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Measles outbreak spreads in Kansas, N.M.

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

PUEBLO — While no additional cases have been reported in Colorado since a Pueblo resident was confirmed to have contracted measles last month, state health officials last week updated locations where transmission of the

contagion could have occurred. “As our investigation has progressed, we identified an additional location where people may have been exposed to measles. This is common in case investigations as we learn more about an individual’s movements during their infectious period,” said,

Rachel Herlihy, Colorado State Epidemiologist and Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Colorado Department of Health & Environment, in an April 2 statement. “Identifying and notifying the public about these locations as quickly as possible is critical to protecting the health of the community and limiting fur-

ther spread.” In addition to the Southwest Deli & Cafe, 1873 S. Pueblo Blvd., between March 17-21, visitors to the South Side Walmart, 4080 W. Northern Ave., from 2:30-5 p.m. March 22 are urged to be checked for measles if feeling ill. State health officials also updated the time frame for patients at

the Southern Colorado Clinic, 109 S. Burlington Drive, to 1:30-4:30 p.m. March 22. Officials with the Pueblo Department of Public Health & Environment and CDPHE confirmed March 31 that a Pueblo resident had tested positive for the contagious
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Young Simba, played by Harley-Ann Lehmkuhl, runs from the Wildebeests in the gorge during a production of “The Lion King Kids” by the Tiger Tones of Bennett Intermediate School March 27-28 at the high school auditorium. **SEE PAGE 24.**

Administrative enforcement of Bennett Municipal Code approved by town trustees

by **Shylo Bockenfeld**
Editorial Assistant

BENNETT — Bennett officials are in process of implementing additional town wide property maintenance regulations, which are expected to be finalized later this year. During the March 25 town trustees meeting, Bennett Community Services Supervisor Keith Buono encouraged adoption the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as a supplement to the existing Bennett town code. The board has not yet approved adoption of the IPMC, but did approve administrative enforcement of the Bennett Municipal Code, changes to location of utility equipment, an electronic billboard to be located at exit 304 south of I-70 with one of its eight digital display slots dedicated to town use, and plans for an AutoZone to be located at the intersection of CO-79 and Pearl Street. IPMC establishes minimum requirements for the maintenance of existing private and commercial buildings through model code regulations intended to be clear and specific. The board emphasizes repairs such as unstable
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Byers Knowledge Bowl team qualifies for nat’l showdown

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

BYERS — Question: What I-70 Corridor high school has qualified for the state Knowledge Bowl competition for four years in a row?
Answer: Byers High School.
If that was a Knowledge Bowl question, the team that buzzed in first with the right answer would earn points — an action Byers teams have successfully performed hundreds of times. Qualifying for the state meet also punches a team’s ticket to the nationals, and this year’s roster hopes to make the trip to New Orleans at the end of May for the school’s third national competition. *The I-70 Scout* caught up with Knowledge Bowl coach and social studies teacher Scott Thomas and his high school team in his classroom March 12. Thomas’ admiration for his team members is evident as he recounts their state competition accomplishments. He noted that the team’s successes are displayed on a banner in the gym alongside athletic team banners. “Our first year the state competition was held online because of COVID, and we came in third,” he

said. “The next year we went to UNC Greeley and we got fifth. Last year it was at Aims Community College in Greeley and we got third again.” The team returned to Aims Community College for this year’s state meet March 17-18 and took eighth place in the 2A classification. Thomas added that Byers teams have twice been regional champions and have participated in other events. “The last couple years we’ve done Rocky Mountain Quiz Kids, which is televised in southern Colorado,” he said. “We’ve done an online tournament through Knowledge Bowl and came in second as a small school. We haven’t been in a league in a while, but we’ve been league champions three times in a row — junior high and high school.” Thomas, in his sixth year as Byers’ Knowledge Bowl coach, unnecessarily apologized for his enthusiasm. “Sorry for just reeling all that off, but the thing is, it’s been amazing what these kids have accomplished,” he said. Current high school team members include Jena Rains, Cristopher Papaianopol, Nick Papaianopol, Ben Gerhardt, Torin Wardall, Krayton Ebert and



Byers High School Knowledge Bowl team members — juniors Torin Wardall, left, Cristopher Papaianopol, Krayton Ebert and Ben Gerhardt, freshman Nick Papaianopol, and senior Jena Rains — get serious about the state competition. Ian Foos is not pictured.
Ian Foos. All but Ian were present for the lunch hour interview. They fielded questions from the
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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Parenting classes available thru Family Resource Center

BYERS — Parents interested in improving their parenting skills can register for parenting classes offered by the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains. Classes will run for five consecutive weeks from 9:30-10:30 a.m., every Wednesday starting April 9 at the center, 228 W. Front St., Byers. Five one-hour lessons will include practical help in dealing with disciplinary and behavioral issues with their children for ages 2-12. Child care will be available for a small donation and the center will be closed except for class attendees. Participants will also have the opportunity to shop the center’s boutique each week and receive free diapers. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call (303)822-9368 prior to the first class on April 9.

Northern Arapahoe pact key to Strasburg seniors potluck

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association’s St. Patrick’s potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. A Strasburg High School student will discuss Strasburg Northern Arapahoe Partnership (SNAP), an agreement between the Northern Arapaho Tribe and school. The group, which provides a social outlet for area 1, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Mary Humphrey at (303)622-4695.

ArapCo health dept. arranges inexpensive LEEP procedures

AURORA — Beginning April 1, Arapahoe County residents have a new option to treat pre-cancerous or cancerous cervical lesions identified during regular cervical cancer screenings. On Tuesday, April 15, patients referred by their medical provider for a Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP) can get one for \$75. Providers should complete the re-

ferral form on behalf of patients who need the procedure. Arapahoe County Public Health will then work with the patient to schedule an appointment at its Englewood location. Procedures performed after April 15 will be charged the standard Medicaid reimbursement rates, or billed to Medicaid directly, for qualifying individuals. For more information, call Arapahoe County Public Health at (303)734-5444.

Byers Knowledge Bowl team schedules taco bar fundraiser

BYERS — The Byers High School Knowledge Bowl team will host dinner and a friendly competition at 5 p.m., Friday, April 11, in the school cafeteria. The evening will start with a donation-based taco bar and dessert, followed by the opportunity to join a Knowledge Bowl-type tournament. Teams of up to four people will compete against each other and the Byers High School team. Questions will involve a plethora of subjects including history, science, math, language arts and contemporary topics. The event is a fundraiser for the Byers team to attend the national Knowledge Bowl competition in New Orleans.

Bennett Performing Arts Club seeks contributions of shoes

BENNETT — The Bennett Performing Arts Booster Club is accepting

donations gently worn, used and new shoes. Collection boxes will be located at Bennett High School, outside the front office and by the Performing Arts classrooms. The booster club will accept shoes of all styles and sizes until Thursday, May 1. The shoes must not be torn. Donated shoes go to those in need, not to landfills. For more information, visit www.bennettpabc.com or contact Shannon Booth at booth3333@gmail.com or text to (702)806-8906.

Angus association welcomes new member from Bennett

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A Bennett resident is a new member of the American Angus Association. Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization, reported April 1 that Lyndsey Cavey of Bennett has joined the association, which is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 21 million registered Angus. It has more than 21,000 active adult and junior members.

Museum curator scheduled for local business meeting

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., Wednesday April 16, at May Farms in Byers. Speaker will be Cliff Smith, curator

of the Comanche Crossing Museum, Strasburg. Lunch sponsor is Hally Albers. To RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, April 11. Space is limited.

April 24 presentation slated to compare old, new 'Burg

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society & Museum in Strasburg will host “All New Strasburg: Then and Now” from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, April 24, at the TBK Bank Community Room. The presentation by Museum Curator Cliff Smith will feature photographs and stories about the history of Strasburg in a “Then and Now” format. New items have been added as well as stories to accompany the photographs. 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.

'Primary' planned in election to dub large ArapCo machines

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County Public Works & Development is paving a new road as part of its annual Name-the-Equipment Contest. This year, voters will first determine which of four pieces of heavy machinery will be named next — a dozer, paver; skid-steer loader, and motor grader. The deadline is Friday, April 11, for this equipment primary election. The four machines are a Cat D6T Dozer, paver, S770 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader, and 140M 3 Series Motor Grader. The naming portion of the contest opens Monday, April 21. The winner will be announced at the yearly Public Works & Development from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, June 6, at Dove Valley Regional Park, 7900 S. Potomac St., Centennial. The contest winner gets cool prizes. For images, more information, and to vote, visit www.arapahoeco.gov.

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AdCo marks supermajority of women on board of commissioners

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners celebrated Women’s History Month by making history itself.

For the first time, four out of the five members of the Adams County Board of County Commissioners are women: Lynn Baca (chair), Julie Duran Mullica (vice chair), Kathy Henson and Emma Pinter.

Baca, District 5, ran for her role after spending her career as a civil servant, starting first as an Adams County employee. Baca, the first Latina Asian Pacific Islander to serve on the board, was born and raised in Adams County and believes it is vital for young people to see themselves represented in roles like hers.

“I became a county commissioner because, ever since I was a little girl growing up in Brighton, I’ve cared about this county and its people and wanted to make a difference,” Baca said. “This month, celebrating alongside the four other women on the Adams County Commission, it feels like a celebration for every little girl in our community who wants to lead. When they look at our county’s leaders, they can see themselves.”

Since Elaine Valente was the first woman elected as an Adams County commissioner in 1988, the board has seen major changes, including the addition of two board members to bring the total from three to five.

Since Valente’s election, a woman has always been seated on the commission.

Nine women have served as county commissioners in Adams County in the 123 years of the county’s history. All of them have served within the last 40 years — four of the nine are currently seated.

“We’re setting a new standard with this board and with every woman in a leadership role — it is becoming the



The female supermajority on the Adams County Board of Commissioners presents a proclamation recognizing March as Women’s History Month. Pictured are Commissioners Kathy Henson, left, Lynn Baca, Julie Mullica and Emma Pinter.

norm to see women leaders, and that is something to celebrate,” said Mullica, District 1. “I am so grateful to the powerhouse women who came before me and blazed the trail for not only this board, but for the many women in leadership positions across Adams County’s government.”

