Field, the district's newest ball diamond at Wolf Creek Run West. Losh was a founding member of the district in 1974 and has served on the board and coached softball for the majority of the past 50 years. Below, district board members and staff pose with Losh at the dedication ceremony. From left are office assistant Jessica Loveless, Activities Coordinator Sara Rushman, board member Angie Serna, Losh, Parks & Rec Manager Nick Dickens, staff member Joe Ortiz, District Manager Angie Graf, and board members Mitch Swanson and Scott Gerrard.



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spectively, and the helping legs of freshman Caroline Casey and junior Michaela Casey, who finished 17th and 18th, respectively. Junior Danica Lancaster will join the team Nov. 2, after improving her regional time by more than a minute-and-a-half, placing 35th of the 53 participants.

"We have such a great group of girls. ... That type of competition — where there's two pretty strong runners on the same team — can sometimes cause some turmoil [but] it did the exact opposite for us," said head coach Kelci Crispe.

West took a commanding lead at the one-mile mark and never

looked back. Right behind was a runner out of Denver Christian and Bowling. All three were within 30 seconds of each other at the finish line.

West ultimately ran her way to a time of 20:46.50 where she was joined by Bowling, who ran a 21:01.00. The Casey sisters ran together throughout the race with less than 30 seconds between each other's time — Caroline at 23:13.9 and Michaela at 23:32.5.

"Michaela is a wonderful sister and really encouraged Caroline," Crispe said.

Lancaster ran her season-best time of 26:10.60.

Crispe is hopeful the girls will carry their momentum through the big stage.

"I really just hope that they show up and run the race they can," Crispe said. "Sometimes on a bigger stage, like [state], it can be mentally tough."

While the task at hand is to win, Crispe understands the need to have some fun.

"They're excited and we're gonna make a pretty fun weekend out of it," Crispe said "[but] we'll show up that day ready to go."

BYERS BOYS

The Bulldog boys placed 11th. The boys race featured a dozen teams with 89 individual runners.

Scoring times came from junior Ben Gerhardt, who ran 20:09.6 to finish 41st; junior Torin Wardall, 21:01.0 for 51st; senior Cayden Wardall, 22:24.7 for 61st; and sophomore Skyler Walters in 71st with a time of 23:25.2.

"I just wanna express how proud I am of them. ... It was a really fun season to see everybody improve," Crispe said.

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second place after drifting back to eighth place at the three-mile point. During the downhill portion of the last mile, Dawit rallied to sixth place. Staring at a steep hill in the distance, Dawit attacked the hill where he would move up to third and, in the last quarter-of-a-mile, passed a runner to gain one more position with a time of 17:01.00. Dawit was the seventh seed going into the meet.

Israel James was not to far behind, gaining positions throughout the meet, and grabbing ninth by running a 17:33.30. Israel entered the meet seeded 13th.

Dobransky had a strong run in 14th with a 17:44.80.

The other Indians helping grab the state championship ticket were junior Jeremiah Redd, 19:05.90 in 26th, and senior Daniel Handy, with a 19:12.10 in 32nd.

A total of 11 teams and 93 individuals took part in the boys regional meet.

“Cross country is a largely mental sport and our team provided their mental strength during regionals,” said head coach Mike James. “Our team is now turning our focus to the state championship. ... So anything we accomplish at state is a great extra this year.

“Part of the victory comes from the amount of hill training our team completed during the season,” coach James said.

STRASBURG GIRLS

The Lady Indians finished seventh of eighth teams with 197 points.

Scoring times taken toward the team score came from junior Megan Lay time, 23:33.00 in 31st; sophomore Maura Kramer in 40th with a 24:28.90; junior Mikayla

Friedrich taking 53rd at 28:14.10; junior Kasianna Christiansan, 54th at 28:14.20; and sophomore Kyla Bauer in 56th at 29:22.60. The girls race featured 69 runners.

BENNETT

The Bennett Tigers had six runners — one girl and five boys — take part in the 3A Region 4 meet at Johnstown Oct. 24.

Senior Vivi Cranwill ran a 26:07.81 to place 29th out of the 42 girls that ran.

The boys had a team score of 289, placing 10th.

