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## 33 dogs taken from home north of 'Burg

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — Almost three dozen canines were removed from reportedly horrific living conditions after local and state animal protection officers and Adams County Sheriff's deputies converged on a property about 10 miles north of Strasburg Oct. 15.

At about 11 a.m. Wednesday, authorities arrived at 9990 Defoe St., about a half-mile east of Strasburg Road.

Neighbors in the immediate area reported to *The I-70 Scout* that a large number of law enforcement and animal hauling vehicles had staged at 88th Avenue and Strasburg Road about 10 a.m.

According to an Adams County Sheriff's announcement, deputies supported Adams County Animal Management and Colorado Department of Agriculture Animal Health Division officers in following through with an inspection warrant under the

auspices of the state's Pet Animal Care & Facilities Act (PACFA) Program.

"During the investigation, 33 dogs were discovered living in poor conditions — the home was found to be filled with feces, creating a significant health hazard," the sheriff's office statement said. "Several dogs were also confined in kennels without access to water."

After determining the conditions were too severe for the canines, sheriff's office detectives obtained and executed a search warrant, which allowed their removal from the property.

Adams County Animal Management personnel transported the hounds to the west side Riverdale Animal Shelter near the Adams County Fairgrounds in Brighton for care and evaluation.

Officials with the shelter said the Strasburg situation is part of a growing trend of large-scale pet confisca-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sheriff's deputies and investigators and animal management officers with Adams County gather at a staging area at the intersection of 88th Avenue and Strasburg Road before executing a search warrant and removing 33 dogs from a home a couple of miles away on Defoe Street Oct. 15.

### Strasburg Grows Talent!



CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

Eighth-grader Lucille Garrett serenades her Venus flytrap with a rendition of "Grow for Me" from the 1986 scary comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" during the Strasburg Schools Talent Show at Mountain View Fellowship Oct. 10. **SEE PAGE 10.**



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Bennett's wastewater facility on the northwest corner of town is going through an almost \$30 million expansion to more than double its per-day capacity.

## Bennett trustees balk at proposed \$1.2M add-on to wastewater project

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Residents aren't the only ones with complaints about town of Bennett utility infrastructure projects as members of the board of trustees last week made it known they aren't happy with a recent engineering contractor's request for a significant change to ongoing wastewater expansion.

"I'm a little perturbed, I guess I'll say, that this wasn't addressed early on when we were in the design and bid period," said Bennett Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden after town staff presented a \$1.213 million change order for the municipality's wastewater reclamation expansion project during the Oct. 13 town board meeting. "[That's] roughly 4% of the overall project, that's a pretty damn big change order."

The additional expense regards the pro-

posed installation of four power conditioners to provide cleaner, more consistent electricity in all four buildings at the town's wastewater facility.

According to Bennett Capital Projects and Utilities Director Daniel Pershing, the town's engineering firm AQUA Engineering did not include the power massagers in the original project.

Barden, a construction industry veteran, took exception to the oversight.

"Why wasn't this considered when we did the design for the new plant or, even at the very least, put it out as a bid alternate?" he asked. "There's a lot of mark-up put on that for our contractor, I mean he's getting his change order pricing. Don't get me wrong, I feel the need for these conditioners — it's the right thing to do, the best thing to do. What I'm upset with is the process, the way

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## COMMUNITY CORRAL

### 'Burg museum lecture slated on major Civil War encounters

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society and Museum will host an Overview of Major Battles and Engagements of the Civil War Years from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at the TBK Bank Community Room.

Museum curator Cliff Smith will discuss several key battles and engagements of the war as well as challenges for the home front and ordinary Union and Confederate soldiers.

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.

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg. For more information, call (303)622-4322.

### Calvary Chapel Bennett plans fall fest on Halloween night

BENNETT — Calvary Chapel Bennett will host a wholesome, family-friendly Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31, at the Bennett VFW Hall, 115 Palmer Ave.

The evening will include face-painting, pumpkin bowling, a photo booth, and games and activities for all ages, and free hot dogs.

### New Colorado Poet Laureate: Nominations open thru 10-27

DENVER — Nominations have opened for the next Poet Laureate of Colorado.

The Poet Laureate serves a two-year term as Colorado's ambassador for poetry, engaging with communities across the state through readings and workshops.

Nominations will be accepted until Monday, Oct. 27. Individuals can self-nominate, and any organization or individual can nominate a poet for consideration at coloradohumanities.org.

Nominators should work closely with their poets to submit the nomination form and information requested.

Individuals are encouraged to nominate poets who demonstrate exceptional poetic talent, a commit-

ment to community engagement, and a desire to foster the appreciation of poetry.

### MCC now accepting entries for calendar photo contest

FORT MORGAN — Morgan Community College is accepting entries to the annual MCC calendar photo contest and picture-takers of all levels can participate.

Interested individuals should submit photographs that reflect the unique charm and essence of northeast Colorado. The submission deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31.

Last year's winner, "After the Storm" by Holly Haman-Marcum of Burlington, depicts an image in Kit Carson County northeast of Burlington where a fierce storm devastated most corn crops.

Entries must be in landscape orientation with high resolution. Cell phone images will not be accepted, as they do not meet the high-quality print specifications necessary for the calendar's production.

Each participant can submit up to 10 photos.

For more information and to submit images, visit [www.morgancc.edu](http://www.morgancc.edu).

### Rec district plans senior trip for candle-making at brewery

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a senior excursion for candle-making at Monolith Brewing in Denver.

The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. The cost is \$42.

To RSVP, call the rec center at (303)622-4260. Admission charges vary by location; lunch is an additional charge.

### Trap shooting event slated by Elks Lodge in Deer Trail

DEER TRAIL — The annual Deer Trail Elks Lodge 2307 Turkey Shoot is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, at the Deer Trail Rodeo Grounds.

A barbecue dinner will follow the competition at 6 p.m. Saturday. Cost

is \$15 per plate.

For more information, e-mail to [DeerTrail2307.com](mailto:DeerTrail2307.com) or call Rob Byg at (303)563-9623.

### 'Burg firefighters want kids for pumpkin-carving contest

STRASBURG — Strasburg Fire & Rescue will host an inaugural pumpkin-carving contest from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Strasburg Firehouse, 56281 E. Colfax Ave.

Free pumpkins will be handed out to the first 100 kids, or they can bring their own.

Drinks and snacks will be provided. Costumes are encouraged. 10/23

### Halloween house returns to Bennett home this fall

BENNETT — "Cryptid Manor" is the theme of the eighth annual Haunted House, featuring more than 80 animatronics and 15-20 actors, at Antelope Hills in Bennett starting Friday.

The Cryptid Manor, which features 20 rooms with a castle and pirate ship, will be open from 6-9 p.m., for Scare Nights, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25; Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30 and Nov. 1, at 985 Pinehurst Court, Bennett.

No Scare Night with the lights on will run from 4:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24 — a good time to take photos with the props, organizers say.

They also noted that Halloween night will involve long lines of visitors who might want to consider coming on one of the other nights.

Trick or treaters are welcome all nights.

Donations will benefit the Bennett High School Dungeons & Dragons Club and drama class.

The Haunted House was featured by KDVR-TV last year.

### Veterans Day spaghetti meal planned at 'Burg Legion Hall

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host its Salute to Our Veterans Spaghetti Dinner from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

All veterans and their families are

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

Visitors who RSVP will be served a free all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner and entered to win door prizes.

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

### Elementary children invited to decorate autumn wreaths

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will host a creative arts class where kindergartners through fifth-graders can dive into a variety of art mediums, from painting to clay, in an inspiring environment.

Nature Prints Fall Wreath classes will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. for grades K-2 and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for grades 3-5 on the first and third Mondays in November and December at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

The cost is \$10. The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 30. For more information, visit [strasburg-parks.org](http://strasburg-parks.org) or call (303)622-4260.

### 4 animal rescues collaborate on fall fest benefit at Bennett

BENNETT — Four animal rescues from Bennett, Hudson and Brighton will join forces for a Fall Fest Fundraiser from 12-7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at a rooster sanctuary north of Bennett.