The board issued a proclamation recognizing March as Women’s History Month to honor the vital contributions of women at its March 18 Public Hearing. Each commissioner echoed the importance of the observance with several commissioners discussing their paths to leadership.

Commissioner Kathy Henson, District 2, discussed the gravity of observing Women’s History Month during her first term.

“To the little girl, the young professional, the stay-at-home mom — every woman out there wondering what she has to offer her community — I’ve been in your shoes,” Henson said. “I hope anyone who questions if they can lead looks at this board and sees that yes, you can be an artist; a civil servant; a lawyer; a scientist; an active, vital and involved member of your family and community; and a resounding ‘yes’ — you can be a leader.”

The majority of the county’s Executive Leadership Team are also women: Senior Deputy County Manager Alisha Reis, Deputy County Managers Dionne Stroter and Kristin Sullivan, County Attorney Heidi Miller, and Chief of Staff Lindsey Melki. Adams County also has multiple department

directors and deputy directors who are women, further demonstrating the county’s commitment to gender parity.

“It has always taken grace and guts for women in leadership to forge new paths and break new ground. Being the first board to do something is exciting but, importantly, it signals we won’t be the last,” said Pinter, District 3. “So many notable women in history who led complicated lives all made their mark on our American history.”

Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio, District 5, has served as a county commissioner for 10 years and is the most senior member of the board. During the proclamation reading for Women’s History Month, O’Dorisio spoke with admiration about the four women he serves alongside, those he has served with throughout his term, the many women on staff, and those who have helped shape his life and career.

“Adams County and Colorado continue to recognize and celebrate women’s history, legacy, and future. I am proud to help amplify the voices of the incredible women around me and the remarkably strong women who shaped me,” O’Dorisio said. “The women who serve on this county commission, the county’s Executive Leadership Team, and in roles at every level of Adams County government represent the grit, grace and determination of our amazing community.”

FEMALE ADCO COMMISSIONERS.

- Elaine Valente (years of service 1989-05)
- Alice J. Nichol (2005-13)
- Eva J. Henry (2013-25)
- Jan Pawlowski (2015-17)
- Mary Hodge (2017-21)
- Lynn Baca (2021-present)
- Emma Pinter (2019-present)
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MEASLES

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disease after a trip to an infected area of Mexico.

Pueblo Director of Public Health Randy Evetts said the patient first presented with symptoms March 22 and that the commercial lab doing the test returned the positive results the last day of the month.

Herlihy reiterated that while incubation from exposure to symptoms can range between 7-21 days, the normal incubation period is 10-12 days.

The infected party was not hospitalized because of the disease and, as of the start of April, had fully recovered and was no longer contagious.

NEIGHBORING HOTBEDS

As of the end of last week, Colorado was one of 22 states with confirmed cases of the measles, including Texas with

more than 300 confirmed infections, 50-plus in New Mexico, and Kansas between 10-49 cases. All other states are between 1-9 cases of the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 607 cases of measles have been confirmed nationwide with 74 (12%) resulting in hospitalization, one confirmed death, and a second death under investigation.

“There have been six outbreaks — defined as three or more related cases — reported in 2025, and 93% of confirmed cases — 567 of 607 — are outbreak-associated,” an April 3 CDC announcement said. “For comparison, 16 outbreaks were reported during 2024 and 69% of cases — 198 of 285 — were outbreak-associated.”

An April 4 update from the Texas Department of State Health Services said there are 481 cases across 20 counties, including 315 in Gaines County.

In New Mexico, the updated figure for infections was 54, including 52 in Lea County, which is in close proximity to Gaines County in Texas. The Kansas Division of Public Health reported that, as of April 4, 24 cases were confirmed across six counties.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

In the case someone does feel sick and suspects measles infection, they are urged to contact their emergency room or medical provider before showing up.

“Because measles is so infectious, and to make sure people get the care they need as early

as they can and prevent exposure to anyone else, please call ahead, so they can make preparations to bring you in safely and not expose other people,” said CDPHE’s Chief Medical Officer Ned Colange. “This should not stop you from getting the treatment you need, but there’s still protecting the health threat to an entire community.”

Herlihy reminds residents that while measles is the most transmissible disease known to health care officials, it is highly preventable with vaccination.

“In a room of 10 non-immune adults exposed to measles, nine will become infected. Much higher infection rate than COVID-19 and influenza, especially in youth and infants too young to be vaccinated,” she said. “But,

once vaccinated, protection is 93% with one (MMR) vaccine and that goes up to 97% with the second vaccine.”

MMR vaccines are recommended between 12-14 months of age and again between 4-6 years of age. When asked about early vaccination of children, Herlihy said the only recommendation is in the case of cross-country or international travel to areas of known measles outbreaks. Adults that are unsure of their vaccination status or that received a less effective version before 1968 can also receive the shot as a precautionary measure.

This spring’s measles case is the seventh confirmed infection in Colorado since 2014. The state recorded single infections in 2014, 2015, 2019 and 2023, and a pair in 2016.

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or damaged decks, canopies, overhangs, carports or external ducts are required safety repairs.

Some measures unrelated to safety include exterior wall finishes, paint colors, and the removal of graffiti.

Time frames for the required repairs can vary, according to Buono, who said, “With our judicial system being on the lenient side for getting individuals time to get things corrected, we did have a case that went over a year because of continuations and the extensions that the court gave. Partly because we didn’t have the specificity in our code to be able to address that one thing directly.”

Buono estimates 200 homes in Bennett would currently require repairs under the IPMC. The code would be enforced with administrative penalties

While property owners contend that the IPMC adoption is moving Bennett towards a town-wide HOA situation, at least one board member said that isn’t the case.

“This isn’t going to take away the right of the homeowner to do what they want with their home,” replied trustee Denise Smith.

“The code is not there to oppress

— it is there to ensure safety,” Buono added.

“I would assume that the primary reason residents have not already dealt with these problems is economic,” commented Trustee Larry Vittum.

The Community Services Department pairs their restrictions with offers of assistance in accessing a town-funded Residential Vibrancy Initiative (Revive) Grant for 90% or up to \$2,500 for repairs. Revive is administered on a first-come first-served basis and is subject to annual town funding.

Owners and tenants with written consent from the owner can submit one online Revive grant application per year per property. The project must receive approval from the town prior to construction to be eligible for a grant.

Projects must commence within 60 days of approval and be completed by the end of each calendar year.

Projects will be rejected for a grant if not found to be complimentary to surrounding buildings and neighborhood character or the original character of the building, those replacing grass, and any submitted improvement deemed inappropriate by town

staff.

The board unanimously approved the addition of administrative penalties in the town code as an intermediary step before an individual is summoned for a court hearing.

“Nobody wants to have to stand before the judge and explain why they didn’t cut their grass,” explained Buono, who emphasized that payment of a \$25 ticket could prevent hundreds of dollars in court fees.

Trustees reiterated the purpose of the administrative penalties is not to build revenue but to obtain compliance.

The board also approved changes to town code relating to the location of easements and utility equipment at new developments with CORE Electric.

Fully surrounding homes with utility easements will no longer be permitted and placing the equipment prominently in front yards was deemed unacceptable.

Going forward, developers shall put all utilities underground and, where necessary, will put any above-ground utility boxes in an accessible 5-foot easement on the side of the residence. The town seeks to cut back on

the amount of space sought for easements around Bennett homes so that residents have fewer use restrictions on their property.

MARCH 11 MEETING INTERRUPTION

In response to the surprise online interruption during the March 11 trustees meeting, the board released the following statement: “We acknowledge that during our study session earlier [that night,] unauthorized individuals disrupted our meeting. These bad actors acted inappropriately, and we sincerely apologize to our residents, staff and all those in attendance who were affected. The integrity and security of our public meetings are of the utmost importance. We are taking this matter seriously and will implement the necessary measures to prevent future disruptions and ensure that our virtual meetings remain a safe and productive space for civic engagement.”

NEXT MEETING

Trustee meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with a study session at 5:45 p.m. and the regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

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New leader chosen for area EPA region

DENVER (, 2025) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin Feb. 17 announced that President Donald J. Trump has appointed Cyrus M. Western to serve as the EPA Region 8 administrator.

Western will lead the implementation of the administration’s environmental agenda priorities in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and with 28 federally-recognized tribes.

“As a Wyoming native, I understand some of the unique challenges and opportunities this region faces and am committed to ensuring we meet the needs of the people while implementing the administrator’s ‘Powering the Great American Comeback’ Initiative,” Western said.

Western previously served as House Majority Whip in the Wyoming State House of Representatives. He served on the Minerals, Business & Economic Development Committee.

EASTER

Easter week worship planned at Strasburg Lutheran Church

STRASBURG — Saron Lutheran Church in Strasburg will host its Easter Week Services from April 13-20. Worship will start at:

- 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday, April 13.
- 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday, April 17.
- 7 p.m., Good Friday, April 18, joint service with Byers Community and Strasburg Presbyterian churches.
- 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 20, followed by potluck brunch.

Bennett FFA Chapter selling Easter-floral Arrangements

BENNETT — The public can purchase beautiful Easter-inspired floral arrangements made by members of the Bennett FFA Chapter. Arrangements go for \$25, which includes custom-arranged flowers, a vase and a personalized or generic greeting card. Arrangements can be picked up for free at Bennett High School on Thursday, April 17, or be delivered to addresses within Bennett town limits for an additional \$3. The deadline to order is at 5 p.m., Monday, April 14. For more information, contact Kendal Linnebur at (303)408-3992 or klinnebur@bsd29j.com.

Easter activities announced by Byers Community Church

BYERS — The community is invited to join Byers Community Church for planned its Holy Week events. Activities start at:

- 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday, April 13;
- 7 p.m., communion service, Maundy Thursday, April 17;
- 7 p.m., joint worship with Saron Lutheran Church of Strasburg and Strasburg Presbyterian at Saron Lutheran, Good Friday, April 18; and

- 8:30 a.m., pancake breakfast followed by worship at 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 20.

