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## 'Burg park on track for Xmas completion



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The water park/splash pad portion of the new Community Park East on the northbound side of Wagner Street in Strasburg was tested by the project contractor last week.

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**STRASBURG** — The next jewel in Strasburg's expanding crown of recreational venues remains on track for completion before the end of the year.

During its Sept. 23 meeting, the Strasburg Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors was informed that construction of Community Park East along the northbound lane of Wagner Street in the former electric cooperative equipment yard should be completed around Christmastime, fulfilling a necessary funding requirement for the project.

The rec district has been on a tight time frame for completion because a majority of the grant funding for the \$3.5 million project, especially from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO),

must be exhausted before the end of the year.

Last week's project progress included testing of the water park/splash pad portion of the site. The new park will also include outdoor sports courts, integrated trails and an amphitheater with an open park seating area.

District Director Angie Graf said that contractor Buildings By Design of Brush has been diligently progressing since severe summer weather passed and improvements along Wagner Street concluded.

"Things are looking good for being done before the end of the year," she added.

Manager of Parks & Recreation Nick Dickens has been meeting with contractors for weekly

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PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

A trio of mini horses — Snowy, Pineapple and Polly — grace the outdoor courtyard of the Anythink Bennett library during a Sept. 27 youth program. Strasburg-based 5 Star Minis Farm provided several of their miniature bundles of joy much to the pleasure of local kids. The event also included numerous educational opportunities about miniature horses. From left photo, Jazleen Gandara, 3, works on a colorful mini horse art project, and Shoshona Oakley, 6, shows off her braiding skills on the mane of Snowy.

## Byers school officials await this week's student-count day

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**BYERS** — With the state-mandated October student-count date this Wednesday, Byers School officials are hopeful that enrollment numbers will result in more revenue than originally expected when crafting the 2025-26 budget.

"I know we've had a little bit of shuffling but, if our recent projections hold up, we are looking at plus 13 students in school compared to what we anticipated," said Superintendent Tom Turrell during the Sept. 18 Byers School Board meeting. "Basically that's students we didn't include when building the budget. Each [per-pupil funding unit] is around \$11,000-ish apiece."

According to Turrell, if the increase in enrollment comes to fruition, there might be some revisions

made to staff compensation this school year.

"We could revisit staff raises and make it retroactive," he said, adding that a 1.5% across-the-board increase in base salaries was approved by the board before this school year.

### OTHER BUSINESS

During policy discussion, debate about the district's dress code resurfaced with multiple board members wondering how to achieve more compliance, especially when it comes to shorts and skirts.

Board member Donna Sauer alleged that the 5-inch inseam rule in policy is frequently ignored, particularly citing tight spandex athletic shorts.

"It should include athletics and all," she said. "Why have a dress code if you're not going to follow it."

Members of the student advisory committee that

sits in on board meetings indicated they thought the dress code policy was too confusing and sexist because many of the policies appear to focus more on female attire.

Student Payton Dillingham presented the board with a copy of what another Corridor district has implemented.

"Bennett uses a dress philosophy and not a dress code," she said. "Might be easier for students to understand and ultimately to follow."

Dillingham added that Bennett allows each building to implement their own set of dress guidelines and that staff and students are repeatedly urged to use "good judgment."

"Each principal has the authority to determine what is professional appearance," Dillingham said.

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## COMMUNITY CORRAL

### Donations sought for upkeep at Byers Community Cemetery

BYERS — The Byers Community Cemetery Association is seeking donations to defray seasonal maintenance costs.

Contributions of any amount are appreciated.

Gifts can be sent to BCCA, P.O. Box 733, Byers, Colo. 80103.

Call (303)917-5413 for additional information.

### Blessing of Animals planned at Strasburg Lutheran church

STRASBURG — Saron Lutheran Church will host an outdoor service with a special blessing for pets starting at 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, at the church, 1656 Main St, Strasburg.

A brief history of St. Francis, patronage saint of animals and the environment, will be shared.

Pets must be leashed or caged. Photos of pets can also be blessed.

Refreshments will follow.

### Free monthly lunch on tap for local veterans, seniors

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor military veterans and senior citizens age 65 and older can receive a free lunch one last time in 2025.

The next meal, served by a group of local volunteers, is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10. Veterans and seniors from all along the I-70 Corridor are invited.

The meals are served on the second Friday of each month at the Bennett VFW Hall. They resume in January.

For more information, call Flora Goodnight at (303)549-2589.

### Arapahoe County offers tours of election facility in October

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County Elections will host three public tours of its facility to give voters an inside look at every step of the mail ballot process.

Tours explain processes that maintain election integrity and security. Visitors can observe election judges processing ballots and elections staff will answer questions starting

at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28; 12 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, and 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 31, at 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

Attendees will witness how ballots are received from drop boxes, mail centers, and voting centers; ballot opening and sorting; signature verification; ballot tabulation; and adjudication.

Tours are limited to 20 people. Security measures will be in place to safeguard attendees and staff. To register, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov).

### Mid-Winter Conference slated by cattlemen's organization

LAKEWOOD — Registration has opened for the Colorado Cattlemen's Association's (CCA) Mid-Winter Conference Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10-11, at the Denver Marriott West Hotel in Golden.

The conference begins Monday with the meetings of the CCA Board of Directors and Colorado CattleWomen. The steering committees convene thereafter. The evening will end with the CCA President's Reception.

More steering committee meetings on all aspects of beef industry occur the next morning. At Tuesday's lunch, the business meeting and award presentations will occur.

That afternoon, members can engage directly with elected officials to discuss industry priorities. Participants are also invited to the 1867 reception and banquet that evening.

To register, visit [www.coloradocattle.org](http://www.coloradocattle.org) or call (303)431-6422.

### 'Thoughts' theme of study at Byers Community Church

BYERS — The community is invited to join a six-week Bible study on Max Lucado's new book "Tame Your Thoughts" at a Byers church.

The book provides three biblical, practical tools to interrupt poisonous thought threads, think like Jesus, and take thoughts captive. The discussions will run from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, at Byers Community Church, 135 S. Sherman St.

To purchase a book, which is not required, send an e-mail to Byers-

[sChurch@gmail.com](mailto:sChurch@gmail.com). The e-book can also be downloaded.

### Gummball 5K run remembers AdCo cop killed on job in '18

BRIGHTON — The eighth annual Gummball 5K Run/Walk takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Adams County Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton.

The event is hosted by the Deputy Heath Gumm Foundation. It honors the life and service of Gumm, who was killed in the line of duty in Adams County in 2018. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Blue Line Family Tree and Rocky Mountain Conservancy.

To register, visit [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com). For general inquiries, contact Tracy Kilgore at [tracykilgore71@gmail.com](mailto:tracykilgore71@gmail.com).

### Cottage food safety focus of CSU Extension courses

LITTLETON — Starting a homemade food business can bring in extra income and inject one's favorite recipes into the world.

By finishing an online Colorado State University Extension cottage food safety training class, home cooks will earn food safety certification and gain the knowledge needed to successfully launch a home-based food business.

Cottage Food Safety Statewide Online Training courses will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3. The \$50 courses last three to four hours and can be completed online.

The event is sponsored by CSU Extension offices in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. For information and to register, visit [arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu](http://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu) or contact Sheila Gains at [sheila.gains@colostate.edu](mailto:sheila.gains@colostate.edu).

### Antelope Crossing 4-H Club announces Oct. 12 fall fest

BENNETT — The Antelope Crossing 4-H Fall Festival will run from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

The event will feature games with prizes, free food, and a costume contest, open to all, for animals.

The festival is also an opportunity for kids 5-18 to meet current 4-Hers and ask questions about their favorite projects (eg. dogs, poultry, rocketry, cake decorating). Parents can talk with leaders. Displays from the fair and animals will be on hand.

For more information, contact Audra Moyer at (303)668-7299 or at [audra@moyerRanch.com](mailto:audra@moyerRanch.com).

### Hispanic heritage celebration planned at Byers High School

BYERS — Byers High School will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the high school baseball field.

A wide variety of events are planned, including a show of escaramuza charro, which is part of Mexico's equestrian tradition, and traditional Mexican folk dances by Raices De Mi Tierra. A chili contest, quinceañera dress exhibits, loteria (Mexican bingo), face-painters and balloon animals makers are also scheduled.

Snacks for sale will include Mexican-style corn, strawberries and cream, churros and aguas frescas.

The event is sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Club.

### ArapCo Vets Services recovers \$5.5M in benefits in early '25

LITTLETON — In the first half of 2025, the Arapahoe County Veterans Services Office has helped local veterans secure more than \$5.5 million in benefit recoveries and connected them to critical resources, according to a release.

The office handled more than 7,000 phone calls, supported in excess of 800 in-person and virtual appointments, and helped file 442 new federal claims and 610 additional applications and claim correspondences. Beyond benefits, the VSO assisted veterans and their families with matters concerning Medicaid, burials, pensions and more, while actively participating in community events and statewide initiatives.

Veterans or family members of veterans can schedule an appointment, if needed, by calling (303)738-8045. For more information, visit [arapahoe-co.gov](http://arapahoe-co.gov).

