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Bennett sets first trustee vote in a decade

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — After five cycles of not enough candidates on the ballot, this spring's town of Bennett municipal election has five residents vying for three trustee seats.

Six petitions were turned into town hall by the Feb. 2 deadline but, according to Bennett Town Clerk and Designated Election Official Christina Hart, one of the candidates reported the following day that she is moving out of town and had to drop out of the race.

The ballot order for the remaining five candidates was determined during a lottery drawing at town hall Feb. 4.

"Pretty exciting to have this many

running, especially after no election the past 10 years," Hart said of the five-person race for three spots. The previous five municipal elections have not had enough candidates apply for vacant seats.

When the dust settled Wednesday evening, the final ballot order was unveiled — Joshua Arbogast, James "Grider" Lee, Christopher Clemons, Bonnie Teachout and Kat Crow.

None of the final five candidates are incumbents running for re-election and only Lee has served previously on the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden and trustees Steve Dambroski and Larry Vittum did not throw their hats back in the ring. Both Barden and Dam-

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Bennett Town Safety Officer Gerilynn Scheidt, left, awaits her task of drawing names as Town Clerk Christina Hart explains the process for determining ballot order for the upcoming Bennett Municipal Election Feb. 4 at town hall.



'Burg Students Got Talent!

PHOTOS BY ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

Strasburg Schools hosted a campus-wide recital at the elementary cafeteria stage Feb. 3. More than 35 students from all three buildings participated. From left photo, Caleb Jeffries performs the only non-musical as he acts out "Unlucky" with the assistance of teacher Eric Schulz, and Genevieve Yost plays Bach's "Minuet No. 2" on the violin with the help of father, Brendan. **SEE PAGE 3.**

Agate School plans summer calendar for BEST project

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

AGATE — An approximately half-million-dollar project to replace the Agate School's main building's rooftop mechanical system won't start until after the conclusion of the school year.

In addition to approving a \$517,000 contract to Performance Construction for the new HVAC/ventilation system and the necessary budget adjustments, the Agate School Board was informed during its Jan. 26 meeting that work wouldn't start until after graduation in May.

"Instead of two phases like originally planned, we'll do it all in one fell swoop throughout the summer," said Agate Superintendent/Principal Melinda Walls. "A little bit easier and fewer interruptions that way."

Finance Director Keith Yaich said the final bid from the contractor was a little bit over a counter-offer of \$485,000 but added that, "they were pretty fair and was willing to work with us a bit."

The project is being funded by the Colorado Department of Education's Building Excellent Schools Today grant program.

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DT School Board now full; walking bridge schedule revised

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail School Board is back to a full complement of five directors following the appointment and swearing-in of a former member last week.

During the Feb. 2 board of directors meeting, Richard Haight was selected to re-

place Steven Musser, who resigned his board seat effective Jan. 1. Musser announced his intention to leave the board in December, citing family health concerns.

Haight, who was on the previous board through last November, interviewed for the opening along with Jamie Meredith, who moved into the district in July and has

two students currently going to Deer Trail School.

Board President Patrick Duff thanked both candidates for their interest and asked Meredith to be mindful that board changes can sometimes occur unexpectedly.

"This is the third time we've had to appoint in 4½ years," Duff noted. "Things can change pretty quickly."

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UPDATE

Hopes to start construction of the walking bridge to connect the south side of campus with the neighboring Bijou Creek subdivision in May were recently dashed when the Colorado Department of Transportation mandated the project start in April.

According to Duff and Deer Trail Superintendent & Ath-

letic Director Mike Jobman, CDOT has given Meyers Construction approximately 30 days to complete the bridge once work commences in mid-April. School officials hoped the construction wouldn't start until after it hosts a large middle school track meet.

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

Acrylic mtn landscapes class planned by 'Burg Rec District

STRASBURG — Kids in grades K-8 can participate in a mountain landscape paint-a-long in this step-by-step acrylic painting class hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

The class takes place on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall from 10-10:45 a.m. from grades K-3 and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for grades 4-8.

The registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 19. A \$10 fee is required. To sign up, visit strasburgparks.org.

Ag & Food Lab presentation slated for biz org luncheon

BYERS — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, at May Farms, Byers.

Representatives from the AgrAbility, and FarmAble organizations will speak and, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor lunch.

For more information and to RSVP for lunch, call (720)731-1954 or e-mail to officei70ccoc@gmail.com by Friday, Feb. 13. Space is limited.

Theme for Lent announced by Byers Community Church

BYERS — Byers Community Church will hold Lenten services beginning with the imposition of ashes at 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, followed by weekly worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

This year's focus for Lent is on the literal and spiritual practices of "Cultivating and Letting Go."

A Lenten Bible study will also be offered at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 25 through March 25.

Byers Community Church is located at the corner of Sherman and Front streets.

'Burg Comanche VIP Seniors plan monthly potluck Feb. 17

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday,

KCs give to Unified Bowling team



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The Strasburg High School unified bowling team received a \$1,500 check from the Knights of Columbus Chapter 13221 at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers Jan. 30. The proceeds are part of what the Knights raised during their annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser in October designed to help fund multiple local programs for special needs students. This year's Tootsie Roll drive raised almost \$3,700. Pictured are, seated from left, student bowlers Michael Torres, Tyler Steinman, Muriel Goldsberry, Rylee Tiffany and Max Dobransky and, standing, Tate Eikleberry, Knight Mike Donnellon, special education teachers Heather Ruppel and Shalin Zuther, high-schooler Collin Jones, special education teachers Bev Blagg and Kylie Fischer, head bowling coach Vicki Manahan, and Knight James VonFeldt.

Feb. 17, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Liv Bergman from the Area Agency on Aging will discuss the availability of assistance for lower income seniors.

The association, which provides a social outlet for area seniors, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Iris Salladay Sirois at (303)822-5262.

Specialty Crop Block Grant application deadline nears

BROOMFIELD — Producer organizations, as well as local governments, colleges and universities, nonprofits, and other specialty crop stakeholders can now apply for a Specialty Crop Block Grant through the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, in-

cluding floriculture. A list of plants commonly considered specialty crops, as well as ineligible commodities, can be found at www.ams.usda.gov.

The purpose of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is to enhance the competitiveness of Colorado specialty crops in areas such as marketing, promotion, education, research, trade and nutrition.

The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 13.

Businesses urged to engage in Adams County assistance

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Business Registration Program helps local businesses stay informed about resources, programs and updates that might affect their operations.

The program, which is free and voluntary, provides a direct communication link between businesses and the county's economic development team. Registered businesses receive

timely information about county programs, events, and business resources; grant and funding opportunities; and regulatory or policy updates relevant to business operations; and more.

The program is open to all businesses operating in Adams County, including agricultural operations and businesses with multiple locations.

For more information and to register, visit adamscountyco.gov or e-mail to economicdevelopment@adamscountyco.gov.

Senior excursion destined for museum at Fort Collins

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, on a senior excursion to the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery.

The cost is \$20. Lunch is additional. Advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, call the rec center at (303)622-4260.

The bus will depart from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. The excursion is hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Mountain View Fellowship.

Culture of Life Dinner slated for Catholic church in Byers

BYERS — The Knight of Columbus Council 13221 at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church will host its annual Culture of Life dinner and auction starting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Byers American Legion Hall.

Proceeds benefit the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains and A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center of Northern Colorado.

Doors open at 1 p.m. for the silent auction. Food service begins at 2 p.m. Speakers and a live auction follow dinner.

The meal includes pulled chicken, pulled pork, beans, potato salad, coffee and lemonade. Prices start at \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

To donate items for the auction, call Jerry Mosbrucker at (303)929-0507.

For more information, call Mark Prieur at (303)810-4749.

The Byers American Legion Hall is located at 278 W. Front St.

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The Strasburg Schools held a music recital inside the Strasburg Elementary school cafeteria on Feb. 3. There was a total of 36 participants. From left to right, Brielle Barnes sings "Caro Mio Ben" by Giordani; Rickey Lengel plays "The Two Grenadiers" on the violin; Aryana Marrero and teacher Dorilee Milner play a duet of "Twinkling Skyline" on the piano; and Nicole Tree smiles as she gets up after her piano performance of "The Ice Skaters."



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From left photo, Naomi Redd sings "Scarborough Fair" with the help of her father, Andrew Redd, on guitar; Aspen Sir-Vandewerken smiles at her teacher after finishing her performance of Bach's "Minuet" and "Lullaby" by Brahms on the piano; and Errie Owens tickles the ivories with her version of "Dance of the Irish."

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WEEK OF FEB. 9

Local students offered chance at \$2,500 Funk Scholarships

BYERS — The application period for up to two local \$2,500 scholarships is now open online.

The Roy & Linda Funk Scholarship is open to current or former students of Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Agate high schools.

Applicants must have a GPA of at least 3.0.

The award is administered by the NoCo Foundation and the application deadline is Sunday, March 15. To apply, visit www.NoCoFoundation.org/Scholarships.

For more information, e-mail to Scholarships@NoCoFoundation.org.

Roy and Linda Funk are residents of Byers.

