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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**
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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**
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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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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**
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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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