Scoring times came from freshman Karim Lomri in 61st at 22:49.80; junior Sammy Lomri, 75th at 24:51.02; sophomore Valentine LaMountain, 78th at 25:53.91; freshman Ethan Jordan, 79th at 26:03.47; and freshman Joseph Harris, 84th at 30:01.35.

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Run Away from the Pack in the Springs!



Great job to all our Byers Boys & Girls on a Great Cross Country season!

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ship, going up 5-1; however, the Blue Devils quickly turned the tables, scoring 17 of the next 22 points to take an 18-10 advantage to cruise to a 10-point win and the 2-0 set lead.

The Tigers started their comeback effort with an 11-0 run to turn around a 10-9 third-set deficit to a 20-10 lead en route to the 11-point victory.

With game four tied at 8, Bennett appeared to seize the momentum with a 5-0 run, but the visitors battled back until the game was tied 18-18.

The teams alternated points until 24-24, including Bennett fighting off a match point, when a pair of Bluedevil errors knotted the match at two sets each.

In the deciding set, Fort Lupton jumped up 8-2 and, with the score 11-7, won the final four rallies for the tourney title.

“We came out a little bit flat, especially the first two sets, but were

able to pull through the next two," Thornton said. "I think that we were just outplayed and outhustled and we couldn't catch up after losing those first two sets."

While the hosts convincingly won the kill battle, 59-36, they also committed 43 hitting errors compared to 18 for the Bluedevils. From the service line, Bennett was 92% with six aces and 11 errors, while Fort Lupton had five aces with four mishits.

Seniors Jessica Venneberg, Elizabeth Westendorf and Olivia Schroeder accounted for more than 90% of Bennett's attacks with 24, 18 and 12 kills, respectively. Senior Raquel Thorpe and sophomore Emilee Venneberg shared distribution duties with 24 assists apiece. Senior libero Brailyn Neade recorded half of the hosts' aces with three, while Westendorf added two and Jessica Venneberg one.

Defensively, Bennett record-

ed five blocks, including two solo
stuffs from Schroeder and one
from Jessica Venneberg and 123
digs, led by Schroeder with 27,
Thorpe 23, Jessica Venneberg 19,
Emilee Venneberg 18, Westendorf
17, and Neade with 16.

SEMIFINAL MATCH

Against the much-improved Lady Generals, the orange-and-black carried a four-point-or more advantage throughout the first set before using two strong finishes to conclude the next two sets. With game No. 2 tied at 20, Bennett won the next three points and five of the last six for the victory. In game three, the score was tied 12-12 when the hosts won 13 of the final 15 points to win the match; the Lady Generals didn't score again after pulling within 18-14.

"Finally got some momentum and carried it through," Thornton said.

Bennett again dominated the hitting stats column, 36-16, with Venneberg matching the visitors' total with 16 successful swings. Westendorf added seven kills and Thorpe six, to go along with her 14 assists. Emilee Venneberg recorded a team-high 17 assists. Schroeder added five kills.

From the service line, Schroeder accounted for half her squad's six service aces with three.

Defensively, Jessica Venneberg and senior Ava Black had solo blocks, and the senior trio of Schroeder, Westendorf and Neade accounted for more than half the Tigers' 58 digs with 11, 10 and 10, respectively. On serve-receive, Bennett only committed four errors on 54 opportunities.

FRONTIER ROUND ROBIN

While the outcome of both Frontier League first-round matches were never in doubt, the partisan Bennett crowd waited in anticipation of a pair Lady Tiger career milestones as Jessica Venneberg and Westendorf both reached the 500-kill mark in the nightcap against Sheridan.

"It is an amazing accomplishment for both those ladies and a well-deserved celebration for them. The are both very talented and I'm so proud of them throughout the last few years," Thornton said. "As a whole, the team played amazing and came out on fire in both matches. I was able to get in all of my bench players and they did an amazing job stepping up to the challenge."

Against Platte Canyon, the hosts dominated the kill battle, 32-5, and recorded a 93% service success rate with 13 aces compared to sub-80% and one ace for the Huskies.

Venneberg paced Bennett's attack with 12 kills, followed by Westendorf and Black with six apiece. In addition to her team-high 16 assists, senior Raquel Thorpe led the Tigers at the service line with six aces. Sophomore Emilee Venneberg added eight assists.

