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Attempted traffic stop ends in drug arrest

AdCo Sheriff's Office: Commuters, residents not threatened during early morning slow-speed pursuit

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — An attempted traffic stop near Bennett early Sept. 30 became a pursuit through town and a drug bust on the west edge of the community.

At about 4 a.m. Tuesday, an Adams County Sheriff's deputy attempted to stop an eastbound vehicle near mile marker 302 of I-70 but the driver sped away.

Another deputy in the area deployed stop sticks near mile marker 303 and, while the device proved

effective in puncturing the tires, the vehicle continued east until exiting at Bennett and heading north on First Avenue (Highway 79). At Colfax Avenue (Highway 36), the vehicle headed west where it finally came to rest near the interchange with Schumaker Road.

"The vehicle lost control and went into an embankment," the Adams County Sheriff's Public Information Office said. "A male suspect was taken into custody without incident."

During a search of the vehicle, methamphetamine and fentanyl were both uncovered, as was

paraphernalia, including a scale.

The driver was arrested and taken to the Adams County Detention Center, but his identity has not been released.

While few specifics of the incident, including the amount of drugs confiscated, are few and far between, sources said that the pursuit was not high-speed and that deputies allowed the suspect's vehicle to limp along until it became disabled and an arrest could be made safely.

At press time, the North Metro Task Force had not responded to an inquiry made last week.

Homecoming Season hits the Corridor!



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The I-70 Corridor homecoming season commenced last week in Deer Trail, including the crowning of royalty following the Friday night football and volleyball contests against visiting Miami-Yoder Oct. 3. Above, senior Queen Megan Donovan is crowned by classmate and King Ayden Martinez. Bennett's homecoming activities occur this week, while Byers and Strasburg will host their festivities next week, Oct. 13-18. For more local homecoming coverage, watch for upcoming issues of *The I-70 Scout* and *Eastern Colorado News*.

Two Corridor school districts to hold board elections Nov. 4



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From left, Courtney Vance, Gema Gomez and Vennessia Jimenez are running for two open seats on the Strasburg School Board.

Trio competes for two seats in Strasburg

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — Three moms of Strasburg School District students, both past and present, have thrown their names into the ring for the upcoming Nov. 4 school board election.

Courtney Vance, Gema Gomez and Vennessia Jimenez

are vying for a pair of four-year terms. Gomez is a sitting board member after being appointed last year to replace Julie Winter, who resigned. Vance and Jimenez are both seeking their first terms.

All three candidates were on hand for a Meet the Candidates

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Byers School seeks mill levy extension

by **Douglas Claussen**
Publisher & Editor

BYERS — Byers School District 26j is seeking renewal of a tax first approved by voters in 2015, then re-authorized in 2020.

Superintendent Tom Turrell emphasized that taxes will not increase for property owners.

"It's just extending what's currently in place," he said. "It's not additional dollars."

He also noted that the expenditures will occur over the five-year term of the extension.

The ballot issue revolves around big-ticket safety items, most notably the school's fire alarm panels and wiring. Turrell said an issue occurred with the system last year, which made him aware that the current model is obsolete and parts aren't available. A major emergency would erupt if the cur-

rent system goes down, Turrell continued. "Because I can't get a replacement, then I have to replace whole thing, which then leads into the WELL — Is it compatible with your devices and all of that?"

The estimate is roughly \$450,000.

"Of course it upgrades all your devices and gets everything up to new fire code, but that's one of the first big ticket items," Turrell said.

He added that three cameras per school bus are now required and that the current system is antiquated.

"Now we need a camera on the bus driver, we need a camera on the kids, and we need a camera down there on the arm, the stop arm, because people are blowing by our buses and it's dangerous," Turrell said. "We're able to use footage from

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PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

From left, Byers School Board candidates Logan MacLennan, Jerry Sauer, Kres Ebert and Jennifer Borders listen intently during a Sept. 25 Meet the Candidates Night.

Quartet vies for three spots at Byers

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BYERS — In addition to asking voters to approve an extension of its existing mill levy override, the Byers School District has four candidates running for three board seats during the upcoming Nov. 4 election.

This year's race includes two

sitting board members in Jennifer Borders and Kres Ebert; Jerry Sauer, a previous director that has served two different stints; and lifelong resident Logan MacLennan, who is throwing his hat in the ring for the first time.

All four were in attendance

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

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 usually 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.

Mid-Winter Conference slated by cattlemen's organization

LAKESWOOD — 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 event begins Monday with the meetings of the CCA Board of Directors and Colorado CattleWomen. The steering committees convene thereafter.

The evening will conclude with the CCA President's Reception, for all attendees and vendors to mingle.

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 or call (303)431-6422.

'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.

A light snack will be served from 6-6:30 p.m.

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society & Museum in Strasburg.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for light snacks and conversations.

A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society.

For more information, call (303)622-4322.

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

'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 ByersChurch@gmail.com. The e-book can also be downloaded.

Study declares that Colorado is 2nd healthiest state in U.S.

DENVER — According to a recent study on the health and wellness of states, SmileHub ranks Colorado as the second-healthiest state in the country.

Colorado ranked first in the lowest obesity rates and third in the most outdoor activity.

"In Colorado, we are focused on improving health and lowering healthcare costs by increasing healthy choices and access to care," said Colorado Governor Jared Polis. "Maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle is in our mile-high DNA."

Colorado has submitted an application to import lower cost prescrip-

tion drugs, Polis signed into law Colorado's landmark Colorado Option and reinsurance initiative to expand healthcare access, and recently got federal approval to increase access to health food options for Coloradans receiving SNAP benefits.

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.

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

The festivals 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.

The Bennett Community Center is located at 1100 W. Colfax Ave.

Dormant season garden care seminar set for Aurora library

CENTENNIAL — Colorado State University Master Gardeners will present "Fall and Winter Landscape Care" from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, at Aurora Central Library, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

The class will help residents put their gardens to bed for the winter. Master Gardener Nina Mbengue will provide tips, including pruning and watering guidelines, for the dormant season from October through February.

Big Halloween event slated for Arapahoe 'Scaregrounds'

AURORA — Kids can enjoy a safe day of trick-or-treating and spook-tacular family fun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18-19, at Treat Street at the Arapahoe County "Scaregrounds," 25690 E. Quincy Ave.

Highlights include an Interactive

Magic Show with Inspector Magic; "Doc Snooker to the Moon," a family-friendly Halloween stage show; the Spooky Sprint obstacle course; a petting farm, gold panning, a haunted maze; and Touch-a-Tractor hosted by Arapahoe County Open Space.

The day will also feature a costume contest at 3 p.m. both days, a pumpkin decorating contest, booths hosted by 40+ local businesses, and lunch options provided by food trucks.

Advance tickets cost \$10 each. At the gate or online, tickets are \$12 apiece.

For more information and to register for certain events, visit www.arapahoe-county-event-center.com.

Gumbo, chili cooking contest scheduled for Air & Spaceport

WATKINS — Colorado Air & Space Port will host its third annual CASP Gumbo & Chili Cookoff from 12:30-3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at the FBO Hangar at 5200 Front Range Parkway, Watkins.

Adams County staff, customers and even some transient visitors will taste-test and vote for their favorite chilis. Guests from the town of Bennett and local chamber of commerce organizations will attend.

For more information, call the airport at (303)261-9103 or visit coloradoairandspaceport.com.