Admission is \$8 per person with packages available for \$20 per adult and \$10 per child age 12 and under. Each package includes a hay ride, scavenger hunt, access to a family game area, one desert, popcorn or cotton candy, one beverage, and admission.

A kids craft table and raffle are also planned, and unique gifts will be handed out.

The fundraiser will take place at Danzig's Roost, 10300 Highway 79, Bennett.

For more information, contact Lisa at (619)602-6068.



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Road construction crews were busily installing a trio of speed tables along Wagner Street last week following several years of requests to Adams County officials from residents along the roadway. Above, during the afternoon of Oct. 14, workers lay the asphalt for the traffic calming device near the Wagner intersection with Colorado Avenue immediately west of the Strasburg High School parking lots.



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Commuters are reminded to take extra precaution on both directions of I-70 between the Peoria interchange and Deer Trail as road construction crews work on both bridges immediately east of the old dog track exit. Traffic is down to one outside lane heading both east and west and is expected to remain that way until the project is suspended around Thanksgiving time. The above photo was taken about 3 p.m. at the East Bijou Creek crossing Oct. 15. When completed next year, both bridges will be resurfaced with some structural issues also repaired.

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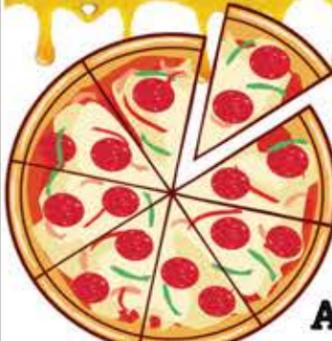
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WEEK OF OCT. 20

# 20-well oil pad S. of Bennett approved by Arapahoe County

by **Cassandra Ballard**  
Sentinel Colorado



AURORA — Arapahoe County has conditionally approved an oil-and-gas-drilling project just east of Aurora calling for 20 wells on a gravel pad on State Land Board property.

The tentative OK from commissioners goes to Crestone Peak Resources Operating LLC, doing business as Civitas, to build and operate the State Wetterhorn-Handies oil and gas facility.

The project calls for 20 wells to be drilled on a gravel pad measuring about 350 feet by 1,500 feet, according to a statement from the county. The site will sit on State Land Board property roughly two miles south of East Quincy Avenue and nearly three miles west of Tom Bay Road.

County officials said they evaluated the proposal under recently updated oil and gas regulations adopted in 2023 and 2024. The amendments to the county's Land Development Code were designed to prioritize public health, safety, welfare and environmental protection.

"These rules include rigorous air and water quality testing requirements, financial assurances for cleanup and the most protective setbacks in the state of Colorado," county officials said in a statement.

After reviewing the proposal with comment from several departments and outside agencies, the county's Public Works & Development staff determined that Civitas met all required criteria or qualified for waivers where appropriate.

"Mineral rights are property rights protected by Colorado law and take precedence over surface rights," the statement said, "meaning that mineral rights owners have a legal right to enter and use the surface of a property in a reasonable and necessary manner to extract minerals."

A handful of other gas-and-oil projects have drawn vehement opposition over the past several months.

The county's conditional approval of the Wetterhorn-Handies project requires the company to meet sever-

al terms before and during construction. Among them:

- The operator must obtain county building permits before starting any site or electrical work.
- The facility must follow all approved plans, best management practices and environmental protections outlined in the application.
- A wildlife survey must be completed before construction, including checks for swift fox dens, and steps must be taken to avoid or minimize harm to sensitive wildlife.
- Dust must be controlled using water, with additional treatments if required by the county.
- The entire site, including drilling equipment, must be powered by electricity rather than diesel or gas engines.
- The operator must pay \$455,581 in transportation impact fees before building permits are issued to offset potential wear on county roads.
- Financial guarantees must be provided to ensure cleanup and site restoration funding before work begins.

Arapahoe County officials said they considered public feedback on issues such as health, safety, welfare and environmental impacts before making its decision.

A summary of public comments, the county's responses, and the full approval letter, conditions and supporting documents can be viewed at [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov).

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The High Plains Music Ensemble hosted its American Folk Songs & Spirituals concert Oct. 11 at the Bennett High School Performing Arts Center. The group of Corridor musicians performed eight different arrangements of various historical pieces. From top photo, Jacob Lang plays trombone, while Lisa Linnebur and Mary Oberts play their flutes.

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Eva Rae Rozack

**Eva Rae "Pat" Rozack**  
January 27, 1956 – October 9, 2025

Eva Rae "Pat" Rozack, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on Oct. 9, 2025, at the age of 69 in her home.

Pat was born on January 27, 1956, in Culbertson, Mont., to William Homer and Dorothy Ann Goodwin. In 1959, her family moved to Evans, Colorado, and eventually settled in Bennett in 1968 — a town that would remain close to her heart. She attended Bennett High School and proudly earned her diploma from the American School in 1974. Growing up she was a daddy's girl and loved helping with the family while Homer went to work at the truck shop.

Pat met her husband, James Rozack, in 1973, and they were married on Nov. 20 of that same year in Denver, Colo. Their love stood the test of time, rooted in loyalty, and a shared commitment to family. Together they lived in Denver, spent a short time in Indiana, and ultimately made Colorado their lifelong home.

Pat dedicated much of her professional life to the healthcare industry, working in various roles where her compassion and strong work ethic shone brightly. She served many years at Rose Medical Center and later at North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton. Later in life, she worked for DJR Well Service, a family-run business owned by her brothers—a job that brought her closer to her roots.

Family was everything to Pat. She was one of eleven siblings: Shirley, Roger, Sharon, Bob, Quentin, Chopper, Scott, Gary, Lois, and Donna. Her love extended far beyond her immediate family; she was known to her many nieces and nephews as a second mother, a fun aunt, and the heart of every gathering. In 1986, after years of navigating the adoption process, Pat and Jim welcomed their son, Nick, into their lives—a moment they cherished deeply.

Pat had a passion for many things:  
She was an extraordinary cook who loved trying new recipes and had an incredible collection she lovingly passed on to "The Girls." Her meals brought people together—especially during family sleepovers, backyard barbecues, and the legendary Goodwin Christmas Parties. She made that annual celebration a joyful promise kept to her mother, ensuring the family stayed close and connected.

A creative spirit, Pat found joy in sewing—crafting Halloween costumes, doll clothes, blankets, and special handmade gifts for the Goodwin Christmas Party. She had a camera always in hand and took thousands of photos over the years, capturing family memories that she later turned into treasured scrapbooks. She even attended scrapbooking conventions with Sissy and Brianna, making memories as she preserved them.

Her love for animals was unmatched. Pat's home was always filled with pets—many of them rescues she lovingly welcomed in. She had a special place in her heart for elderly animals, strays, and those in need of a safe and loving home.

Pat was a nurturer, a connector, and a constant in the lives of many. She leaves behind a deep legacy of love, generosity, and togetherness that will continue to guide her family.

She is survived by her husband, James Rozack; her son Nick (Jamie) Rozack; her grandson Tyson; brothers Quentin (Penne), Scott (Kim), and Gary (Penny); sister Shirley (James); and countless nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Dorothy Goodwin; brothers Roger, Bob, and Chopper; and sister Sharon "Ralph."

"Family isn't just important—it's everything."  
— Pat's guiding belief, lived every day with open arms and a full heart.

A memorial service was held Oct. 18 at Mountain View Fellowship in Strasburg.

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that we got here, that doesn't not sit well with me."

Adding to the consternation is the fact that the expansion project is about halfway completed, about \$1.5 million is remains in the original budget of approximately \$30 million and the change-order items are likely to continue to rise in price. Pershing said that the contractor only gave a two-week guarantee on the current pricing and that, since the receiving the quote, the price has risen another \$200,000, approximately.

"To me, that's a little bit scary moving forward," Barden said.

But Pershing indicated that engineering contractors are hopeful that the project is out of high-risk territory for other significant unexpected expenses since underground power utilities are firmly in place.

Pershing and Town Administrator Trish Stiles both were uncertain as to why the power conditioners weren't included in the original project specifications.

"It came in with about 90% of design being finished and I've also got concerned bringing this up this late in the process," Pershing said.