Byers Community Church is located at 135 S. Sherman St.

ArapCo Sheriff’s Office plans Community Easter Egg Hunt

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office Back the Blue K-9 Force and Caregiver Network will present a free community Easter egg hunt from 9-11 a.m, Saturday, April 19, at Dove Valley Regional Park. The event will include K-9 demonstrations, food trucks, kid activities, and special prizes. Participants should bring their own bags.

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled at Mountain View Fellowship

STRASBURG — An annual Eastern Egg Hunt is planned starting with breakfast at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 12, at Mountain View Fellowship. The hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m., so parents are asked to get their children to their appropriate age group area no later than 9:40 a.m. if they are not attending the breakfast. People who show up at 10 a.m., will miss the event, which goes fast for all age groups. Mountain View Fellowship is located at 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg.

Easter Egg-stravaganza set for Bennett Lutheran church

BENNETT — Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bennett is inviting the public to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Egg-stravaganza. The event, which will include games, a craft, and cookie decorating, will run from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is located at 275 Ash St., Bennett.

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Arapahoe Libraries is hosting the seed library for the third year. In 2023, A pilot program was launched at three locations to gauge interest. The library handed out 6,300 seed packets and was recognized by the Colorado Green Business Network with an Innovation Spotlight Award.

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Rummikub, Refreshments & More: Adults gather on the second Friday of each month to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub.

Other card and board games available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, April 11.

Tarot club: Adults can learn about the tarot and do readings for other participants to practice their skills in a beginner-friendly workshop. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12.

Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19.

Art Supply Exchange: Adult artists and aspiring artists of the Corridor Creative Arts League will share and swap art supplies. 1:30-2 p.m., Saturday, April 19.

Artist meet-up: Adults can join the Corridor Creative Arts League for a presentation on the fundamentals of color theory and the benefits of limited palettes. The challenge will be to create a piece inspired by the circus or a carnival. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 19.

DIY Roll-On Perfume: Kids ages 7-14 will create their own custom fragrance at the do-it-yourself class. They can choose from a wide range of essential oils and combine favorites into a roll on-perfume to take home. 4:30-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 23.

Spa Day: Library fans of all ages can enjoy a relaxing staycation as they sip on refreshing cucumber water and listen to soothing music. Expert Isaura Cardenas will teach do-it-yourself manicures, and participants can make their own scented bath salts or natural clay face mask. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, April 26.

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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their care-givers can drop in for farm-themed activities and take home a free goody bag to continue the learning at home. Crafts and toddler-friendly snacks provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, April 11.

Toddler Play & Learn: Each Play & Learn session features a professional, such as a child behavior specialist, music teacher, nutritionist, or speech therapist, to answer questions in an informal setting.

Meanwhile, toddlers can explore their interests and play with peers. Play & Learn is planned from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Fridays, April 11, 18 and 25.

Wooden jewelry workshop: Kids ages 9-18 will create whimsical wooden jewelry and key chains. All supplies provided. 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 15.

Celebrate Spring: Adults will celebrate spring by learning about gardening and creating their own fresh floral arrangements to take home. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, April 16.


Teen resume workshop: Teens ages 12-18 can build their first resume at this hands-on workshop, which will cover content, formatting, references and more. 3-4 p.m., Friday, April 18.

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Musical Me: Kids can unleash their creativity by exploring the world of sound and music and crafting their own mini musical instruments. All supplies provided. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 16.


Friday matinee: All ages are invited to an afternoon showing of “The Garfield Movie” (2024, rated PG, 1 hour, 41 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, April 11.

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A group poses for a photograph near the empty spot where a portrait of President Donald Trump once was displayed after the picture, which was part of a display of all of the country’s chief executives, was removed from the State Capitol following complaints about the likeness from Trump.

Officials: New Trump painting at state Capitol: will take time after former one was removed



HELEN RICHARDSON/The Denver Post

This portrait of President Donald Trump once hung on a wall in the rotunda on the third floor of the Colorado Capitol.

by Mead Gruver
Associated Press

Filling an empty space on the wall of presidential portraits in the Colorado Capitol with a new painting of Donald Trump could take time after one he disliked was removed and put into storage.

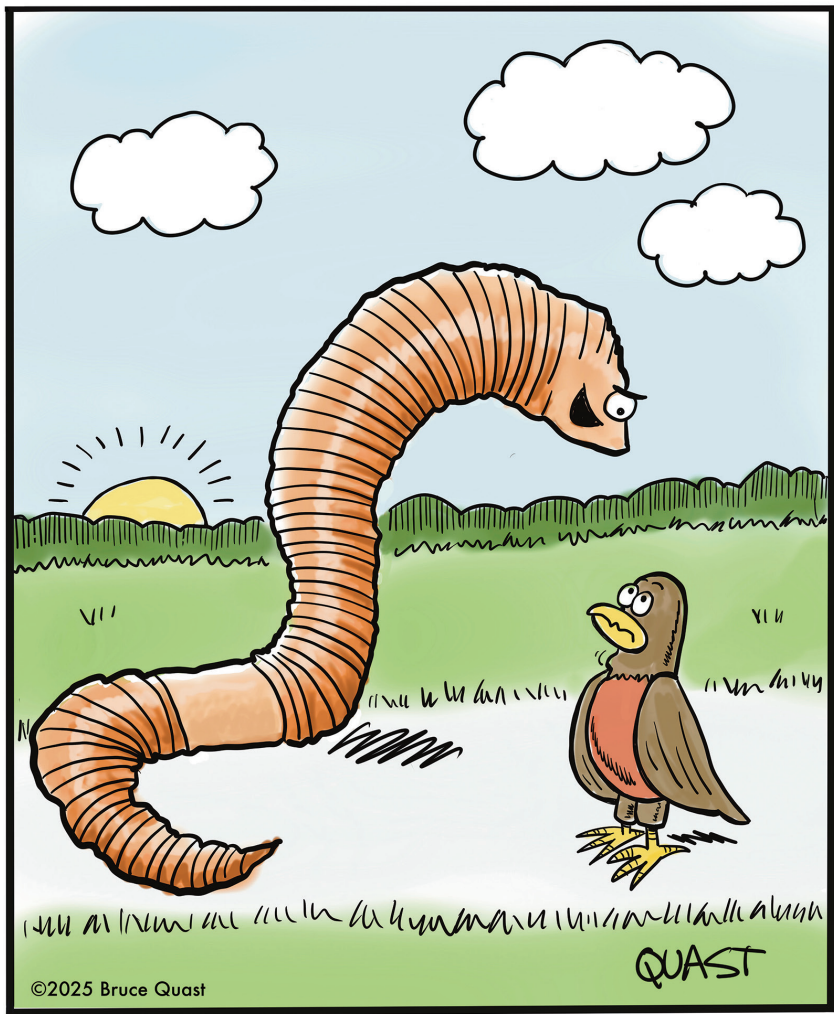
Legislative leaders from both parties will decide how to replace the painting that Trump derided the night of March 23 on social media and that had been taken down by the morning of March 25.

When they will meet about a new painting is anyone’s guess. The Legislature is focused on more pressing matters including the state budget.

“We have no idea when a new portrait is going to go up, how it’s going to be fund-raised, who is going to pay for it, who is going to paint it, etc.,”

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.

MONDAY, APRIL 14
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kellver Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional

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Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Central Services building board room. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.
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, APRIL 15
Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.
Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.
Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com for link and location.
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Ex-daycare worker busted for child abuse

ARAPAHOE COUNTY – Arapahoe Sheriff investigators have arrested a former daycare employee on suspicion of 28 counts of child abuse and 23 counts of harassment for a total of 51 criminal charges.

Brandon Vigil, 32, turned himself into the Arapahoe County Detention Facility Feb. 10. He is charged with nine counts of child abuse involving injury, a Class 1 misdemeanor; 19 counts of child abuse without injury, a Class 2 misdemeanor; and 23 counts of harassment, also a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Vigil was a preschool teacher in Centennial from February 2024 until he was fired on Sept. 6, 2024.

Investigators say somebody reported a single incident of abuse on Sept. 5, 2024, when a teacher's aide, who was substituting for another teacher,

said Vigil seemed irritated and was throwing around sleeping pads. The classroom contained 14 kids, all 2 years old.

Vigil appeared visibly upset that kids were in his way. One child was not moving quickly enough and was allegedly struck by Vigil with an open hand. The child began to cry, to which Vigil responded with a racial slur. The teacher's aide was shocked by Vigil's behavior and immediately reported it to the director of the daycare and law enforcement officials.

She also said Vigil has been verbally abusive to kids in the past, but no other incidents were reported.

Investigators began reviewing evidence from the daycare and discovered many instances of harmful, degrading and humiliating actions directed at the 2-year-old children.

Anyone with further information about the case are asked to call (720)874-8477.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP Photo

The plaque that marked the placement of a portrait of President Donald Trump is all that remains after the picture, which was part of a display of all of the country's chief executives, was removed from the wall of the rotunda in the State Capitol.

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said Joshua Bly, a spokesperson for Colorado Senate Republicans, in a telephone interview March 25.

Bly also said no one knows yet whether Trump will get to approve a new portrait.

Colorado Republicans raised more than \$10,000 to commission the Trump painting that had been in the state Capitol since 2019, alongside other U.S. presidents.

Sometime late March 24 or early March 25, the Trump portrait by Colorado Springs artist Sarah Boardman was removed and put in storage with History Colorado, overseer of a state museum in Denver.

It is unlikely to be displayed else-

where, Bly said.

The move came at the request of Colorado Republicans after Trump claimed the artist had "purposefully distorted" him. He praised the portrait of Barack Obama, painted by the same artist.

On March 25, school groups and tourists filed past the wall where Trump's portrait once hung. Picture hooks and a plate reading "Donald Trump — 45th and 47th President — 2017-2021 and 2025-2029" remained. Some visitors stopped to take photos.

It's not the first time that Trump's attention has turned to Colorado, which has shifted from leaning red to leaning blue over the past two decades.