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ArapCo homelessness evaluation contains both good and bad news

LITTLETON — The 2025 Point-in-Time count reveals a complex picture of homelessness in Arapahoe County with targeted prevention efforts showing significant success even as overall numbers continue to rise.

The annual count, by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, found 285 individuals — excluding Aurora — experiencing homelessness in the county, an 11% increase from 2024.

County officials emphasize that strategic investments are producing measurable results and the rate of growth has slowed considerably from the 47.1% spike recorded between 2023 and 2024.

“We’re seeing our prevention strategies work — newly homeless individuals decreased by 18%, and unsheltered homelessness dropped by 22%,” said Commissioner Leslie Summey, board chair. “These aren’t just statistics; these numbers represent real people whose lives have been stabilized through our community’s coordinated efforts.”

PREVENTION EFFORTS SHOW CLEAR IMPACT

The county’s approach is yielding concrete results, according to a release. Investments in eviction prevention, including rental assistance, short-term placement, inclement weather housing, housing navigation, and legal aid, contributed to an 18% decrease in newly-homeless individuals — a dramatic turnaround from the 37% increase seen in 2024.

Expanded shelter access through the Homelessness Awareness & Action Task Force and community partners helped drive a 22% reduction in unsheltered homelessness.

The addition of the Aurora Navigation Center, the Tri-Cities Navigation Center, and the Bridgehouse Ready to Work facility in Englewood should contribute to notable improvements.

NEED DEMANDS URGENT ACTION

The count also reveals alarming

trends that require immediate intervention. Homelessness surged for families by 77%; seniors (65+) by 68%; disabled people by 63%; and domestic violence victims by 84%.

“These numbers underscore that, while our prevention efforts are working, we must dramatically expand our capacity to serve families and seniors,” Summey said. “The complexity of barriers our residents face — from disabilities to domestic violence — requires comprehensive, trauma-informed responses that go far beyond traditional shelter models.”

COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE STRATEGY

The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners established the Homeless Coordinating Committee in 2021 to address the crisis. Based on the comprehensive plan, the county is implementing a multi-faceted approach to address the growing need for housing. The efforts include:

- four new affordable housing projects (Sapling Groves, Montview Flats, Starlight, The Stables) to open within 24 months;
- a rental assistance program with targeted funding;
- collaboration with Tri-Cities Action Plan 2.0 and Aurora@Home to align regional efforts; and
- support for the identification of a lead service provider for families in the Tri-Cities area.

SUSTAINED INVESTMENT REQUIRED

While optimistic, county leaders emphasize that the homelessness issue requires sustained, coordinated investment across multiple systems.

“Our prevention strategies are proven to work, but the scale of need — particularly among families and seniors — demands that we think bigger and act faster,” said Community Resources Director Katherine Smith. “We’re not just managing homelessness; we’re building the infrastructure to prevent and alleviate it.”



CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSIONERS

Join District 5 Commissioner Rhonda Fields and special guests from Arapahoe/Douglas Works! for an interactive, open conversation about the state of our economy, focusing on workforce changes, affordability, accessibility, and opportunity.

An honest conversation about the economy
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025
5–6:30 p.m.
 CentrePoint Plaza
 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora

Rhonda Fields
 Commissioner District 5



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, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
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Arapahoe County Elections is hosting public tours of the Election Facility:

- Tuesday, Oct. 28 @ 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 @ 12 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31 @ 10 a.m.

Get details and register: arapahoeco.gov/facilitytours

Case Name: Palone Caretaker Dwelling
Case Number: RCU2025-00021

Planning Commission Hearing Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Location of Hearings: 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Brighton, CO 80601

Request:
 Conditional Use Permit to allow a caretaker accessory dwelling unit to remain on the property in the Agricultural-3 zone district, pursuant to Section 4-03-03-02-01-5-h-ii-3 of the Adams County Development Standards.

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Q&A at the Hemphill Middle School cafeteria Sept. 29. The trio spoke in the order they are listed on the Nov. 4 ballot, which will be mailed to all registered voters statewide starting Oct. 10.

Vance, who has two kids in Hemphill Middle school, indicated that incidents this past school year propelled her to throw her hat in the ring.

"I'm gonna be honest with you, I didn't want to run for school board, and really hadn't thought about it until policy and procedures were not followed by the district," she said. "I learned a lot about what our district can do, what our district can't do, what our board can do. A lot of the community felt that we needed more from our board. I think the community needs a lot of education and collaboration with the board."

"I want to be that voice. I want to be a voice for parents who don't know how to go to the board or to [the principal]. I want to be that source for the community."

But she also said that the district recently reported its highest school performance framework since 2018.

"That's like our report card, so the district is doing something right," Vance said. "There's always issues and weaknesses but I think the strengths of the district are outweighing that right now."

When it comes to funding priorities, Vance was adamant she would like to focus efforts on two specific items — curriculum and salaries.

"Hope we would have the best evidence-based curriculum," she said. "Between that and [taking care of] teachers, everything after that is extracurricular."

On the issues of campus security, Vance favors multi-levels of oversight but, when it comes to cell phones, she said her sentiment on allowing them in classrooms has changed after seeing recent data and studies on the subject.

"Now, I don't think our students should have phones."

Gomez, a restaurateur in Strasburg, said she hopes to remain on the board to continue to work on what she's started.

"I've been a part of the board for almost a year now," she said. "I've already had the training that needs to

be done and have become so involved that I don't want to leave. Love working with the community and being a part of it."

Being a small business owner, Gomez said she sees value in trying to increase the amount of programs available to provide more opportunities to students more interested in vocational careers or more non-traditional college routes.

"There's a feeling that four-year colleges are the best for the students, but these two-year colleges are good too and offer a lot of benefits as well," she said. "Other options available."

She also indicated that between her open door policy at the restaurant and her culture can be assets to the board moving forward.

"We need more parent involvement and I think I can help with that," she said. "I think the district is growing more on the Hispanic side and I think I can help on that end too. But, other than the parent involvement side, I think the district is moving ahead well."

For safety in the schools, Gomez is in favor of additional training resources for teachers and staffs. On cell phones, she said the changing times have changed her perspective but that storing them away from kids for easier access is her preference.

For Jimenez, a native of Cheraw in southeastern Colorado and now a counselor by trade and social worker for 17 years, her motivation lies in assisting families with mental health and handling adversity.

"My hat is that of the advocate. I'm all about collaboration [and] being nonjudgmental and allowing all sides to be heard," said Jimenez, who currently chairs the District Accountability Committee. "I love community, I love clarity and have commitment to my community."

In terms of directing extracurricular monies, Jimenez added that other sports such as lacrosse and expanding the arts would be a focus if the budget allows.

"My daughter is a singer, so those kind of programs are near to my heart," Jimenez said.

On school security, Jimenez said monitoring of both campus and building entry points must be stepped up as well as upgrades to the surveillance cameras. She also said there's an app available to shut down cell phones so that they can't be accessed in classrooms.

Jimenez, whose family moved to Strasburg six years ago, added she is not afraid of having candid conversations to move the district forward.

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Local TOPS Club 701 slates 1-year birthday celebration

STRASBURG — TOPS Club Chapter 701 will host an open house in celebration of its one-year anniversary.

The event will run from 6-7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, at Saron Lutheran Church, 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

Current members and local and state advocates of the nonprofit weight-loss organization will be on hand.

Established in 1948, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, with exceptional group fellowship and recognition. To champion weight-loss support and success, we've helped millions of people live healthier lives.

LIBRARY NEWS

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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. 10, 17 and 24.