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Event set on ArapCo traffic safety plan

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County's final comment period on an update to its Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is underway through March 2.

The plan identifies where safety improvements are most needed across the county's transportation network and helps guide future investments. The project team is now analyzing crash data and roadway conditions to pinpoint high-risk areas and focus on strategies that reduce serious injuries and save lives.

To facilitate public participation, an Eastern Arapahoe County CSAP Open House is scheduled from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at Kelter Library, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Residents can

also comment online at www.arapahoeco.gov.

The updated plan follows the Safe System Approach, which emphasizes streets and transportation systems that anticipate human error and reduce the severity of crashes when they occur.

The public can also submit questions to Steven Buckley, project manager, at sbuckley@arapahoegov.com or call (720)874-6516.

County staff is working on the plan with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Patrol; and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State FSA boss: Trump is putting Colorado Farmers First

Dear Editor:

Since January 2025, President Donald J. Trump has worked around the clock to put American Farmers First after inheriting one of the toughest farm economies our country has faced in decades. In Colorado, producers know the challenges firsthand — rising input costs, volatile markets, extreme weather, and years of policies that prioritize bureaucracy over farmers and ranchers.

This year, President Trump and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rolins have worked at record speed to deliver real relief and long-term reforms, working hand-in-hand with the Farm Service Agency to ensure these resources are reaching our farmers and rural communities right here at home.

The Trump administration has delivered more than \$30 billion in ad hoc assistance to farmers nationwide over the past year.

For Colorado, the funding includes \$133.3 million through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program; \$98,000 in disaster relief through the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program; and \$214,000 in assistance for specialty crop and livestock producers. These programs are helping farmers recover from weather disasters, inflation and market losses that have been left unaddressed for years.

The Trump administration also strengthened the farm safety net through legislation in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. For the first time in more than a decade, statutory reference prices for major commodities were raised 10-21%, and more than 30 million new base acres were added to Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs beginning in 2026. Crop insurance was also made more affordable, saving farmers more than \$400 million annually, with expanded support for beginning farmers and ranchers, a critical investment in the future of agriculture.

USDA is also working to lower costs by restoring competition and cutting red tape. New actions with the Department of Justice are targeting price-fixing and anti-competitive behavior in markets for seed, fertilizer, and equipment. Partnerships with the departments of Labor and Homeland Security have also led to significant reforms to the H-2A program. A Labor Department rule reformed the H-2A Adverse Effect Wage Rate to provide over \$2 billion in annual savings for farmers. A Homeland Security rule simplified the H-2A application process by allowing concurrent filing. The reforms help make the H-2A program more affordable and accessible, ensuring producers have access to the labor they need at a more affordable cost.

U.S. Department of Agriculture has been prioritizing the purchase of healthy, U.S.-grown commodities with the intent to purchase up to \$970 million in this year alone under the Agriculture Act of 1935. These purchases support farmers while supplying food banks, schools and nutrition programs — strengthening agriculture and food security in communities throughout our state.

One of the most significant actions of this year was the announcement of \$12 billion in Farmer Bridge Payments, designed to help farmers weather ongoing market disruptions, elevated production costs, and continued volatility while longer-term reforms take hold. This bridge assistance reflects the president's commitment to ensuring farmers are not left behind.

These payments are intended to provide stability for producers as USDA continues to deliver disaster assistance and implement improvements under the Big Beautiful Bill. While Supplemental Disaster Relief Program sign-ups are ongoing, USDA is ensuring farmers have access to immediate relief now while positioning them for expanded market opportunities ahead.

Under President Trump's leadership, we are rebuilding American agriculture to be stronger, more competitive and more resilient. The Trump administration is expanding global market access for American agriculture. New trade deals and frameworks with more than 15 countries are opening doors for U.S. beef, grains, dairy, specialty crops and biofuel exports. These wins matter here in Colorado, where exports support farm income, rural jobs and long-term economic growth.

At the Farm Service Agency, our mission is simple, but bold: serve farmers, not bureaucracy. The American Farmers First agenda is delivering real results: relief today, stronger safety nets tomorrow, and expanded markets for the future. Every day, the Farm Service Agency continues to fight for Colorado's farmers and ranchers to ensure they have the tools, freedom and opportunity to succeed for generations to come.

— Jerry Sonnenberg, Colorado Executive Director, Farm Service Agency



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Four of the five candidates vying for three Bennett Board of Trustees positions on April 7 were in attendance during a drawing to determine ballot position at town hall Feb. 4. Clockwise from above left are Christopher Clemons, James "Grider" Lee, Bonnie Teachout, and Kat Crow. Not pictured is Joshua Arbogast.

YOUTH SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

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Practices begin April 6 (T-ball: April 20)
Games will be played Late April - June (T-ball: Mid-May - June)

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Temporary Restraining Order
Notice of Seizure for Forfeiture

THIS SUMMONS IS ISSUED BY PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO RULE 4(b) OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Dated this 18 day of November 2025.

ALEXIS KING
District Attorney

By: /s/Audrey E. Weiss
Audrey E. Weiss
Deputy District Attorney
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BENNETT ELECTION
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broski served four-year terms while Vittum, a previous trustee, was appointed to fill the remaining two years of a vacated seat two years ago.

The mayor's seat, currently filled by Whitney Oakley, and trustee spots held by former Mayor Royce Pindell, Donna Sus and Denice Smith will be part of the April 2028 municipal election.

The seven board of trustees members are part-time elected officials; they have jobs or other daily personal duties in addition to their responsibilities as board members.

In addition to Hart, last week's ballot order drawing included Bennett Town Safety Officer Gerilynn Scheidt pulling the names of the candidates while Sus oversaw the proceedings.

The random drawing for ballot listing is a required step in the municipal election process.

"The drawing of ballot positions helps ensure a fair and transparent election for all candidates," a town statement said.

The April 7 municipal election will be conducted by mail ballot with residents able to mail their filled ballot to the town clerk's office or drop off at a metal ballot box at town hall. Residents are urged to look for the town's own metal ballot box and to not attempt to drop off ballots in the county ballot box in the parking lot to the east of town hall.

Hart indicated that the county ballot boxes would likely be locked and unable to have ballots dropped into them.

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CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

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

MONDAY, FEB. 16

East Adams Conservation District Board. 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Byers Fire Rescue. 6 p.m., Byers Firehouse.

Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission. 6 p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas page at bennettco.gov for information.

Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers School boardroom.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.

Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.

Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees.com for link and location.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

Bennett Arts Council Knitting & Crocheting Club. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Bennett Town Hall Community Room.

I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May Farms, Byers.

EVERY THURSDAY

Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelter Library, Byers.

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

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

Gaming Club: Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.

Patriot meeting of like-minded individuals to learn about the nation's history, constitution and rights. 6 p.m., call (303)622-4648 to RSVP.

EVERY FRIDAY

Preschool story time: Children ages 3-6 can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and other fun activities. 9:30-10 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

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.

Jeffrey George Herion



Jeffrey George Herion, 83, of Watkins, Colorado, passed away on January 24, 2026. Born in Chicago, Illinois, Jeff was the son of Tom and Lorraine Herion, who preceded him in death, along with his son Travis. His life was shaped by hard work, deep devotion to family, and a love for the simple, meaningful moments that made each day worthwhile.

Jeff is a beloved husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, and friend. A master machinist since the 1960s, he built his career with skill, precision, and pride. Even after retiring, he could never resist the urge to tinker—crafting molds, making gun parts, or inventing tools just for the joy of creating. One of his proudest accomplishments was earning his pilot's license, and he cherished the freedom and peace he found in the sky.

When Jeff wasn't in his shop building something clever, he loved settling in with a good western or sneaking off to the barn for a peaceful nap. His grandkids were his favorite companions—whether he was recruiting them for some wild project or sharing stories from the "good old days," he made every moment feel like an adventure.

Jeff will be remembered for his steady hands, sharp mind, warm humor, and the love he poured into his family. His presence will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie, and his children: Julie (spouse Jack), Wendy (spouse Scott), Holly (spouse Todd), Katie (spouse Marcus), Tim (spouse Dezzy), and Phillip. He is also survived by his stepdaughters Amanda (spouse Nick) and Andrea (spouse Jason), and his stepson Jason. Jeff's legacy continues through his 13 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren, each of whom brought him tremendous joy.

Memorial services are scheduled Feb. 11-12 with viewing at 3:00 PM and Rosary at 5:00 PM Wednesday at Drinkwine Mortuary, 999 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128, and funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Francis Cabrini Church 6673 W Chatfield Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128. Following the service, there will be a procession to the cemetery and a reception afterward.

Colorado State Patrol seeks blood donations through February 28

LAKEWOOD — Registration is open through February to donate blood during the Colorado State Patrol blood drive.

The State Patrol is partnering with Vitalant for the sixth year to advance their shared mission of saving lives.

Blood donations sharply decline during winter, but this doesn't stop the need — Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds, according to Vitalant.

Parker and Denver are among the 10 permanent donation sites in the state. Mobile locations occur regularly statewide.

To make an appointment, visit vitalant.org.