"At the end of the day, I understand it is a 4% change order, but also want to make sure that this brand new expanded asset is properly protected," Stiles added. "It's a concern with the ebb and flow of electricity."

Trustee Donna Sus said town staff must be mindful of catching contractual oversights.

"I feel almost exactly the same way Mayor Pro Tem Barden feels. What's your plan for getting a handle on



A recently staff-requested \$1.2 million change order to the town of Bennett's ongoing wastewater site expansion project along the south side of 38th Avenue on the north side of town was tabled by the board of trustees last week. At least two board members stated extreme displeasure that power conditioners for four of the site's buildings weren't included in the original design plans.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

things like this — we're not catching them in the design phase [and] contractors aren't bringing things to our attention as a bid alternate?" she asked. "I'm not against fixing dirty power because I know it exists, but it's the state of that industry at this point. You are the ones in charge with dealing with that and I'm sorry about that, but we also aren't the Bank of America."

In addition to more than doubling the capacity of the town's wastewater reclamation facility from 0.4 million gallons per day (MGD) to 0.99 MGD, it is also being converted from its current sequencing batch reactor (SBR) system to a more advanced, electricity intensive membrane bioreactor (MBR) system, which will produce more intensely filtered effluent for the town's wastewater reuse system.

"[MBRs] are more susceptible to power fluctuations," said Pershing, noting that power conditioners provide four key power services — voltage regulation, surge pro-

tection, noise filtering and harmonics mitigation.

He added that power conditioners should help protect various frequency drives (VFDs), which the wastewater system utilizes. Since August 2021, the town has reportedly had 13 system failures, including 11 related to issues with VFDs.

"Our municipality has seen a lot greater turnover in Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSs) and VFDs," Pershing said.

After about a half-hour of debate on the situation, the board tabled any change order decision until its Nov. 4 meeting when Stiles said she will make sure AQUA Engineering Principal Bob Frachetti is in attendance to hear trustees' questions and concerns.

During his presentation, Pershing offered an alternative scenario where the power conduit and connections would be roughed into the four buildings for \$88,800 with the plan of installing power conditioners at a later date. The board did not make

a decision on the optional suggestion.

Pershing also said the proposal for power conditioners in each individual building was cheaper than purchasing a single one for the entire site and that the individual units will take up less space.

AQUA Engineering is also the firm that was in charge of the town's water storage expansion near town hall over the previous few years. When the tanks were first brought online, they were unable to be filled to capacity because of pumping shortfalls but, according to a town spokeswoman last week, that is no longer an issue.

"The town's water storage tanks are currently full and operating properly," said Bennett Communications Manager Alison Belcher in an Oct. 16 e-mail correspondence with *The I-70 Scout*. "Over the past 10 years, the town decommissioned the previous in-ground water storage tank and constructed a new half million gallon elevated water storage tank and million-gal-

lon at grade water storage tank, which has significantly improved water pressure throughout Bennett."

As of press time, town officials had not replied to a follow-up question from the *Scout* regarding how long the tanks have been operating at full capacity.

Through much of this year, residents in the four oldest Bennett neighborhoods have been at odds with town officials over next year's transition to a single-zone water pressure system, which has forced most of 880 homeowners to install pressure reducing valves on the residences to prevent future plumbing failures.

The town is offering residents, who were forced to install PRVs, a rebate up to \$550 when proper installation and documentation protocol is followed. According to Pershing's presentation during last Tuesday's trustee work-study session, 14 residents have taken advantage of the PRV rebate program so far.

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# CORRIDOR CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, OCT. 24**

**Bennett-Watkins Lions Club.** 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane, (303)644-3717, for meeting ID.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 24**

**Halloween Maze of Terror.** \$5 per person or \$25 for six. 6 p.m., South Fourth Avenue and South Fourth Court, Deer Trail.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 25**

**Halloween Maze of Terror.** \$5 per person or \$25 for six. 6 p.m., South Fourth Avenue and South Fourth Court, Deer Trail.

**MONDAY, OCT. 27**

**West Arapahoe Conservation District Board.** 5 p.m. Virtual meeting information at westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com.

**Agate School Board.** 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 28**

**Senior citizen game day.** 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29**

**Bennett Municipal Court.** 6 p.m., Town Hall.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 31**

**Mountain View Fellowship Trunk or Treat.** Trunk decorating at 5 p.m., Trunk or Treating at 6 p.m. Hemphill Middle

School parking lot, Strasburg.

**Halloween Maze of Terror.** \$5 per person or \$25 for six. 6 p.m., South Fourth Avenue and South Fourth Court, Deer Trail.

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**Preschool story time:** Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com. Click on "virtual events."

**EVERY SUNDAY**

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** 9 a.m. in Byers. For more information, call (303)903-6734.

**EVERY MONDAY**

**Snackivities.** 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

**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 or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.

**AA open meeting.** 7 p.m., white historic 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.

## ArapCo food drive could feed 500+ families

LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Human Services Department is hosting its yearly Thanksgiving Food Drive dedicated to delivering holiday meals to more than 500 families.

"Families in our community are struggling more than ever. Rising costs and economic uncertainty have left many wondering how they'll put food on the table this Thanksgiving," said Leslie Summey, chair of the Board of Commissioners. "This is our moment to step up."

Non-perishable food donations are needed by Friday, Nov. 7. They can be

delivered to Human Services, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora, or sheriff's headquarters, 13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial.

Online monetary contributions are accepted at mightycause.com or by texting nourish to 1-844-844-6844.

Volunteer drivers are needed. They will gather at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at Brave Church, 3800 E. Hampden Ave., Englewood, to deliver meals to families across the county.

E-mail to humanservicespartneringfortheholidays@arapahogov.com to volunteer as a driver.

# Church Directory

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www.spcusa.us  
**303-622-4325**  
• Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

**Saron Lutheran Church**  
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**STRASBURG SANITATION AND WATER DISTRICT ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK REFURBISHMENT**

Sealed bids for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Refurbishment will be received by the **OWNER, Strasburg Sanitation and Water District** located at **56829 Colorado Ave. Strasburg, CO 80136 until 10:00 AM local time on Wednesday, November 5, 2025**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the same location. Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the above address on or in advance of the bid opening date/time. Bids may be emailed to [strasburgwater@gmail.com](mailto:strasburgwater@gmail.com) (while copied to [douglas.schwenke@respec.com](mailto:douglas.schwenke@respec.com) and [tammy.lake@respec.com](mailto:tammy.lake@respec.com)).

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM on the project site at 56829 Colorado Ave. Strasburg, CO 80136**, during which time Strasburg Sanitation and Water District will provide lift access to the tower ladder for a tower climb (if desired) and inspection of the asset and grounds (see Instructions to Bidders.) A prospective bidder may send a representative to attend the pre-bid meeting provided that person is authorized to act on the bidder's behalf in all manners required.

The **last day for submission of questions will be Monday, October 27, 2025** and the **last addendum will be issued on or before Thursday, October 30, 2025**. Questions should be submitted in writing and directed to Tammy Lake at [tammy.lake@respec.com](mailto:tammy.lake@respec.com).

Copies of the contract documents, consisting of a Project Manual and Drawings, may be obtained as electronic documents on-line. Only firms obtaining documents by this method will be placed on the Planholders' List. Documents cannot be downloaded or printed without purchasing. To purchase and download the project documents in PDF format, click "Download Project PDF" and sign on to QuestCDN.com or join for a free membership. Plan documents can be downloaded for a fee of \$22.00. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or email [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in the free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital plans room. The **Quest CDN project number for this bid is # 9906777. Plans will be available beginning Friday, October 10, 2025.**

**WORK** to be performed generally includes the overall rehabilitation of an existing 75,000 gallon double ellipsoidal multi-leg steel tank, including but not limited to: design, fabrication/furnishing, and installation of the following upgrades: new shell-to-roof ladder, leg ladder extension, fall arrest system, new hatch guardrail, and new catwalk guardrail; replacement of vent and overflow piping; replacement of frost jacket and associated insulation; interior and exterior surface preparation; full-containment blasting using additive for heavy metal abatement; painting; disposal of spent abrasive; and tank disinfection.