Exhibit with Museo De Las Americas: Museo de las Americas will present "Rhythm and Dance," a traveling art exhibit titled 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 during regular business hours from Oct. 6 through Jan. 5. To reserve a spot, 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. All 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 any paperwork required 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 the reasons 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. They will turn sweet treats into monster mansions using frosting, candy and



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Chloe Olivas, 2, and Gianna Ruvalcaba, 5, give patient Pineapple a brush down during a visit by Strasburg-based 5 Star Minis Farm to Anythink Bennett library Sept. 27.

the imagination! All supplies provided. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16.

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

Adult book club: "How to Age Disgracefully" by Clare Pooley. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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'Booquets & Bats': Kids and tweens will create their own spooky "boo-quets" using festive florals and candy, then craft a batty suncatcher to display at home. All supplies provided. To reserve a spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call (303)769-4310. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Friday matinee: All ages are invited to an afternoon

showing of "Hotel Transylvania: Transformania" (2022, rated PG, 1 hour, 27 minutes). 1-3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10.

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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.

Rummikub, Refreshments & More: Adults gather on the second Friday of each month to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub. Other card and board games available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10.

Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. 10/8

Teen Advisory Board: Kids ages 12-17 can attend regular meetings to take an active leadership role in planning and implementing library programs and events. They can also use their voices to advocate for youth services in Bennett. 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

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. 10/22

Teen Advisory Board: Halloween Party: The library's Teen Advisory Board's 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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Businesswoman praises impact of I-70 Scout publicity

Dear Editor:

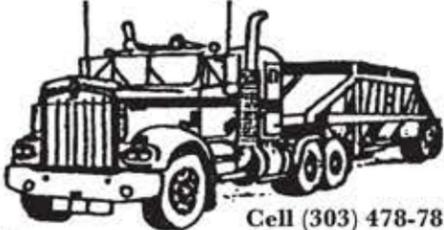
On behalf of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank *The I-70 Scout* for the article on the Byers 5K Fun Run/Walk Sept. 28. The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Byers School District to hold the run to benefit the Byers Health Sciences Club, and it was the first time we had held the event.

Before [the Sept. 24] paper came out, we had a little more than a dozen participants. After the paper came out, our numbers shot up! We can only attribute most of the increase to the article. So thank you! And thank you for your continued support of the Chamber of Commerce.

— Lindsay Wheaton, Vice President, I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce

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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 9
Parent-teacher conferences. Bennett Elementary School.

Bennett Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Administrative Office, 355 Fourth St., Bennett.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for link information.

MONDAY, OCT. 13
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.

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

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
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STRASBURG — The Strasburg Art Council will present its Strasburg Schools Talent & Art show later this week.
The occasion will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. with the show to follow at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at Mountain View Fellowship Church, 1955 Headlight Road, Strasburg.

ver Spike Chapter. 6:30 p.m., TBK Bank Committee Room, Strasburg.

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

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

EVERY THURSDAY
Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all I-70 Corridor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.

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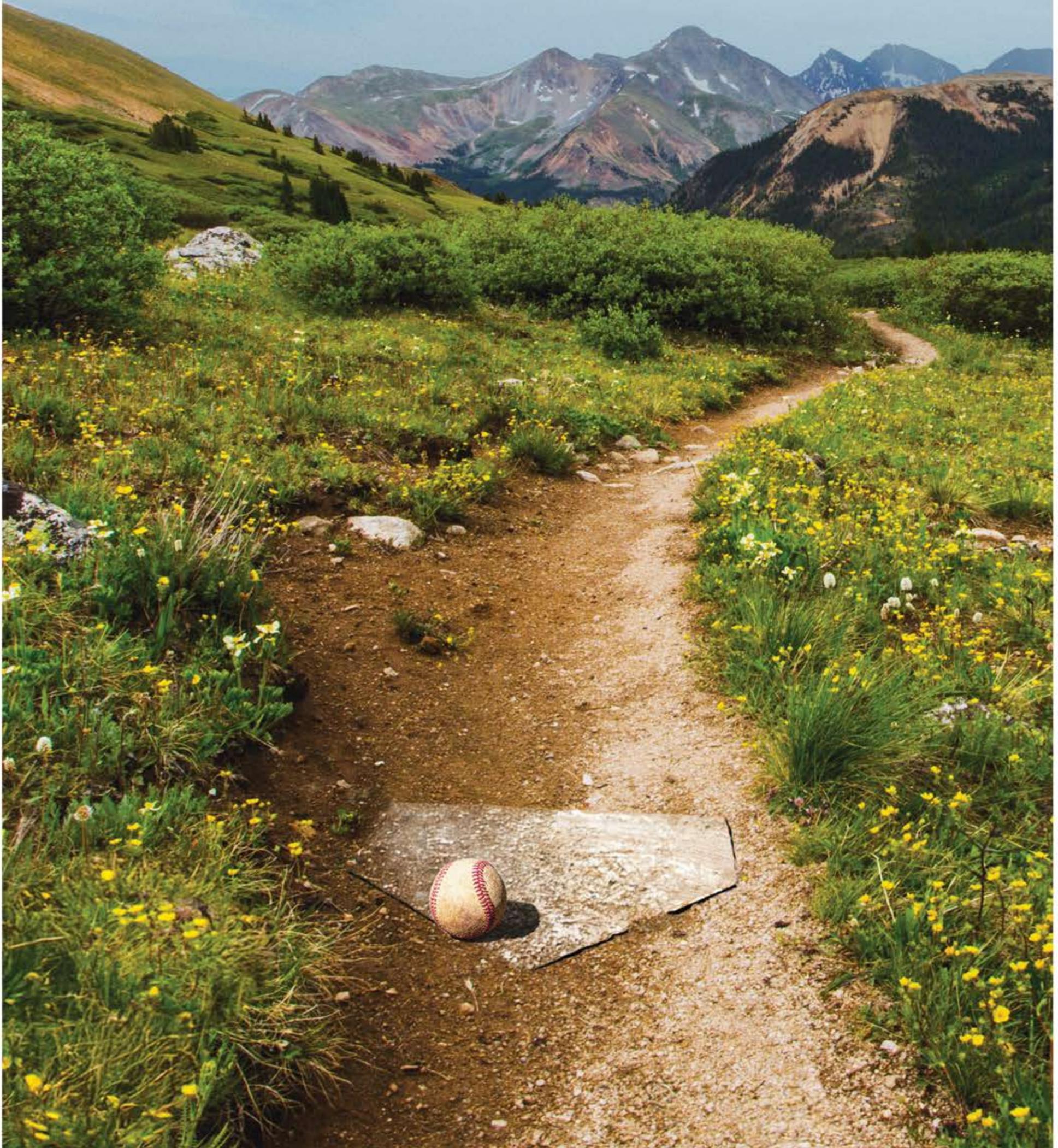




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MILL LEVY QUESTION

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those to issue tickets in coordination with the law enforcement.”

The classroom communication system should be upgraded and more emergency lighting is needed. To illustrate, Turrell referred to a recent fire in Strasburg that forced a shutdown of the power network. He had no advance warning and it was lunchtime.

“When I’ve got a school full of kids and my power goes out, I got areas that don’t have emergency lighting, and so there’s classrooms pitch dark, the bathrooms pitch dark,” Turrell said, “and I don’t have those little bug eye things because that wasn’t required back then.”