He criticized the Colorado Supreme Court in 2023 for declaring he was ineligible for the White House and could not appear on the state ballot because of the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol insurrection. While campaigning last year, Trump made the Denver suburb of Aurora a focus of his illegal immigration message.

Before his portrait was installed, a prankster placed a picture of Russian President Vladimir Putin near the spot intended for Trump.

Boardman did not return phone and e-mail messages seeking comment. In 2019, she said painted him with a "nonconfrontational" and "thoughtful" expression, drawing criticism from those who said that's not who he really is. She said her portraits of Trump and Obama were not political statements.

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SPORTS



Strasburg 9 grounds Thunderhawks twice

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

ELLICOTT — The Strasburg offense was no joke as the Indians swept an April Fool’s Day doubleheader at Ellicott, both by the mercy rule.

After a 10-0 shutout in five innings, the red-and-black continued their domination, 18-6 in four innings.

“Everyone on the team was able to

do their part and job, which secured us our wins,” said Strasburg first-year head coach Riley Blagg. “Made some important plays on defense when we needed them.”

GAME 1

After tallying 2 runs each in the first and third innings, the Indians broke the game open with 5 in the fourth and got the game-ending tally in the

top of the fifth.

While the Indian offense score in all but one inning, senior mound ace Jared Flamini shut out the Thunderhawks, allowing only two hits, while striking out 10 and walking one over five innings.

Offensively, Strasburg’s 13-hit attack was led by Flamini and junior Aiden Bongard who both had three hits, including a pair of doubles each;

Bongard had three RBIs. Freshman Gavin Welch and junior Erik Alamillo also added two hits and three RBIs apiece. The Indians also received six free passes — four walks and two hit batsmen — while striking out only four times.

“Producing during key at-bats,” Blagg said.

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PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEM/For The Scout

From left photo, Lady Tiger Grace Foose battles for possession against DSST: Green Valley Ranch April 2; Bennett’s freshman goalkeeper Whitney Torgerson makes a save as a Raptor attacker closes in and teammate Elizabeth Westendorf (21) joins the fray; and Raquel Thorpe takes the ball away during a Raptor attack.

Lady Tigers’ 7-goal barrage bedevils Fort Lupton

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

While starting the spring 1-3 on the soccer pitch, the Bennett Lady Tigers have shown vast defensive improvement from a double-digit shutout loss in their season-opener.

After losing 10-0 at 2A top-five ranked Frontier Academy in Greeley March 12, the orange-and-black sandwiched a 7-1 home victory over Fort Lupton April 1 between 1-0 loss at Alameda March 28 and a 2-1 home defeat to DSST: Green Valley Ranch

April 2.

“Still building upon last year’s back line. Girls starting to communicate and play more as a unit and keeping goals more to a minimum,” said Bennett head coach Mike Rinner.

FORT LUPTON

While the Bennett defense has dominated the post-spring break schedule, the Tiger offense finally got untracked the final 75-plus minutes against the visiting Bluedevils.

After Fort Lupton scored a run-out goal in the third minute of the game

and threatened with another break-away about a minute later, the hosts’ defense tightened up and the offense finally got untracked, scoring in the sixth minute to tie the score and tallying the eventual game-winning goal about six minutes later. With just under 40 seconds left in the first half, Bennett extended its lead to 3-0 at halftime. The orange-and-black shut out Fort Lupton 4-0 after the intermission, including its final goal as the clock hit zero.

“Offensively, sill identifying our core midfield players,” Rinner said.

“It is a young team and getting them to play together as a team and spread the ball around is starting to come around.”

While youth and inexperience dots the roster, Rinner has also seen the evolution of a trio of senior leaders — Marelin Vasquez, who recorded a hat-trick with three goals and seven steals against Fort Lupton, Marayha Munoz with a goal and four steals, and Raquel Thorpe with two steals.

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Bennett's Hadasa Burgos splits a DSST: Green Valley Ranch double-team during the schools' April 2 contest on Paul Read Field.

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Meagan Green added a pair of goals and team-high eight steals, while junior Emma Jordan put another tally past the Bluedevil goalkeeper.

The Tiger offense was the most efficient it's been all season, scoring on almost half of its 16 shots on goal. Green led the team with six shots, followed by Vasquez with five and Munoz three.

In goal, freshman Whitney Torgerson got the win, turning away all but Fort Lupton's first attack of the contest.

LOSSES

On the second day of back-to-back home contests, Bennett and DSST: Green Valley Ranch were scoreless through first 12 minutes of the second half when the visiting Raptors stuffed a rebound past Torgerson in the Ben-

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nett net. With 8:45 left on the clock, Green tallied the game-tying goal for the hosts, but about three minutes later, the Bennett defense was called for a penalty, which resulted in a penalty kick that found the back of the net for the game-winner.

At Alameda, the game was scoreless until the host Pirates scored late in the second half for the victory.

At Frontier Academy to start the season, the Tigers never got untracked as they mustered one shot on goal compared to 14 for the Wolverines.

COMING UP

April 12: Sterling.
April 14: Arrupe Jesuit.
April 16: Middle Park.
April 18: @ Arvada.
April 23: Sheridan.
April 25: @ Lake County.

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Defensively, Strasburg committed one error.

GAME 2

After both teams tallied 3 runs in the opening frame, Strasburg continued its offensive onslaught with 4 in the second and 6 in the third. After the hosts closed the gap to 13-6 in the bottom of the third, Strasburg added another 5 while holding the Thunderhawks scoreless to conclude the game early.

While all six Ellicott runs occurred while senior Chase Gilbert was on the mound, only one was earned as the Strasburg defense committed three errors. Gilbert allowed five hits while walking four and striking out seven over his three innings. Junior Gabe Smith threw a scoreless fourth, striking out all three batters he faced.

"Really need to commend Jared, Chase and Gabe for their pitching all day," Blagg said.

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In addition to 11 hits, Strasburg was helped by erratic Ellicott pitching, which walked 10 Indians and hit five more, and three errors.

In addition to Bongard's second three-hit, three-RBI game of the day, Welch also tapped out three hits, including a double, and Alamillo added two more hits. Junior R.J. Weaver also recorded a solo home run for the visitors.

The 3-0 Indians traveled into the mountains for the annual Trent Goscha Memorial Tournament April 4-5 at Roaring Fork High School in Carbondale. For full coverage, see the April 11 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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Lady Indian leaper takes first at Frederick Golden Eagle

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg Indians track team opened the season with meets at Pueblo March 8 and Frederick March 15.

At the Golden Eagle Invitational at Frederick, the Strasburg girls placed fourth while the boys were seventh out of 12 teams.

Highlights for the Lady Indians included a first-place finish by freshman Laci Zimmerman in the high jump with a leap of 5-3. In addition, senior Elizabeth Hightower took second in the discus and third in the shot put with throws of 115-1 and 33-4.75, respectively. Conversely, junior Taryn LaForce was second in the shot put with an effort of 34-9.5 and third in the discus at 87-4.

Sophomore Maura Kramer placed third (14:19.23) in the 3,200-meter run.

For the boys, freshman Calleygh Hougland was second (1:05.33) in the boys 400 meters; the 4x400 relay team was also second (3:44.56); and the 4x800 team took third (9:05.30).

At the Early Bird Invitational hosted by Colorado State University at Pueblo, Hightower was the only Lady Indian to place higher than eighth, taking second in the discus (118-6) and fifth in the shot put (31-8).

The complete results follow.

GOLDEN EAGLE @ FREDERICK

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100-meter dash: Fr. Lizeth Hernandez, 15.32, 31st; So. Kyla Bauer, 15.58, 35th; Sr. Erin Johnson, 16.69, 47th;
Sr. Emma Middlemist, 14.20, 35th; 15.34, 67th; So. Carlota Barberan, 17.06, 51st.
200-meter dash: Sr. Dakota Strasser, 30.65,

15th; Fr. Laci Zimmerman, 31.10, 19th; Bauer 31.99, 30th; Hernandez, 32.26, 31st; So. Hailey Hawkins, 33.12, 37th; Barberan 34.75, 41st.
400-meter dash: Fr. Calleygh Hougland, 1:05.33, second; Hawkins 1:12.79, 11th.
800-meter run: So. Maura Kramer, 2:50.30, ninth; Sr. Madelynne Phillips, 2:54.46, 13th; Jr. Megan Lay, 3:03.26, 19th; Jr. Autumn Kulpa, 3:19.44; 25th.
1,600-meter run: Lay, 6:48.46, 14th; So. Naomi Redd, 7:26.63, 19th; Jr. Kasianna Christiansan, 7:58.19, 23rd; So. Rafaelle Alcid, 8:03.43, 24th.
3,200-meter run: Kramer, 14:19.23, third; Phillips, 15:49.54 seventh.
100-meter hurdles: Hougland, 20.29, fifth; Fr. Kaelyn Bailey, 23.60, 16th.
4x100-meter relay: 57.70, seventh.
4x200-meter relay: 2:02.69, fifth.
4x400-meter relay: 5:09.80, fourth.
4x800-meter relay: 13:48.41, fifth.
High jump: Zimmerman, 5-3, first.
Long jump: Strasser, 12-11.4, 12th; Johnson, 12-5.5, 13th; Jr. Katie Larsen, 11.75, 18th; Jr. Elizabeth Zobell, 11-1.75, 21st.
Triple jump: Zobell, 26-2, seventh; Larsen 24-9.75, eighth; Johnson, 24-2.5, ninth.
Discus: Sr. Elizabeth Hightower, 115-1, second; Jr. Taryn LaForce, 87-4, third; Jr. Parker Shuck, 73-11, 11th; So. Jazminn Nonic, 72-3, 12th.
Shot put: LaForce 34-9.5, second; Hightower 33-4.75, third; Nonic, 26-10, ninth; Shuck, 24-0, 11th.