Qualifications of the **BIDDERS** and/or **BIDDER's** subcontractor(s) should include experience in painting of potable water storage tanks as stated in the Specifications, the ability to post performance and payment bonds, and the ability to deliver the work in conformance within the contract time.

The successful **BIDDER** will be required to furnish Payment and Performance Bonds and comply with the insurance provision as specified by the Contract Documents. A 5% Bid Bond will be required. Bids shall remain open for sixty (60) days and the Owner reserves the right to reward a contract until the end of this sixty-day period.

Basis of award will be the lowest responsive and responsible Bid as determined by the **OWNER**.

The **OWNER** reserves the right to waive any irregularities or to waive any technical defects in the bidding process as the best interest of the **OWNER** may be served. The **OWNER** also reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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 Visitors to Kelter Library in Byers got into the Halloween spirit during a Haunted Gingerbread craft program Oct. 16. From top photo, Adie McCleary, 8, gets some assistance from Lily Clark in gluing the walls of her structure, and Davian Kowalewski, 10, applies a rooftop decoration to his artistic masterpiece.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY**  
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**Scratchboard Art:** Adults will learn about scratchboard art with Corridor Creative Arts League (CCAL) board member Sarah Bennett. They will discover the basics of the high-contrast medium and create their own scratchboard. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25.

**Adult book club:** "Sacrificial Animals" by Kailee Pederson. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24.

**Teen Advisory Board: Halloween Party:** The library's Teen Advisory Board will host its inaugural Halloween bash for teens ages 12-17. A variety of spooking activities are planned, including a costume contest and enjoy a variety of spooky activities. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24.

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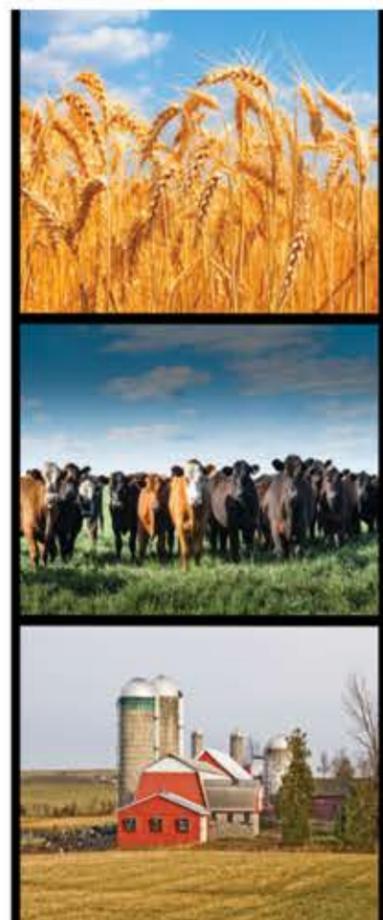
**"Rhythm and Dance" Latin America Art Exhibit:** A traveling art exhibit from Museo de las Americas is on view through Jan. 5. "Rhythm and Dance" explores the rich history and contemporary practices of music and dance in Latin America. It features artwork, masks and musical instruments.

Library hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

**Little Makers Club:** Children ages 0-5 and their families will participate in activities with harvest and pumpkin themes. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and a goody bag to take home will be provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 24.

**Toddler 'Play & Learn':** 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 and informal setting, while toddlers ages 1-3 play and explore. Drop-ins welcome on a space-available basis. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 24.

**Books & Beyond:** Kids ages 5-12 will celebrate their favorite book characters while discovering new reads through themed games and crafts. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28.

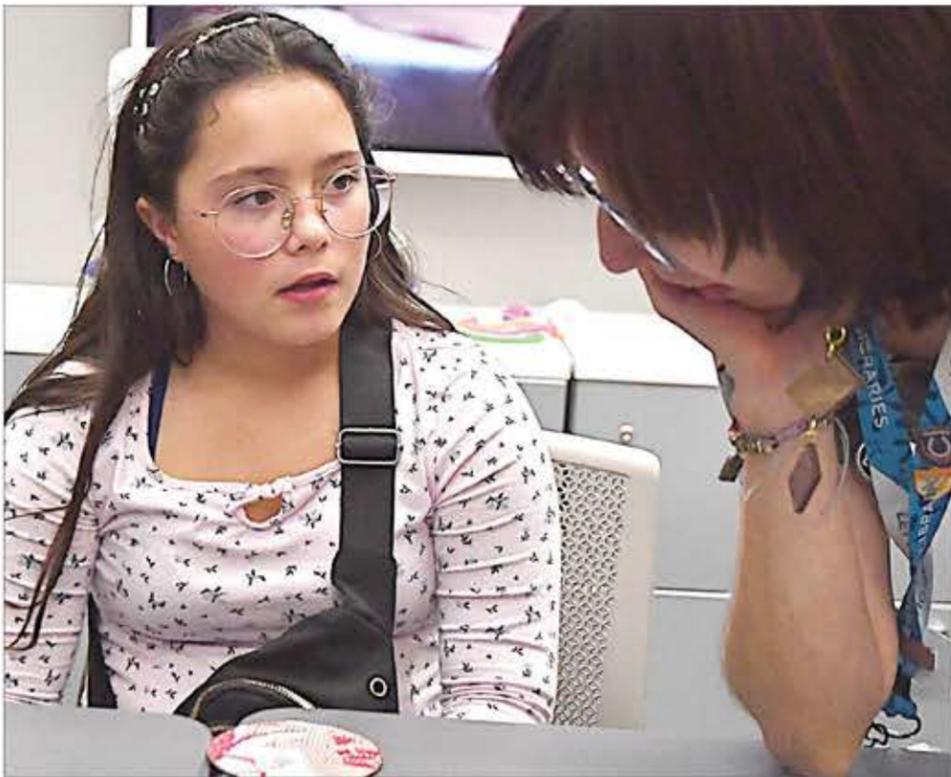


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Teens and tweens showed off their artistic talents during a craft program at Davies Library in Deer Trail Oct. 16. From top photo, Cameron Calkins, 14, puts final touches on a miniature clay sculpture, and Zoey Orsborn, 11, listens to suggestions on what colors to add to her beaded piece of artwork.

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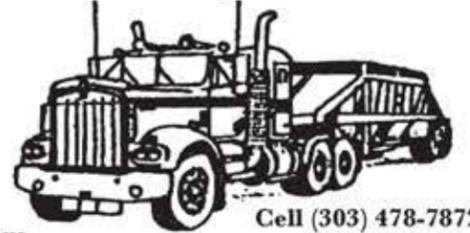
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**Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date:** 12/2/2025 at 9:30 a.m.  
Both hearings at 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy, Brighton, CO 80601

**Request:** Conditional Use Permit to allow a pipeline expansion approximately 12 miles within unincorporated Adams County; of which approximately 5.4 of that is within unincorporated Adams County.

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\*\*Newly impacted parcels: 0181900000055 and 0181900000077\*\*

Case Manager: Nick Eagleson  
Applicant: Erin Jennings, OneOk, One Williams Center, Tulsa, OK 74172

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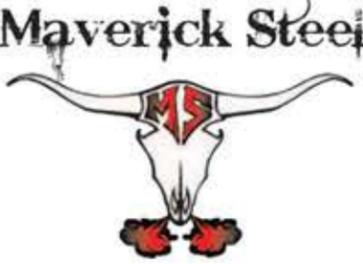
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The 2025 Strasburg Schools Talent Show took place at Mountain View Fellowship Oct. 10. The music and art event, sponsored by the Strasburg Arts Council, featured 35 music and other physical performances and approximately 50 pieces of artwork from all grades and levels of experience. From top photo: secondary winners are, from left, high school runner-up Ally Tree, first-place duet Brielle Barnes and Kristin Croft, middle school runner-up Lucille Garrett, and first-place Cruz Kemper; elementary winners included pre-K through second-grade runner-up Talia Barnes, third- through fifth-grade runner-up Avishai Karokia, and third- through fifth-grade champion Destiny Hassell; junior Ella McCoubrey, third row left, plays the guitar and sings "Treasure Every Moment", while second-grader Aziel Karokia, right, performs a piano solo; and high-schoolers Israel James, left, Jeremiah Redd, Gideon Milner, Nao-mi Redd, and Dawit James perform "Mamma Mia!"