“We’ve upgraded doors, we’ve upgraded the buzzer systems and all of

those things over the years, but being able to communicate with individual classrooms and having teachers be able to communicate with us from individual classrooms, we don’t have.

“I’ve got an intercom system that I can speak at but there’s things out there now that each classroom could communicate with the office and it also enhances the teacher’s voice so, if you got hard hearing, if you got somebody with hearing aids, it can Bluetooth right into this thing. It’s amazing technology.”

A backup generator is needed specifically for the school freezer, which can, at times, contain \$150,000 dollars in commodities.

“I’m running the risk of possibly losing all that food,” Turrell said.

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Byers third-grade teacher Katrina Hudson serves as timer and athletic director Jeremy Kerns as moderator during the Byers School Board Meet the Candidates Night Sept. 25.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32J
 ADAMS & ARAPAHOE COUNTIES, COLORADO

TO BE HELD
 TUESDAY, November 4, 2025

MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to law and requisite action of the Board of Education of Byers School District 32J (the “School District”), in the Counties of Adams & Arapahoe, State of Colorado, a Regular Biennial School Election will be held in the School District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot as part of the coordinated election to be conducted by the County Clerk and Recorder in Adams & Arapahoe Counties. Information about the walk-in locations for delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots is available by contacting the appropriate County Clerk and Recorder in Adams or Arapahoe County.

At the election, the eligible electors of the School District shall vote for members of the Board of Education. Candidates for the three positions of the 4-year Director of the Board of Education are:

- Kres Ebert
- Logan MacLennan
- Jerry Sauer
- Jennifer Borders

This official election notice incorporates by reference the election notice by the County Clerk and Recorder concerning the location for application and the return of absentee ballots and notice about the locations and times for early voting. Information is available by contacting the appropriate County Clerk and Recorder in Adams or Arapahoe County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education of Byers School District No. 32J, in the Counties of Adams & Arapahoe, and State of Colorado, has caused this notice to be given as required by law this 15th day of October, 2025.

BYERS BOE CANDIDATES

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during a Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the district in the cafeteria Sept. 25.

Borders and **Ebert** both said they would like to continue what they’ve started in terms of involvement on the board and helping to further develop policy direction for the district.

“Equality between departments and programs,” Borders said when asked about her focus when it comes to budgeting. “We need to remember where we come from out here and that’s got to be part of what needs to be considered in upcoming decisions.”

Borders, who has children in school in the district, added that she hopes to develop better community outreach, possibly including quarterly or biannual formal get-togethers with families and other residents within the district. “Help give our school a bigger voice within the state.”

For Ebert, getting better input from district families and residents is also a focus while also at the same time letting administration and staff do their jobs with little interruption. He also is looking for incentives to not only recruit staff but retain them.

“As a board member, it can be hard to figure out what people are feeling, but it’s still a matter of staying in your lane,” Ebert said. “Certainly we have to look at staff salaries. How about offering housing affordability for a few years as well?”

Sauer, who has served two previous stints of eight years apiece on the board, said he has had little trouble receiving input from the “gossip shop at the gas station” or when he has visits with students.

“It’s been my experience that if the

kids are happy, usually the parents are too,” said the father of seven and grandfather of 24. “I like to think it’s a matter of common sense and not getting too radical or changing too much. Get away from the micro-managing. I was on the board when we first brought the online school on board and I think we are better off with both the online and brick-and-mortar schools.”

MacLennan, a Byers alum with four kids in school, doesn’t want to create waves but does want to keep the district going in a positive direction.

“A lot of loyalty to this school — I went here and my kids go here. I want to help maintain the level of education that this school has become known for and the strong reputation we’ve developed along the Corridor,” he said. “By staying logical and community-minded, we can help keep this rural or smaller school mindset that it was built on. We just need to stay out of the way of [Superintendent] Tom [Turrell].”

While he’s not served on the school board, MacLennan is part of board of the North American International Livestock Exposition of Louisville, Ky.

“Very similar functions and with a focus on the kids,” he said. “A lot of good experience to bring from there.”

While the 2025 Coordinated Election takes place Tuesday, Nov. 4, mail ballots will be distributed starting this week.

Ballots can be mailed to the respective county elections office, delivered to drop-off locations or, for those who want to vote in person, stop by a polling place in the respective county of residency.



SPORTS



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Deer Trail's Megan Donovan (7) tips through the Byers double-block Oct. 2, and Lady Bulldog Olivia Eastwood (23) slams a Lady Eagle over-pass back down.

Lady Bulldogs get brooms out against DT

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BYERS — In the process of sweeping the Lady Eagles from neighboring Union Pacific League school Deer Trail Oct. 2, the Byers Lady Bulldogs have defeated all three I-70 Corridor rivals during this fall volleyball season.

Against the visiting red-and-white, the troops of Byers head coach Jessica Fournier had significant scoring runs each game to take care of business 25-19, 25-21, 25-16.

With the first game tied 8-8, the hosts won 8 of the next 10 rallies to jump up 16-10 and maintained a 5- to 6-point lead the rest of the way. In the second set, Deer Trail fought back from numerous early 2- to 3-point deficits to tie the game at 14 and 19 and took the lead 21-20; however, with senior Abi Green at the service line, Byers won the final 5 points to go up two sets to zero. In game three, a 7-7 tie was broken decidedly when Byers won 11 of the next 15 points and the visitors never recovered.

"The team rebounded from our loss to Hugo (Tuesday night). I went with a new line-up changing from a 5-1 to a 6-2 and the girls did well staying in rotation and playing new spots," Fournier said. "It is nice to have a team that is so versatile and willing to try all positions."

"Sure it would have been nice to take a set, but we



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From left photo, Byers' Abi Green and Lady Eagle Fatuma Hussein receive serves during the local rivalry match Oct. 2.

played right there with them the whole night. It's just little mistakes that have held us back the last couple of games," said Deer Trail head coach Amy Cox. "Miscommunication, sending free balls out or

into the net have hurt. The girls hustle for every ball has been amazing, so couldn't be happier with

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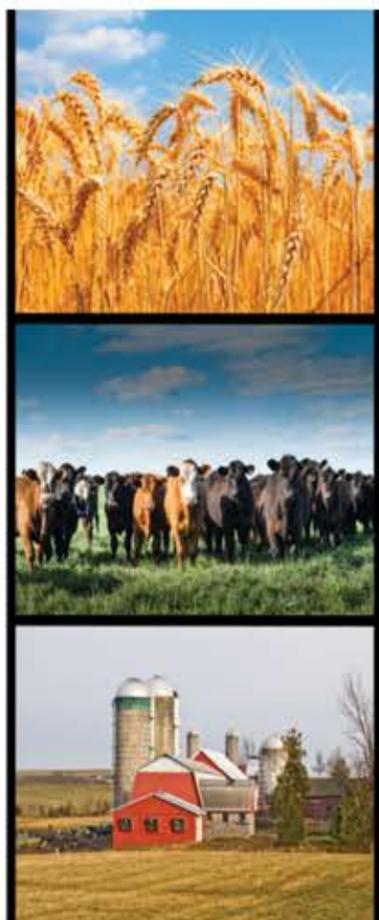
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that — they've made some big plays because of it."

The victors more than tripled the Lady Eagles on successful offensive attacks — 35 kills to 10 — led by sophomore Karley Linnebur with 11, classmates Jocelyn Rector and Ainsley Sauer with seven and six, respectively, and senior Abi Green with five. One of Fournier's major lineup shifts was splitting the setting duties between sophomore Leyla Sayler and freshman Zoie Murphy, who recorded 14 and 13 assists, respectively.