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS
1. Frederick 137
2. Horizon 97.5
3. Prospect Ridge Academy 90.5
4. Strasburg 78
5. Monarch 72
6. Brush 52
7. Riverdale Ridge 44
8. Denver North 43
9. Fort Morgan 24
10. The Academy of Charter Schools 12
11. The Pinnacle 5
12. Skyline 2

BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Sr. Damien Garcia, 12.32, 19th; So. Samuel Gasca, 12.35, 20th; So. Hiro Hendler, 12.38, 21st; So. Emery Waggoner, 12.64, 31st; Sr. Daniel Handy, 12.70, 34th.
200-meter dash: Hendler 24.36, eighth; Garcia, 24.81, 13th; Jr. Jeremiah Redd, 24.95, 15th; Fr.

Joseph Martinez, 29.76, 51st.
400-meter dash: Jr. Conner Casebeer, 55.08, sixth.
800-meter run: So. Noah Dobransky, 2:15.90, 10th; Jr. Dawit James, 2:17.36, 11th; Jr. Israel James, 2:25.46, 16th; Fr. Donovan Avitia, 2:49.28, 38th; Sr. Garrett Fetty, 3:02.13, 40th.
1,600-meter run: Fetty, 6:34.12, 37th.
3,200-meter run: Fr. Miles Nelson, 13:25.37.
110-meter hurdles: Martinez, 22.59, 11th.
4x100-meter relay: 46.89, fourth.
4x200-meter relay: 1:38.40, fifth.
4x400-meter relay (two teams): 3:44.56, second; 4:43.09, eighth.
4x800-meter relay: 9:05.30, third.
Long jump: Handy, 18-5.75, eighth; Jr. Jorge Parra, 18-3.5, 10th; Martinez, a4-8.5, 33rd.
Discus: Sr. Preston Mace, 124-2, fourth; Jr. Kevin Murga. 82-8, 25th; Fetty, 76-6, 33rd.
Shot put: Mace, 40-4, fourth; So. Mason Dickens, 39-6.5, sixth; Jr. Jearemie Nonic, 30-2, 28th; Sr. Leland Taylor, 29-9, 29th.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS
1. Frederick 137
2. Horizon 109
3. Denver North 87
4. Prospect Ridge Academy 67
5. Monarch 59
6. Riverdale Ridge 51
7. Strasburg 47
8. Fort Morgan 43
9. Skyline 41
10. The Pinnacle 17
11. Brush 13
12. The Academy of Charter Schools 7

EARLY BIRD @ CSU-PUEBLO

GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Sr. Emma Middlemist, 14.20, 35th; So. Kyla Bauer, 15.34, 67th; Fr. Lizeth Hernandez, 15.35, 69th.
200-meter dash: Middlemist 29.76, 28th.
400-meter dash: Fr. Calleygh Hougland, 1:07.38, 17th; Fr. Abbygail Ryan, 1:13.85, 49th; So. Hailley Hawkins, 1:15.27, 51st.
800-meter run: Sr. Madelynne Phillips, 3:02.58, 36th; Jr. Autumn Kulpa, 3:19.37; 49th; So. Naomi Redd, 3:21.76, 51st.
1,600-meter run: Jr. Megan Lay, 6:50.10, 51st; So. Maura Kramer, 6:50.48, 52nd; So. Rafaelle Alcid, 8:00.32, 66th.
3,200-meter run: Fr. Sarah Larsen, 13:29.43, 17th; Jr. Kasianna Christiansan, 14:37.38, 21st.
100-meter hurdles: Hougland, 21.00, 36th; Fr.

14. Alamosa 18.5
15. Widefield 16.5
16-17. Banning Lewis Prep. Academy, Pueblo Central 16
18. Pueblo South 15
19. Pueblo East 14
20. Rocky Ford 12
21-22. Lamar, Sand Creek 10
23. Rye 9
24-28. Canon City, Gunnison, La Junta, Prime-ro, Woodland Park 8
29. Liberty 7
30. Pueblo Centennial 6
31-32. Elbert, Thomas Maclaren 2

WINDSOR MURRAY KULA

GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Jr. Taylor Counce, 14.02, 31st; Fr. Analicia Villa, 15.51, 62nd.
200-meter dash: Counce, 29.48, 29th; So. Ad-dyson Travis, 32.97, 52nd.
Long jump: Jr. Kaurlie Voorhies, 15-5, ninth; Sr. Jessica Venneberg, 15-1.5, 11th.
Triple jump: Venneberg, 33-4, fifth; Voorhies 31-0.5, 10th.
Discus: Jr. Audrey Harrell, 51-4, 42nd.
Shot put: Villa, 23-11, 30th; Jr. Lila Blessinger, 20-0, 42nd.

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS
1. Niwot 86
2. Rocky Mountain 71
3. Windsor 70
4. Fossile Ridge 62
5. Poudre 40.5
6. Holy Family 40
7. Grandview 38
8. Mead 29
9. Erie 28
10-11. Lakewood, Wiggins 26
12. Mullen 25
13. Legacy 23
14. Eaton 20
15. Severance 16
16. Greeley West 11
17-19. Evergreen, Fort Collins, Wellington 10
20. Berthoud 8.5
21. Thompson Valley 8
22-23. Conifer, Loveland 6
24. Prairie 5.5
25-27. Bennett, Pomona, Yuma 4
28. Brighton 3

Kaelyn Bailey, 22.94; So. Carlota Barberan, 23.34, 54th
300-meter hurdles: Bailey, 1:00.19, 35th; Jr. Miah Klump, 1:01.08, 38th; Sr. Dakota Strasser, 1:04.25, 41st.
4x100-meter relay: 57.42, 22nd.
4x200-meter relay: 2:01.04, 16th.
4x400-meter relay: 5:00.38, 15th.
4x800-meter relay: 5:00.38, 14th.
High jump: Fr. Laci Zimmerman, 4-8, eighth.
Long jump: Middlemist, 13-6.5, 19th.
Triple jump: Jr. Elizabeth Zobell, 27-5, 24th.
Discus: Sr. Elizabeth Hightower, 118-6, second; Klump, 89-0, 11th; So. Jazminn Nonic, 57-4, 45th.
Shot put: Hightower, 31-8, fifth; Klump, 24-6.5, 34th; Jazminn Nonic, 24-5.5.

BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Fr. Emilio Espino, 12.19, 38th; Jr. Nate Grow, 12.27, 48th; So. Emery Waggon-er, 13.00, 71st.
200-meter dash: So. Hiro Hendler, 25.02, 31st; Jr. Jeremiah Redd, 25.21, 35th; So. Samuel Gasca, 26.37, 57th.
400-meter dash: Redd, 55.39, 19th; Espino, 56.58, 28th.
800-meter run: Jr. Israel James, 2:25.82, 45th; Fr. Tyler Wilkerson, 2:53.04.
1,600-meter run: Jr. Dawit James, 5:10.67, 42nd; So. Noah Dobransky, 5:14.40, 45th; Sr. Garrett Fetty, 6:46.52, 86th.
3,200-meter run: Fr. Miles Nelson, 13:21.89, 36th.
110-meter hurdles: Fr. Joseph Martinez, 23.23, 37th.
300-meter hurdles: Martinez, 59.90, 47th.
4x100-meter relay: 47.20, 22nd.
4x200-meter relay: 1:39.81, 15th.
4x400-meter relay: 3:55.64, 12th.
4x800-meter relay: 9:20.57, 10th.
Long jump: Jr. Jorge Parra, 18-5.75, 12th; Sr. Daniel Handy, 18-2.25, 17th.
Triple jump: Jr. Will Hauser, 40-8, ninth.
Discus: Sr. Preston Mace, 124-10, eighth; So. Ma-son Dickens, 110-7, 15th; Jr. Jearemie Nonic, 60-0, 57th.
Shot put: Dickens, 40-2, eighth; Mace, 40-0, 10th; Sr. Leland Taylor, 28-10, 52nd.

COMING UP

April 11: @ Greeley Twilight, District 6 Stadium.
April 12: @ Terry Amundson Invitational, Byers.
April 16: @ Norseman Invitational, North Sta-dium.

Bennett Tiger track team competes at Palmer, Windsor

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Bennett track team opened its 2025 season with meets at Palmer March 8 and Windsor March 15.

At the Palmer Terror, the Tiger boys' top finisher was freshman Karim Lomri with sixth place in the triple jump with an effort of 40-5 feet, and three Bennett girls took seventh — senior Vivi Cranwill in the 400-meter dash (1:08.54); junior Tayla Counce in the 200-meter dash (28.27); and freshman Adeline Cranwill in the high jump (4-2).

Neither team scored at Palmer.

At the Murray Kula Invitational at Windsor, senior Jessica Venneberg paced both Bennett teams with fifth place in the triple jump (33-4).

The girls scored 4 points at Windsor while the boys had none.

PALMER TERROR

GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Jr. Taylor Counce, 13.63, 11th; Fr. Analicia Villa, 15.42, 41st.
200-meter dash: Counce, 28.27, seventh; Sr. Vivi Cranwill, 28.64, 10th; So. Addyson Travis, 33.12, 35th.
400-meter dash: V. Cranwill, 1:08.54, seventh.
1,600-meter run: Fr. Adeline Cranwill, 8:21.36, 13th.
100-meter hurdles: Sr. Kyra Turner, 18.85, eighth.
300-meter hurdles: Turner 58.54, eighth.
High jump: A. Cranwill, 4-2, seventh.
Discus: V. Cranwill 62-4, 15th; Sr. Rosemary Smith, 52-6, 21st; Jr. Audrey Harrell, 43-2, 26th.
Shot put: Villa, 23-8.5, 13th.