Lenten fish and soup meals set for Byers Catholic church

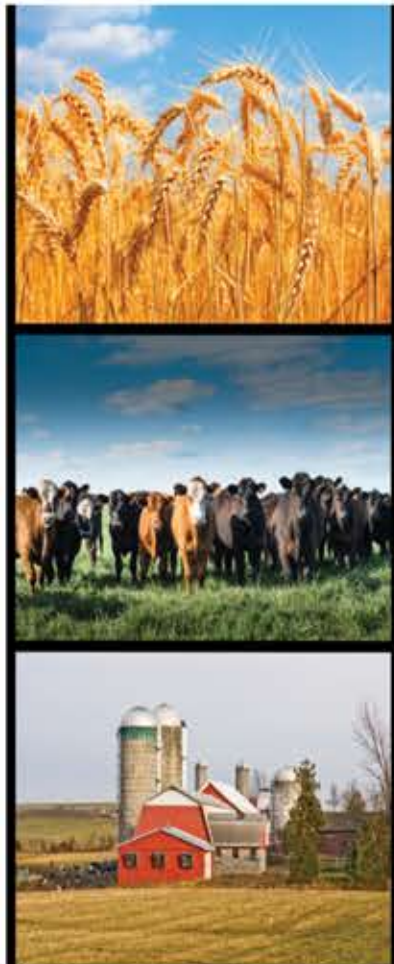
BYERS — The Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers will host fish fries and soup suppers during Lent.

Knights of Columbus Council 13221 fish fries are slated for Fridays, Feb. 20, and March 6 and 20. The meal will consist of cod, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, Tater Tots, coffee and lemonade. Cost is \$7 for one piece of cod, \$10 for two pieces, and \$25 per family.

Altar and Rosary soup suppers are planned for Fridays, Feb. 27, March 13, and March 27. The dinner will include a variety of soups, dessert, grilled cheese sandwiches, coffee and juice. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Meals will be served from 5-6:15 p.m., and Stations of the Cross will start at 6:30 p.m.

Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5.



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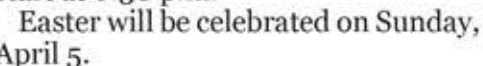
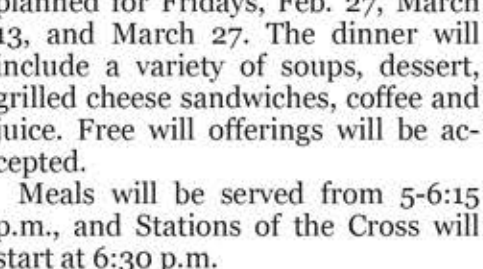
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Audrey Campfield



Audrey Louise Campfield, 91, of Bennett, Colo., passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2026, at Hillcrest Care Center and The Towers (Assisted Living) in Wray, Colo. Family, friends and staff members were able to bid her a fond goodbye.

Born at home on Jan. 12, 1935, in Strasburg, Colo., to Frank and Merle Hanlon, she was the oldest of 5 children. She graduated from Strasburg High School in

1953 shortly before marrying Max Campfield on Aug. 18, 1953. Together they built a life defined by hard work, family, faith, and community service. She was a wife, mother, farmer, retail associate at Joslins department store and a Mary Kay representative.

She was actively engaged in the work of her church, both in Bennett and Strasburg, participating in church leadership, Bible Study and Sunday School. Audrey was supportive of her community as a member of the VFW Auxiliary, participated in town events and was a member of local recreation/activity centers. She enjoyed flower gardening and yardwork, baking, crocheting and spending time with her many friends. Audrey was known for her genuine kindness and generosity to everyone she encountered. Whether she was baking for a friend in need or teaching her grandkids to garden, she did everything with love.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Thornburg and her significant other Doug Waddingham, Gary Campfield and wife Karla Koenig-Campfield; her cherished grandchildren, Elizabeth Mehmen and husband Ben, Robert Thornburg and wife Gloria, Brienne Shivers, Tiffany Miller and husband David Miller, Charity Campfield, Shalana and husband Zach McCann, Samuel Campfield, Paul and wife Cassie Campfield, Levi Campfield and Julia Campfield; and numerous great grandchildren. They join with extended family and friends who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Max Campfield, and two of her four children, Janet Campfield and Michael Campfield.

She lived the way she gardened- with patience, care, and honest devotion. The seeds she planted in her family, her community, and her friendships will continue to bloom for generations. We trust she is at rest in God's eternal garden and at peace surrounded by beauty.

A memorial of Audrey's life was held Feb. 7 at Strasburg Presbyterian Church. For those so inclined, the family requests that any love donations in her memory be made to the Strasburg Presbyterian Church, PO Box 300, Strasburg, CO 80136 or The Denver Rescue Mission, PO Box 5206, Denver, CO 80217, as they were both close to her heart.

DEER TRAIL BOE

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"The state is on their own time frame," Duff said. "The most reasonable timeline now is that they will do the dirt work up until the track meet. On event day, they will still be working but not around the shotput and discus pit. [They have] between 32-34 days to complete the project."

Once completed the bridge will provide a straight path for students and residents, who have walked the old highway to get from the subdivision to the school.

"I've noted dozens of kids walking down Highway 40," Duff recalled. "This will eliminate that."

LIBRARY ITEMS

Davies Library School Liaison Katie Musser reported that about half of her allotted annual budget for school materials was used to purchase microscopes for science classes in addition to books.

She also said that the library has changed book vendors from Follett to Ingram and that the sixth grade is working on a book-writing project with the subject being, "What pets do when we're away."



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Richard Haight takes the oath of director during the Feb. 2 meeting of the Deer Trail School Board.

AGATE BOE

FROM PAGE 1

The project will replace the commercial cooling/heating units on top of the gym as well as the ventilation system throughout the cafeteria and elementary wing.

OTHER FACILITY ISSUES

Maintenance Director Rick Martin added that light replacement continues across campus, including eight new LED bulbs installed recently.

Door replacement will occur in the sports equipment room, four elementary classrooms and two other entryways into the main building. Walls said the door expenses will be covered by Title I funds as well as grant monies.

Martin also said that a new 16-foot garage door is being sought.

Investigation continues into how best address the main building's fire panel, which continues to have issues.

Recent installation of new wall panels on the gym has been interrupted recently as warping of the new materials is being addressed.

CHURCH REQUEST

The board tabled a proposal from a portion of the Mountain View Fellowship congregation asking to rent part of the school for Sunday services.

According to Agate math teacher Doug Koehn, who is also a member of Strasburg-based Mountain View, a large number of church members come from Limon, making Agate School a promising place of worship with about half the commute.

Koehn added that efforts are still being made to find a Sunday service location in Limon, but that it has so far been unsuccessful.

When tabling the item, board members asked Yaich to research previous contracts between Corridor schools and area churches and return with a possible proposal, including rental agreement.

Board President Doug Purdy said he wasn't entirely opposed to the request but said that he didn't want the local Agate Community Church to be adversely impacted if a new congregation came to town.

OTHER SCHOOL BUSINESS

Walls excitedly announced that re-

cent DIBELS assessments has shown marked reading improvement by numerous students.

"We've had a half-dozen kiddos exit out of red," said Walls, noting that color category is under grade level.

DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and is a set of short, 1-minute, reading fluency measures for kindergartners through eighth-graders. Among the tests' focuses are phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy, and fluency. Test results are available immediately in an effort to direct instruction immediately.

After losing its first high school basketball game played in 17 years, a junior varsity contest at Manzanola in December, the Longhorns returned the favor by defeating the same Bobcats on Agate's home court the week after holiday break.

"A lot of fun and the kids were so excited," Walls said. "Getting some enthusiasm back in the secondary school."

Prior to Agate being downsized to K-5 in 2011, Longhorn sports was basketball dominated with the last season on record being 2008-09.

Since reinstating sixth through 12th grades for the 2018-19 school year, Agate has sent middle- and high-school students interested in playing sports to Deer Trail; however, Agate had its own middle school basketball schedule the past two winters.

Agate is not on the list of CHSAA member schools and won't be under consideration for inclusion until at least the 2028-30 cycle.

Walls added that next school year is expected to see an expansion of the school's fledgling music program, which was reinstated for 2025-26.

"We hope to get our music teacher to come out an extra time a week next year," she said.

Martin added that the auto shop class has four students and that they recently made a field trip to Pickens Tech to tour a more modern repair shop.

On the transportation side of things, Bus 101 was recently repaired and is fully operational, and a new bus driver has increased the district's roster of certified CDL navigators to three.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Among the place-winners from the 2026 Morgan Community Calendar Photo Contest are Makenna Carlock from Johnstown, left photo, and Amanda Czuprynski of Denver. MCC calendars featuring local photos were first published by the college in 1995. A collage of the photos submitted for the 2026 calendar contest can be viewed on MCC's website and on MCC's Facebook and Instagram pages. For information about future contests, e-mail Ariella Gonzales-Vondy at Ariella.Gonzales-Vondy@MorganCC.edu.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Rummikub, Refreshments & More:

Adults can gather to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub. Other card and board games available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13.

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, Feb. 14.

Tarot club: Adults can learn about the tarot and do readings for other participants to practice their skills in a beginner-friendly workshop. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14.

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, Feb. 18.