# SPORTS



PHOTOS BY SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

The first game of the 3A Region 8 softball tournament Oct. 18 between neighboring rivals Strasburg and Bennett wasn't much of a contest as the eighth-seeded and host Lady Indians posted a 20-2 victory in three innings. From left photo, Lady Indian Rachel Rupple (2) reaches first base ahead of a throw to Bennett second baseman Natalee Kalcevic, and Strasburg's Payton Weaver slides in safely in front of Lady Tiger pitcher Macy Meyer (17) on a passed ball. For full game coverage from regional play, see the Oct. 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

## Strasburg Lady 9 state tournament bound

FIRST ROUND	3A Region 8	CHAMPIONSHIP
9 The Classical Academy 24 Rocky Ford	<b>FINAL</b> <b>13</b> 3 Box Score	<b>FINAL</b> <b>1</b> 11 Box Score
8 Strasburg 25 Bennett	<b>FINAL</b> <b>20</b> 2 Box Score	<b>FINAL</b> <b>1</b> 11 Box Score

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All three games during 3A Region 8 Oct. 18 at Strasburg were blowouts with the host Lady Indians cruising a the regional title, outscoring Bennett and The Classical Academy by a combined score of 31-3. Both teams who won their first-round games advanced to this coming weekend's Colorado State Softball Championships at the Aurora Sports Park.

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Lady Indians left little doubt that they were the dominant team at the 3A Region 8 Oct. 18 as they easily advanced to this weekend's state tournament in Aurora with victories of 20-2 over Bennett and 11-1 against The Classical Academy.

The red-and-black knew for sure they had already advanced to this Saturday's round of 16 after its three-inning victory over the neighboring Lady Tigers, but improved their seeding with their 10-run, five-frame win over the Lady Titans in the regional championship game.

For full coverage of both re-  
**SEE SB STATE PREVIEW**  
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ALYSSA STEMPO/For The Scout

Bennett's Nathan Ramirez swoops in for a steal against Arvada at home Oct. 13.

## Tigers take bite out of Arvada

by **Douglas Claussen**  
Publisher & Editor

**BENNETT** — The Tigers dominated Arvada on the Paul Read Field soccer pitch Oct. 13 to advance their overall record to 8-4-2 and basically lock down fourth place in the Frontier League.

At 5-2-2 in conference action, Bennett is just a hair's breadth behind Arrupe Jesuit (5-1-3) and a scintil-

la ahead of Jefferson (5-3-2) in the standings. The Tigers tied both foes in games earlier this season.

In its regular-season finale, Bennett hosted Lake County Oct. 20. Results were not available at press time. Assuming the Tigers defeated the lowly Panthers (0-8), they will finish at least fourth in the league with an outside chance of moving up to third, depend-

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## Orange-and-black girls advance to Frontier championship round

by **Douglas Claussen**  
Publisher & Editor

The Bennett volleyball squad improved to 9-10 with three straight sweeps with two occurring at home in the first round of the Frontier League Tournament Saturday.

At the tournament, the Lady Tigers dismantled Sheridan 25-7, 25-5, 25-12, then went to war in a 25-20, 25-22, 26-24 victory over Platte Canyon — Bennett's second win over the Lady Huskies in just five days.

As a result, the No. 4-seeded Tigers advanced to the tourney's championship round Saturday, Oct. 25, at Fort Lupton. The orange-and-black will take on the top-seeded host school at 10 a.m. and, depending on the results, will play either at approximately 1 p.m. in the third-place match or approximately 2:30 p.m. for the league championship. The other two conference squads at Saturday's championship final four are No. 2 Middle Park and third-seeded Arrupe Jesuit.

For full first-round conference tournament coverage, see the Oct. 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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ISAAC MANAUGH/For The Scout

Lady Tiger Josie Ladd smacks a kill shot against Sheridan during a first-round Frontier League Tournament round-robin Oct. 18.

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gional games, see the Oct. 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

While the 16 qualifying teams for the state tournament were known at press time, final seedings and quarterfinal pairings weren't available. The eight 3A first-round games will take place late-morning and midday Friday with the quarterfinals later that afternoon. Saturday's action will commence with the semifinals in the morning and the championship game early afternoon.

The red-and-black's seeding at state was expected to improve because of one significant regional champion-

ship round upset when No. 10 Lamar defeated seventh-seeded Lyons.

Of the Sweet 16 qualifying teams, seven are from the Patriot League. In addition to Strasburg and Lyons, other league participants this weekend are top-seeded University, No. 2 Eaton, sixth-seeded Brush, No. 16 Sterling and Weld Central at No. 21.

All four regional qualifiers from the Frontier League, including Bennett did not advance past last weekend.

For updated state tournament information, visit [www.i-70scout.com](http://www.i-70scout.com) and watch for the Oct. 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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Lady Indians Take 3A Region 8 Championship!



The Strasburg Lady Indians and coaching staff pose with the 3A Region 8 championship trophy after defeating their two opponents by a combined score of 31-3 Oct. 18.

Good Luck Lady Indians!

— The Kents



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ing on the outcome of other games. As of Oct. 19, the Tigers are ranked No. 15 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index to determine the 24 teams in the 2A playoff bracket. The announcement of the playoff qualifiers and first-round pairings is expected on Monday, Oct. 27.

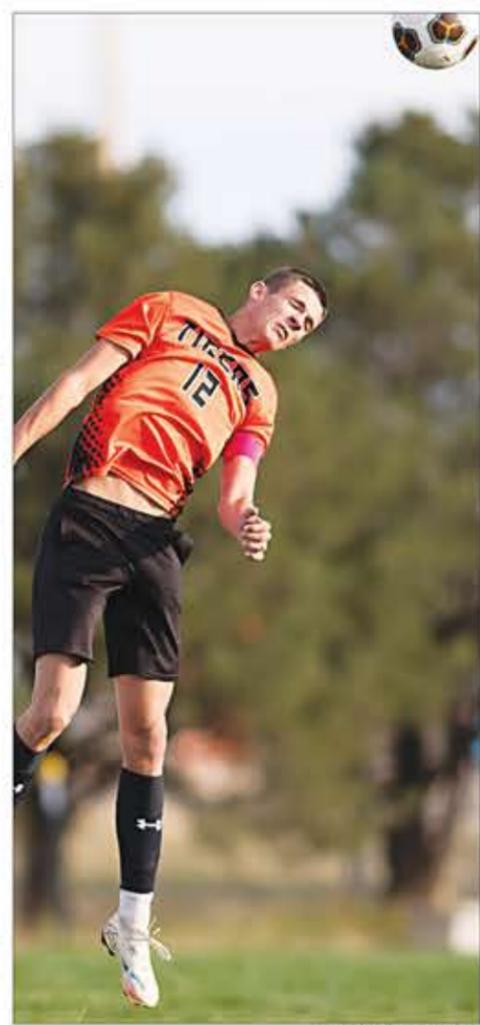
Against Arvada, Bennett started slowly before blowing out the Bulldogs 8-0. Led by senior Jesus Santoyo with three goals on four shots, the Tigers scored five times in the first half and three in the second.

"[Arvada] never really mounted a serious threat judging by how we spent most of the time on their end of the field," said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson.

Senior Jesus Villescas, juniors Nathan Ramirez, Hayden Kirby and Houston Broskie, and freshman Logan Lind all had one goal each. Villescas added four shots on goal, Broskie had three, and Ramirez, Kirby, Lind and junior Blake Gonzalez each had two. Broskie recorded two assists and Ramirez, Gonzalez, Santoyo, Kirby, Broskie and Lind all dished out one.

Top thieves were Kirby with five steals, Ramirez and Gonzalez had four apiece, and Broskie and sophomore David Reyes added three each.

Junior goaltender Izaac Hernandez enjoyed a quiet day with five saves in the shutout.



ALYSSA STEMPO/For The Scout  
 Hayden Kirby redirects the ball with his head during the Bennett Tigers' shutout victory over visiting Arvada Oct. 13.