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS
1. The Classical Academy 83
2. Palmer Ridge 48
3. Lewis Palmer 43

4. Liberty 40
5. Fountain-Ft Carson 37.5
6-7. Cheyenne Mountain, Pueblo West 37
8. Mesa Ridge 36
9. Pueblo County 34.5
10-12. Alamosa, Elizabeth, Pueblo West 34
13. Pine Creek 31
14. Woodland Park 25
15-16. Elbert, Swallows Charter Academy 20
17. Sierra 19
18. Discovery Canyon 16
19-20. Banning Lewis Prep. Academy, Wide-field 13
21. Vista Ridge 12.5
22. Thomas Maclaren 12
23-25. Broomfield, Cheraw, Florence 10
26. Swink 8
27. Canon City 7
28. Gunnison 5
29-30. Buena Vista, Coronado 3

BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Fr. Karim Lomri, 12.05, 25th; Jr. Isaac Adams, 13.80, 54th.
200-meter dash: K. Lomri, 25.19, 25th; So. Jacoby Batolato, 27.44, 38th; Adams, 28.76, 45th.
400-meter dash: Batolato, 1:05.37, 35th.
1,600-meter run: Jr. Manolo Williams, 7:36.93, 26th.
300-meter hurdles: Jr. Sammy Lomri, 54.31, 14th; So. Connor Ranalls, 57.10, 16th.
Triple jump: K. Lomri, 40-5, sixth.
Discus: Sr. Wyatt Farley, 102-6, 16th; Williams, 74-5, 33rd; So. Xander Petre, 63-9.5, 41st.
Shot put: Sr. Richard Gomez, 30-6, 23rd; Petre, 28-3, 31st; Jr. Jayden Keyser, 25-10.5, 37th; Fr. Kameron Gow, 12-8.5, 48th.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS
1. The Classical Academy 70.5
2. Fountain-Fort Carson 60
3. Pine Creek 58.5
4. Lewis Palmer 34
5. Vista Ridge 32
6. Discovery Canyon 30.5
7. Cheyenne Mountain 30
8. Florence 29
9. Elizabeth 28
10. Pueblo West 27.5
11. Coronado 27
12. Mesa Ridge 23
13. Palmer Ridge 19

29-30. Peak to Peak, Valor Christian 2
31. Northridge 1.5

BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash: Fr. Karim Lomri, 12.36, 50th; Jr. Nekhi Nabawi, 12.96, 66th.
200-meter dash: Jr. Lane Davis, 25.97, 52nd; Jr. Ethan Spies, 26.81, 60th.
400-meter dash: So. Jacoby Batolato, 1:00.51, 47th.
110-meter hurdles: Jr. Sammy Lomri, 21.89, 26th.
300-meter hurdles: Lomri, 52.82, 32nd.
4x100-meter relay: 47.90, 18th.
4x200-meter relay: 1:43.80, 23rd.
Triple jump: K. Lomri, 37-9.5, 11th.
Discus: Sr. Wyatt Farley, 109-11, 23rd; So. Xan-der Petre, 84-0, 48th.
Shot put: Sr. Richard Gomez, 32-5, 44th; Jr. Jayden Keyser, 31-4, 48th.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS
1. Grandview 80
2. Fossil Ridge 76
3. Erie 55
4. Valor Christian 53
5. Rocky Mountain 51
6. Niwot 40
7. Loveland 36
8. Brighton 31.5
9. Thompson Valley 26
10. Conifer 25
11. Severance 22
12. Mullen 20
13. Windsor 19
14. Poudre 18.5
15. Holy Family 17
16. Frontier Academy 15
17. Pomona 14
18. Fort Collins 13
19-20. Eaton, Peak to Peak 9
21-22. Columbine, Northridge 6
23. Mead 5
24. Wiggins 4
25-26 Dayspring Christian, Evergreen 3
27-28. Mountain View, Wellington 2
29-30. Legacy, Sterling 1

April 12: @ Terry Amundson Invitational, Byers.
April 19: @ Randall Hess Roughrider Invite, Roosevelt High School, Johnstown.

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Roadwork underway at Franktown state park

FRANKTOWN — Colorado Parks & Wildlife will begin a road construction project impacting the east side of Castlewood Canyon State Park.

From now through May 7, the road work will occur on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. During the project, the east entrance road off Highway 83 will be affected, as well as several parking lots at the Visitor Center, Canyon Point, Juniper Rock, and Bridge Canyon Overlook. The west side of Castlewood Canyon will not be disturbed.

The deteriorated road is in need of repairs and resurfacing. Traffic management will direct visitors to open lots during the intermittent work.

When paving begins, the east side of the park will be closed for one day. The closure date will be announced on Castlewood Canyon's website and Facebook page.

Trails will not be impacted. Visitors



Castlewood Canyon State Park near Franktown is a popular hiking and rock climbing destination.

can use connecting trails if a parking lot near their desired trailhead is closed. CPW does not anticipate disruption of wildlife by the construction. No golden eagles or other raptors nest near the area.

Residents can enter Castlewood Canyon with the \$29 Keep Colorado Wild state parks annual pass. A daily pass costs \$10.

Additional rain barrel workshop set for Byers

CENTENNIAL — Five popular rain barrel workshops are planned at various places — including Byers — across Arapahoe County this summer.

The county is partnering with Stormwater Permittees for Local Awareness of Stream Health (SPLASH) to offer the rain barrel workshops. The \$60 registration fee with the use of the code SPLASH25 includes a rain barrel presentation, instructions on building a rain barrel, and a 55-gallon rain barrel with a connector kit. An installation guide is also provided.

Rain barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use on lawns, flower gardens, or indoor plants. Rain barrel collection also has an environmental benefit, as it can reduce stormwater runoff, which can contain debris, chemicals, dirt, pet waste, and other pollutants and deposit them into water bodies used for swimming, fishing and drinking.

Runoff from a rainstorm or snowmelt is not treated at a wastewater treatment facility.

Participants must be able to transport their barrels at the end of the workshop as they cannot be stored. Registration is mandatory as the supply of rain barrels at each workshop cannot accommodate walk-ins. Because of the popularity of the work-

shops and a long waiting list, organizers ask that only one person per household register.

Scholarships are available by contacting James Linden with Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority at JLinden@semswa.org or (303)858-8844.

For additional information, contact Arapahoe County Environmental Program Manager Lisa Knerr at LKnerr@arapahoe.gov or (720)874-6525.

To register, visit www.coloradoraincatcher.com.

- ### SCHEDULE

All workshops run from as follows:

 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, April 12, Kelter Library, 585 S. Main St., Byers.
 - 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, City of Englewood, 1000 Englewood Parkway.
 - 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, City of Greenwood Village, 10001 E. Costilla Ave.
 - 2-4 p.m., Friday, June 6, E-470 Administrative Building, 22470 E. Stephen D. Hogan Parkway, Suite 100, Aurora.
 - 2-4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, E-470 Administrative Building, 22470 E. Stephen D. Hogan Parkway, Suite 100, Aurora.



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Winners of a regional spelling bee with featuring Byers, Bennett and Strasburg took place hosted by Strasburg Elementary March 7 celebrate their success. Pictured are, from left photo, are the third-grade winners, Alani Rodriguez Strasburg (12) left, third place, Khama Foster Bennett, second, and Aspen Moon (11), Bennett, first; fourth grade, Kameron Andrews (5) Strasburg, first, Aspen Sir-Vandewerken (2), third, and Aubrie Stowers (8), Byers, second; and, fifth grade, Alyzae Romero-Alcazar (3), Bennett, Madelynn Travis (7), Bennett, and Sabrina Turner (4), first.

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Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: May 20, 2025, at 9:30 am
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Applicant: GCSA LLC, PO Box 5, Watkins, CO 80137
Property Owner: GCSA LLC
Public Hearings Location: 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton, CO 80601.
Please visit <http://www.adcogov.org/bocc> for up-to-date information. The full text of the proposed request and additional colored maps can be obtained by accessing the Adams County Community and Economic Development Department website at <https://adcogov.org/current-land-use-cases>.
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Linda Shafer

Linda Arlene Shafer
10/16/53 - 3/22/25

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude, we celebrate the life of Linda, who passed away peacefully on March 22, at the age of 71. She lived a life full of love, purpose, and dedication to family, community, and the land she cherished. Linda was born to the late Herschel and Joann Wright north of Kiowa, Colo. Linda developed an early passion for animals and the outdoors. She would eventually meet and marry L. Douglas Shafer in 1980. They made their home in Bailey, Colo., where they welcomed their son Matthew. They would eventually move to Strasburg, Colo., in 1987, where sadly, L. Douglas preceded her in death in 1989.

Family and friends knew Linda as a devoted daughter, mother, sister, and friend, always ready with a kind word, a helping hand, or a story about working on the family farm and spending time with her family. She found the greatest joy in working with her animals, tending to the land, and spending time with loved ones, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, compassion, and an unbreakable bond.

Linda is survived by her son Matthew Shafer and his wife Katelyn; her brother Raymond Wright and his wife Janice; nephews Mitch Bortz, Howard Wright, Taylor Wright and their families; nieces Melodie Ritter, Hope Wright, Heather Britton, and Whitney Wright and their families; and countless friends who will honor her memory by continuing to cherish the land, support local agriculture, and live with the same kindness and generosity that she showed every day.

A service celebrating Linda's life will be held at **11 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025**, at the Byers American Legion Hall, 160 W. Front St. We will gather to share memories, laughter, and stories of a life well lived. Though we say goodbye, we will always carry Linda's love for the land, animals, and community in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Linda's name to the Byers American Legion.

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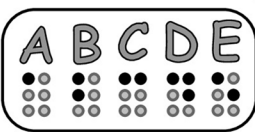




Have you ever invented anything? Inventors notice a problem, then figure out a way to fix it. Sometimes inventors have a brand new idea and sometimes they combine other people's ideas with their own. Please excuse me now. It's time to practice my "Ollie."

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. *Thomas Edison* developed over 1,000 inventions. He is most famous for the light bulb, but he also invented the _____, which has become popular again.
2. A team of inventors working for the U.S. Department of Defense created the Global _____ System, a tool to find your way using satellites!
3. *Marie Curie* was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize. Her work helped us to understand _____ and the effects of X-rays. She has an element named after her – *Curium*.
4. *Louis Braille*, blinded in an accident at three years old, created a system of _____ and writing by using raised dots that people could feel with their fingers.
5. Orville and Wilbur Wright owned a bicycle shop. They experimented with flying machines. Their plane (trial flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C.) was the basis for the _____ we have today.
6. *Francis Robbins Upton* helped to keep us safe from fire by inventing the smoke _____.
7. *Alec Jeffreys* changed the court system when he invented DNA _____. With this invention, guilt or innocence were much easier to prove!
8. *Leonardo da Vinci*, the artist who painted the *Mona Lisa*, was also talented at sculpting, engineering and inventing. He had ideas for a helicopter, a _____ and a diving suit.
9. *Martin Cooper* improved on the invention of Alexander Graham Bell with the _____, widely used to communicate today.
10. *George Washington Carver* was born into slavery, but he became a botanist who developed over 300 uses for _____ and many ideas for sweet potatoes and pecans.
11. *Ben Franklin* was known for experimenting and inventing many things.