Defensively, Bennett's two blocks were solo stuffs from Jessica Venneberg and sophomore Abigail Thornton. The Tigers dug out 37 balls, led by Jessica Venneberg with eight, Westendorf seven, Schroeder four, and five others with three apiece.

Against Sheridan, the Lady Tigers recorded 38 kills and 18 service aces, led by Jessica Venneberg with 10 kills; Westendorf, eight kills; Emilee Venneberg, 20 assists and three aces; Thorpe, 12 assists, four aces and four kills; and sophomore Kaylonnie Mclaury with three aces.

Defensively, Westendorf had Bennett's lone block and 10 Tigers accounted for 26 digs, led by Neade with six, Thorpe five, and Westendorf with four.

WELD CENTRAL

The orange-and-black's aspirations for a possible top 12 seed and regional hosting site received a lift with a convincing three-set sweep over the visiting Lady Rebels.

Thornton expanded her squad's rotation to 10 players that saw measurable playing time.

Bennett more than doubled Weld's hitting output, 35 kills to 15, and served eight aces compared to three for the visitors. Jessica Venneberg had a game-high 14 kills, followed by Westendorf with nine, Black with five, and Thorpe and Schroeder added three apiece. Thorpe led in assists with 16, followed by Emilee Venneberg with nine. Thorpe also tied for the team-high in aces with Schroeder with three each.

Schroeder had a well-rounded defensive effort with Bennett's lone solo stuff and a team-high 16 digs.

The orange-and-black concluded the regular season at Kent Denver Oct. 29. Results were unavailable at press time.

For match coverage and playoff pairings, see the Nov. 7 edition of *The I-70 Scout*.

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Hey! 'Which' and 'witch' - aren't they homophones?

Homophones! That's a big word!

They are words that are usually spelled differently and have different meanings, but sound the same when you say them.

Which of my ideas will you use to brew a safer Halloween? Match the first part of each idea to the second part to make good sense.

1. trick-or-treat

2. have an adult or a friend

3. carry a flashlight

4. have Mom or Dad check

5. wear

6. wearing make-up instead of a mask

A. to see and be seen

B. brightly colored clothes

C. walk with you

D. only at homes of people you know

E. will allow you to see things better

F. all treats before you eat any

Fill in the blanks to spell 5 words that begin with the letter "h."

1. hau _ted

2. hou _e

3. Hallo _een

4. how _ing

5. hair-rai _ing

Halloween Homophones

My brother...the not so stealthy ninja guy. Okay, he looks cool.

Skeleton Jokes

1. creak (squeaking sound)

2. moan (low, mournful cry)

3. groan (short, strong sound from pain)

4. wrack (damage)

5. night (late part of day)

6. chilly (frosty temperature)

7. toad (hopping animal)

8. wail (loud cry)

9. claws (sharp fingernails)

10. soul (your spirit)

The words below are called "homophones" because they sound the same, but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Can you match each word in the first column to its homophone?

A. clause (extra point in a contract)

B. towed (pulled by rope)

C. rack (stores items)

D. creek (a stream)

E. sole (the only one)

F. grown (gotten bigger)

G. chili (spicy food)

H. mown (cut grass)

I. knight (hero in armor)

J. whale (largest mammal)

Skeleton Joke Answers:

1. Tickle his funny bone.

2. He can feel it in his bones.

3. She always feels empty.

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20 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
BENNETT — Twelve Bennett students won a raffle to see President George W. Bush.

Jay Vandikeman, father of a Bennett sixth-grader, had several tickets to hear the President’s campaign speech. He decided to invite 12 Bennett sixth-graders and several chaperones to attend the event at the Island Grove Event Center at Greeley Oct. 25.

Tracy Hendrickson, Bennett sixth-grade teacher, was one of the chaperones.

“It is awesome how they picked so much up,” Hendrickson said. “I’m surprised how educated they are about the issues. This will hopefully spark an interest in politics for the rest of their lives. What an education this was for all of us.”

After passing a street full of protesters, the kids were surprised with a visit from Pete Coors, Republican Senate candidate. Coors boarded the school bus and explained how glad he was that they had the opportunity to see the President.