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# ArapCo: New regulations encourage development of affordable housing

LITTLETON — To encourage affordable housing development, Arapahoe County is now providing incentives for developers, adding two new zoning districts, and permitting modular homes within its housing rules.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the regulations at a Sept. 9 public hearing.

“We have a plan for affordable housing that is very progressive,” said District 5 Commissioner Rhonda Fields.

The creation of two new zoning districts — Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use — is expected to encourage the development of higher-density multifamily housing near major transportation stops and business and retail centers.

For Multi-Family zoning, density could be between 13-35 housing units per acre on land near major roadways that provide easy access to business centers and public transportation.

Mixed-Use zoning requires a minimum density of 35 housing units per acre to allow multi-family and live-work units within commercial buildings. The maximum height for such buildings is 75 feet. A property must be a half mile from a transit stop to be eligible for Mixed-Use rezoning.

The amendments include:

- a three-tiered approach for incentives for affordable housing projects that utilize federal tax credits or have an agreement with the county to ensure the units remain affordable for the required duration. The tiers provide a minimum percentage of affordable units that a developer must include to receive incentives;
- changes to the definitions section of the Land Development Code to introduce additional types of residential uses (Live-Work, Assisted Living Facilities, Overnight Shelters, Transitional Housing).
- revised manufactured home definitions to include modular and tiny homes in addition to manufactured homes.
- revised regulations for mobile home parks and subdivisions, reducing parking requirements and adjusting access requirements; and
- removal of minimum parking regulations for multi-family developments and adaptive reuse projects for residential or mixed-use purposes. This change aligns with HB24-1304.

To review the approved regulations, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov).

## ArapCo seeks input on EV charger permitting

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing changes to ITS Land Development Code to streamline the process for permitting electric vehicle charging systems within its unincorporated areas.

If approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the proposed amendments would conform with Colorado House Bill 24-1173, which was approved in May 2024.

The proposed changes, which aim to ensure a streamlined process for

permitting electric vehicle charging systems in the county, are outlined within the Land Development Code under chapters 3-2 Permitted Use Table and 3-3.11.B Transportation.

The proposed changes include guidelines for the permitting and construction process, including setbacks, station and equipment design, screening, lighting and pavement markings.

The deadline is Oct. 3. For more information or to comment, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov).

## Calf preconditioning still wise in high market

by Scott Stinnett  
Colorado State University Extension

With historically high cattle prices, some producers might skip preconditioning calves. They cite labor and feed costs as the main reasons compared to the current price. Data suggests that this decision is not the best one.

Preconditioning, which includes weaning, vaccination and introduction to nutrient dense feeds, prepares calves to move into the next stage of production. The advantage for the buyer is that the calves are better prepared to meet the stresses of the next production stage. Most buyers are willing to pay for this preparation as they will see better gains, better health, and less death loss compared to calves that are not preconditioned.

Looking at death loss, members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association responded to a survey that revealed a 1.5% death loss in preconditioned calves versus 4.3% death loss in calves not preconditioned — nearly three times more calves lost. In economic terms, if we use 600-pound calves as our example with a current price around \$370 per hundredweight, each calf is worth \$2,200 to \$2,500. A feeder losing 1.5 calves is a loss of approximately \$3,300 to \$3,700 per 100 head. The death loss of 4.3%

dramatically increases to \$9,500 to \$10,750 per 100 head.

Preconditioned calves tend to gain better. Studies have shown consistently that preconditioned calves will gain .2 to .3 pounds per day more than non-preconditioned calves. Over 180 days, that weight equals an extra 36 to 54 pounds of weight gain. Assuming current prices hold of \$240 for fed cattle, it could mean an extra \$85 to \$130 per head.

This difference in death loss and weight gain allows buyers to reward producers for preconditioning. According to the Oklahoma Beef Quality Network, following its preconditioning program resulted in premiums paid over \$20 per hundredweight in 2023 and 2024. With 600-pound calves currently being marketed at roughly \$370 per hundredweight, a premium of \$20 to even \$30 per hundredweight is not out of the realm of possibility for preconditioned calves. This could equate to an additional \$100 to \$200 per head for preconditioning.

The argument for continuing to precondition calves holds even in a high cattle market. Premiums will still be paid to ensure calves are fully prepared for the next stage of production. Preconditioning adds value to the buyer and rewards the producer for the added value.



### Veteran resources expanding

Arapahoe County is proud to expand resources for the veterans in the Eastern Plains for both Adams and Arapahoe County residents. Meet with a veteran to discuss and assess your needs, prepare and present claims to the VA, learn about the Healing Warriors Program now available at county offices, and more! Call **303-738-8045** to learn more.

Oct. 16, 1–4 p.m.

American Legion Post 160 | 278 W. Front St., Byers



### Ballots begin mailing Oct. 10!

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## Pollinator-Friendly Gardening 17 Mile House Open House

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This fun, free event is your chance to connect with nature—and help protect Colorado's pollinators. Registration encouraged.

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## MCC welcomes new educators

FORT MORGAN — Morgan Community College recently announced new educators in its business and electrical mechanical faculty.

Beatty Jamieson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and entrepreneurship from Middle Tennessee State University and a master's in finance and fraud investigation from Colorado State University. With more than 18 years experience as an entrepreneur, he has successfully launched ventures in online retail, digital publishing, technology development, and product innovation.



Jamieson

Weston previously served as electrical technologies program manager at Southern Technical College in Florida, where he expanded the program from seven to 156 students, achieving a 98% placement rate. He also taught electrical technology at North-west Kansas Technical College at Goodland before relocating to Colorado.



Weston

Weston is an alumnus of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Southern Utah University and is currently pursuing a master's in adult education.

MCC Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Deborah Coates praised the two new educators.

"Their extensive professional experience and dedication to education will provide our students with exceptional learning opportunities and real-world insights in their respective fields," she said.

## Arapahoe short-term rentals: Licensing and rules proposed

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is proposing a new licensing program and set of rules for Short-Term Rentals in its unincorporated areas and is seeking public comment through Friday, Oct. 10.

The initiative aims to ensure that Short-Term Rentals are well-managed and safe, while also protecting the quality of life for nearby residents. At the same time, it provides property owners the chance to earn income by renting their homes responsibly.

The public is invited to weigh in on two proposed approaches, both intended to limit impacts on neighborhoods. Both create a licensing process and have the same baseline rules. They differ in how they limit impacts.

### PRIMARY RESIDENCES

Option A addresses primary residences. Only an owner or lessee can apply if the Short-Term Rental is their primary residence (proof required). The option requires no annual day cap and no day-count reporting to the county.

### 180-DAY CAP

Option B is a 180-day cap. Only a property owner can apply, and the Short-Term Rental does not have to be the owner's primary residence. Rentals are limited to 180 days per calendar year (each overnight stay = one day). Annual reporting is required to verify total rented days.

To review the proposed regulations

or comment, visit [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov). Comments will be taken through Oct. 10.

### RULES SHARED BY BOTH OPTIONS:

Each STR License must list a designated local responsible agent who can be reached within 15 minutes and, if necessary to resolve issues, be able to be on-site within 60 minutes to address concerns.

Amplified music or other noise must not exceed levels allowed by Colorado Revised Statutes.

A parking plan must be shared with renters; a minimum of one space for a studio or one-bedroom and two spaces for larger units is required.

Maximum occupancy is capped by the International Property Maintenance Code and by septic or sanitation system limits.

Each Short-Term Rental must meet building, fire and health codes, including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, operable plumbing, and safe structural components.

Proposed fees are \$200 for a new application and \$350 for an annual license.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission is set for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Arapahoe County Board Room, 6954 S. Lima St., Centennial. The commissioners will hold a hearing in the coming weeks.

If adopted, the regulations will go into effect in the spring.



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## ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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**Sewing Drop-In:** A sewing teacher will help out participants of all ages with everyday projects. Sewing machines and some supplies provided. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2.

**Let's Get Metaphysical:** Participants can receive a professional tarot reading by expert and local reader Mauricio Ramirez. 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11.

## KELVER LIBRARY

585 Main St., Byers  
(303)822-9392  
www.arapahoelibraries.org

**Aging Mastery Program:** Arapahoe County CSU Extension and Arapahoe County Health will present the Aging Mastery series to older adults and care partners every Tuesday and Thursday to create a guidebook for aging well. The series will offer useful information on community, exercise, falls prevention, finance, healthy relationships, medication management and sleep. Participants are encouraged to attend at least seven sessions. Light refreshments provided. 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 2 and 7.

**Little Makers Club:** Children ages 0-5 and their families will participate in activities related to Fire Prevention & Safety Month during October. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and a goody bag to take home will be provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 3.

**Toddler 'Play & Learn':** In this four-part program, parents and caregivers can chat with an early childhood professional (such as a child behavior specialist, music teacher, nutritionist or speech therapist) in a fun, informal setting while toddlers ages 1-3 play and explore. For a reservation, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call (303)769-4310. Drop-ins welcome on a space-available basis. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Fridays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

**Exhibit with Museo De Las Americas:** Museo de las Americas will present "Rhythm and Dance," a traveling art exhibit exploring the rich history and

contemporary practices of music and dance in Latin America. The exhibit features masks, musical instruments and artwork for all ages. The exhibit can be viewed from Oct. 6 through Jan. 5. To RSVP, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call (303)822-9392.