Pyrography Decorative Signs: Adults will design decorative wooden signs

using wood-burning techniques. All skill levels welcome. Appropriate for adults. 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22.

KELVER LIBRARY

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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their families will participate in activities surrounding healthy habits. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and a goody bag provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13.

Buffalo Bill: Adults will hear from a local author and historian about Buffalo Bill's life and connections to Colorado. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18.

DAVIES LIBRARY

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'Kawaii' Cutie Crafts: Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy a super-cute "Kawaii" craft party. Participants will make adorable creations inspired by the Japanese "cuteness" aesthetic. All materials provided. 4:30-5:50 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18.





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ICE misconduct can now be reported to Colorado attorney general's office

by Lindsey Toomer
Colorado Newswire

The Colorado attorney general's office launched a new section of its public complaint system specifically for misconduct by federal officers, such as Immigration & Customs Enforcement agents.

"Nobody is above the rule of law, including federal agents such as ICE or border patrol," Attorney General Phil Weiser said in a statement. "This new reporting form is about keeping our communities safe and reminding them that we have their back. If you see misconduct from a federal agent, we want to hear about it."

Unlawful activity by federal agents could include use of excessive force, unlawful searches or arrests, wrongful detentions, interference with voting, or other civil rights violations, according to the complaint page.

A news release from Weiser's office says information submitted through the complaint system will help the attorney general's office ensure federal accountability and identify patterns of misconduct by federal agents. His office will review reports and share necessary information with government offices or oversight agencies, including local district attorneys or elected members of Congress.

Complaints can be submitted anonymously. Fields asking for name and e-mail in the complaint form are optional.

While the impact of the new complaint system is yet to be seen, Karen Orona, spokesperson for the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, said it sends a strong message that the state is committed to upholding laws and protecting the civil rights of people in



JERILEE BENNETT/The Gazette via AP

An FBI agent gets ready for an operation to try to capture two suspected illegal immigrants who allegedly tried to ram ICE agents during a sweep at a construction site near Black Forest last July.

the state, regardless of immigration status.

"It is encouraging when elected officials take a public stance prioritizing community safety and explicitly affirming the belonging of all community members," Orona said in a statement.

In Minnesota, ICE agents have broken car windows and arrested observers as part of the Trump administration's growing crackdown in the state. Minnesotans have increased efforts to observe and protest ICE actions after ICE agents shot and killed Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis. About 3,000 ICE agents are deployed to the Twin Cities.

Weiser, a Democrat, is running for governor of Colorado.

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SPORTS



Indian girls, boys tame down Platte Valley

'Burg guys make second statement after upset loss

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Last Tuesday's victory against visiting Platte Valley saw the red-and-black troops of Strasburg head coach Kyle Bollers extend a 30-26 lead with 6:30 to go in the third quarter to a 47-33 entering the fourth quarter and a 73-46 final score.

"When we exerted our pressure in the third and fourth, we started to really create some havoc," Bollers said of the Feb. 3 win. "Got out and ran and, when we do that, not many teams can stop us."

Early on, the game was a little more in doubt as both teams took turns with the lead until about 45 seconds left in the opening frame, when a three-pointer by senior Cade Hemphill gave the hosts a 13-11 advantage. Strasburg didn't trail again, leading 15-11 after one quarter and 29-21 at halftime.

Pretty frustrating in the first half — we went 10-of-21 shooting in the first half in the paint and, defensively,



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg's Gideon Milner uses every part of his body to collect a rebound against Platte Valley.

we let their guards get off too easy," Bollers said. "We only had 12 boards at halftime, but ended the game with 33, so pleased with our domination on the boards in the second half. Too many second chances for them in the first half but really fixed that after halftime."

Despite its first-half struggles near the bucket, Strasburg concluded the game 51% from the field, including

7-of-18 from the three-point arc. The Indians went 6-of-11 at the free-throw line. Strasburg also recorded 21 assists on 30 made buckets, including six with three dimes apiece.

"We shot the ball from three and outscored them 44-25 after half," Bollers said. "Pretty strong but need to get back to playing a more

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SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Lady Indian Rylee Tiffany drives past a Platte Valley defender Feb. 3.

Red-and-black ladies close strong

by **Douglas Claussen**
Publisher & Editor

STRASBURG — Platte Valley managed to hang with the Lady Indians, trailing by 9 after three quarters, but Strasburg hit the throttle in the final 12 minutes to win 59-37 at home Feb. 3.

The Indians outscored the

Lady Broncos 21-8 in the fourth.

"This was a great game," Ames said. "We finally started playing more like we felt we should be playing all year."

"We had a good flow. I think we were able to run the floor a little bit better, we

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Bennett cagers go 4-0 last week against Frontier foes

Lady Tigers stingy defense continues in routs

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

After another pair of dominant victories against Frontier League opponents last week, the Bennett Lady Tigers remain well within the rankings for the 32-team state bracket for 4A girls hoops, but they remain on the outside of a regional host site.

A 57-12 home victory against Arvada Feb. 3 and a 52-30 road victory against Platte Canyon in Bailey two days later advanced the orange-and-black to 14-3 overall, 5-0 in conference play. The troops of Bennett head coach Mike Rios were ranked No. 13 in last weekend's Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index for postseason determination but the top 8 seeds host regional tournaments early next month.

ARVADA

For the third consecutive game, Bennett's defense held a conference opponent to single-digits over all four quarters.

After running out 14-2 over the first eight minutes, the hosts had a 32-6 advantage at halftime. At the end of three quarters, the Lady Tigers were up 41-8.

"Had a rough shooting night," Rios said, "but we picked up our play in other areas of the game. We're continuing to rely on defensive pressure and unselfish play."

While the victors shot only 30% from the field, including 6-of-20 from



ALYSSA STEMOM/For The Scout

Lady Tiger Emilee Venneberg puts up a layup for 2 of her 14 points against visiting Arvada Feb. 3.

behind the three-point line, they recorded 22 of their 41 rebounds on the offensive end, which helped lead to a whopping 70 total shot attempts. Bennett went 9-of-14 from the free-throw line.

"Really set the tone inside, especially on the boards," Rios said. "Pretty dominant with our girls up front."

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ALYSSA STEMOM/For The Scout

Tiger Austin Stiers shoots over the outstretched arm of an Arvada defender during Bennett's Feb. 3 home Frontier League victory.

Orange-clad boys get back to .500

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

While a pair of Frontier League victories last week pulled the Bennett Tigers to .500 overall, they are still on the outside looking in when it comes to 4A postseason prospects.

"Playing better and as hard as we can, but we are in the position of probably having to win out to give ourselves a chance to make the playoffs," said first-year Bennett head coach Andrew Thornton following his troops 83-52 home win over Arvada Feb. 3 and 59-48 road victory

at Platte Canyon Feb. 5. "Hoping by the end of the season to be close but, if we don't quite get there, we know the foundation is there for down the road."

The 9-9 Tigers remain at No. 40 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's 4A rankings for determining the 32-team bracket.

ARVADA

Tuesday night's home game saw the Tigers jump out fast — 22-5 over the opening eight minutes — and

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PHOTO BY SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Lady Indian McKenna Garcia, left, feeds a pass inside to a teammate, and Taryn LaForce takes some contact while going up for a bucket against Platte Valley.

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took care of the ball, and had some shots follow, which is always a good thing.”

The Indians won every quarter and hit 7-of-16 three-point attempts, led by senior Taryn LaForce with 18 points, 19 rebounds, and five blocked shots. Freshman McKenna Garcia scored 14 points and junior Addi Kent added 10. Junior Wynne Winter dished out eight assists and had five steals to lead in those departments.

“Our defense looked really good,” Ames added.

The Lady Indians also split road games, falling 58-51 to Highland Feb. 6 and whipping Platte Canyon 56-24 Feb. 7 for four wins in their last five

games and an 8-9 record overall. For coverage of last weekend, see the Feb. 13 *Eastern Colorado News*.

PLATTE VALLEY @ STRASBURG

Points (59): LaForce 18; Garcia 14; Kent 10; Winter 8; Tiffany 6; Blaise 3.

Rebounds (38): LaForce 19; Tiffany 8; Winter 5; Friedrich 3; Garcia 1; Kent 1; Blaise 1.

Assists (17): Winter 8; Kent 6; Rojahn 2; LaForce 1

Steals (13): Winter 5; Rojahn 4; Kent 2; LaForce 1; Cardenas 1.

Blocks (7): LaForce 5; Tiffany 2.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Platte Valley	11	6	12	8	37
Strasburg	17	8	13	21	59

COMING UP

Feb 14: @ Forge Christian.

Feb 17: Frontier Academy.

BB STRASBURG

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consistent full four quarters.”

Senior forward Nick Glatfelter paced the victors with a 21-point, 12-rebound double-double, while the backcourt combination of senior Cade Hemphill and junior Brody Hopwood added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Defensively, 20-plus Bronco turnovers included 16 Indian steals, led by junior Colton Holloway five. In addition to his three thefts, Glatfelter also had two blocked shots. The visitors were held about 10 points below their per-game scoring average for the season.