From the service line, Byers had 10 aces and eight errors. Sayler recorded a game-high four aces, while Rector, Green and Linnebur all added a pair.

Defensively, the Bulldogs recorded a handful of blocks at the net, including a pair of solo stuffs from sophomore middle Ainsley Sauer. In addition to leading the offense hits, Linnebur also hit the Byers gym floor a team-high 11 times for digs, followed by Green with nine, Rector seven, and six for Sayler.

For Deer Trail, senior Megan Donovan had five kills, followed by junior Vailini Samate with three and sophomore Landree Cox with two. Cox and Samate split the offensive sets with six and four assists, respectively. The Eagles struggled at the service line, committing 11 errors compared to only four aces.

Defensively, Donovan had the lone Eagle block and Cox and sophomore Fatuma Hussein tied for the team-high in digs with 10 apiece.

Thursday night's game improved Byers to 6-7, 2-2 in UP League play, while the Eagles dropped to 4-9, 0-4 in the conference.

BYERS @ GENOA-HUGO

On a night that the green-and-white would like to forget, the host Lady Pirates overcame a 25-21 first-set loss to win the next three 25-16, 25-14, 25-15 in Union Pacific League action.

"We rallied to win game one, but faltered against them as they took advantage of our weak defensive spots in games 2-4," Fournier summarized.

While the green-and-white recorded 41 kills, it also had 29 hitting errors and, from the service-line, nine aces but 14 errors for an 80% success rate. On serve-serve, the visitors had a handful of errors as well.



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Lady Bulldog freshman Zoie Murphy (10) sets to a teammate during her first significant varsity time against Deer Trail Oct. 2.

Rector paced the Bulldogs with 15 kills, followed by Linnebur with 11 and Green six. Sayler was the primary setter Tuesday night, recording 31 of the squad's 38 assists.

Linnebur and Sayler both had three aces, while senior Kiera Egloff added two.

Defensively, Green, Sauer, junior Taiya Eymann and Linnebur combined efforts for five blocks and senior libero Jenah Bequette reached double-digit digs with 12.

LONE STAR @ DEER TRAIL

The outgunned Lady Eagles struggled against the visiting Longhorns, who won the Sept. 30 non conference match 25-14, 25-13, 25-18.

"Lone Star played aggressive, they hit the ball every chance they got. I thought we did a decent job getting to those balls, but that's where our (lack of) height gets us — it might have helped getting some blocks up to slow them down a little or at least make them think a little bit," Cox said. "We didn't do a very good job of scoring for ourselves when we had the serve."

Donovan had nine of the Eagles' 17 kills, while Cox and Samate shared setting duties with six and four assists, respectively. Junior Kylie Bryant had two of Deer Trail's four aces.

Defensively, three Eagles reached double-digit digs — Samate 22, Cox 18 and Hussein 17.

The Eagles hosted Miami-Yoder for Homecoming Oct. 3 and while the red-and-white avenged an earlier defeat to the Buffaloes in a three-set sweep, specifics of the match were unavailable at press time. For coverage of the most recent victory, see the Oct. 10 *Eastern Colorado News*.

COMING UP— BYERS

Oct. 9: Flatirons Academy.
 Oct. 11: @ Yuma.
 Oct. 14: @ Stratton.

COMING UP — DEER TRAIL

Oct. 10: @ Manzanola.



Bennett girls get by Lady Badgers in five-set thriller

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

LIMON — The Lady Tigers volleyball team snapped a three-game losing streak with a five-set victory at Limon Sept. 30.

Bennett edged the Lady Badgers 3-2 in a cliffhanger with scores by set of 20-25, 25-19, 14-25, 28-26, 15-8.

The Tigers erased a 23-24 deficit to win set four and, trailing 3-6 in the fifth, went on a 12-2 run to take the fifth set and the match.

Hitting errors proliferated for Limon as the Tigers kept attacking.

"We just kept making sure we were taking it to them, getting them out of system," said Bennett head coach Corissa Thornton. "I told the girls to stop playing with fear and just go out and play to win, and, for some reason, it clicked."

The scoring spree was fueled with an eight-point serving run by Lady Tiger senior Rose Smith, who also played great defense, Thornton noted.

"She was definitely a shining moment for me as a player that really, really made that game successful for us," the head coach added.

The Tigers, already shorthanded because senior Jordan Ladd had dislocated her knee in practice, lost junior Nancy Jordan when she rolled her ankle late in the game. Thornton was forced to reach deep into her bench, which responded well.

"I had other players really step up," the coach said.

Those players included junior Abigail Thornton, who finished with nine kills.

"Abigail stepped up and had some great hits on the outside," coach

Thornton said. "I think she had three or four kills in that last set."

Senior Kaurlie Voorhies also had nine kills to go with three blocks while junior Emilee Venneberg added eight kills, 26 digs, and 16 assists. She was followed by sophomore Meagan Green with five kills and one block; sophomore Josie Ladd with 22 digs and 29 serve-receives; and junior Kaylonnie Mclaury, 24 digs and 28 serve-receives. Jordan tacked on Bennett's only ace.

Coach Thornton added that her team has been defeated by just two or three points in many of its sets this season.

"It's those clutch moments that we have to get by," she concluded. "We have to find the floor, we have to put the ball down, we have to do all these things to end the game."

"We definitely needed that confidence boost. I needed the girls to see that they could win."

After the Limon match, Bennett stood at 5-9 overall. The Lady Badgers dropped to 1-8.

The Lady Tigers lost a five set thriller at Frontier League rival Middle Park Oct. 3. Further information was not available at press time. They faced Lake County in a conference contest at home Oct. 7.

With three regular-season matches and the league tournament remaining, Bennett is outside the 36-team playoff threshold. As of Oct. 4, the orange-and-black is No. 48 in the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index.

COMING UP

- Oct. 14: @ Platte Canyon.
- Oct. 18: Frontier League Tournament Round Robin.
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About 70 runners, joggers and walkers of all ages converged on the campus of Byers School District to participate in the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce 5K Byers Fun Run/Walk Sept. 28. All proceeds from the event, go to the Byers High School Health Science Club. In addition to the actual 5K participants, there were six vendor tables, a half-dozen Chamber members registering competitors, a water/snack table at the finish line managed by Bijou Telephone Co-Op, and one Byers School staff and six students dotting the route throughout the southeast quarter of town, including at the halfway-point water table at Kelter Library. From left photo, runners take off from the crowded starting line on the west edge of the school campus; Byers high-schoolers Danica Lancaster, Quincy Bowling and Matthew Wardall pace themselves together; Noah McPherson crosses the finish line to take first place overall and first in the male division; Marissa Hauser clicks her stopwatch after crossing the finish line first for the female division; Charles McPherson wasn't too far behind his brother, Noah, coming in second overall; and Byers Fire Rescue was represented by Adriane Dillingham, who hoists up Claire Dillingham, while Kayley Dillingham walks behind.

NOTICE OF ELECTION Coordinated Election by Mail Ballot Adams County, Colorado Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in Adams County, Colorado, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, as a Mail Ballot Election.