**Creepy Crafts:** Tweens and teens can make creepy creations, including a floral "boo-quet," a necklace, and a paper mache jack-o'-lantern. Supplies provided. 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7.

**Teen Volunteer Drop-In:** Kids in grades 7-12 can earn volunteer hours while supporting library programs. They will help with a variety of prep work. Hours attended count toward volunteer credit. Interested teens should bring required paperwork to receive credit. Interested kids can drop by the library 1-4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10.

**'Dolls of the Uncanny Valley':** Adults can attend a spooky presentation by the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys. They will journey to the Uncanny Valley to explore why dolls and clowns can give people the creeps. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

**'Haunted Gingerbread Houses' workshop:** Tweens and teens can participate in a haunted gingerbread house workshop, turning sweets into monster mansions using frosting, candy and the imagination! Supplies provided. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16.

## DAVIES LIBRARY

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**Candlemaking:** Teens are invited to make candles in a variety of scents, shapes and colors. Free snacks. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8.

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

**'Booquets & Bats':** Kids and tweens will create their own spooky "booquets" using festive florals and candy, then craft a batty suncatcher to display at home. Supplies provided. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

## ARAPAHOE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CASE NO. LE24-002, KIOWA CREEK OPEN SPACE REGIONAL PARK / LOCATION AND EXTENT

**PROPOSAL:** Arapahoe County Open Spaces is proposing the construction of a regional park. This project will be located at 1001 N County Road 137, south of Interstate Highway I-70, west of North Kiowa-Bennett Road (Parcel ID 1981-00-0-00-255).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 21, 2025, 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 allowed to be heard concerning the above-described Case No. LE24-002, Kiowa Creek Open Spaces Regional Park / Location and Extent. 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, or by emailing [planning@arapahoegov.com](mailto:planning@arapahoegov.com) during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board

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# HEALTHY FARMERS MARKETS



The Adams County Health Department and Human Services are teaming up to provide residents with Healthy Farmers Markets.

**Thursdays, from 2-5 p.m., through Oct. 2,**

at McAllister Park, 750 W. 96th Ave., in Thornton.

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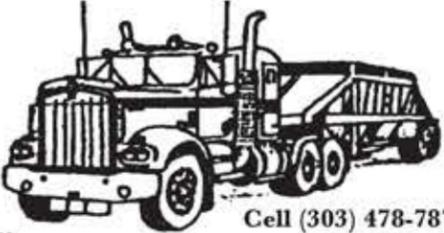
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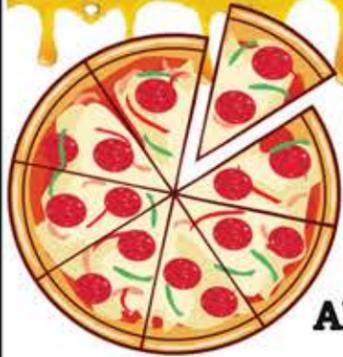
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# Is another dog gaining momentum as top US breed? Of corso

by Jennifer Peltz  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States still has a major case of French bulldog fever, but a different breed is staunchly chasing dog lovers' hearts, according to American Kennel Club statistics.

For the third year in a row, the comical, controversial Frenchie tops the club's annual rundown of the nation's most prevalent purebred dogs.

Frenchies are followed by Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds and poodles. Dachshunds, beagles, Rottweilers, bulldogs and German shorthaired pointers round out the top 10.

Yet keep an eye on the cane corso. The powerful, protective breed vaulted from nearly 50th to 14th in the rankings in just a decade.

Popularity is seen as a mixed blessing among dog breeders and as an outright scourge by their critics. Some animal welfare activists say the AKC rankings drive fads that fuel puppy mills. The AKC says the list documents, not promotes, dog-ownership trends, and the nonprofit club notes that it conducts thousands of breeder and pet store inspections per year.

That plenty of lovable dogs in the nation's animal shelters is undisputed amid the arguments.

Here's a look at the trends and what they mean.

## THE FRENCHIE PHENOMENON

The AKC ranking reflects purebreds, mostly puppies, that were added last year to the nation's oldest dog registry. Nearly 74,500 were Frenchies.

That's down from 98,500 in 2023 and 108,000 in 2022, but the AKC isn't saying that the wave has crested. Registration is voluntary, and spokesperson Brandi Hunter Munden notes that the numbers can fluctuate year-to-year.

The small, pointy-eared bulldog breed with a big personality is still way ahead of the once-dominant Lab, which logged 58,500 new registrations last year.

French bulldogs have existed in the



A cane corso competes at the 140th Westminster Kennel Club dog show in 2016 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

U.S. since at least the 19th century, but they've been on a tear in the 21st, fueled partly by celebrity owners and social media.

"They are fabulous companions," the AKC's Gina DiNardo said.

Frenchie folk praise the dogs' modest grooming and exercise needs, generally confident and friendly demeanor and, of course, those smushy mugs that fans find irresistible — but critics call irresponsible. Health problems can be associated with squished faces and other features, and both detractors and devotees lament that the breed has become too hyped for its own good, attracting unprincipled breeders, unprepared owners and sometimes violent thieves.

## THE CAN-DO CANE CORSO

If a Frenchie is sometimes described as "a clown in the cloak of a philosopher," a cane corso is a protector with no use for a cloak.

Big, strong and athletic, the cane

corso (pronounced KAH'-neh KOHR'-so) served as a Roman war dog and later a farmer's helper, boar hunter and household guardian.

Today's cane corsi (the proper plural) are prized as loyal, rather august companions and adept dog-sports competitors. But breeders worry that social media is spreading misconceptions about the dogs, which they say are not suitable for everyone.

Breeder Vickie Venzen insists that would-be puppy buyers visit her Maryland home, where she introduces them first to an outgoing, easygoing corso and explains that such a temperament isn't standard for the breed.

Then she will bring out a corso with a classic and desirable demeanor: likely to greet an invited visitor peacefully, but without tail-wagging effusiveness. After its greeting, the dog may walk off and watch with cool vigilance.

Next comes one of her "hard dogs;" one that's a bit too quick to display its protective instincts.

The point is to show the spectrum of corsi temperaments and make clear that they're neither lapdogs that just look tough nor rough-and-tumble creatures that can be left outside to guard. They're very sensitive to their families, Venzen said.

"They're very good dogs, and they're

very versatile, and they can be taught a lot," said Venzen, who was delighted to learn recently that a dog she bred mastered paddleboarding. "But you can't be so foolish as to think you can put it in any situation and the dog will understand."

## NEW DOGS

The newest breed to be counted, the Lancashire heeler, came in at 189th out of AKC's 201 recognized breeds last year.

The next-newest, the bracco Italiano, sprang last year from 152nd to 132nd, and some longtime aficionados already are concerned about its trajectory, said owner Deb Pereira of North Stonington, Conn. She stresses that the substantial, handsome and sociable hunting dogs need a good deal of physical and mental exercise. Quite a few still hunt; Pereira's bracco, Elvira, is an agility champion, and her daily walks cover about four miles.

## FEW DOGS

The five rarest AKC-recognized breeds are the sloughi, the Norwegian lundehund, the grand basset griffon Vendéen, the Bergamasco sheepdog and, at 201st, the English foxhound.

## DOODLE DOINGS

To date, the AKC hasn't recognized any sheepdoodles, Havapoops, borgis or other "designer" hybrids. The club said it has gotten some inquiries, but no doodle or other designer breed fanciers have formally begun the often yearslong process of seeking recognition.

## AND ABOUT THE EVERYDOGS ...

There's no census of everyday mixed-breed dogs in the U.S., but the American Veterinary Medical Association estimates the country has about 90 million dogs — purebreds, designer mixes and others.

After animal shelters cleared out during COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and then filled to overflowing, last year's data from advocacy groups Shelter Animals Count and Best Friends Animal Society differ as to whether dog arrivals and adoptions rose or fell and by how much. That's not inexplicable, as the two groups count different sets of organizations.

But both emphasize that purebreds and mixed-breeds come up for adoption.

"Really, if you find it in your heart to rescue or adopt a pet, that's the way to go," Best Friends Animal Society CEO Julie Castle said.

## CORRIDOR CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, OCT. 2

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

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

### MONDAY, OCT. 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

**Parent-teacher conferences.** Bennett Elementary School.

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

**Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board.** 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

**Bennett School Board.** 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit [bsd29j.com](http://bsd29j.com) for a Zoom link.

### EVERY MONDAY

**High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal.** 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or [hpmemusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:hpmemusicdirector@gmail.com) or visit [www.highplainsmusicensemble.com](http://www.highplainsmusicensemble.com).