The victory advanced Strasburg to 14-1 overall, 7-1 in Patriot League play. The Indians are currently in second in the conference behind Yuma (15-1 overall, 6-0 in league) but the two schools played each other at Strasburg Feb. 10 with the likely league title on the line.

Leading up to Tuesday’s game against the Outlaws, Strasburg traveled to Ault to take on conference rival Highland Feb. 6 and went up to Bailey for a nonconference tilt with Platte Canyon Feb. 7. The results from the weekend were unavailable at

press time. For coverage, see the Feb. 13 *Eastern Colorado News*.

Strasburg remains No. 2 in the Colorado High School Activities Association’s Selection & Seeding Index for determining the 32-team postseason bracket, trailing only Colorado Springs-based Banning Lewis Academy, the only undefeated team left in 3A boys. One-loss Forge Christian is No. 3 and Yuma fourth.

PLATTE VALLEY @ STRASBURG

Points (73): Ayden Dodge 6; Jayden Miller 6; Brody Hopwood 11; Nick Glatfelter 21; Cade Hemphill 12; Cam Manahan 6; Colton Holloway 5; Gideon Milner 6.

Rebounds (33): Dodge 5; Miller 4; Hopwood 2; Glatfelter 12; Hemphill 1; Manahan 2; Holloway 5; Milner 1; Dalton Velasco 1.

Assists (21): Dodge 1; Miller 3; Hopwood 3; Glatfelter 3; Hemphill 2; Manahan 3; Holloway 3; Milner 3.

Steals (16): Dodge 1; Miller 2; Glatfelter 3; Hemphill 2; Manahan 3; Holloway 5.

Blocks (2): Glatfelter 2.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Platte Valley	11	10	12	13	46
Strasburg	15	14	18	26	73

COMING UP

Feb. 14: @ Forge Christian.

Feb. 17: @ Frontier Academy.



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Strasburg's Nick Glatfelter drops a pass off to a teammate near the bucket against Patriot League foe Platte Valley Feb. 3.

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The 2025-26 Colorado High School Wrestling season is quickly coming to a close with the state-qualifying regional meets set for this weekend and the Colorado State Wrestling Championships slated for Feb. 19-21 at Ball Arena in downtown Denver. All three Corridor wrestling programs will be spread across the metro area and Eastern Colorado for regional tournaments Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14. The Byers Bulldogs, above left, will have four competing in 2A Region 2 at Akron. For Bennett, above right, the boys team will compete in 3A Region 1 in Eaton, while the lone Lady Tiger will compete in Girls Class 4A Region 4 at Holy Family. Strasburg, below, will split their two squads with the Lady Indians also competing the 4A Girls Region 4 meet at Holy Family and the boys taking part in 3A Region Region 4 at Fort Lupton. The top four regional finishers in all weight classes qualify for the following weekend's state tournament. For updated regional schedules and results over the weekend, visit trackwrestling.com. For full coverage of who qualified for the state tournament, see the Feb. 18 edition of *The I-70 Scout*.



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GB BENNETT

FROM PAGE 11

The leading scoring duo of junior Emilee Venneberg and sophomore Josie Ladd again paced the hosts with 14 and 13 points, respectively, but senior Emma Jordan and sophomore Mattie Robledo both stepped up to chip in 10 apiece. Ladd led in rebounds with nine, four offensive, while Venneberg and sophomore Aileen Duran added eight apiece and Robledo had seven.

Defensively, the visiting Bulldogs committed more than 40 turnovers with Bennett recording 31 steals, led by Venneberg with six, Ladd five and four others with four apiece.

"The girls were really active with their feet and hands," Rios said.

Arvada @ Bennett

Points (57): Aileen Duran 7; Mattie Robledo 10; Mya Robledo 1; Emma Jordan 10; Madelyn Bavouset 2; Josie Ladd 13; Emilee Venneberg 14.

Rebounds (43): Duran 8; Ma. Robledo 7; My. Robledo 2; Jordan 4; Bavouset 5; Ladd 9; Venneberg 8.

Assists (15): Duran 3; Ma. Robledo 2; My. Robledo 3; Jordan 1; Ladd 2; Venneberg 4.

Steals (31): Duran 4; Ma. Robledo 4; Beatrix Burck 1; Kaylonnie McLaury 1; My. Robledo 3; Jordan 1; Ladd 2; Venneberg 4.

Blocks (3): Duran 1; Ma. Robledo 2.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Arvada	2	4	2	4	12
Bennett	14	18	9	16	57

@ PLATTE CANYON

Stingy defense was again the theme of Thursday's night road game as Bennett was only up 9-6 after the first quarter and extended the lead to 23-12 at halftime and 42-20 entering the final quarter. The Lady Tigers' streak of consecutive quarters holding teams to single digits was snapped at 15, but the outcome was never in doubt during a 10-10 final period.

"We still set the tone all night with our defense," Rios said, "forcing turnovers and getting up and down the court. Our pressure proved too much for them."



From left photo, Lady Tiger Mattie Robledo bounces a pass around an Arvada defender and Madelyn Bavouset gets ahead of a Bulldog on her way to the bucket.

Defensively, Bennett recorded 24 steals, led by Venneberg with eight and Ladd with seven.

For the second consecutive contest, the Lady Tigers recorded more offensive rebounds than defensive, 18-14, which led to 61 field goal attempts. Similar to the previous game, Rios troops' shots weren't falling often as they again shot 30% from the field, including 1-of-14 from behind the arc. Bennett went 15-of-24 at the free-throw line.

Ladd led the Tigers with a team-high 20 points and nine rebounds to go along with seven rebounds, while Venneberg followed with 11 points, and six rebounds to go with her team-high eight steals. Junior Madelyn Bavouset went 6-of-6 from the free-throw line for all her points.

"It was closer than previous games but still controlled the game from start to finish," Rios concluded. "Good all around play on both ends. A good team win."

The Lady Tigers hosted Peak to Peak in nonconference action Feb. 9. For coverage, see the Feb. 13 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

Bennett @ Platte Canyon

Points (52): Aileen Duran 4; Mattie Robledo 3; Mya Robledo 4; Emma Jordan 4; Madelyn Bavouset 6; Josie Ladd 20; Emilee Venneberg 11.

Rebounds (32): Duran 5; Ma. Robledo 3; My. Robledo 3; Jordan 3; Bavouset 3; Ladd 9; Venneberg 6.

Assists (9): Duran 2; Ma. Robledo 2; Bavouset 1; Ladd 1; Venneberg 3.

Steals (24): Duran 3; Ma. Robledo 1; My. Robledo 4; Bavouset 1; Ladd 7; Venneberg 8.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Bennett	9	14	19	10	52
Platte Canyon	6	6	8	10	30

COMING UP

- Feb. 14: Highland
- Feb. 17: @ Fort Lupton
- Feb. 26: St. Mary's Academy



PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEMPO/For The Scout



Tigers Juan Santoyo, left, and Alfredo Duran work around the bucket against the Arvada defense during Bennett's Frontier League victory Feb. 3.



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BB BENNETT

FROM PAGE 11

maintain the momentum throughout. Bennett was up 47-21 at halftime and won the final two quarters 21-19 and 15-12, respectively.

"An emphasis has been on us pushing to win all four quarters of a game and [Arvada] is the first game we did that," Thornton said. "Recently, starting to find ourselves in a position of finding consecutive buckets and not just trading shot-for-shot. Getting some stops and scoring on a more regular basis, so it's been some good progress."

The victors had their best shooting game of the season, going 35-of-64 (55%) from the field, including 30-of-49 (61%) from two-point range. Thornton's troops also went 8-of-9 at the free-throw line.

"As we continue to get more experience together and our newer kids get more playing time, you can see our comfortability level has increased a lot," Thornton said. "Finally building more confidence on offense."

The juniors Owen Hawes and Avant Dickens and senior Austin Stiers accounted for 60% of the Tigers' points with 18, 17 and 16, respectively. Dickens also concluded a double-double for the evening with 10 rebounds, including four on the offensive end of the court.

"We've made some adjustments offensively to take some of the responsibility off of Owen and that seems to be helping," Thornton said. "Avant is extremely athletic and gets a lot done driving and slashing to the basket. Once he sees the first one go in, he usually settles in."

A dozen Tigers saw playing time and all scratched the stats sheet in at least one category.

"Finally seeing a complete game, hopefully, that's a confidence builder across the board," Thornton said.

@ PLATTE CANYON

Thursday night at Bailey, the visitors had a 38-37 lead after three quarters and used a strong fourth quarter to secure a double-digit victory. Four three-pointers, including three from Stiers, helped Bennett win the final eight minutes 21-11.

"We'd get a decent lead and then would settle too much and lose our aggression, which would let them

back in the game," Thornton said of his squad's Jekyll-and-Hyde tendencies over the first half and into the third quarter. "We challenged the guys at halftime, the sentiment was don't quit and when they got tired to dig a little deeper. It looked like we found something a little extra left in the tank late in the game. Defensively, they had us height-wise, at least three the height of our tallest or taller, but we continued to stress boxing-out and high-pointing the ball, and we had three going after the ball when they only had one."

Stiers led the Tigers with 16 points, while Dickens and senior Juan Santoyo added 12 apiece. As a team, Bennett was 6-of-7 at the free-throw line.