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Tuesday, Nov. 4, Election Day, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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- Adams County Justice Center - 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton
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- Anschutz Health & Wellness Center - 12348 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora
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- Aurora Motor Vehicle - 3449 N. Chambers Rd., Aurora
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- Bennett Motor Vehicle - 355 S. First St., Bennett
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- Bennett Motor Vehicle Office - 355 S. First St., Bennett
- Commerce City Motor Vehicle - 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City
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Nov. 3 - Nov. 4
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boletas, buzón para boletas, dispositivos de marcado de boletas accesibles en conformidad con la ley ADA, registro de nuevos votantes y actualizaciones del registro de votantes disponibles en todos los sitios.

A partir del 10 de octubre de 2025, las boletas en sobres oficiales de retorno firmados podrán depositarse en cualquiera de los siguientes sitios designados para tal fin.

Centros VSPC para la Fase 1
27 de octubre — 4 de noviembre

Horario:
Del 27 de octubre al 4 de noviembre, de lunes a viernes, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
Sábado 1 de noviembre, de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m.
Martes 4 de noviembre, día de la elección, de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

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Centros VSPC para la Fase 2

3 y 4 de noviembre
Horario:
Lunes 3 de noviembre, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
Martes 4 de noviembre, día de la elección, de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

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Habrá muestras de boletas disponibles en línea en GoVoteColorado.gov mediante el acceso a su registro electoral.

Si desea obtener más información sobre la elección o acceder a la sección de preguntas frecuentes, visite la página web de la Oficina Electoral del Condado de Adams en AdamsVotes.com o llame a la Oficina al 720.523.6500.

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Las boletas deben recibirse en la Oficina Electoral del Condado de Adams, en un buzón para boletas designado o en un Centro de Votación y Servicios para Electores (VSPC) antes de las 7 p.m. del día de la elección, el martes 4 de noviembre de 2025, para que su voto(s) sea contabilizado. No se contabilizarán las boletas que se reciban después de las 7 p.m. del día de la elección. Los matasellos no cuentan como fecha de recepción.

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Bennett unsuccessful on Panther pitch

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

GRANBY — The Bennett Tigers took the long and winding road to Middle Park where the Panthers whupped up on them on the soccer field by a score of 5-2.

"It was a tough game against a good opponent and we came up short," said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson.

Middle Park got on the board first. Bennett tied it, but the Panthers rebounded for a 2-1 halftime advantage.

The Tigers tied the score at 2-2 in the second half.

"And then it just kind of went downhill from there," Torgerson said.

Torgerson noted the play of junior Aron Funez, who had just returned from an injury. Funez played center midfielder against Middle Park.

"That's an unsung hero position because you have to help out the defense and then you have to redistribute the ball and you're really running the midfield," Torgerson said. "He did an excellent job for us, especially for his first game back in weeks. He played every minute, I believe, of the game. That was definitely a bright spot for us."

The Tigers also saw the return of senior Jesus Vellescas, "who really locked down the right side mid," Torgerson said.

Senior Juan Santoyo and freshman Eric Machado each scored a goal with Santoyo also assisting on Machado's score.

Santoyo, Machado and junior Houston Broskie all had three shots on goal and senior Blake Gonzalez added two.

Sophomore Uvaldo Lopez led the Tigers with three steals and senior Nathan Priddy had two.

Junior goalie Izaac Hernandez yielded five goals but made 10 saves.

"There were a lot of good things," Torgerson said. "We got our good core back. They got a game to play together so that we can try and complete this run for the playoffs."

Bennett now stands at 6-4-2. The Tigers take on Englewood in their Homecoming game today.

"It's going to be another league game that we definitely need the points for," Torgerson concluded.

The Tigers concluded last week at No. 15 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index for postseason determination. In 2A boys soccer, the top 24 teams qualify for the playoffs. Postseason pairings will be announced Oct. 27, with the first round of the 2A playoffs occurring Nov. 1 at higher seeds' home venues. The top eight seeds receive first-round byes.

COMING UP

Oct. 13: Arvada.

Oct. 20: Lake County.



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg second baseman Addi Kent receives a throw in time at first base to record an out on a Lyons bunt attempt Oct. 2.

Pair of league losses jeopardize Strasburg's regional hosting streak

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

Strasburg badly jeopardized its chances of hosting a regional playoff game last week by dropping two games in the final inning against foes with the same goal.

"We had an opportunity in both games to put them away in the [final] inning," said Strasburg head coach Wes Madrill. "We didn't."

The Lady Indians were defeated by Brush 12-11 on the road Tuesday and Lyons 9-7 at home Thursday to drop their record to 14-7 and their spot in the state seeding index to No. 9 — only the top eight seeds get to host a four-team regional Oct. 18, where the two title game combatants advance to the 16-team state tournament the following weekend at the Aurora Sports Complex.

Strasburg has hosted a regional tournament for 13 of the last 14 years.

"We beat Brush and we beat Lyons, we'd be No. 5 and there's no way anybody's going to knock us out of that spot," Madrill said.

@ BRUSH

The Indians led 11-8 with two on and two out in the bottom of the seventh inning when a single by the Lady Beetdiggers scored both runners to tie the score at 11.

Brush singled again, but an error in the outfield allowed the tying run to cross home from first base and the winning run to reach third.

Brush then won the game 12-11 on a wild pitch.

"Only God could have caught it," Madrill said.

Strasburg trailed 6-3 through three innings but added 2 runs in the fourth, 1 in the fifth, and 4 in the sixth for its big lead of 10-6. But Brush cut the score to 10-8 entering the final frame.

"We had opportunities in that seventh inning," Madrill said.

The Indian offense was fueled with two dingers and three RBIs by junior shortstop Madi Olsen and a homer

and double by junior second baseman Addi Kent. Both players finished with three hits.

Junior Payton Weaver singled twice and senior Savannah Bradley and junior Phebe Johnson both doubled.

Junior Wynne Winter, sophomore Alexis Thurmond, and freshman Morgan Scharff all singled, and Kent, Winter and Bradley added 2 RBIs each.

Weaver started the game on the mound. She lasted two innings and yielded two hits, three earned runs and five walks with no strikeouts.

Kent walked two and got two outs in $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, and Johnson threw four innings, giving up four earned runs on five hits with three strikeouts and five walks.

LYONS

The home game with Lyons went into extra innings. The Lady Lions built a comfortable 6-0 advantage over three innings, but the Indians responded with 6 of their own over the next three.

In the seventh, with the score 7-7 and Ruppel on second base and one out, the next two batters struck out.

"We should have finished that off in the seventh," Madrill said. "All we got to do is put a bat on the ball."

Lyons tacked on 2 more in the top of eight and Strasburg didn't respond, giving the Lions the 9-7 triumph. The inning featured a double down the line with the runner scoring after a sacrifice bunt and a controversial squeeze play.

"We tagged her out, but they called her safe," Madrill said. "I mean, she was out."

Kent, Bradley and junior Rachel Ruppel all garnered three hits each with one double. Ruppel and Kent both had 2 RBIs.

Johnson tossed all eight innings. She gave up 9 runs on nine hits with two strikeouts and 10 walks.

COMING UP

Oct. 9: University.

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INVITATION TO BID

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.

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 11:00 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 and inspection of the asset and grounds. 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**.

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 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. Submittals, design, procurement, and off-site fabrication may occur following a Notice to Proceed; however, **mobilization and work on the tank is planned for spring of 2026**.

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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Bennett third baseman Colby Robichaud pulls in an infield fly in front of teammate and shortstop Jagoda Gutowska in the first inning against Middle Park Sept. 29.

Lady Tiger 9 have 1-4 stretch; remain in 3A postseason hunt

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The topsy-turvy season dominated by either lopsided losses and blowout victories for the second-year Bennett Lady Tigers softball program continued last week, going 1-2 against Frontier League foes and finishing fourth in the conference tournament.