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout  
 Lady Tiger Abigail Thornton slides over to receive a Sheridan serve during a first-round league tournament round-robin Oct. 18 as Bennett libero Kaylonnie Mclaury looks on from behind.

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Bennett visited Weld Central Oct. 21 and will end the season at home against Kent Denver Oct. 28.

**@ PLATTE CANYON**

Bennett's first victory over Platte Canyon was key as it gave the Tigers the fourth seed and the opportunity to host a first-round tournament site.

Bennett quietly defeated the Huskies the first time Oct. 14, but in a more expeditious manner than regionals — 25-10, 25-14, 26-24.

Top hitters were senior Kaurlie Voorhies and junior Abigail Thornton with six kills apiece. Voorhies also contributed one block and one assist while Thornton added a block, six digs, and an assist. Sophomore Josie Ladd recorded seven aces and four digs; junior Kaylonnie Mclaury had 14 digs; and junior Emilee Venneberg dished out 23 assists and tacked on four kills, an ace, and 12 digs. Senior Rose Smith contributed five kills and four digs; sophomore Meagan Green five kills and a block; and junior Mady Bavouset five digs.

# Lady Indians snap 13-match skid at Patriot League foe

by Douglas Claussen  
 Publisher & Editor

The Strasburg Lady Indians volleyball team picked up its fourth win of the season and broke a 13-match losing streak in the process at Frontier Academy Oct. 16.

"I just thought the girls battled like they have been, and this time they just dug deep again, and this time they played consistent volleyball and got a victory, and I know they're happy about that," said Strasburg head coach Larry Deffenbaugh. "We've been close a lot, so it was nice to get one."

At press time, Strasburg stood at 4-13 overall, which included losses to Platte Valley (9-8) Oct. 8 and Resurrection Christian (17-0) at home Oct. 14. The Indians traveled to Wiggins Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. They face Valley for Breast Cancer Awareness Night at home Thursday. Senior Night against Liberty Common is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The season ends with the Strasburg Tournament on Nov. 2.

"We could sneak a few wins, maybe get our numbers up and have a chance to get to regionals," Deffenbaugh said. "But either way, we have improved. And we're young. And so they're getting a lot of experience and that's a positive thing."

**@ FRONTIER ACADEMY**

Strasburg defeated the Lady Wolverines in three sets with scores of 25-21, 27-25, 25-14.

The Indians overcame a raucous environment to win the first set.

"It was their Homecoming. It was their Senior Night," Deffenbaugh said. "They had a big crowd. They had their student section rocking, and the first set was close, and we just kept scrapping."

Strasburg trailed by 4 points in the second set but came back to tie the score at 20 and again at 24.

"Then we took the lead 25-24," Deffenbaugh said. "They tied it up, and then they missed a serve."

The error returned the serve to Strasburg, which won the point and the set.

The Indians basically controlled the third set.

Deffenbaugh said his team had many good moments and that assistant coach Brandi Marrero called a good serving game.

"The girls, really, answered the call and really tried to go where Brandi was telling them to serve, and it helped a lot," Deffenbaugh said.

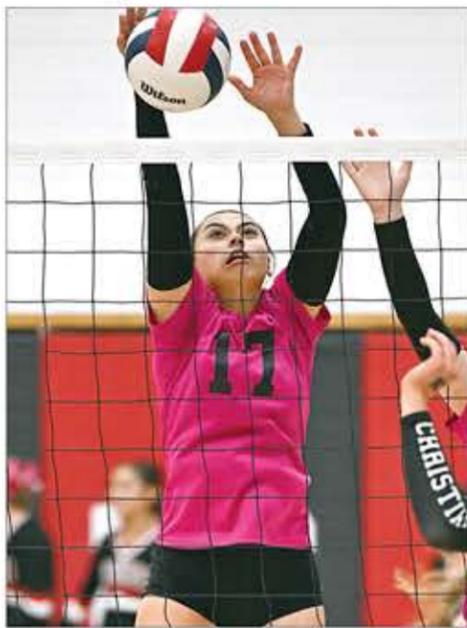
Such attention to detail resulted in 11 aces for the Indians with three by freshman Camryn Forbis; two each by senior Vic Nuttall and juniors Tatijana Rojahn and Jenna Echer; and one apiece for junior Brooke Nuttall and sophomore Laci Zimmerman.

At the net, Strasburg had 36 kills with Vic Nuttall netting 12, Zimmerman adding 10, freshman Ellen Middlemist eight, and Rojahn and sophomore Chloe Fields three apiece. Zimmerman also had two blocks.

Forbis had 31 assists on 92 sets and six digs, and Echer added two assists out-of-system and also led the team with 15 digs and 19 serve-receives.

Rojahn finished with 14 digs and eight serve-receives, Brooke Nuttall added 11 and nine, respectively, and Vic Nuttall notched eight digs.

Rojahn and Middlemist finished



From left photo, Strasburg's Chloe Fields rejects a Resurrection Christian spike during homecoming action in Mundell Gymnasium Oct. 14, Camryn Forbis tips a ball back over the net, and Vic Nuttall chases down an errant pass.

with eight and seven serve-receives.

"They really haven't quit all year," Deffenbaugh said of his team. "We've had good practices. They have worked hard. And whether we win or lose, they have stayed the course and given really good effort overall, and they haven't laid down in matches."

"I was proud of them. I've been proud of them all year. But I know they needed a win."

**@ PLATTE VALLEY**

The Lady Broncos swept Strasburg in three sets, 25-16, 25-21, 25-21, but Deffenbaugh was not disappointed in his young team's performance. He noted that the Broncos, on Oct. 16, stole a set from Eaton, the No. 2 team in Class 3A.

"They're good," he said in reference to Platte Valley. "They're really good. They play really good defense. They got some solid hitters, too. One's a freshman, maybe two of them. They're legitimate. But we were right there. After the first set, we were right there. ... That's pretty solid to hang in there with them."

Strasburg was led by Zimmerman with seven kills, one ace, and one

block; Vic Nuttall, four kills, one ace, one block, seven digs, and 14 serve-receives; Fields, three kills and one block; Echer, one kill, 12 digs, and 15 serve-receives; Rojahn, one kill and five digs; Middlemist, one kill and four digs; Brooke Nuttall, six digs and 12 serve-receives; and Forbis, 14 assists.

**RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN**

Strasburg also played well against Resurrection Christian, the No. 3 team in 3A, even if it's not reflected in the final score — 25-14, 25-11, 25-12.

The Lady Cougars are nothing short of tall.

"They're 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, 6-foot. They're legitimate. They're huge," Deffenbaugh said. "And they're good. They can smack the ball, let me tell you."

Deffenbaugh was pleased to see that his team scored double-digits in each set. "I thought maybe our best ball that night was the first set, and then towards the end of the second, we played some pretty good volleyball."

"And then the third set, we got down, but we popped back a little bit. But [the Cougars] just kept swinging.

They just are relentless."

Zimmerman led the team with five kills followed by Vic Nuttall and Fields with two each and Forbis and Middlemist, one apiece.

Echer was top digger with eight, Forbis added six, Rojahn four, and Vic Nuttall three. Echer and Rojahn added on ace each, and Forbis and Zimmerman both had a block. Forbis also dished out eight assists.

Top serve-receivers were Echer with 17, Brooke Nuttall with 16, Vic Nuttall nine, Middlemist seven, and Rojahn five.



Lady Indian Jenna Echer goes low to receive a Resurrection Christian serve as teammate Ellen Middlemist lends some backup.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

### 20 YEARS AGO OCT. 18, 2005

A list of goods and services to be exempt from a proposed local sales tax was preliminarily discussed by the Watkins Board of Trustees Oct. 18. The issue will be further debated and voted on during the board's Oct. 26 meeting.

The Nov. 1 Watkins ballot includes a proposal to impose a 2 percent point-of-purchase sales tax on items taxable under state law. During last Tuesday's work study session, trustees made a list of items that should be exempt from that tax if the ballot issue passes.

Among the proposed exemptions are food for domestic consumption, manufactured homes, farm equipment, gas and electric service, propane, low-emission vehicles, charitable sales, sales from vending machines, and telephone or cell phone purchases.