Other stats were unavailable at press time.

After hosting Lake County Feb. 10, the Tigers step out of conference play and welcome Patriot League Highland and former Bennett head coach Wesley Burke on Valentine's Day. In his lone season with the orange-and-black, Burke and the Tigers went 18-7 in 2024-25 and reached the Round of 16 in the 4A playoffs where they lost to eventual state champion Kent Denver.

ARVADA @ BENNETT

Points (83): Austin Stiers 16; Carter Jarman 2; Avant Dickens 17; Juan Santoyo 9; Owen Hawes 18; Evan Garner 6; Daniel Rodriguez 4; Alfredo Duran 6; Brayden Schmalz 2; Salvador Corado 3.

Rebounds (47): Stiers 5; Jarman 5; Dickens 10; Santoyo 1; Hawes 4; Mac Froman 1; Rodriguez 7; Duran 6; Schmalz 2; Elias Pulido 2; Corado 3.

Assists (14): Stiers 2; Dickens 1; Santoyo 2; Hawes 4; Garner 1; Rodriguez 4.

Steals (12): Stiers 1; Dickens 4; Santoyo 1; Hawes 4; Rodriguez 1; Duran 1.

Blocks (3): Dickens 1; Rodriguez 1; Schmalz 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Arvada	5	16	19	12	52
Bennett	22	25	21	15	83

BENNETT @ PLATTE CANYON

Points (59): Stiers 16; Dickens 12; Santoyo 12; Hawes 5; Froman 2; Rodriguez 4; Duran 2; Schmalz 6.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Bennett	14	14	10	21	59
Platte Canyon	8	17	12	11	48

COMING UP

- Feb. 14: Highland
- Feb. 17: @ Fort Lupton
- Feb. 27: Prospect Ridge Academy

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Byers boys 'D'eclaw Panthers

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

FLAGLER — Byers rolled into Flagler Feb. 2 and rolled over the Panthers 69-38.

The full-court press was one of Byers' most effective tools.

"We wanted to get pressure on them with our presses. Obviously you got to score to get into the presses," said Byers head coach Jeremy Kerns. "The goal is to get real good offensive possessions. Just make sure we got good shot attempts that give us a basket and get us into our press."

Byers led 28-10, 52-20 and 63-36 after each of the first three quarters, forced the game into the 35-point mercy rule early in the second half, and sat its top eight players the rest of the way.

"And then we stopped pressing them and thought we tried to run some different things that we don't usually run," said Byers head coach Jeremy Kerns.

Those different things included an attempt at a 1-3-1 zone defense, which the Bulldogs had not practiced.

"[The Panthers] had a really good offensive set to go against it and got some good open looks and so we scrapped that idea," Kerns said. "You probably shouldn't run things in a

game that you haven't practiced, but when you're up 30 points?"

Junior James Maes got hot again, scoring Byers' first 15 points and converting four-of-five three-point attempts in the first quarter.

"The referee even looked at me at one point said that's the definition of a heat check shot," Kerns said.

Some attempts occurred off the defensive pressure, "but a bunch of them were just open threes or in some cases not even that open — he just was feeling it," Kerns added.

Kerns also estimated that his team recorded seven or eight steals in the first quarter — "just guys getting hands on the ball, getting deflections."

BYERS @ FLAGLER

Points (69): Maes 23; Eacret 10; C. Cichos 9; Linnebur 5; M. Cichos 2; Mohatt 12; Long 3; Ebert 4; Riemenschneider 2.

Rebounds (20): Mohatt 5; M. Cichos 4; Maes 2; Linnebur 2; Ebert 1; C. Cichos 1; Gerhardt 1; Cary 1; Curry 1; Papaianopol 1; Price 1.

Assists (16): Eacret 5; C. Cichos 2; Maes 2; Linnebur 2; Curry 2; M. Cichos 1; Long 1; Price 1.

Steals (11): Eacret 4; C. Cichos 2; Mohatt 2; Maes 1; Ebert 1; Price 1.

Blocks (2): C. Cichos 1; M. Cichos 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	28	24	11	6	69
Flagler	10	10	16	2	38

BYERS SCHEDULE

Feb. 13: @ Limon.
Feb. 17: Genoa-Hugo.
Feb. 21: Heritage Christian.

Lady Bulldogs hit rough patch

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

The Byers Lady Bulldogs entered their Jan. 28 makeup contest at top-ranked Simla 6-4 overall and No. 9 in the state playoff rankings for 2A girls basketball but, six games later, the green-and-white dropped to 7-9 and seeded 19th.

After falling to the Cubs 64-15, Byers outlasted Hi-Plains 42-41 at Arickaree Jan. 29. The green-and-white troops of head coach Chris Cary then gave up a pair on the road to Union Pacific League rivals — 37-33 at Burlington Jan. 31 and 48-29 at Flagler Feb. 2.

The Lady Bulldogs also lost 54-37 at Akron Feb. 6 before falling at home to 1A conference rival Stratton 58-41 the following day. For full coverage of last weekend's games, see the Feb. 13 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

"Have some silver lining moments and good quarters but just can't seem to get full games put together," Cary said of his squad's recent struggles. "Getting that Burlington game and stringing together two wins would have been huge but just couldn't close things in our favor."

HI-PLAINS @ ARICKAREE

While the Byers boys played Arickaree the Lady Bulldogs faced Hi-Plains as Arickaree is unable to field a girls squad because of lack of players.

Byers fought all the way back from a 25-18 halftime deficit at halftime and, with the score tied 41 with 16 seconds left, senior Abi Green was fouled and sank the second of two free throws to give the Lady Bulldogs the one-point victory.

"Abi has been big for us, working her butt off inside against a lot taller players," Cary said. "Her work paid off that night."

SIMLA, BURLINGTON AND FLAGLER

While Cary's troops never mustered an offensive threat at Simla, falling

behind 17-2 after the first quarter, they had leads against both Burlington and Flagler.

Against Burlington, the Bulldogs had a 33-28 lead with 2:10 left in the game, but the Cougars scored the final 9 points.

At Flagler, Byers was up 19-17 at half and only down 27-23 after three, but the hosts won the fourth 21-6.

"Bottom-line, it's just been hard for us to score," Cary said. "Really struggling with our shooting. Twenty percent from behind the three-point line isn't cutting it."

Byers @ Simla

Points (15): Maddlee Olsen 3; Danica Lancaster 4; Leyla Saylor 4; Sydney Smith 2; Karley Linnebur 2.

Rebounds (26): Olsen 5; Grace Shelley 1; Lancaster 9; Abi Green 2; Saylor 4; Smith 1; Cossette Kerns 2; Linnebur 1; Talya Eymann 1.

Assists (3): Lancaster 2; Eymann 1.

Steals (6): Olsen 1; Lancaster 2; Kaci Harris 1; Saylor 1; Kerns 1.

Block (4): Lancaster 1; Green 1; Linnebur 2.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	2	6	1	6	15
Simla	17	16	18	13	64

Hi-Plains vs Byers @ Arickaree

Points (42): Olsen 8; Shelley 2; Lancaster 9; Green 10; Saylor 10; Eymann 3.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Hi-Plains	15	10	11	5	41
Byers	11	7	17	7	42

Byers @ Burlington

Points (33): Maddlee Olsen 3; Danica Lancaster 4; Abi Green 11; Leyla Saylor 4; Sydney Smith 4; Talya Eymann 7.

Rebounds (26): Olsen 5; Lancaster 2; Green 3; Saylor 7; Smith 1; Cossette Kerns 2; Eymann 6.

Assists (7): Olsen 1; Lancaster 2; Saylor 1; Smith 2; Eymann 1.

Steals (6): Olsen 1; Lancaster 1; Saylor 1; Smith 2; Eymann 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	3	11	11	8	33
Burlington	7	10	7	13	37

Byers @ Flagler

Points (29): Kaci Harris 1; Abi Green 8; Leyla Saylor 11; Sydney Smith 2; Cossette Kerns 6; Talya Eymann 1.

Rebounds (26): Maddlee Olsen 6; Grace Shelley 1; Danica Lancaster 4 1; Harris 3; Tina Cichos 1; Green 2; Saylor 5; Smith 4; Kerns 1; Linnebur 1; Eymann 1.

Assists (3): Olsen 2; Eymann 1.

Steals (4): Lancaster 1; Saylor 1; Kerns 1; Eymann 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	9	10	4	6	29
Flagler	12	5	10	21	48

Corridor youth diamond registration open

STRASBURG — The start of the new year marked the beginning of signups for a variety of baseball and softball opportunities for I-70 Corridor Youth this summer.

Prospective players from Watkins through Deer Trail can all sign up using the online registration form on the strasburgparks.org website. Regular registration runs through March 1 with a late registration window available from March 2-22.

Particulars for all groups follow.

SOFTBALL

The Eastern Plains Pink Sox, for girls ages 6-18 as of Aug. 31, 2025, will start practices Monday, April 6, in Strasburg. Games are played May through June on weeknights and Saturdays in Strasburg and the Denver area — Castle Rock, Thornton, and Niwot.