After using two double-digit innings for a come-from-behind 21-7 victory in a weather-interrupted regular-season contest against Middle Park over Sept. 29 and Oct. 1, the orange-and-black fell 13-2 to Arvada and 26-10 to Fort Lupton during the Frontier League Tournament Oct. 2.

Last week's conference action followed a non-league doubleheader at 4A Montrose Sept. 27 where Bennett lost both contests big — 13-1 in game one and 13-0 in the second.

As of Oct. 4, the 11-11 Tigers found themselves No. 22 in the Colorado High School Activities Association Selection & Seeding index to determine the 32-team playoff bracket in 3A. The regular season concludes Oct. 11 with regional pairings to be announced Oct. 13. The eight 3A regional tournaments, with the top two from each qualifying for the state tournament, take place Oct. 18. The Colorado State Softball Championships are slated for Oct. 24-25 at Aurora Sports Park.

MIDDLE PARK

When Bennett hosted the Granby-based Panthers on Monday for Senior Night, it was a game that had already been postponed the previous week for rain, but Mother Nature decided to lengthen the game another couple of days. Rampant lightning nearby and a quick-moving storm through town combined to force the suspension of the makeup contest with the visitors up 6-1. When the game resumed on Wednesday, the Lady Tigers looked reinvigorated, scoring 10 runs in both the bottom of the second and third innings while holding the visitors to one additional tally in the third and shutting them out in the fourth to end the game early.

"From when the game restarted with us at bat in the second, we pretty much did what we needed to do — scored right off the bat and got our fielding and pitching straightened out," said Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz. "The extra day appeared to do wonders."

A pair of doubles by senior Colby Robichaud and freshman Macy Meyer got Tigers on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first after the visitors sent 10 hitters to the plate during their opening at-bats and scored 5 runs with the help of three walks and two hit batters from Bennett pitching.

In the second frame, of Bennett's 14 batters, six walked, one was hit by a pitch, and key hits included RBI singles by seniors Natalee Kalcevic and Audrey Harrell, a 2-run double by Robichaud, and a run-scoring double by junior Calli Mott.

Similar to the previous inning, the third inning saw 14 Tigers get to bat with five walking, one hit by pitch, 2-RBI doubles by both Mott and senior Polish exchange student Jagoda Gutowska, two RBI hits by Harrell, and a run-scoring double by Meyer.

Offensively, the Tigers recorded 13 hits, 12 walks, two hit by pitches and only struck out once.

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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO OCT. 11, 2005

The faces of Hurricane Katrina's survivors flooded once-defunct Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio beginning Labor Day weekend.

Thousands of families who had just lived through the worst disaster of their lives poured off buses and into a chaotic makeshift shelter provided at the previously vacant Air Force installation.

The smell of multitudes who had been living in rancid flood waters for several days accompanied the vacant looks of those who lost everything.

The base, formerly an area which held several hundred office cubicles, was frantically turned into a place to begin processing Katrina victims. Piled high around the outside of the main building was disjointed pieces of office furniture and chunks of beige cubicle walls hurriedly discarded for the onset of what promised to be a long ongoing process of assistance.

Inside the main building on the base, the sound of the crush of people, young and old, wandering up and down the military white hallways attempting to find out where to go next was almost deafening.

15 YEARS AGO OCT. 12, 2010

DEER TRAIL - Don't bring your medical marijuana operation to Deer Trail.

The Deer Trail Board of Trustees passed Ordinance 248, prohibiting the cultivation, sale or distribution of medical marijuana in the town at its Oct. 5 meeting.

Resident Phillip Steel had comments on the subject when public comment was called for.

"I'm not in favor of marijuana whatsoever," Steel said. "But

the board should be aware that cities all over Colorado are set to make money hand over fist (by legalizing it). If you want to prohibit it, you might want to use that to the town's advantage. Market that it's a clean town. If you prohibit it, don't be quiet about it. Let's toot our horn."

In discussion, trustees acknowledged Steel's point that allowing such business could be lucrative to the town, but worried about the complexities involved.

"Since we don't do our own policing, it could get out of control," noted trustee Robert Hardwick.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

10 YEARS AGO OCT. 13, 2015

BENNETT - Bennett trustees are expected to formally follow through on a revised street replacement plan pending approval of a proposed sales tax increase with a resolution to be voted on during tonight's town board meeting.

Resolution 608-15, which is expected to be voted on by trustees tonight, states that if Ballot Issue 2H is approved by Bennett voters Nov. 3 that reconstruction will first take place on asphalt roads throughout town with an engineering study and analysis to take place to determine the best plan of action on the concrete streets in "original Bennett" mostly north of the railroad tracks.

Originally, town staff proposed replacing the concrete streets as well and re-using that material as road base for the rest of the street replacement throughout the municipality, but push back from original Bennett residents forced officials to reevaluate those plans. Opponents of the concrete streets replacements said the thoroughfares remain intact until they are un navigable. The roads are still 30-plus years old with most lifespans between 30-35 years.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 2025. There are 84 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire began; more than 300 people died and more than 17,000 structures destroyed during the three-day blaze.

ON THIS DATE

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1997, scientists reported the Mars Pathfinder had yielded what could be the strongest evidence yet that Mars might once

have been hospitable to life.

In 2002, a federal judge approved President George W. Bush's request to reopen West Coast ports, ending a 10-day labor lockout that was costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion a day.

In 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake on the Pakistan-In-

dia border killed an estimated 86,000 people.

In 2016, Donald Trump vowed to continue his campaign after many Republicans called on him to abandon his presidential bid in the wake of the release of a 2005 video in which he made lewd remarks about women and appeared to condone sexual assault.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Paul Hogan is 86. Comedian Chevy Chase is 82. Actor Sigourney Weaver is 76. Musician Robert "Kool" Bell is 75. NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott is 70. Actor Matt Damon is 55. Actor-TV host Nick Cannon is 45. Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars is 40.

—Associated Press

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 - OB-GYN test
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 - Tribute poem
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 - "2024 World Series winners ___ and the City"
 - German industrial valley
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 - Kids' building block
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 - Good vs ___
 - Ball of yarn
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 - Singer Tori ___
 - Potato masher alternative
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 - Hokkaido native
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 - "2024 World Series MVP Freddie ___"
 - Met's offering
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 - Give the slip
 - Send, as payment
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 - Cupid, to the Greeks
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- DOWN**
- Pull an all-nighter
 - Holy man
 - "Yellowstone" actress and Josh Brolin's daughter
 - Feudal estates
 - Sour salad green
 - Atlantic Ocean, in a popular idiom
 - "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - Lost, in Provence
 - Chinatown gang
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 - Addict
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 - "#19 Across and such"
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 - "Will comply" in radio communication
 - Lump of stuff
 - "Org. that regulates the College World Series"
 - Shy
 - Eccentric like a bird?
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 - Sinister look
 - "Only one W.S. Game 7 ended by ___-off home run"
 - Ranch grazer
 - Fix leftovers
 - Anonymous John
 - Ace hiding place
 - Consumption
 - "Saturday Night ___" movie
 - Yesteryear
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HOROSCOPE