Among the items tentatively set to be included under the tax were prepared food, drink, lodging, and vehicles. Most board members said residents buying vehicles would benefit from the local tax proposal because they would pay only 2 percent in taxes, compared to higher rates in place in many metro areas across the state.

"For example, would you rather pay 2% on a \$35,000 vehicle or the [approximate] 7% in Aurora," one trustee said. "Taxes on [big box] items are based on where you live, not where it is purchased from."

### 15 YEARS AGO OCT. 19, 2010

**BRIGHTON** — Despite allegations filed by her challenger, the Adams County Treasurer, who admitted to using a county copier for campaign fliers, was not charged with embezzlement by the district attorney.

According to 17th Judicial District Attorney Don Quick, Treasurer Diane Christner will not be indicted on charges that were initially filed by her Republican challenger Brigitte Grimm and

husband Sean Forest.

"In reviewing the evidence, the applicable law, and discussing the case with the [Colorado District Attorneys Council] Election Complaint Review Advisory Committee, it is my conclusion that there is insufficient evidence to charge Diane Christner with the crime of embezzlement," Quick said in an Oct. 22 letter to Grimm and Forest. "It should be noted that my role as a prosecutor in this matter is narrowed to the question of whether there is sufficient evidence to charge the specific crime of embezzlement. By no means does my decision indicate that I approve of using the office copier for campaign purposes. In addition, it is not my role to comment on the wisdom of Ms. Christner's decision."

### 10 YEARS AGO OCT. 20, 2015

**BENNETT** — A consultant working on a facilities master plan estimates that enrollment at Bennett Schools will rise by 1,000 to 3,000 students over the next 10 years.

Addressing the Bennett School Board at its Oct. 15 meeting, Job Gutierrez with Wold Architects & Engineering said the influx will depend on the pace of construction at known developments: Antelope Hills, Bennett Crossing, Cordella Estates, Muegge Farms, Penrith Park and Prospect Ridge at Bennett and the Prosper Development, Aurora Annex and Sky Ranch at Watkins.

"A thousand is doubling your current enrollment," Gutierrez said.

Considering the minimum potential growth of 1,000 students, Gutierrez said the minimum capacity increase should be 462 students for the elementary school building; 231 for the middle school; and 308 for the high school. He noted that the elementary is already at capacity.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 2025. There are 70 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 22, 2012, cyclist Lance Armstrong was formally stripped of his seven Tour de France victories and received a lifetime ban from Olympic sports after the In-

ternational Cycling Union chose not to appeal doping charges against Armstrong by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first elected president of the Republic of Texas, which earned its indepen-

dence from Mexico that year in a military rebellion.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1962, in a nationally televised address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the pres-

ence of Soviet missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a naval blockade of all offensive military equipment shipped to Cuba.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first crewed mission of NASA's Apollo space program, returned safely from Earth orbit, splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 89. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 87. Actor Catherine Deneuve is 82. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 73. Reggae deejay/singer Shaggy is 57. MLB Hall of Famer Ichiro Suzuki is 52. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 35.

—Associated Press

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### Spooning the Universe

It is said that overhead, there's a cosmic soup in which the imagination of the world swirls. We need only spoon the universe — taste and embrace, curl and collapse into it — to know the flavor of what is possible. This Scorpio season begins with a Neptune shift toward the land of dreams, offering the psychic fluidity and intuition needed to find soul comfort.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Balance isn't always about symmetry; sometimes it's about giving more weight to what really matters, or what doesn't seem to matter at all, because you never know. Think of it as a check to make sure the scales are calibrated correctly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Share your way of seeing. What's ordinary to you may be dazzling to someone else. Even your routines are filled with novelty others would thrill to know. You'll realize you've been living with treasures so familiar you've forgotten their worth.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Control is overrated. Even when you think you have it, surprises still happen. Today you'll discover the relief in letting go. It's not about surrendering your power, but refusing to waste it in places it can't do much.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Authority will be shown in ways outside of rank or title. Sometimes the most influential voice in the room belongs to the one who listens the most carefully. Your steady attention changes dynamics, quietly shifting the direction of the group.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Memory is unreliable. It edits, changing the meaning. It exaggerates, inspiring unhelpful takes. It plum erases. But what remains is often what matters most: the feeling. Your body recalls things your mind doesn't. Trust sensation as much as memory.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's wisdom in boredom. When nothing entertains you, your mind starts to wander. Out of the lull comes brilliant connections and ideas. So don't be afraid of gaps. They are incubation chambers for your next adventure.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your capacity

for curiosity is remarkable. You have the instinct to ask how and why things work as they do, and because of this orientation of mind, your questions will keep leading you to fresh discoveries no one else has noticed.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Doing carries more weight than saying. You might not be able to fully articulate what you're experiencing, learning and feeling right now, but that's OK because what really speaks is the action you take. Action is the difference in the world.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Love makes space for you to be yourself. If you feel you have to shrink or act a certain way, it's not love; it's control or dependency. You'll know the kind of love that delights in who you are, not just in what you provide.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll appreciate circumstances that are not ideal. You don't ignore the fact that they are hard, but you see something beautiful in them — something that couldn't exist if things were any other way than exactly how they are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When plans come together, it's really exciting. You may feel eager to talk about the budding success, but things are still in the fragile, early stage. Don't share too soon — much is going to change.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Efficiency is wonderful, but sometimes the long way around is richer. Let the conversation meander if it wants to. Hint: it wants to. The detours and other "inefficiencies" will bring information to light. Side trails have better scenery than the main road.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 22).** Welcome to your Year of Secret Doors. What seems ordinary opens to a whole new world. A casual chat turns into an extremely fortuitous relationship, a short trip changes your life. More highlights: A clever pivot starts new streams of income. You'll be someone's most inspiring muse, then use what you learn to create masterpieces. You'll bond with a furry companion or marvel at creatures in the wild. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 16, 25, 33 and 44.

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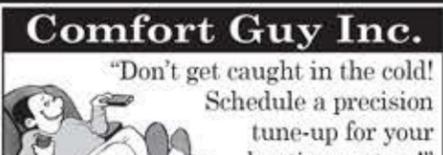
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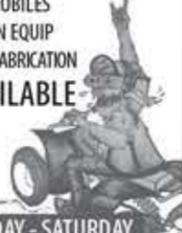
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## DOGS RESCUED FROM PAGE 1

tions county-wide. "It has been an extraordinary year — with an unusually high number of mass impounds," said Stephanie Wilde, Riverdale Animal Shelter Director. "It's heartbreaking so many animals in our community, including these 33 dogs, have been found living in such difficult conditions. We're grateful to our law enforcement and animal management partners for their work protecting these vulnerable animals and to our community for their ongoing support." The shelter reported in September that it had reached capacity and that

extra housing accommodations would only occur in emergency situations. A pair of homeowners — Robert Attleson, 77, and Melissa Mengel, 66 — both received misdemeanor summonses for animal cruelty under state statute. Sheriff's sources said this isn't the first time that deputies or county animal services have been called to the property. The condition and health of the dogs had not been release at press time. Residents with suspicions of animal abuse or hoarding are urged to call (303)288-1535.



Above, fifth-grader Sydney Rummel, front left, smiles for the camera during Bus Safety Week at Byers Schools Sept. 8-11. Below, bus driver Justina Herman explains the purposes of a traffic arm to fifth-graders Kenley Boluda, left, Dalton Stark, Yaleyza Chavira Lopez, Evelyn Stoll and Tynlee Fick-bohm. The week was honored by Byers preschoolers through sixth-graders.



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## Iconic Wienermobile to visit Denver area later this week

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile is scheduled to stop at multiple locations throughout the Denver-metro area Oct. 23-26.

Oscar Mayer Hotdoggers Bologna Bridget and Zo Weenie invite people to "ketchup" to take a tour of the iconic 27-foot-long hot dog on wheels and enjoy an opportunity to sit "shotbun" in the nontraditional automobile.

Visitors also have the possibility of receiving an Oscar Mayer Wiener whistle.