An end of season (EOS) tournament for the top 4-6 teams in each division is scheduled June 26-28.

The five categories and their registration cost through March 1 are: 8U Coach Pitch (Ages 6-8) \$140;

10U Kid Pitch (Ages 9-10) \$165; 12U (Ages 11-12) \$190; 14U (Ages 13-14) \$200; 18U (Ages 14-18) \$210

Late Registration for the following three weeks range from \$190-\$260.

Softball registration includes a jersey and visor.

BASEBALL

Union Pacific League baseball, for kids ages 7-13, will play its games in Strasburg, Bennett, Byers, Deer Trail, and Wiggins.

End of season tournaments will be June 26-29.

Registration fees for the three divisions follow: 8U Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$140; 10U Kid Pitch (Ages 9-10) \$165; and 13U (Ages 11-13) \$190. After March 1, late registration will run from \$190 to \$240.

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20 YEARS AGO FEB. 14, 2006

The Front Range Airport Authority, during its Feb. 8 meeting, stated displeasure with a plan by Xcel Energy to build an electrical substation at the intersection of 48th Avenue and Imboden Road just southwest of the airport.

Commissioners also discussed the possibility of the airport hosting a large air show next year, heard an update on capital improvement projects, and were asked to look into possibly increasing security.

The commissioners are concerned the power facility will interfere with airplane telemetry and encroaches on airspace utilized by Front Range Airport tenants and out-of-area pilots.

Commission chairman Larry Pace asked airport director of aviation Dennis Heap if recent meetings with Xcel included negotiations about moving the substation to another location outside of Front Range's airspace. Heap indicated Xcel was not negotiating on the location because their decision was final.

"They just met with us to let us know what their plan of action was," Heap said.

He added that Xcel was asked about exploring a new site or going underground, but those questions have gone unanswered.

15 YEARS AGO FEB. 15, 2011

WATKINS — Front Range Airport showcased its Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting capabilities, facility and equipment at an open house Feb. 9.

A collaboration between the airport and Bennett Fire Protection District will result in fully operational ARFF on site by April 1.

Adams County Commissioner and Front Range Airport Authority Chairman Alice Nichol thanked those who attended the event for helping the airport celebrate the milestone.

"Especially thank you to the Bennett Fire Protection District board and fire department for combining resources with Front Range to bring a higher level of safety to the current and additional use of the airport, including large aircraft," Nichol said.

Having operational ARFF on site will further enable Front Range

to attract military and larger general aviation aircraft as part of the airport's business development plan.

The building was constructed in 1993 originally with ARFF in mind, but is currently used as a maintenance facility.

"To house the ARFF truck and personnel, we had to reconfigure the maintenance building where we had all the snow removal equipment, and we will eventually move all of that out and move it into a new storage building which will be called the snow removal equipment building," said Ken Lawson, Front Range assistant director of aviation.

10 YEARS AGO FEB. 16, 2016

STRASBURG — An I-70 Corridor food bank is operating out of a new, larger facility after almost four years in the works.

The Strasburg Community Food The Strasburg Community Food corner of the Strasburg Community Church parking lot, hosted its first distribution out of a new 1,440 square-foot building Jan. 22. The previous building, which was trailed from the site the same day the new building opened, was 700 square feet.

"It just helps to more adequately serve the growing needs out here," said church elder and food bank volunteer Mick Fields during a Jan. 29 interview with The I-70 Scout. "It was a very good feeling to hand (lead volunteer Evelyn Schroth) with the keys two weeks ago."

The expanded building has been in the works since early 2012 but delays with the Adams County building and code enforcement process kept pushing the structure's installation and opening back.

"It would have been four years next week," Fields said, referring to how long the project has been planned. "But we finally got what we have been working towards, so it's nothing but good things moving forwards."

According to Schroth, the food bank has serviced approximately 900 people per month recently.

"We're talking 321 families last month and that's including approximately 300 children," she said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2026. There are 323 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 11, 1990, South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison. (Mandela would be elected president of South Africa four years later.)

ALSO ON THIS DATE:

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize and negotiate with the United Auto Workers union.

In 1945, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agree-

ment, in which Stalin agreed to declare war against Imperial Japan following Nazi Germany's capitulation.

In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party, a prelude to her eventual rise to prime minister in 1979.

In 1990, in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history, underdog Buster Douglas knocked out the previously undefeated heavyweight

champion Mike Tyson at Japan's Tokyo Dome.

In 2011, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigned after days of pro-democracy protests, ending three decades of authoritarian rule.

In 2012, on the eve of the Grammy Awards, superstar singer Whitney Houston was found dead after she drowned in a hotel room bathtub in Beverly Hills, California; she was 48. The official coroner's report listed

heart disease and cocaine as contributing factors in her death.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Tina Louise is 92. Musician Sheryl Crow is 64. Actor Jennifer Aniston is 57. Actor Damian Lewis is 55. Surfer Kelly Slater is 54. Singer-actor Brandy is 47. Singer Kelly Rowland is 45. Actor Natalie Dormer is 44. Actor Taylor Lautner is 34. Singer-songwriter Khalid is 28.

— Associated Press

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HOROSCOPE

Impressionable Moments of a Venus Pisces

Some of your thoughts steer you from trouble, guide you toward goals and dreams, and encourage and inform your journey. Some of your thoughts are just garbage. They drift in through the environment and are not to be believed. To set the tone for this Venus journey through Pisces, be the master of your mind, not its servant. Decide what to think and then repeat those fortifying ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Every relationship has unique needs for closeness and space. You read the room so well and find just the distance the moment calls for. Your inspired approach will win you friends and fans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wishing someone would behave differently? Futile. Accepting the other person's behavior and building on it? Productive. Boss moves like this will be your norm on this productive day. Your star is on the rise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Short-term pleasures such as sugar, doomscrolling, novelty, shopping and validation hits and the like are designed to spike your delight and then leave you restless. Seek the slower burn you get from learning something new, using your creativity or physicality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Each small success builds confidence and reduces fear of failure. See each attempt as feedback, not a final verdict. That mindset makes action less intimidating. Remind yourself why you care about solving the problem. The "why" often outweighs fear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What are you dreading? Handle that first. Today, diving right into the dreaded order of business will turn out to be laughably easy, and it's all good moods and vibes from there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Adventure isn't only spectacle; it's a shift in perspective. Something routine can still open up a world to you because recent intellectual leaps have stirred your curiosity to new levels. Now there is something remarkable here to discover.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You already know coping skills that help your mindset. You

have insight, gratitude, rituals and regulation techniques. But right now, it's not about using your mind to feel better. You need structural changes that stop life from demanding more of you than it returns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything good around you was, at an earlier juncture, a complete problem for someone. Fate is the culmination of one solution after another. So don't worry about the difficulties of the day. Every last one is an opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't forget that senses come alive in your mind. It's a helpful idea when your environment gets too monotonous or downright oppressive. How you meet the environment is just as important as what's there to meet. Use humor and take poetic license.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel certain that what you're seeing on the surface of life contradicts what lies beneath. You're right about it. Depth is your natural terrain, and it calls you. A subtle question, silent observation or pause in judgment will uncover truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Teaching someone younger or older helps you understand how your generation fits — a vital link, bringing together the whole. You're not behind or ahead; you're in the middle, translating. What you give comes back to you in a sense of belonging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Being organized puts you in control and ready for anything. Life moves quickly these days and surprises abound. It's good when your keys, glasses and wallet are easy to find. You move with life instead of chasing it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). Welcome to your Year of Expertise, featuring deep learning, exciting sharing and better positioning to shine your light in the way that matters most to you. The accolades matter less than your ability to help others, but you'll be rewarded nonetheless. More highlights: a profitable decision, emotional intimacy that grows through trust, and home becoming a gathering place that reflects your style. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 6, 4, 38 and 47.

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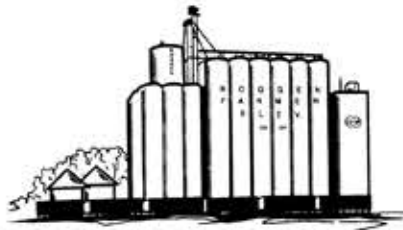
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All persons, companies or corporations that have furnished labor, materials or other supplies or services used by Contractor under and in connection with said contract and whose claims have not been paid by the Contractor shall file with the Owner a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such a claim on or before the date of final payment stated above. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such settlement will relieve the Owner from any or all liability for such claim.

Owner: Byers Water and Sanitation District

/s/ Kagen W. Kitzman
District Manager

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Happy Valentine's Day!

O.K., O.K. so I'll be your pal.

I'll jump through hoops...er, hearts, if you'll be my Valentine!

"Read" the picture and letter clues to fill in my puzzle. Use the sounds of the pictures to help. What is my secret message to you?

M + _____

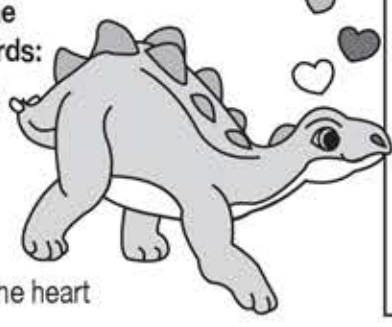
B + M + _____

Hearty Puzzle!