Inventors Change Our Lives!



fingerprinting

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cellphone

airplane

detector

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radioactivity

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reading

lens

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peanuts

record player

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parachute

telephone

positioning

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11. (continued) He had trouble seeing so he designed a _____ for eyeglasses that helped him see near and far.

12. *Alexander Graham Bell*, whose mother and wife were deaf, created the _____ and worked on other inventions that help people communicate.


Inventions We Love! Find and circle these words in the puzzle:

Match each clue about an inventor to the invention we love:

1. Samuel Born invented a machine that inserted the sticks into
2. Rose Totino invented a dough product for frozen
3. Pedro Flores mass produced a toy on a string called a
4. Robert Patch, at 6 years old, designed a toy
5. Ralph Baer invented the first home video game console and
6. George Ferris designed this giant fun ride called the Ferris
7. Frank Epperson, who at age 11 found a fruit soda and stirring stick he left outside to be frozen, invented the
8. Alan Ollie Gelfand developed the "Ollie," a leap into the air on a
9. Ruth Wakefield put chocolate bits into her cookie dough, creating
10. Curt Jones invented a snack by flash freezing beads of


- A. yo-yo
- B. pizza
- C. wheel
- D. game
- E. truck
- F. chocolate chip cookies
- G. Popsicle®
- H. lollipops
- I. ice cream
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Notice a problem.

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Listen to what others tell you. Make your invention better.

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20 YEARS AGO
APRIL 12, 2005

Last month, the Senate Transportation Committee indefinitely postponed House Bill 1030, which would have eased the way for the Front Range Toll Road Company’s (FRTRC) proposed too road that would have stretched from Pueblo to Wellington. Hundreds of concerned residents appeared at the state capitol to protest the bill with nearly two hundred testifying before the committee.

In the weeks since HB 1030 was killed, the fervor has died down.

However, they are out there still fighting the FRTRC and president Ray Wells who has become the symbol for the root road that rural residents so vehemently fought. Lorie Strath, a resident of Adams County, is spearheading one of these groups — an unnamed group that simply calls itself the “group opposing the Super Slab” — that is reminding people that the fight against the toll road is far from over.

“While we are pleased with the results of our hard work to ‘kill’ HB-05-1030, we want to make sure that everyone knows that is only the first step for us. The ‘right’ to build this road, and the possibility it ‘claim’ the right to build others like it anywhere else within the state, still exists in Colorado Law,” Strath’s groups said in statement.

15 YEARS AGO
APRIL 13, 2010

AURORA — Employee and patient access to the region’s largest and still expanding medical campus is expected to be much improved with the addition of a new highway interchange near the facility.

On April 6, officials from Aurora, Adams and Arapahoe counties the University of Colorado Hospital and 7th Congressional District rep. Ed Perlmutter were on hand to break ground on a

new interchange at I-225, Colfax Avenue and 17th Place near Fitzsimons/Anschutz Medical Center.

According to Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer, the existing entryway into the campus is inadequate and must be improved and expanded soon.

“We’re already seeing too many traffic backups and other headaches associated with this,” Tauer said. “ We’re already at 3,300 vehicles during the peak afternoon hours and that is going to be small to what it will be at full development. We already can’t handle the traffic load now.”

Projections are that the Anschutz Campus, which includes the University of Colorado hospital. The Children’s Hospital, and an under-construction Veterans Affairs hospital, will grow from 16,000 employees currently to approximately 44,000 at full build out.

10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 14, 2015

BENNETT — The Bennett Fire Protection District Board of Directors is considering the placement of a possible tax question on a future ballot, possibly as early as November.

The Board voted unanimously April 9 to enter into a \$15,000 public policy services contract with George K. Baum & Company to study whether district residents would accept a property tax bump to help fund a proposed joint firehouse and town of Bennett municipal building. The board also unanimously approved a financial consultation contract with Baum for the proposed facility but money will only by paid to the company if a bond passes. The rate would be \$9.50 per \$1,000.

Baum representatives Michael Persichitte and Paul Hanley said the public needs to understand the immediate need for such a facility and that enough due diligence be done to help ensure such a ballot question wouldn’t be automatically defeated.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 2

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 9, the 99th day of 2025. There are 266 days left in the year.

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia after four years of Civil War in the United States.

ON THIS DATE

In 1939, Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after the Black singer was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, during World War II,

some 75,000 Philippine and American soldiers surrendered to Japanese troops, ending the Battle of Bataan in the Philippines. The prisoners of war were subsequently forced to march 65 miles to POW camps in what is now known as the Bataan Death March; thousands died or were killed en route.

In 1959, NASA introduced the “Mercury Seven,” its first seven as-

tronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald “Deke” Slayton.

In 1968, funerals, private and public, were held for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

In 2003, Baghdad fell to American troops during the Iraq War after six days of fighting.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS

Satirist-musician Tom Lehrer is 97. Drummer Steve Gadd is 80. Actor Dennis Quaid is 71. Fashion designer Marc Jacobs is 62. Actor Jay Baruchel is 43. Actor Kristen Stewart is 35.

— Associated Press

HOROSCOPE

Final Days of a Venus Retrograde

When you recognize the voice of your primal self, its needs become apparent. It’s a communication that comes through the body and subconscious, leaning in a direction of wholeness, fulfillment and nourishment. The Venus retrograde can be mystifying, but when instinct appears, you can grab hold of the thread it dangles before you like the string of a kite, letting it guide you where you need to go.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some cannot seem to recognize the magnificence of a thing until it’s gone — not you. You’re feeling the magic in real time. You’re capturing snapshots in your mind and in your phone, too, because the golden shine of the moment is not lost on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What gets fulfilled will feel so right, aligning effortlessly like it was always meant to be. What doesn’t align should be quickly written off and forgotten, not as a loss but as a redirection. This is one of those things that slips away simply to make room for something better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To grasp at the door as it closes is to risk a pinched finger. Stand back to observe the momentum of things you don’t control. Life respects the observers. Patterns will be revealed, allowing you to move with timely grace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Primal connection is based in chemistry and instinct. It ignites and pulls you in without effort. And while primal connection counts for a lot in relationships, sustainability — which is about safety, trust and consistency — counts for more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If your days are packed yet feel strangely empty, your schedule may be full of activity but lacking in soul nourishment. Change the focus, seek different company, and try fresh environments. You’ll soon find a better match for what you need to thrive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). “Good” and “bad” can be overly simplistic labels, especially when decisions exist in complex, shifting contexts. The “bad” move in one moment could lead to something unexpectedly beneficial later. It’s better to think in terms of what works or doesn’t.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Using poor habits to cope with life can be like borrowing relief at a stupidly high interest rate. You deserve better coping mechanisms, ones that don’t punish you after. Real relief doesn’t come with a price tag.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Qualities like resilience, determination and grit are not comfortably attained, which is why you don’t mind when the game gets a little harder. Even so, don’t flounder out of pride when there are other options. Instead of guessing, just ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Emotions are the driving force that fuels action, making them just as important, if not more, than the project itself. Success often comes down to how you make people feel and how you channel those emotions to rally others around your vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you agree to plans, you have no idea whether “future you” is going to be in the mood. That’s how plans work. Today, you show up no matter what because that’s how you work — with integrity. Hold others to the same standard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You’ll keep the secrets you were entrusted with. But what people will appreciate even more deeply is how you handle the general knowledge. You don’t judge, and you highlight the best in everyone. You make things feel safe and smooth for sensitive folks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You’re at a place of clarity about your own desires. You’re not after just any relationship or the sort of superficial connection that others might settle for. You want that rare, meaningful bond, and not something to fill the space left by something that wasn’t really what you needed.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (April. 9). Love sends you great distances to beautiful settings in this year of intense connections. Themes of reconciliation, healing and the importance of opening oneself up to the unfamiliar arise in the first half of your new solar journey. Brilliance springs from taking that risk. You’ll be paid big to solve a puzzle. Productivity is at a high, but you’ll accomplish more in the name of fun and games. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 20, 15, 6 and 17.

— Horoscopes by Holiday

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THEME: TV SIBLINGS

- ACROSS
- 1. Newton of science
 - 6. Over the top, in text
 - 9. *Monica Geller’s brother
 - 13. Eurasian antelope
 - 14. Public health org.
 - 15. Add together
 - 16. Underground worker
 - 17. Put down
 - 18. Modify
 - 19. *Mitchell Pritchett’s sister Claire
 - 21. *Alex P. Keaton’s sister
 - 23. Lao-tzu follower
 - 24. ___ it like it is
 - 25. Banned insecticide
 - 28. Wolf, in Mexico
 - 30. Ubiquitous deciduous tree
 - 35. Nevada’s ___ 51
 - 37. Passionate dislike
 - 39. What scribes do
 - 40. Lime-rich soil
 - 41. Rocky ridge
 - 43. Flying saucers, acr.
 - 44. Certain “razor” creator
 - 46. Skier’s aid
 - 47. Sicilian mountain
 - 48. Activity of the intellect
 - 50. Rush job notation, acr.
 - 52. Stitch
 - 53. Belted out
 - 55. Mad Hatter’s beverage of choice
 - 57. *Wednesday Addams’ brother
 - 61. *Richie Cunningham’s sister
 - 64. Palate lobe
 - 65. Jersey call
 - 67. Notches made by saw
 - 69. Olympic 4x4 race, e.g.
 - 70. Public house, for short
 - 71. Fill with optimism
 - 72. Wholly engrossed
 - 73. Store posting, for short
 - 74. Slow on the uptake
- DOWN
- 1. Any doctrine
 - 2. “He ___, She Said”
 - 3. Hokkaido language
 - 4. Actor’s representative
 - 5. ___ tunnel
 - 6. “___ the Lonely,” song
 - 7. *One “Sister, Sister”
 - 8. Bouquet garni ingredient
 - 9. Sushi choice
 - 10. “The Simpsons” palindrome
 - 11. Court petitioner
 - 12. Light on one’s feet
 - 15. Rendered suet
 - 20. Tumult and commotion