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Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

### EVERY TUESDAY

**Toddler Time:** Children ages 2-3 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that are just right for active toddlers. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

**Family story time.** 10:30-11 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Live in the Spirit ladies group.** All ages welcome. 10 a.m. @ Holy Spirit Livin', 1506 Main St., Strasburg. (303)622-4648

**Young at Heart Seniors** in Bennett. 12-4 p.m., Bennett Community Center.

### EVERY THURSDAY

**Music & Movement:** Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and learn to play musical instruments. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library. No class on Aug. 21.

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

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Arapahoe County hosted municipalities and recreation districts from across the county during its 2025 Shareback and Open Space Grants Program award ceremony at the fairgrounds Sept. 25. Of the total \$21.6 million awarded, the towns of Deer Trail and Bennett received \$59,000 and \$17,000 in shareback funds, respectively, for recreational projects over the next year, while the Strasburg Metropolitan Park & Recreation District received a pair of project grants — \$65,480 for improved accessibility and security at the Comanche Crossing Museum and \$24,800 for Lyons Park additions, including trees, a shade structure and educational signage. From left photo, Manager of Parks & Recreation Nick Dickens and District Director Angie Graf receive the pair of Strasburg awards, and Lyons Park is highlighted during the county's presentation of the grant-winning projects. In addition to \$16.8 million in shareback monies going back to the county's dozen incorporated municipalities, another \$4.8 million was presented for 11 other projects county-wide.

## Basketball league deadline approaching fast

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District is now registering boys and girls for peewee and youth recreational basketball.

The four-session season will run from 12-12:50 p.m. for pre-K and kindergarten students; 1-1:50 p.m. for first- and second-graders; and 2-3:30 p.m. for third- and fourth-graders on consecutive Sundays starting Nov. 2 at the Strasburg School gyms.

The peewees (grades pre-K to 2) will receive camp-style instruction while the youth players (grades 3-4) will have a short practice immediately followed by scrimmages.

The cost for Peewee Recreational Basketball is \$50, which includes a T-shirt and a scrimmage at halftime of a Strasburg High School varsity basketball game.

For Youth Recreational Basketball, the fee is \$50 if using a jersey from a previous year or \$80 with a new jersey. Youth players can participate in both recreational and competitive seasons for the competitive fee only.

The registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 5.

Third- and fourth-graders interested in both recreational and competitive leagues should sign up for

the Northeast Colorado Competitive League (NECO) only by Oct. 5.

### NECO LEAGUE COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

NECO League Competitive Basketball for third- through eighth-grade boys and girls involves a 12-game season plus a playoff tournament against other schools across Northeastern Colorado. Games are played in Wiggins, Fort Morgan or Brush with two contests each game day over a six-week regular season. Teams practice on Monday and Thursday evenings.

The seasons are staggered. Competition for:

- seventh- and eighth-grade girls runs from late October to late December;
- fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls runs from early November to early March;
- third- and fourth-grade boys and girls runs from early December to early March (Youth Recreational Basketball included with fee); and
- seventh- and eighth-grade boys runs from January to early March; Cost is \$150 if using a jersey from a previous year or \$180 with a new jersey.

For more information or to register, visit [www.strasburgparks.com](http://www.strasburgparks.com).



STEVEN VETTER/For The I-70 Scout

A construction crew works on the amphitheater on the north end of the new Strasburg Community Park East project Sept. 26.

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meetings every Thursday.

Graf also said that the search for a sponsor for naming rights on the new amphitheater has been reopened.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Dickens reported that engineered wood fiber that originally installed at the Strasburg American Legion Hall has been moved to the Community Park West playground, which also recently received a new art mural that was installed in partnership with the Corridor Creative Arts League.

Dickens added that a new fertilizing protocol has improved grass conditions district-wide and that Five Acre Park will be over-seeded and top-dressed once the fall youth soccer season comes to a conclusion.

Inquiries into the viability of artificial turf continue to be received by district staff and, while Dickens indicated that would be a nice option, it is prohibitively expensive at the moment.

In her report, Office & Events Coordinator Jessica Loveless said that summer youth events were well attended, but that two of the outdoor movie nights were rained out.

Friday night Hometown Days events at Community Park West had approximately 1,000 residents attend.

Graf also clarified ongoing misconceptions about the relationship between the rec district and the Comanche Crossing Historical Society, which operates Comanche Crossing Museum on the west edge of town.

"The district's role is focused solely on ensuring that the buildings and grounds are properly maintained and supporting the volunteers and mission as needed," she said. "To be clear, the district is not involved in the management of the historical society, nor are there any plans to assume that responsibility."

The museum organization has its own board and is led by longtime curator Cliff Smith.

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# SPORTS



## Indian golfer's state tournament fate in limbo

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — As the fall boys golf regular season concluded last week, Strasburg's head coach was eagerly awaiting final end-of-season tabulations to see if one of his players qualified for the upcoming 2A State Golf Tournament, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7 at Elmwood Golf Course in Pueblo.

"It appears that (junior) Grant Wells is on the bubble," said Strasburg head coach Eric Gilbert Sept. 27, the same day the Colorado High School Activities Association originally said the 84 qualifiers would be determined. "He was literally on the 84th spot as of Thursday, but there's still a lot of players in the qualifying positions that only have like two or three tournaments and you have to have five to qualify. Probably won't know anything until Tuesday or Wednesday."

Starting the fall 2025 season, CHSAA did away with the normal regional tournament qualifying process for state.

Under the new system, schools must participate in a minimum of five qualifying rounds. The top 84 individual averages for their best five rounds, according to the iWanamaker scoring app, qualify for state. Any schools that qualify three or four individ-

uals will vie for the team title at state.

For updated state golf information, visit [www.i-70scout.com](http://www.i-70scout.com) or watch for the Oct. 3 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

### STRASBURG INVITATIONAL

The next-to-last meet of the regular season saw the Strasburg Indians host players from across the Front Range and Eastern Plains during their own invitational at Aurora's Murphy Creek Golf Course Sept. 17.

"Our Strasburg Invitational went awesome — 24 teams altogether and 92 players," Gilbert said, noting that all eight team members competed against other school's varsity competitors. "The weather was awesome and the golf was great."

The hosts were 16th out of the 20 teams in attendance. Sophomore Cooper Klausner paced the red-and-black with a 16-over-par round of 88, two strokes better than Wells, while senior Brayden Lorenz and freshman Treyton Graf shot rounds of 95 and 98, respectively.

"The last couple tournaments have been a sign of improvement and we've now had two tournaments with multiple players that have shot 90 or under, which is a big improvement from last year," Gilbert said. "Cooper [from Bennett], Grant and Trey



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg's Grant Wells was eagerly awaiting last weekend to see if he was among the 84 qualifiers for the 2A State Golf Championships to be held Oct. 6-7 at Elmwood Golf Course in Pueblo. Above, Wells chips out of a bunker during the Strasburg Invitational at Murphy Creek in Aurora Sept. 17.

continue to improve their scores. Grant has showed remarkable improvement after his short season last year due to injury. Brayden has been a consistently great senior leader for our team."

Other rounds from Strasburg players included freshmen Brandtly Turnbull, Sawyer Hall and Aden Davis with scores of 100, 106 and 115, respectively, and junior Jonathan Brnak with a 124.

"Super excited for our underclassmen, they show true commitment to the game and will most undoubtedly be the future of our program," Gil-

bert said.

Strasburg's tournament boasted about half the teams from 2A with the remaining schools from 3A and 5A classifications.

The team title went to growing 3A Timnath (216 stroke total for three golfers), followed by 5A Columbine (218) and Resurrection Christian (220).

The top of the individual leaderboard saw four players tie for the title with a 2-under 70 — senior Micah Livingston of Resurrection Christian, Frontier Academy senior Isaiah Fowler, sophomore

Greysen Kilburn from Timnath, and sophomore Connor Young from Columbine.

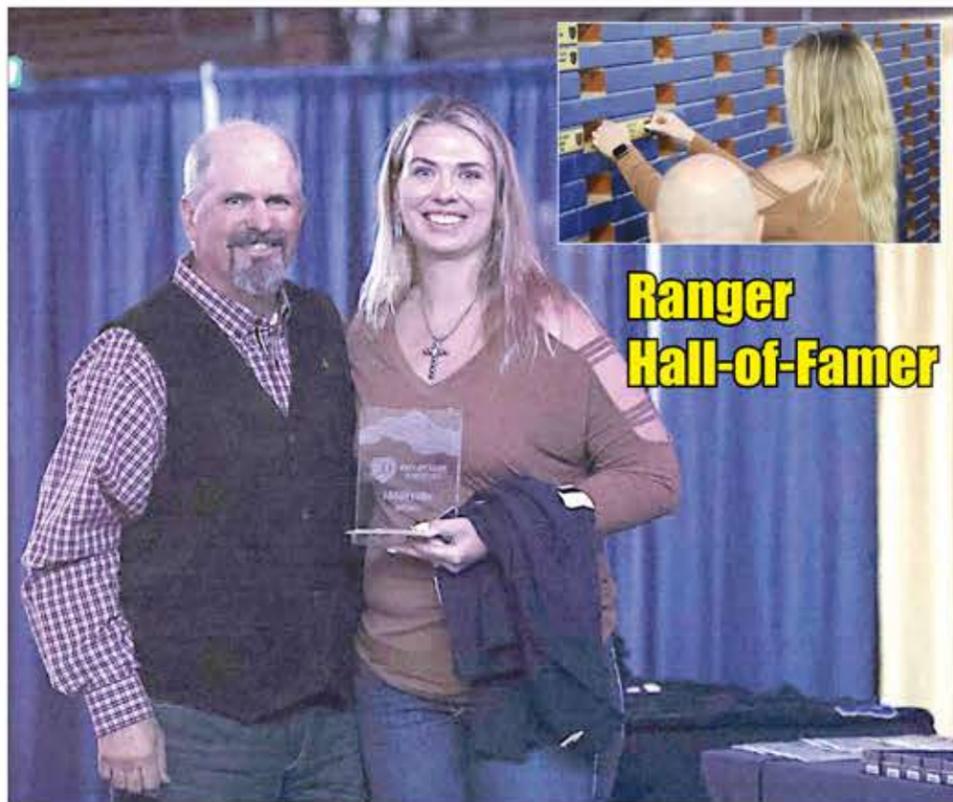
Two others shot under par with a 71 while two more shot an even-round 72.