- sweetheart
- central land area
- full of sorrow
- floor of fireplace
- deeply felt; sincere

Read the clues to fill in the crossword with "hearty" words:

- body's most important muscle; pumps blood
- has no feelings; cruel
- cheering
- strong; in good health
- a single pumping of the heart



The heart is the organ that pumps blood throughout the body. It is so important to our lives that we use the word "heart" to talk about feelings or warmth.

By snail mail, email or video chat get your Valentine message to friends or family.

It'll bug us if you won't be our Valentine.

Have a big heart!

Hearty Fun Fact
Did you know that: Blue whales have the largest hearts of any living things on Earth. Some hearts could weigh up to 400 pounds!

Parties, poems, cards, flowers, candy and kind words are all part of this fun day. It is a day to share feelings of friendship or love. It is a day named for a person who was very kind to others.

SAINT

Fit the words below into the puzzle to see the name of the person this fun day was named after!

- HEARTS PINK CANDY FLOWERS
RED CUPID PARTY LOVE POEM

Through Wind, Snow or Rain!

Mr. Turtle is the mail carrier in his neighborhood. He delivers the mail through all kinds of weather!



Can you fill the blanks with letters that match the code? Then you will know what some cards say!

Slow and steady I deliver cards and Valentines. Some have funny poems. Some have just a line:

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A Sweetheart of a Flower!

This is a very popular flower. Its scent is used in soaps and perfumes. It comes in many colors: yellow, white, pink and red. Gardeners grow this flower and enter it into contests. It is a symbol of friendship and love.



Finish the dot-to-dot puzzle to see this flower. Next, unscramble the letters to spell its name.

O S R E

CHUCK WAGON



Slow Cooker Chili Mac

by **Brittany Mullins**
Voracious

When a friend mentioned that she serves chili over noodles, I was intrigued. We always serve our chili straight up with cornbread or tortilla chips on the side, but I had to try this new way, and the results were what inspired this chili mac from my cookbook "Mostly Veggies."

Is it chili? Is it mac and cheese? It's the best of both and is surprisingly healthy and packed with veggies!

It's so convenient to throw ingredients in the slow cooker in the morning and have a delicious, healthy meal ready to eat at the end of the day. You are more than welcome to cook dried beans from scratch, but that usually involves soaking and long cook times. For that reason, I'm a big fan of using canned beans for easy meals.

SLOW COOKER CHILI MAC
Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red or orange bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15-ounce) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed

- 1 cup frozen sweet corn kernels
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (8-ounce) box chickpea elbow pasta noodles
- 1+ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- sliced green onions, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Add the onion, garlic, bell pepper, beans, corn, tomatoes with juices, broth, and seasonings to a slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 6-8 hours.

2. Add the pasta, cover and continue cooking on low for 20 minutes, until the pasta is cooked through. Add the cheese and stir to combine.

3. Serve immediately. Evenly divide the chili mac into six bowls, top with more cheese and green onions.

Or you can evenly divide the chili mac into six meal prep containers. Store in refrigerator for up to five days or in freezer for up to three months. To serve, reheat it in a saucepan over medium heat until warm throughout, 5-10 minutes, or in the microwave for 1-2 minutes. Serve topped with more cheese and green onions.

LUNCH MENUS

BYERS

Thursday, Feb 12: Chicken alfredo, bread sticks, green beans.
Feb 13 and Feb. 16: No school.
Tuesday, Feb 17: Cheeseburger, fries.
Wednesday, Feb 18: Chicken soft tacos, Spanish rice, baby carrots with ranch.

DEER TRAIL

Thursday, Feb 12: Spaghetti with meat, salad, pears, breadsticks.
Monday, Feb 16: No School
Tuesday, Feb 17: Burrito with green chili, corn, mixed fruit.
Wednesday, Feb 18: Barbecue pork sandwich, green beans, apples.

STRASBURG

Thursday, Feb 12: Burritos, fire roasted corn.
Friday, Feb 13: Heart chicken nuggets, sweet potato, Tater Tots.
Tuesday, Feb 17: Pizza, salad.
Wednesday, Feb 18: No lunch.

AGATE

Thursday, Feb 12: Corn dog, fries.
Monday, Feb 16: No school.
Tuesday, Feb 17: Orange chicken, rice.
Wednesday, Feb 18: Cheesy ravioli.

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BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J

Happy School Counselor Appreciation Week!

Happy School Counselor Appreciation Week to two of the very best, Ms. Hudson and Ms. Alvarez. Every day they juggle packed schedules, constant student needs, and the unexpected, yet they always make time to be the steady, safe place students can turn when life feels overwhelming. From listening without judgment, to offering guidance and encouragement, to helping students map out their future, whether that is college, trade school, the military, or the workforce, they show up with heart every single day.

Our students are seen, heard, and supported because of you. Thank you for the compassion, patience and dedication you bring to Bennett High School. We appreciate you more than words can say.



🎉 Happy School Counselor Week! 🎉
Bennett Middle School is proud to celebrate our amazing School Counselor, Ms. Angie Rivera! 🌟 She is a constant source of support for our students and an incredible teammate to our staff! 🙌 Whether she's working with students 📚 or supporting colleagues in and out of the classroom, Ms. Rivera is always there when she's needed. We are so lucky 🍀 to have such an amazing person on the Bennett Middle School Team! 🙌🙌🙌



Happy School Counselor Week!
This week, we celebrate Heather Upton, an amazing school counselor who goes above and beyond every single day for our students and staff at both Bennett Elementary and Bennett Intermediate Schools. Her dedication, compassion, and steady presence make a lasting difference in our school. She is always willing to listen, offer encouragement, and provide support—meeting every situation with care, empathy, and a genuine love for the people she serves. Serving two buildings is no small task, yet she does it with grace and an unwavering commitment to helping others succeed. We are incredibly grateful for all that she does and for the positive impact she continues to have on our school communities.

Mrs. Upton – Thank you for your heart, your dedication, and all the ways you show up for BES and every day! We are forever grateful for all that you do!!



FOR MORE INFO: BSD29J.COM

EVENT CALENDAR

February 2026

- **2/10**
- BMS Girls Bball @ Ft. Morgan - 4:30/5:30/6:30 PM C,B, A
- BHS Basketball Vs. Lake County - 4:30 PM (BHS Big Gym)
 - **2/11**
- Bennett Board of Education Work Session - 5 PM - 6:30 PM (BHS Library)
- PTSA Meeting - 5 PM-6 PM (Bennett Elementary Library)
- Bennett Board of Education Regular Meeting
6:30 PM – 8 PM (BHS Library)
 - **2/12**
- BIS Valentine Celebration - 8 AM – 9 AM
- BES Valentine Celebration - 2 PM – 3 PM
 - **2/13**
- BHS Men's Regional Wrestling Tournament - 11 AM (Eaton High School 1661 Collins St, Eaton, CO 80615)
- BHS Women's Regional Wrestling Tournament - 11 AM (Holy Family High School 5195 W 144th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80023)
 - **2/14**
- BHS Men's Regional Wrestling Tournament - 8 AM (Eaton High School 1661 Collins St, Eaton, CO 80615)
- BHS Women's Regional Wrestling Tournament - 8 AM (Holy Family High School 5195 W 144th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80023)
- Bennett High School Basketball Vs. Highland - 11:30 AM (BHS Big Gym)
 - **2/16**
- BMS Wrestling @ Limon
- BMS Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - **2/17**
- HS Basketball @ Ft. Lupton - 4:30 PM (Ft. Lupton High School 530 Reynolds St, Fort Lupton, CO 80621)
 - **2/18**
- 4th Grade Field Trip - (Colorado History Museum)
- BMS Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- BHS FAFSA Night - 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM (BHS Career Center)
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- **2/19**
- Men's and Women's State Wrestling Tournament - 10 AM (Ball Arena 1000 Chopper Cir, Denver, CO 80204)
- Tiger Tones Musical - 7 PM – 9 PM (Bennett High School Auditorium)
 - **2/20**
- Men's and Women's State Wrestling Tournament - 9 AM (Ball Arena 1000 Chopper Cir, Denver, CO 80204)
- Tiger Tones Musical - 4 PM – 6 PM (Bennett High School Auditorium)
- Tiger Tones Musical - 7 PM – 9 PM (Bennett High School Auditorium)
 - **2/21**
- Men's and Women's State Wrestling Tournament - 9 AM (Ball Arena 1000 Chopper Cir, Denver, CO 80204)
 - **2/23**
- BMS Girls Bball @ Gilpin - 4:15/5:00/6:00 PM - C,B,A
- BMS Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - **2/24**
- 100's Day! - (BES)
- BMS Wrestling @ Eads
 - **2/25**
- BES Parent Teacher Conferences
- BHS ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test for Juniors and Seniors - 1 PM – 3 PM (BHS Career Center)
- BIS Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 8 PM
- BMS Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - **2/26**
- BES Parent Teacher Conferences
- BHS Adams County Apprenticeship Fair for Juniors and Seniors
- BMS Wrestling @ Fowler
- BIS Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 PM – 8 PM