15 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The third largest October snowstorm in almost four decades blanketed the I-70 Corridor

with at least a foot of snow, and up to 20 inches in some places, Oct. 28-30 and helped contribute to one of the wettest Octobers ever.

“This was a very significant storm for October, not to mention the third snow event in eight days,” said Colorado climatologist Nolan Doesken. “It does not appear to have stacked up to the Oct. 24-25, 1997, storm or the 1969 storm. Overall, it looks like October precipitation totals will be averaging over 2 inches of water content, over double the average.”

10 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

DEER TRAIL — Two groups of rural teens who live nearly 5,000 miles apart shared knowledge and formed friendships in an exchange program that resulted in the production of a documentary film.

Members of the Deer Trail FFA and a group of young Dutch farmers have participated in an international knowledge exchange project for the past two years. This year a real exchange took place when six Deer Trail FFA students traveled to the province of Friesland in the Netherlands over spring break, and a contingent of nine Dutch students and four chaperones made a trip to Colorado in October.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 22

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 31, the 305th day of 2024. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 31, 1984, Indira Gandhi, India’s Prime Minister for more than 15 years, was assassinated by two of

her own security guards.

ON THIS DATE

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation making Nevada the 36th state, eight days before the presidential election.

In 1913, the Lincoln Highway, the first automobile

highway across the United States, was dedicated.

In 1941, work was completed on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, begun in 1927.

In 1950, Earl Lloyd of the Washington Capitols became the first African-American to play in an NBA game.

In 1961, the body of Josef Stalin was removed from Lenin’s Tomb as part of the Soviet Union’s “de-Stalinization” drive.

In 1999, EgyptAir Flight 990, from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 aboard.

In 2005, President George

W. Bush nominated Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS

Former CBS anchorman Dan Rather is 93. TV host Jane Pauley is 74. Football coach Nick Saban is 73.

— Associated Press

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- Selfie, e.g.
- One of five Ws
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- Mandolin’s cousin
- Knitter’s unit
- Aren’t, colloquially
- Mimicked
- *Like House with Oval Office
- *The Hunchback’s home (2 words)
- Listening devices
- Flirtatious stares
- Salt, in Spanish
- * ____ State Building
- TV shows, e.g.
- Will Ferrell’s “Funny or ____”
- Steve McQueen’s “The Great ____” (1963)
- Toss a coin
- * ____ & Young financial services company
- Kimono tie
- Sweating room
- Short skirt
- Batter (2 words)
- Lake, in French
- Anise seed (1 word)
- * ____ of Versailles or Buckingham ____
- * ____ of war
- Sinbad the Sailor’s home
- Not good
- *St. Basil’s in Moscow or St. Paul’s in London
- *The Parthenon in Athens is made of this
- Capital of Norway
- Aeneas’ lover
- More slippery
- Animal protein
- Independent chieftain
- High degree
- TV program interruptions
- Retired, abbr.

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- CAT or PET, e.g.
- *Key Tower, tallest building in this Buckeye state
- Laundry room fire hazard
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- Make a solemn promise
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- Wading bird
- “Monkey ____, monkey do”
- Bodily swelling
- Rice wine
- 1/100th of Finnish markka
- Rotisserie skewer
- Spurious wing
- Cancer-treating machine, acr.
- * ____ Needle, Seattle
- For boys and girls
- Lawyers’ org.
- * ____ Chapel, Vatican City
- Flat replacement
- “____, borrow or steal”
- Eventual outcome
- Leonhard ____, Swiss mathematician (1707-1783)
- Portable stairs
- Headquartered
- Road-tripping guide
- Carve in stone
- Emptiness
- Vegetative state
- Ice crystals
- Passage in a coal mine
- Voldemort’s title
- Small amount of drink

ANSWERS ON PAGE 22

HOROSCOPE

Your Halloween Horoscopes

Mercury and Neptune rule this Samhain with a dreamy trine of shadow, fog and other illusions. The tricks will be skillful, the treats divine as the Scorpio moon plays mysterious disappearing games on the night before the new moon, singing: “Shadows of a thousand years rise again unseen, voices whisper in the trees, ‘Tonight is Halloween!’”