"Good cross section of schools and level of play that shows us where we stand and where we aspiring to be at," Gilbert said.

### PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The regular season for Strasburg concluded Sept. 25 with the Patriot League Championship meet at Quail

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**Ranger Hall-of-Famer**

PHOTO COURTESY REGIS UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Strasburg alum and standout Lady Indian softball player Logan Losh was inducted into the Regis University Athletics Hall of Fame during a Sept. 20 induction ceremony. Despite playing only two seasons at the private Denver university, Losh is among the Rangers top pitchers in program history, recording 44 wins over the 2017 and 2018 seasons with 24 shutouts, a 1.99 earned run average, and 315 career strikeouts. Among numerous other accolades, Losh also was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Pitcher of the Year both years at Regis; was the conference's pitcher of the week seven times; and was also named Academic All-RMAC in 2018. Losh became one of 56 individuals and 11 teams now part of the Rangers Hall of Fame, which had its first class inducted in 1997. Losh, a 2014 graduate of Strasburg High School, was a key cog in the Lady Indians back-to-back 3A state softball titles in 2012 and 2013. Strasburg won five gold balls over the seven-season stretch 2012 to 2018. Pictured with Losh is her father, Chris. Inset, Logan Losh attaches her gold placard to the Rangers Hall of Fame wall.

## Tie, win helps Tiger soccer stay in 2A postseason hunt

by **Douglas Claussen**  
Publisher & Editor

The Bennett boys soccer team played Arrupe Jesuit to a 1-1 tie in what its coach deemed its best game of the season so far and also defeated Sheridan 4-2 in a pair of road contests last week.

The week left Bennett with an overall record of 6-3-2 while Arrupe Jesuit was 3-4-2.

The Colorado High School Activities Association's most recent selection & seeding index to determine state playoff qualification has Bennett sitting at No. 14.

The 2A postseason is made up of 24 teams.

Ashley Torgerson, head coach of the Tigers, said his team was evenly matched with Arrupe Jesuit and that a tie with the Generals was as good as a victory in itself. Arrupe Jesuit now sits at third in the 3A/2A Frontier League standings with a 3-0-2 mark while Bennett is fourth with a record of 3-1-2.

"It was, overall, just a great game," Torgerson said.

After a scoreless first half, Bennett got on the board in the second on a corner kick by junior Houston

Broskie on an assist by junior Nathan Ramirez.

The Tigers held onto their 1-0 lead until about seven minutes remained in the contest.

"We held on until about, ... and they just had a beautiful kick from the outside that just curved in on the back side of the goal," Torgerson said.

Junior Izaac Hernandez yielded the goal, which he was helpless to stop, Torgerson added. Hernandez finished with 14 saves.

The Tigers also compiled 24 steals with junior Hayden Kirby leading the charge with six followed by senior Blake Gonzales with five and sophomore Uvaldo Lopez with three.

Broskie and senior Jesus Santoyo each had two shots on goal and Ramirez, Gonzales and freshman Logan Lind all had one.

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The Tigers started slowly at Jefferson but came on in the second half for the two-goal margin of victory.

"That one, it started off rough. I think we were playing down a little bit," Torgerson said. "It seemed like we were a little disorganized at first,

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Varsity Indians Treyton Graf, left, Brayden Lorenz, and Cooper Klausner attack the challenging Murphy Creek Golf Course during the Strasburg Invitational Sept. 17.

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Dunes Golf Course in Fort Morgan. The Indians finished ninth with Lorenz carding his squad's lowest round with a 14-over 86 to place him in a tie for 21st out of 44 competitors. Graf shot a 93, Klausner a 99, Hall a 101 and Wells with a 113. Resurrection took the team title with a 15-stroke advantage over Sterling, while Brush was third.

**OTHER SEPTEMBER RESULTS**

At the Frontier Invitational at Boomerang Golf Links in Greeley Sept. 3, Strasburg's varsity finished 19th of 30 teams, led by Lorenz and Graf, who both shot rounds of 89. Klausner shot a 90 and Wells recorded 100 strokes. In another 30-team field, Strasburg again finished 19th at the Sterling Tiger Invitational at Sky Ranch Golf Club Sept. 5. Wells rebounded from his previous round to lead the Indians with an 11-over round of 83, followed by Lorenz with a 92, Klausner a 98 and Graf a 103. In the 25-team junior varsity tournament at Sterling's Riverview Golf Course, Strasburg was 12th as Turnbull and Hall went under 100 with rounds of 98 and 99, respectively, followed by Davis with a 110

and Brnak a 114. At the Brush Invitational at Petteys Park Sept. 12, Strasburg finished ninth of 10 teams. Klausner shot the squad's low round of 82, which placed him 11th. Wells shot an 88, Graf a 91, and Turnbull a 99 as member of the varsity that day. The Eastern Invitational at Quail Dunes in Fort Morgan Sept. 15 saw Strasburg finish 10th of 21 teams. Three Indians shot under 90 — Klausner and Lorenz both with 88s and Graf at 89. Wells shot a 103. "This group came together really nicely after the first couple weeks of the season and became fast friends and supported each other really well. We just had really nice chemistry the last three-quarters of the season and it was a joy to coach this team," Gilbert said. "We definitely have a true Corridor team with three players from Byers, one from Bennett, and five from Strasburg. With this diversity, they really enjoyed each other's company and support one another regardless of where they go to high school. A true team atmosphere. We are healthy and in a great place moving forward."

**SEPTEMBER TEAM RESULTS**

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# Deer Trail girls outlast visiting Bearcats in five sets

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

After their first nine matches were all sweeps one way or the other, the Deer Trail Lady Eagles finally went the distance and pulled out a five-setter 25-18, 21-25, 25-10, 19-25, 15-8 against visiting Kim/Branson Sept. 19.

The red-and-white's fourth victory of the season was sandwiched in between sweep defeats — at Limon Sept. 18 and at home against Elbert Sept. 20.

Against the Lady Bearcats on Friday morning, Deer Trail appeared to take command of the match with a dominating third set but allowed the visitors to overcome a 19-15 game-four deficit and score the final 10 points to stay alive for a fifth set. In the deciding game, Deer Trail led 7-5 when they won 8 of the next 10 points to take the match.

"It felt good to win against Branson after going five games with them," said a relieved Deer Trail head coach Amy Cox. "I hope it was a confidence boost for the girls."

Offensively, five Lady Eagles combined efforts for 30 kills, led by senior Megan Donovan with 12, while sophomores Landree Cox and Fatuma Hussein added seven and six, respectively. Junior Vailini Samate and Cox combined efforts to facilitate the offense with 10 and nine assists, respectively.

From the service line, Deer Trail was aggressive with a

95% success rate and a dozen aces, led by Hussein with four and junior Kylie Bryant and freshman Ruby Ramirez with three apiece.

Defensively, Hussein and Donovan hit the floor for 14 and 13 digs, respectively.

The most prominent deficiency proved to be on serve-receive where the Lady Eagles committed 14 errors.

### PAIR OF SETBACKS

At Limon, the Lady Eagles fell 25-22, 25-19, 25-19 and struggled on the offensive attack, being out-hit 32 kills to 15.

The Deer Trail defense struggled to stop Badger junior Madison Witt, who concluded Thursday evening with a match-high 14 kills. While the visiting red-and-white recorded eight service aces compared to three for Limon, Deer Trail committed eight errors to the victors' three.

Donovan again paced the Eagles in kills with seven, while Bryant and Samate had three aces, followed by a pair for Cox.

Defensively, Donovan recorded Deer Trail's lone solo block, while Cox and Samate led in digs with nine and seven, respectively.

Hussein and Donovan added six apiece.

Against Elbert, Cox's troops had a 17-14 lead in game one before the visiting Bulldogs went on a 7-2 run to take a 21-19 lead. With Elbert up 24-20, the Eagles saved three set points before a hitting error



Lady Eagle Landree Cox splits an attempted double-team block during Deer Trail's five set victory over visiting Kim/Branson Sept. 19.

out of bounds gave the visitors the victory. The hosts struggled in the second half of set two, being outscored 10-1 after tying the game at 14. Deer Trail's struggles in the third set started early as Elbert jumped up 10-0 and never looked back.