Oppositions and Ecosystems

Just as a plant thrives in certain conditions and withers in others, you grow best in environments that support your core needs. On this day of lunar oppositions, think of each person as their own environment. Pay attention to your responses. Noticing what side of you people tend to bring out will help you find your ideal place and people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationships teach you because you're open to learning. In today's case, it will be fun to know people's impressions of you, what they think of you and just how highly they regard you. Flattering!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something about today might feel like a lot — because it is a lot — but you've already done harder things than this, and you'll do this, too. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to show up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rest is necessary and good. Even better when it's away from the eyes of the world. You're brilliant like a comet. Comets go away for a while and when they come back, everyone says, "Wow, look at that!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Why do you get nervous before you perform? It's important to you to do well. That triggers the brain's arousal system, which helps you gear up for challenge. Something is at stake, and that's a good thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It doesn't take much to flip the script. Being early, being late, sitting in a different place, taking a novel route, talking to someone outside of the usual circle — small tweaks change the adventure entirely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Others may look away, but not you. You look right at the issue, poke around at it, find the tender spots, name the parts, own the puzzle, love it, make some part of it your own to solve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today you'll experience the phenomenon of dancing, though metaphorically. People will be bound together by a beat, though it's not

coming from the DJ, but from the pulse of work — a common ground, a shared, uniting effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Overwhelm feels real, and maybe it is, but it's also just an idea. Focus only on what's essential — first for the day, then just for this hour. By narrowing your focus, you'll feel powerful inside the part you can control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The emotionally immature tend to make assumptions and form superficial impressions. Higher emotional intelligence means more noticing, more care, more accurate guesswork about what others might be experiencing. Nuanced observation is the heart of empathy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's so much that inspires you, and yet it's about time for another muse. With each influence you gain something that brings you closer to what you will express when it's your turn, which it will be very soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't know how you really feel until you get face to face with the work, the people, the big task. Emotional hot spots can be unpredictable. You never know where they are until you're there in person with full attention on the issue at hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might be tempted to reject recognition or opportunities you don't think you've deserved, but don't. These things are arriving because they belong to you, whether through past effort or future responsibility. Instead of deflecting, practice gracious acceptance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 8). Welcome to your year of Seamless Organization. Systems free you, messes become masterpieces, clutter to clarity is always your trend and your mind is a focused magic-maker. More highlights: Wonderful animal encounters, talents developed to the level that the student becomes the teacher, and money given and invested in your brilliance. Taurus and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 20, 14, 37 and 2.

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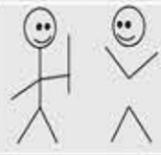
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Wednesday, Oct. 15: Beef tacos.
- BYERS**
Thursday, Oct. 9: Meatball sub.
Friday, Oct. 10: No school.
Monday, Oct. 13: No school.
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Italian roll-up, peaches.
Wednesday, Oct. 15: Flamin' hot macaroni and cheese, dinner roll.
- DEER TRAIL**
Thursday, Oct. 9: Pizza sticks with marinara sauce, green beans.
Friday, Oct. 10: Chili cheese dogs, corn bread.
Monday, Oct. 13: Meatball subs, chips.
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Beef, potato and cheese wrap, muffin.
Wednesday, Oct. 15: Chicken nuggets, garlic bread.
- STRASBURG**
Thursday, Oct. 9: Chili, cinnamon rolls.
Friday, Oct. 10: Barbecue pulled pork sandwiches.
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Popcorn chicken bowls.
Wednesday, Oct. 15: Sweet and sour meatballs over rice.



Kayla Barela gets escorted through the tunnel of bats by her parents Michael and Karin during Senior Day ceremonies for Bennett softball Sept. 29.

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In addition to Harrell's three-hit game, Robichaud, Gutowska, Meyer and Mott added two hits each; Harrell and Mott tied for the team-high in RBIs with three apiece.

Ortiz's troops were also busy on the base paths, collecting 17 stolen bases, led by freshman Adelyn Westendorf, Barela and Kalcevic with three each and Meyer adding two.

In the pitching circle, Robichaud struggled in the start on Monday, giving way to Harrell with two outs in the first. Harrell continued in the circle two days later and got through the second and third frames before Robichaud returned to throw the fourth.

"Both girls stepped up and threw great on Wednesday," Ortiz said.

FRONTIER LEAGUE TOURNEY

During Thursday's conference playoffs at Fort Lupton between the league's top-four teams in the regular season, the third-seeded Tigers struggled against No. 2 Arvada, allowing 5 runs in the bottom of the first, 2 in the second, 1 in the third, 3. In the fourth and 2 in the fifth. Bennett's lone runs came in the first and fifth frames on an RBI single by Meyer and run-scoring bunt hit by Westendorf, respectively.

"The league tournament was rough on us," Ortiz said. "Against Arvada we hit a lot better than the last time we played and we faced the same pitcher. Our pitches did what they were supposed to do and throw strikes. Arvada just came out and hit in the spots where we weren't. When they did hit to us, we were able to make the plays."

Arvada outhit Bennett 16-7. The Tigers were led by Meyer with three hits.

"We only had two hits last time against them, but we struck out more and left six runners on bases," Ortiz said.

Harrell got the start in the pitcher's circle and after five hitters, Robichaud was called on and three the next 1 1/3 innings. Meyer threw 2 2/3 innings. Combined the trio gave up 12 earned runs on 16 hits while walking five and striking out six.

In the third-place game, the host school, who Bennett defeated 18-3 Aug. 21, had three innings of 8 or more runs to end the game in four innings. The Lady Tigers recorded 3 runs in both the first and second and tacked on 4 in the bottom of the fourth.

"Against Fort Lupton, it was a different story this time around," Ortiz lamented. "Our pitching struggled, giving up 13 walks and 20 hits. On offense, we would hit right at them and they did what they needed to do and made the plays."

The Tigers recorded six hits, 10 walks and had one hit batswoman. Meyer recorded two hits and a pair of RBIs while freshman Grace Mathis was walked three times and Robichaud twice.

The trio of Meyer, Robichaud and Harrell all threw from the circle, combining to allow 25 earned runs on 20 hits, while walking 13, hitting one. And striking out five.

The conference tournament was won by top-seeded Centaurus, who defeated Arvada 10-7 in the title tilt.

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"That was a long trip," said Ortiz about the 5 1/2-hour bus trip to the West Slope against the 4A No. 14-ranked Lady Redhawks. "Both games we started off good, but we just had that one inning where they really jumped on us. Their pitcher was really good, she had us really off-balance. We were only able to produce three total hits for both games."

In game one, Montrose blew the game open with 8 runs in the third with 7 tallies in the second inning spelling doom for the Tigers in the second contest.

Bennett's lone run came in the fourth inning of the first game on back-to-back doubles from Gutowska and Meyer.

Montrose outhit the visitors 12-2 in game one and 14-1 in the second.

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- 1 cored and julienned large apple.
- 1 cup of carrots.
- 1½ cups of cabbage, red, shredded.
- 2 teaspoons caraway seed.
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar.
- 2 tablespoons salt, smoked applewood.
- ½ teaspoon black ground pepper.
- 2 cups chicken stock.
- 1 cup Colorado ale.

DIRECTIONS

1. On your stovetop heat your cast iron skillet or dutch oven on high heat.
2. Add the bacon and cook until ren-

dered and it starts to caramelize.

3. Add onions and garlic. Sauté in bacon fat until soft and translucent.
4. Add carrots, apples, cabbage. Sauté for five minutes to soften.
5. Add seasonings, sugar, chicken broth. Mix well.
6. Add chicken stock and Colorado ale.
7. Cover and cook on medium heat for about 20 minutes.
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