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your best trick is your ability to see through masks and cut straight to the heart of any situation. Your best treat is the intensity you bring to relationships; people feel truly alive in your presence, like they’ve touched something powerful and real.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your best trick is the way you can turn any situation into an adventure, making the ordinary seem extraordinary. Your best treat is your contagious optimism; people love being swept up in your enthusiastic zest for life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your best trick is your strategic mind, always five steps ahead, building toward something magnificent. Your best treat is the sense of accomplishment and mastery you offer, making people feel like they can scale mountains just by being near you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your best trick is shaking up the status quo with innovative ideas that no one saw coming. Your best treat is the sense of freedom you inspire, encouraging people to embrace their quirkiest, most creative selves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your best trick is blending seamlessly into any environment, moving between worlds with fluid grace. Your best treat is the deep emotional connection you offer; people find their souls nourished in your company.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your best trick is the way you can decide who to be then declare and embody it with boldness and immediacy. Your best treat is the way you rise to an occasion and give of yourself even if you’re privately unsure of how your effort will land.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your best trick is making others give you the very best that’s available because you demand quality from the world. Your best treat is luxury that comes from these standards. People fulfill your orders in unexpected and delightful ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your best trick is an ongoing mission of playfulness which includes ribbing, flirting, flattery and the sort of teasing that lets people know you really see them. Your best treat is the sense that wherever you are, that’s the cool crowd.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your best trick is reading the room like no one else, picking up on vibes before anyone says a word. Your best treat is the comfort you bring; people are drawn to your nurturing energy like a cozy blanket on a chilly night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your best trick is making people feel like they’re the center of the universe... and it’s because they are for the moments they have your attention! Your best treat is how your generosity of spirit starts the flow of whole-hearted love your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your best trick is spotting what’s out of place and fixing it before anyone else even notices it’s off. Your best treat is the deep sense of security you offer others when they know everything is handled, thanks to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your best trick is arranging harmony out of chaos — smoothing over even the fiddliest situations with a smile. Your best treat is the way you make people feel seen and appreciated, leaving them feeling like they’re part of something beautiful.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31). You’re a brilliant inventor in this year filled with fresh connections, a modernization of the old ways and the leveraging of past successes to tremendous effect. More highlights: You’ll set hearts ablaze. Maybe it’s not your aim, but your passion and enthusiasm spreads and suddenly everyone around you wants a piece of that energy. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 6, 45 and 12.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

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by **Bobbie Keefer**
For The Scout

To make a quick and easy meal, try this restaurant-style recipe.

Use leftover chicken and any variety of frozen mixed vegetables. I like to use larger cuts of chicken and Bird's Eye brand frozen vegetables. Garden style is fine — stir-fry is not necessary.

Remember, soy sauce is salty so taste and adjust the flavor to your liking. You can add red pepper flakes for heat.

You can substitute the chicken can be substituted for pork or beef and any vegetables you choose.

I never had Chinese food as a child. Probably a good thing. My German mom would have added sauerkraut!



DIRECTIONS

Make rice to yield two cups. Cut chicken into cubes. In large skillet, melt 2 tablespoons butter. Fry chicken with onions until slightly browned. Add garlic, frozen vegetables. Cook about 5 minutes, stirring often, until veggies are cooked through. Remove to bowl. In same skillet, melt remaining butter. Scramble cook eggs until soft set. Return chicken mixture to skillet with eggs. Add cooked rice, soy sauce, garlic pepper, ginger. Stir-fry gently until heated through. Taste and adjust seasonings.

CHINESE CHICKEN FRIED RICE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 pound boneless chicken
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen stir-fry vegetables
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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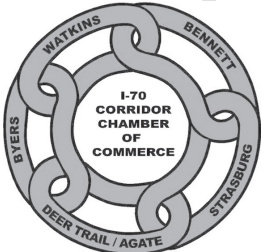
Left photo, the Big Boy No. 4014 locomotive is converged upon by a large throng of train aficionados, historians and other onlookers during the engine’s stop at the Monroe Street crossing in Strasburg Oct. 21. Right photo, Deer Trail School students are let out of class Monday afternoon to watch the historical marvel rumble along Highway 40 on the west edge of town.



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The Big Boy No. 4014 steam locomotive negotiates the railroad curve near Old Victory Road immediately east of Lady Bird Hill under the steady hands of the engineer and his crew, right.

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