"The Elbert game was disappointing," Cox said. "I had hopes of taking that first set — we should have taken it, the opportunity was there."

Deer Trail again lost the hitting battle, 31 kills to 17, and also struggled mightily on

serve-receive, allowing 18 Elbert aces, while accumulating only six of its own.

Donovan had a team-high six kills, while Cox had three aces. Defensively, Hussein hit the floor for a match-high 19 digs.

"Defensively the girls are playing as I had hoped. Fatuma Hussein is all over the court," coach Cox said. "Offensively, we need to get it going. [But] Landree has been on a mission with her serving."

Deer Trail entered its Sept.

26 road match at Hanover 4-7 overall, 0-3 in the Union Pacific League. The Eagles swept the Hornets on Friday, but specifics were unavailable at press time. Deer Trail faced Lone Star Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. For complete coverage of both matches, watch for the Oct. 3 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout  
Madi Olsen scores one of Strasburg's 14 runs in the third inning against Patriot League foe Valley Sept. 25.

## Lady Indians sink Valley in three

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

STRASBURG — The Lady Indians scored 14 runs in the bottom of the third inning to defeat Valley 19-2 by the 15-run mercy rule in three innings in their only action last week.

Leading 16-2, junior second baseman Addi Kent clocked her eighth home run of the season to drive in 3 runs and account for the final margin of victory.

"The girls just caught on fire, I mean, it just started," said Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill. "Everybody contributed. We just sat there and watched everybody hit the ball and run."

The Lady Indians scored five runs in the first inning and led 5-2 entering the bottom of the third. Kent added a run-scoring single in the inning, which also featured a two-run double off the fence and a two-run single by sophomore Paisley Selle; a two-run single and a run-scoring ground ball by senior Rachel Ruppel; and one-run hits by juniors Wynne Winter and Payton Weaver and senior Savannah Bradley.

Kent and Selle both ended the game with three hits and 4 RBIs. Ruppel had two hits and 4 RBIs followed by Winter and Payton with two hits and 2 RBIs apiece. Winter's day included a double, and the Indians ended the day with 15 hits.

"I think 12 were in the third inning," Madrill said.

He was also pleased with the team's fielding. He noted one play where Ruppel caught a fly ball in center field with a runner on second base and threw it to junior shortstop Madi Olsen, who relayed it to third, where Winter tagged out the runner.

"We played stellar defense," Madrill said.

At press time, the Lady Indians stood at 14-5 overall. They traveled to



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout  
Strasburg center fielder Rachel Ruppel corrals a Valley fly ball Sept. 25.

Brush Tuesday and host Lyons Thursday. Both games are crucial to Strasburg's quest to host a regional tournament. Entering this week, Brush was No. 6 in the playoff rankings, followed by Strasburg in seventh and Lyons at No. 8.

Results of the Brush game were not available at press time. Watch for the Oct. 3 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News* for complete coverage.

**COMING UP**  
Oct. 7: @ Platte Valley.  
Oct. 9: University.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout  
Strasburg third baseman Wynne Winter applies the tag to a Valley hitter trying to leg out a triple during a Patriot League contest Sept. 25.



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg libero Jenna Echer goes parallel with the floor to keep the ball alive off a Beetdigger kill attempt Sept. 25.

## 'Burg falls to pair of Patriot foes

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg Lady Indians dropped a pair of close matches that both went into extra sets last week.

They lost in four sets at Weld Central Tuesday and to Brush in five at home Thursday.

Deffenbaugh wasn't disappointed in the defeats.

"I think the last four matches, they've worked really hard," said Strasburg head coach Larry Deffenbaugh. "Maybe (they're) not as consistent, but I think the team's getting along and I think they're working really hard."

He added that the team's hitting percentage is improving. Through the Weld Central game, Strasburg's hitting percentage for the season was .068. The Indians brought it up to .118 against Weld Central and .122 against Brush.

"But we sometimes don't adjust as well as we need to," Deffenbaugh continued. "And a lot of that is just young mistakes. And everybody we play, looking at the record, we're all very even."

The Indians faced Fort Morgan Tuesday. Watch the *Eastern Colorado News* for complete coverage.

Strasburg's junior varsity team defeated both Weld Central and Brush.

### BRUSH

The game with Brush came down to the final points of the fifth set. The Lady Indians jumped out 5-0 lead in the fifth set, then missed their next three serves.

"And that's the one thing in the match you can control. If there was anything disappointing, it was that we were in control of that fifth match," said Strasburg head coach Larry Deffenbaugh. "We were in control. And we missed three serves in the net. So that would be the biggest disappointment."

"But the biggest takeaway is we took them five and we were right there, 14-14."

The Lady Beetdiggers won the first set 25-22, but Strasburg came from behind in sets two and three to win 25-17 and 25-18. But Brush responded with a 25-20 win in set four to set up the late-game showdown.

"We're young. They fought hard. We just (made) a lot of mistakes at the wrong time," Deffenbaugh said of his players. "They're not trying to fail. They're working hard. And we just got to keep our chins up and keep working hard."

"We're going to make mistakes and we got to fight through it. And we got to stay level-headed."



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Lady Indian Laci Zimmerman goes up for a kill attempt against Brush Sept. 25.

The Indians recorded 39 kills as a team, led by senior Vic Nuttall with 13 and sophomore Laci Zimmerman with 11. Senior Parker Shuck added five followed by junior Tatijana Rojahn with four.

Strasburg also recorded 11 aces as a team. Junior Jenna Echer had four, junior Brooke Nuttall three, and Vic Nuttall and Rojahn two each.

The biggest diggers were Echer with 25, Vic Nuttall with 21, Rojahn with 14, and freshman Camryn Forbis with 13 to go with her 26 assists.

Top receivers were Echer with 31, Vic Nuttall with 16, Brooke Nuttall 11, and Rojahn 10.

### @ WELD CENTRAL?

At Weld Central, Strasburg lost the first two sets 25-18, 26-24, then rebounded to win the third set 25-18.

In the fourth set, the Indians trailed 17-9 but cut the deficit to 17-15, but just couldn't get over the hump.

"We've had a lot of close sets and some really close matches. And these girls just had to keep fighting and just keep trying. You never know when it could turn around," Deffenbaugh said. "And they don't like to lose any more than we do. Nobody's trying to lose. We just got to keep working on our mental game."

Top Indians were Zimmerman with 12 kills; Vic Nuttall with 10 kills, two aces, and 13 digs; Rojahn, five kills, two aces, 15 digs, one block, and 20 serve-receives; Echer, 17 digs, four aces, and 20 serve-receives; Forbis, 29 assists, 13 digs, and one block; Brooke Nuttall, 13 digs and 17 serve-receives; and sophomore Chloe Fields, four kills.

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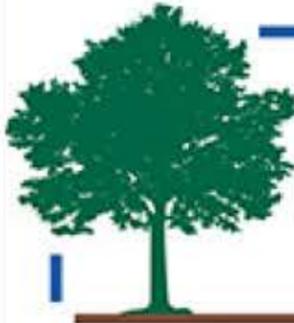
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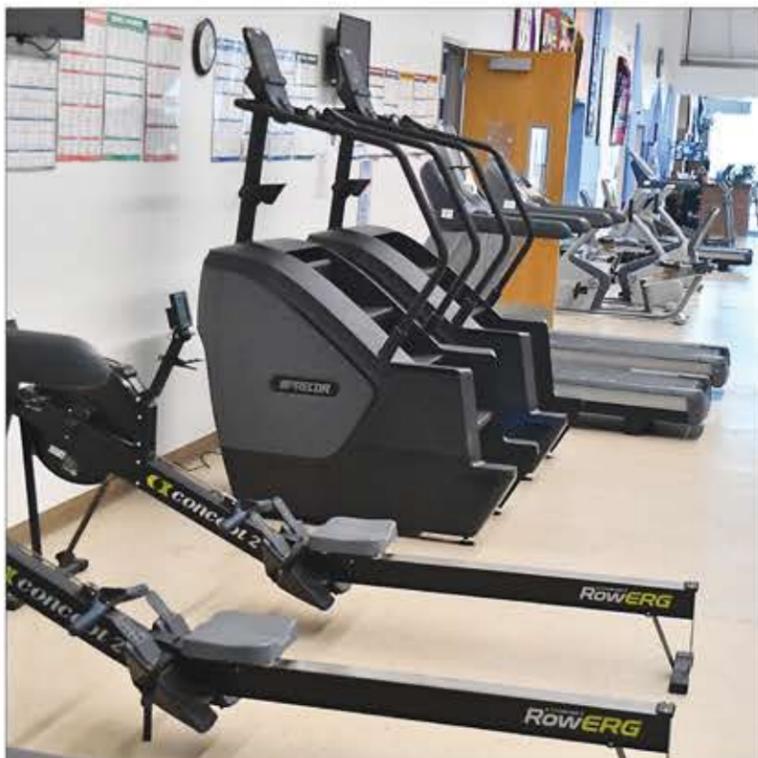
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After being closed most of last week, the Bennett Rec Center welcomed guests back Sept. 19 with a newly refurbished weight room and a wide variety of new state-of-the-art workout equipment, which was partially the result of an \$87,500 Adams County Open Space grant awarded in mid-August. The total project cost was \$125,000. During a quick tour Sept. 18, Bennett Park & Recreation District Administrator Leila Schaub told *The I-70 Scout* that the new equipment, including cutting edge stair climbers, left photo, and a multi-discipline workout station, right, will provide visitors with a more well-rounded workout experience.