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- 22. Any high mountain
- 24. Carryall (2 words)
- 25. *Vampire Stefan Salvatore’s brother
- 26. Harry Potter’s antagonist
- 27. 9 a.m. prayer
- 29. *Lisa and Maggie’s naughty brother
- 31. *Phoebe and Piper Halliwell’s sister
- 32. British elevators
- 33. Repent
- 34. Redo, to a carpenter
- 36. “Sad to say ...”
- 38. J.E.K. postings
- 42. Muse of love poetry
- 45. Lose
- 49. Famous frat house letters
- 51. Reached culmination
- 54. Naiad or maenad
- 56. Anoint
- 57. Make like a cat
- 58. Part of an eye
- 59. Mouthful, swallowed
- 60. Fence board
- 61. Aurora co-founder
- 62. A Flock of Seagulls’ 1982 hit
- 63. Newts in terrestrial stage
- 66. Belonging to us
- 68. Be a witness

ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

2025 I-70 Corridor High School Graduation Schedule:
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This recipe embraces the best of Colorado's bounty, while staying true to the traditional flavors native to Poland.

The rich, earthy taste of local russet potatoes, the sharp tang of cheddar cheese, and the sweet, subtle flavor of onions are nestled in a tender, hand-made dough.

With its blend of rustic ingredients, this traditional Eastern European comfort food celebrates the spirit of the San Luis Valley, where potatoes are king.

Pierogies provide a fun and easy cooking experience for families — simple enough for everyone to participate and satisfying to prepare. Whether boiled for a soft, tender bite or pan-fried to achieve a crispy, golden exterior, pierogies are sure to be crowd-pleasers. For an extra touch, top with sour cream, sautéed onions, or crispy bacon bits — perfect for any occasion!

Whether enjoying pierogies as a family meal or serving them at a gathering, the quality and freshness of Colorado's harvest shine through in every bite.



When a soft, smooth ball has formed, wrap it tightly in plastic and rest it for 1 hour in the refrigerator.

FILLING DIRECTIONS

Place the quartered potatoes in a pot and cover with cold water. Add a pinch of salt.

Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat and let the potatoes simmer until they are fork-tender (about 15 minutes).

Once done, drain the potatoes and spread them on a baking sheet to cool and allow moisture to evaporate.

In a separate pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the finely chopped onions and cook until they are soft and translucent (about 5 minutes).

Do not brown the onions, but keep them warm.

When cooled slightly, transfer potatoes to a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat the potatoes, melted butter, cooked onions, and grated cheddar cheese until smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper as needed.

Allow filling to cool completely in the refrigerator.

POTATO AND CHEESE PIEROGIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 heaping tablespoons of sour cream
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1 whole egg
- 1 pound russet potatoes, peeled, quartered and rinsed
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup butter
- salt and pepper to taste
- Optional toppings: Sour cream, crispy bacon, green onions

DOUGH DIRECTIONS

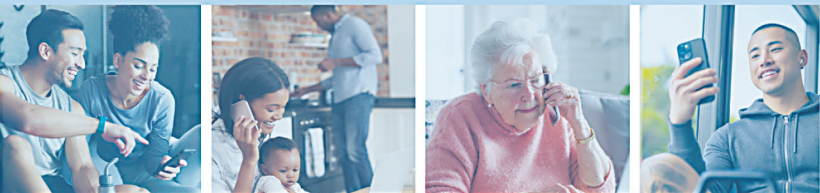
Combine the flour, sour cream, hot water and egg in the stand mixer bowl. Mix using the dough hook for 10 minutes until the dough is smooth and soft. If a stand mixer is unavailable, knead the dough by hand for about 10 minutes.

FORM THE PIEROGI

After the dough has rested, roll out on a well-floured surface to about 1/8-inch thickness.

Cut dough circles using a 3- to 4-inch round cutter (a glass works

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PIEROGI

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well).
Place one tablespoon of the filling in the center of each dough round.
Wet the edges of the dough with a bit of water, then fold it over the filling to create a half-moon shape.
Press the edges firmly to seal the pierogi, ensuring no gaps.
Repeat until all dough and filling are used up. To avoid pierogi sticking together, lightly dust with extra flour.
If not cooking the pierogi immediately, cover them tightly with plastic wrap or a clean kitchen towel and refrigerate.
Or freeze them. Place the filled pierogi on a baking sheet in a single layer, freeze individually, then transfer to an airtight bag for long-term freezer storage.

FINISH THE PIEROGI
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
Drop the pierogi into the boiling water in batches (about 12 at a time).

The pierogi will float to the top after 2-3 minutes. Let them cook for an additional 30 seconds, then remove with a slotted spoon.
If you prefer crispy pierogi, heat 3 tablespoons of butter in a skillet over medium heat. Fry the pierogi in batches until golden and crispy on both sides (3-4 minutes).

SERVE
Keep the cooked pierogi warm in a 170-degree oven or serve immediately.
If desired, top with sour cream, crispy bacon, and green onions.

NOTES
If freezing the pierogi, cook them straight from the freezer — don't thaw first.
You can customize the filling by adding herbs or swapping the cheddar cheese for farmer's cheese if a milder flavor is preferred.
— Colorado San Luis Valley Potatoes

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Scout, no buzzing in required.

How do you prepare for a competition?

Jena, the only senior this year, said the group meets weekly to practice archived questions using the buzzer system provided by the district.

“We can also study whatever we want to specialize in on our own,” she said. “Like some people are better at geography, some people are better at history or pop culture, and we study what we know best.”

Ben noted that Jena is the go-to person for grammar or art.

“If there’s a question about that, we can rely on her to answer those for us,” he said.

He added that questions on similar topics repeat over time, providing background information. “And just by being in school, you learn a lot of that, such as simple math equations or history. And a lot of it you just pick up from reading. And if you read on your own, that helps tremendously as well.”

Jena said she reads “a lot of articles late at night. That’s where I get most of my information from, like, current and past events.”

What personality trait does one need to excel at Knowledge Bowl?

Cris said confidence is key.

“Like, if you get a question wrong, you’ve got to just move on. Answer the next one, if you know it,” he said, receiving nods from his teammates.

Can introverts participate in Knowledge Bowl?

“Oh yeah, I am,” Jena said, getting a few chuckles in response, including from Thomas.

“I just laugh, because when Jen started back when she was in seventh grade, she was really quiet and would hesitate to answer,” the coach said. “But she’s really grown as a player and as a student. They all have.”

Do you have to wait for the whole question to be read before buzzing in?

“No,” Ben said. “You might hear the first three words, and you just have to throw out what you think the answer might be before the other team does.”

Buzzing in early may or may not work out for a team, however.

“Sometimes the questions can be very misleading,” Jena said. “You think they’re talking about one thing

and throw out an answer, and then they say the last two words, and then everybody in the room just sighs and goes, ‘Oh, we should have known that.’”

Thomas said occasionally the students have fun with a question they don’t know the answer to.

“Someone will throw a funny answer out there just to get a laugh with it,” he said.

Ben added that other times teams stumble upon an answer by chance.

“There was a kid from one team who gave the answer ‘Napoleon Bonaparte.’ When that was wrong, another kid said ‘Napoleon Bonaparte the second,’ which was also wrong and another kid jokingly said, ‘Napoleon Bonaparte the third,’ which was right,” he said.

Why did you decide to get into Knowledge Bowl?

“You get to hang out with your friends and just answer questions,” Torin said. “That’s really fun.”

Krayton noted that he appreciates an activity that’s more cerebral than physical.

“This is primarily an athletic school, and Knowledge Bowl is an academic opportunity,” he said.

Jena also contrasted Knowledge Bowl with sports.

“When I joined I was playing volleyball in middle school and I just wanted to break away from that and have something to kind of cool off a bit. But then I fell in love with Knowledge Bowl and I just kept doing it.”

How does a small school fare next to the big schools that participate in Knowledge Bowl?

Torin said that schools of all sizes are in the room at regional competitions.

“We’ll be in rooms with 5A schools but, on the scoreboard, we only have to beat the 2A schools,” he said.

Ben noted a disadvantage with the room arrangement.

“Most of the time the teams from the big schools are made up with kids whose entire focus is Knowledge Bowl — they don’t do any other (extracurriculars),” he said. “So, they answer probably two to three times as many questions as we do.”

Jena agreed.

“We beat ourselves up about losing against the teams from bigger schools, but they spend way more time practicing,” she said. “It’s like comparing yourself to an Olympic athlete. Compared to teams from schools our size who practice the same amount, we do really well.”

Thomas pointed to Krayton as an example of a well-rounded student.

“He’s in basketball and the team is going to state on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before we go to Knowledge Bowl state on Monday,” he said. “That’s a testament to how good the kids are, not only in academics, but in sports.”

Thomas spoke highly of his team’s rapport with players from other schools, large or small.

“One thing I’ve always noticed is their good camaraderie with other teams,” he said. “You know, even when you’re competing against each other, you can still have fun with other people and learn from them. Other kids’ abilities can humble you a bit, but our kids get along with other schools really well.”

Thomas added that he and the team are grateful for the support of the school district and Booster Club.

“They gave us a banner for our accomplishments and helped us with supplies like our buzzers and contributed toward our travel expenses,” he said. “They’ve been awesome promoting not just athletics, but academics.”

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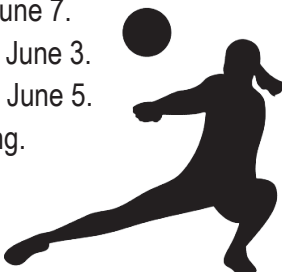
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