This week's Mile High City schedule is:

**Thursday, Oct. 23, 1-6 p.m.:** King Soopers #154, 5801 Silverstone Dr., Frederick;

**Friday, Oct. 24, 1-6 p.m.:** King Soopers #137, 14967 Candelas Parkway, Arvada;

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 1-3:30 p.m.:** Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat, 2000 South Milwaukee St., Denver; and

**Sunday, Oct. 26, 2-5 p.m.:** HMA Harvest Festival, 3830 W. 32nd Ave., Denver.

For more information, visit <https://khcmobiletour.com/wienermobile>.

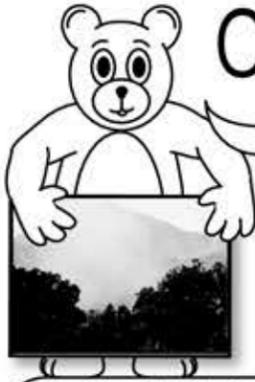


Hotdoggers Bologna Bridget and Zo Weenie will be bringing the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile to multiple venues in the Denver area Oct. 23-26.

Maybe your family would enjoy...      ...learning about the Cherokee Nation.  Kids: color stuff in! 

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## Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

Did you know that archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians? At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt** animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and

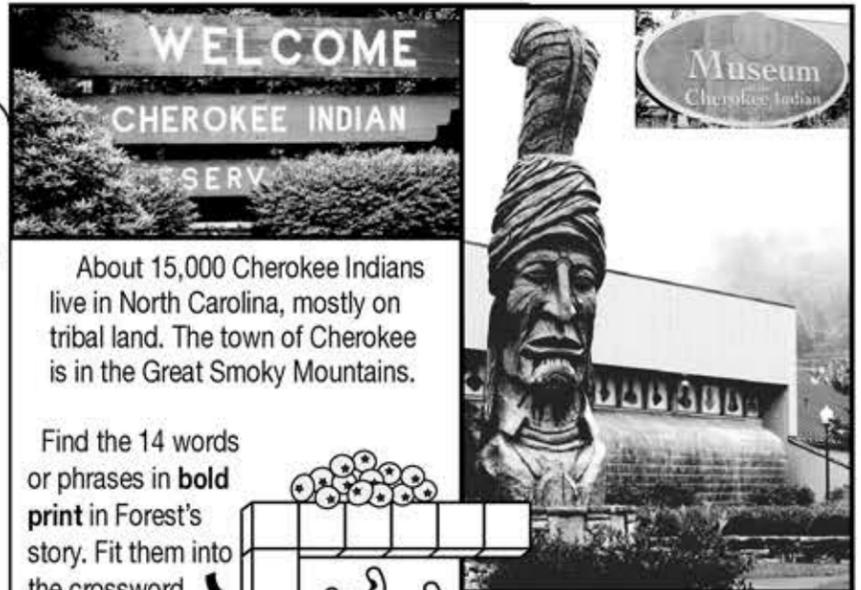
nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, burial grounds and pottery to understand these people's ways.

In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had villages as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that people were **trading**: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of **Cherokee** to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000 people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Many of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians live in North Carolina, mostly on tribal land. The town of Cherokee is in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Find the 14 words or phrases in **bold print** in Forest's story. Fit them into the crossword.

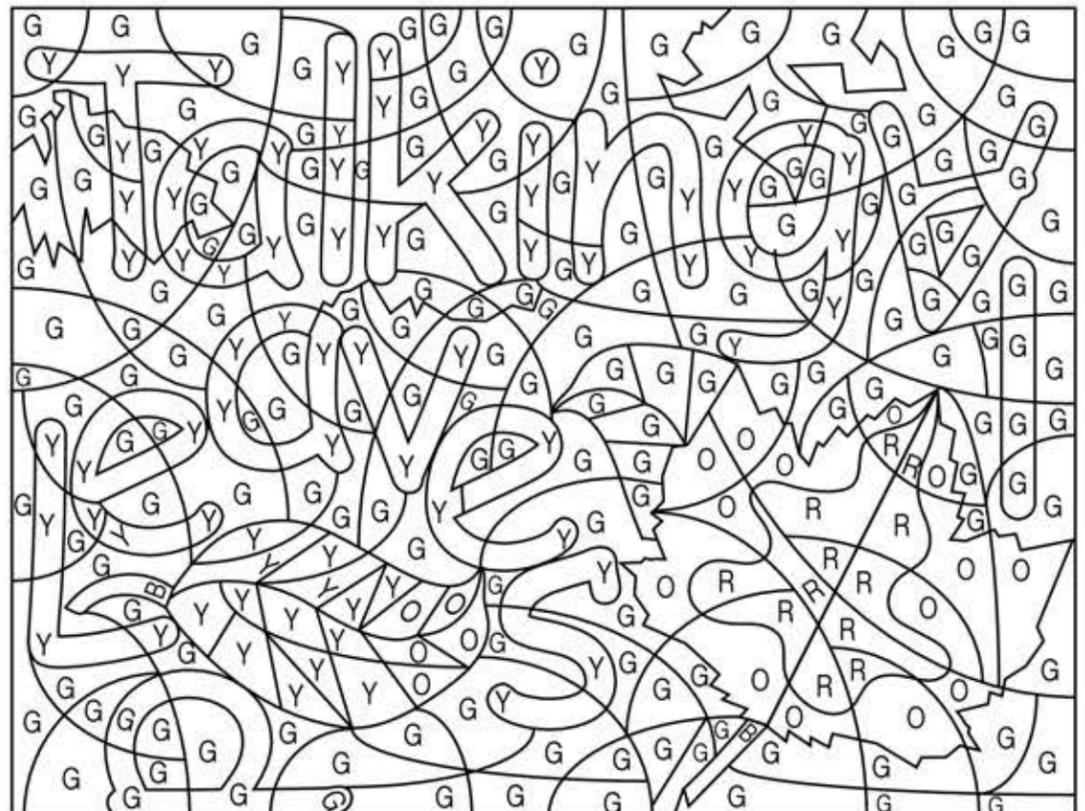
## Sequoyah Invents a Cherokee Alphabet

Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the European silversmiths did, so he visited Chief Charles Hicks, who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet, he began to think about creating a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it, they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

Sequoyah liked papers and books since they could be used to exchange ideas.

Follow the color key to see what he called them:

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- Y = Yellow



**Arts and Crafts** The Cherokee people create many beautiful arts and crafts that have been taught from generation to generation. **Match the art or craft to what may be used to create it:**

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. pottery                     | A. woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle                       |
| 2. beadwork                    | B. carved from maple, cherry, butternut                                  |
| 3. doll                        | C. formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires                         |
| 4. baskets                     | D. made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry                       |
| 5. wooden items                | E. traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur                |
| 6. belt made by finger weaving | F. may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads                 |
| 7. masks                       | G. carved from soapstone, pipestone (a clay stone used for making pipes) |
| 8. stone artwork               | H. may be made with stone, silver, beads                                 |
| 9. jewelry                     | I. made from cornshucks, cloth   |



# Bennett Homecoming Hoopla!

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Bennett was the second Corridor school district to host homecoming festivities Oct. 6-11. Left photo, the Homecoming Court was formally announced during halftime of the Friday night Tiger football game against Elizabeth, including the crowning of Senior King and Queen Lane Davis and Kaurlie Voorhies. For additional royalty coverage, see the Oct. 24 *Eastern Colorado News*. Right photo, a bevy of Thursday activities included the annual Powder Puff girls flag football game where freshman Adelyn Westendorf, left, tried to find a way to yank the flag of sophomore Emma Faczak.



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Bennett's Homecoming parade took place Oct. 9 going west down Lincoln Avenue, north on Third Street before ending at the north high school parking lot on Grant Avenue. HOSA-Future Health Professionals club member Sophia Soriano-Wilson mans an "ambulance" float, including a "patient" on board. Role Playing Games Club members Sammy Lomri, Chance Humiston and Lane Spies march down the street carrying a handmade oversize asymmetrical dice. Bennett High School Superintendent Brian Schipper and Administrative Assistant Brandie Capps ride around on their bicycle for two.



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