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but [the Tigers] came out strong after halftime and were able to pull it together and pull out the win.

"I think the kids just had a mindset change that they had to play. They couldn't just go out there and kick the ball around."

Bennett went up 3-1 in the second half when the Tigers yielded the Rams second goal before sealing the win on a penalty kick by Santoyo.

The Bennett boys laid a whopping 34 shots on the Ram goalkeeper.

"That's a high number. Their goalie was excellent," Torgerson said. "Absolutely excellent."

He noted that Santoyo had seven "true, legitimate shots on goal that that goalie just saved."

Gonzalez, Kirby and Broskie also had one goal each.

Gonzalez led the team with eight steals and also chipped in with five shots on goal. Other key contributors were Ramirez with eight shots on goal

two assists, and two steals; Broskie, six shots on goal and six steals; and Kirby, four shots and four steals. Sophomore David Reyes added three shots on goal and senior Juan Santoyo, one assist.

"It was just a good, hard-fought win," Torgerson said. "They stepped up and got the win."

Bennett again plays at 6:30 p.m. today at Middle Park. With a 3-2-1 mark, the Panthers are nipping at the Tigers' heels in fifth place in the Frontier League. The Tigers have three more home contests in the regular season after today. All three remaining matches are against the teams in the bottom three spots of the conference.

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# Lady 'Dogs split with UP foes

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

**FLAGLER** — Byers rebounded from a two-set deficit to defeat Flagler 12-25, 18-25, 25-20, 25-23, 16-14 on the road Sept. 25 but lost at home to Burlington in four Sept. 19.

The Lady Bulldogs also hosted the Byers Bulldog Invitational Tournament Sept. 27, where they shocked undefeated Lyons, the No. 3 team in Class 2A, in five close sets. The final score was 25-16, 25-20, 19-25, 20-25, 15-13.

Byers, also a Class 2A team, now stands at 5-6. The loss dropped Lyons to 12-1.

The victory was a turnaround of epic proportions as the Lady Bulldogs struggled in three-set losses to 8-5 Cheraw (ranked 17th, 1A) and 11-3 Evangel Christian Academy (eighth, 1A) earlier in the day.

Byers also traveled to Genoa-Hugo Tuesday and host Deer Trail Thursday.

**FLAGLER**

Byers also surprised 8-2 Flagler (13th, 1A), after dropping the first two sets 25-12, 25-18.

"And we went off the next three. We reverse-swept them," said Jessica Fournier, head coach of the Lady Bulldogs. "After that second set I said, OK, we got three more to go. We got three more and they kind of all shifted and like 'Yes, we do.' I can see that in their eyes."

After Byers won the third set 25-20 and the fourth 25-23, the teams went to war in the fifth. Byers trailed 14-12 when senior Abi Green put down a kill and the Lady Panthers called a timeout. Then sophomore Karley Linnebur got an ace followed by kills by sophomores Joclynn Rector and Olivia Eastwood to close out the game.

"So we ended on three obviously really high positive put-away points," Fournier said. "It was a long night and that last set went 16-14. It was very exciting and nerve-wracking all at once."

Byers also trailed 19-14 in the fourth set and came back to win after a 23-23 tie.

Serving was a factor in the game. "The first set was ugly. It was really gross," Fournier said, "and then we obviously got better throughout the match. I can't say that our percentage ... on our side outs or our service was great. We were almost 90% on serves."

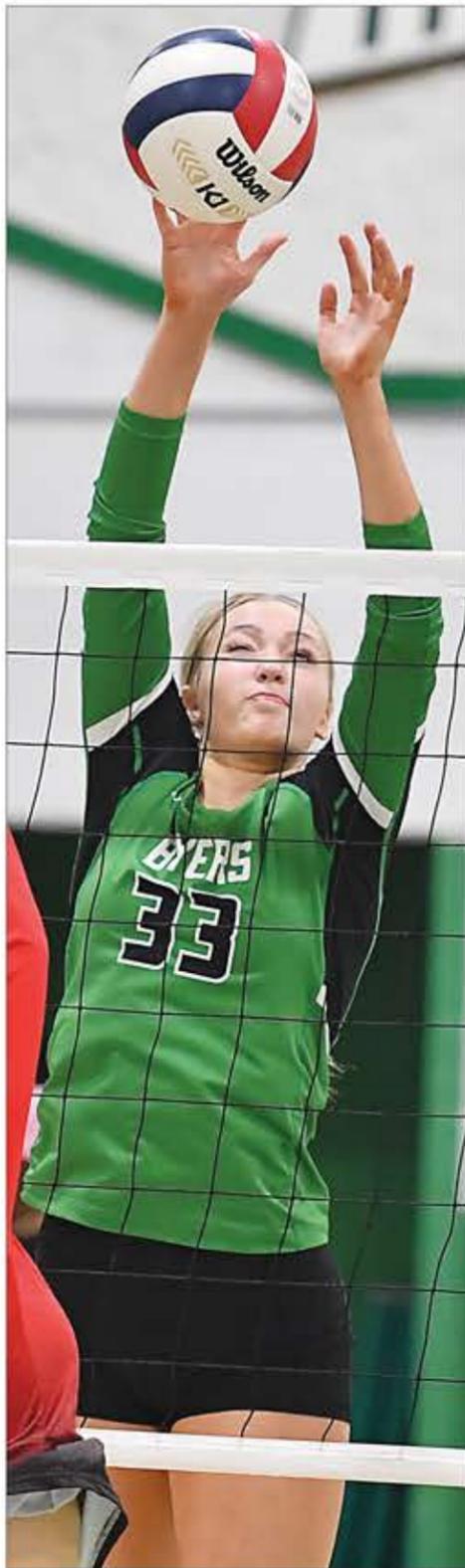
The Lady Bulldogs served 95% in the pivotal third set and 100% in the decisive fifth.

"We didn't have that many aces," Fournier said of the final frame. "We just kept [the Panthers] out of system."

However, Byers helped itself enormously with 11 kills in the fifth set alone.

"We came back with some really good rallies and were able to put away the game," Fournier concluded.

The Bulldogs were led by Linnebur with 20 kills and 23 digs, both career-highs. Rector had nine kills, five aces and 23 digs; junior Taiya Eyemann with five kills; sophomore Olivia Eastwood two blocks; and sophomore Leyla Saylor, 31 assists and 21 digs.



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Byers' Karley Linnebur gets her hand on a Burlington kill attempt during the schools' Union Pacific League tilt Sept. 19.

there the entire match. We were [on] that roller coaster up and down for awhile," Fournier said.

She noted the play of Lady Panther Lynzee Neal, who had 15 kills in the contest.

"She was hitting over our block, Fournier added. "And so we really struggled on the net with stopping the ball defensively."

Team leaders were Rector with 13 kills; Linnebur with four aces, 14 digs and one block; and Saylor, 25 assists; and Green, 20 serve-receives.

Green added six kills, three aces and 11 digs; Rector, 13 digs and 19 serve-receives; Linnebur, 15 serve-receives; Eastwood, six kills and one block; and seniors Kiera Egloff and Jenah Bequette with 12 and 11 serve-receives, respectively.

Byers had 33 kills but 21 hitting errors as a team.

"I thought we worked really hard," Fournier said. "We just couldn't execute."

The Bulldogs had 11 aces but 12 service errors.

"Serving was where we struggled the most," Fournier said.

**COMING UP**

- Oct. 2: Deer Trail.
- Oct. 7: Elbert.
- Oct. 9: Flatiron Academy.
- Oct. 11: @ Yuma.

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### 20 YEARS AGO OCT. 4, 2005

The Town of Bennett Board of Trustees Sept. 27 approved the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between itself and the Bennett Park & Recreation District concerning the town's new recreation center.

The board also agreed to credit water users for abounding snafu earlier this summer.

The rec center IGA was approved 4-0, but wasn't passed without some controversy. Mayor Karen Croissant was unable to attend the meeting and vote on the issue with the rest of the board.

The contended it would be bad policy for the board to fund the park and recreation district for the rec center when the town is in financial "dire" straits and that no absolute guarantee existed that the town would be repaid for the facility.

"I believe it is fiscally unsound policy for a government, which is in such dire financial straits it cannot meet its own obligations, to essentially loan money to another government, particularly when doing so places citizens of the recreation district who live within the town limits in Adams County in a position to have to make up the money for that loan (from town taxes) if the recreation district does not pay it back," Grossaint's letter said. "This IGA clearly serves the recreation district at the expense of the town."

### 15 YEARS AGO OCT. 5, 2010

DENVER - The Colorado Department of Education Sept. 20 announced a \$100 million broadband project for rural areas to be implemented over the next 36 months.

"Many schools, libraries, and community anchor institutions have inadequate, or prohibitively expensive broadband access, said Dan Domagala, CDE chief information officer. "...The grant will help ensure every school district in Colorado has access to

affordable broadband connectivity."

Superintendents along, the I-70 Corridor sounded off on the subject.

"Bennett School District already has high-speed Internet services through a [Colorado] Department of Transportation fiber line that was installed here about five years ago," said Richard Coleman. "There would really be no need for Bennett to be involved with the grant."

Byers School District is also on the CDOT high-speed connection; however, the project could be implemented into the Strasburg School District.

"It will potentially have an impact on Strasburg," said superintendent Ed Vandertook. "[The district] is fortunate to have Internet access at a higher rate than many school districts in the state; however, our current connectivity will not meet the demands in the future unless we can take advantage of projects such as this."

### 10 YEARS AGO OCT. 6, 2015

DEER TRAIL - The Deer Trail School District is seeking a new bookkeeper after state benefit assessments apparently were not paid or several months.

Superintendent Kevin Schott reported to school board members Sept. 28 that the search to replace former finance director Jen West had commenced. In the interim, Nancy Sweet is serving as bookkeeper. Schott indicated that Sweet is throwing her hat in the ring as a candidate to fill the position full-time. A committee of Schott, principal Dave Casey, at least two school staffers and probably two school board members will preside over the hiring process.

An official with Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association confirmed Sept. 30 that the Deer Trail School District has not remitted recent assessments.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 1, the 274th day of 2025. There are 91 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 1, 2017, in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, a gunman opened fire from a room at the high-rise Mandalay Bay casino hotel in Las Vegas on a crowd of 22,000 fans at a country

music concert below, causing 60 deaths and more than 850 injuries.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1890, Yosemite National Park was established by the U.S. Congress.

In 1903, the first modern baseball World Series began, with the National League's Pittsburgh Pirates defeating the American League's

Boston Americans in Game 1; Boston would ultimately win the series 5-3.

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced his mass-produced Model T automobile to the market. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build more than 15 million Model T cars.

In 1910, the offices of the *Los Angeles Times* were destroyed by a dynamite explosion and fire, kill-

ing 21 employees; union activist J.B. McNamara eventually pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison for the bombing.

In 1957, the motto "In God We Trust" began appearing on U.S. paper currency.

In 1962, federal marshals escorted James Meredith as he enrolled as the first Black student at the University of Mississippi; Meredith's

presence sparked rioting that left two people dead.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Film director Jean-Jacques Annaud is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Rod Carew is 80. Actor Randy Quaid is 75. Retired MLB All-Star Mark McGwire is 62. Actor Zach Galifianakis is 56.

—Associated Press

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  - Bear's hang-out
  - Like a maxi skirt
  - Get up
  - "Robert McCloskey's 'Make Way for \_\_\_"
  - March Madness org.
  - Expenditure, in the olden days
  - "Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a \_\_\_"
  - Turn pale
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  - Swimmer's distance
  - Rinse and \_\_\_
  - Consequently
  - Join forces
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  - Approximated landing time
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  - Unnecessary embellishment
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  - "He had a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day
  - Popular pie nut
  - Not final
  - Just a little
  - Choice dish
  - \_\_\_-do-well
  - Sudden and brilliant success
  - Doofus
  - Is, in France
  - Fail to mention

- DOWN
- Like a certain eagle
  - Oahu shindig
  - Related to ear
  - Exert persuasive powers (2 words)
  - Jennifer Aniston's movie "\_\_\_ Came Polly"
  - "Canine father in Dodie Smith's 'The Hundred and One Dalmatians'"
  - "Dr. Seuss: 'I do not like green \_\_\_ and ham'"
  - "Philosopher in American edition of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'"
  - Hipbone
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## HOROSCOPE

### Mercury at Odds With Jupiter

To tactfully point out what's wrong? That's educating. And without tact, the same information will be taken as criticism, antagonism, bossiness or even insult. Considering the adversarial vibes between Mercury and Jupiter, diplomacy is the skill that serves all. It starts with thinking about the feelings of another person. It's a careful approach, a gesture of comfort, a stance of support.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Laughter is the treasure of your day, happening in a beautiful balance of noticing the world together, sometimes playing the comic foil, other times the "straight man," and often the delighted audience, too. Joy multiplies.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll study those you admire, identify the precise skills that elevate them and work to master your own version. Admiration becomes your curriculum, and excellence becomes attainable. And don't worry, originality is something you can't help but bring to the task.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your attitude toward debts and obligations works well. You remember who you owe and you're actively trying to repay them. As for those who owe you, you're choosing not to dwell on it. When they repay, it feels like an unexpected gift.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You don't always think about how relationships are affecting you because when they are good, they almost become a part of you, natural extensions of your being. Today, you will notice how your body feels with someone, not just what you think.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You can feel the energetic essence of ideas. The good ones leap off for you. Your creativity will keep leveling up because you're willing to discard what doesn't have that "zing-zap." Morning brings momentum; evening brings brilliance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Gratitude doesn't erase sadness, but it gives it company. You can cry and still feel thankful. You can ache and still feel blessed. You'll recognize how all your emotions of the day seem to belong there — proof of a life fully lived.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Discernment is the theme today. Don't just accept things at face value or accept what others give you as though it were the only option. What do you like? What fits? What solves your problem without creating a new one?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** What's right isn't popular, and what's popular isn't right. So you'll do the thing that no one else is doing and it will truly make you happy. Also, act whether or not you feel motivated. The motivation will show up later.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** At minimum, you should treat yourself with compassion instead of criticism. But really, you deserve more than compassion. You deserve admiration for what you've achieved and sustained. Pause to acknowledge your resilience.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Choose connection over perfection. You don't need to script the "perfect" words or stress over saying the exact right thing. What matters is the energy you bring, your open heart and the genuine quality of attention you offer others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your purpose is simple now and can be summed up in two words: "spread joy." Sometimes you'll do it with an action, and other times just by bringing your presence into the room because the happiness is inside you and others feel it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** People who feel heard also feel respected. You give this to others today. You value listening as much as speaking, and it's rare indeed and not always treasured as it should be. Your genuine attention will create a natural balance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 1).** It's a Year of Enhanced Embodiment. You develop practices that free up more energy and give you flexibility, strength and grace. But it's a happy side effect — your calmness of mind — that makes the biggest difference in how you feel. More highlights: a lucrative business move, the expansion of your social network, and family togetherness that represents growth and healing. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 2, 20 and 11.

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The classes will meet on the first and third Mondays of October, November and December at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 2.

For more information or to register, visit [www.strasburgparks.com](http://www.strasburgparks.com).

## CHUCK WAGON

### Pasta E Fagioli

#### PASTA E FAGIOLI

##### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound Italian sausage
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 yellow onion (diced)
- 2 sprigs rosemary (minced)
- pinch of salt and black pepper (optional)
- 3 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 2 cups water
- 8 oz elbow macaroni pasta
- 1 (15½-ounce) can white beans, drained
- 1 lemon (juiced)
- ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese (optional)
- ½ bunch parsley (chopped, optional)

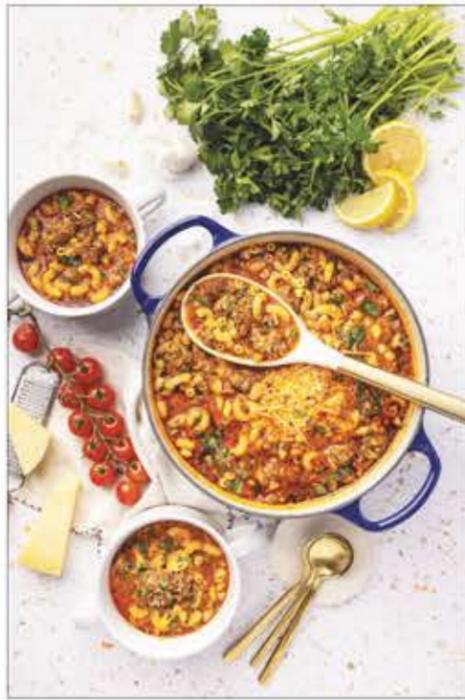
##### DIRECTIONS

In large pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook 4-6 minutes until softened, stirring occasionally.

Add Italian sausage, rosemary, and pinch of salt and black pepper, if desired. Cook Italian sausage, breaking apart with a spoon, for 6-8 minutes until browned and aromatic.

Add garlic and tomato paste. Cook 2-3 minutes until tomato paste begins to caramelize and separate.

Add 2 cups of water. Bring to a boil;



add macaroni pasta and white beans. Return to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer and cook, simmering for 8-10 minutes until macaroni is al dente and sausage reaches 160 degrees.

Remove pot from heat and stir in lemon juice. To serve, divide soup among four bowls. Top with Parmesan cheese and parsley, if desired.

— Recipe courtesy National Pork Board

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