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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

## Bennett Schools say BB gun was no threat

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**BENNETT** — A three-day delay between Bennett School officials finding out about a BB gun brought into one of its buildings and public disclosure of the incident has some parents scrutinizing district safety and communications policies.

According to a Feb. 19 letter to parents from Bennett Intermediate School Principal Terry Ray, a fourth-grader brought a BB gun to school in his backpack three days prior.

“Although many students were aware of the item throughout the day, it was not reported to school administration until 3:51 p.m. [Monday],” Ray’s letter said. “It is important to note that had this in-

formation been reported earlier in the day, school staff and administration would have immediately removed the backpack and the student from the classroom.

“At no time was there an ongoing threat to students or staff.”

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The Tiger Tones of Bennett Intermediate School performed their version of “Finding Nemo KIDS ... The Musical” three times Feb. 19-20 at the high school auditorium. Above, Dory, played by Reagan Nye gets caught under a fishing net in her effort to track down the title character, who left his home in the Great Barrier Reef to explore the outside world. **SEE PAGE 21.**

## Quick moving snow squall snarls I-70 Corridor traffic

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

While any moisture is good moisture this unseasonable fall and winter season, last Friday afternoon’s brief snow squall wreaked havoc on travelers going through the I-70 Corridor as law enforcement and emergency responders were busy more than a handful of non-fatal crashes in the area.

The Colorado State Patrol reported having officers dispatched to at least five crash scenes between 5-10 p.m. Feb. 20 with a wide range of damages and injuries reported.

Starting at 5:02 p.m., troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash on eastbound I-70 near mile marker 293 about a mile east of the Watkins interchange.

“Involved a Ford Mustang and a Toyota Corolla,” a Colorado State Patrol spokeswoman said. “The driver of the Toyota was transported to the hospital.”

The extent of the injuries were uncertain at press time.

The 19-year-old female driver of the other vehicle was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.

The extent of injury was unknown at press time.

About 15 minutes later, troopers and the Deer Trail Fire Rescue personnel was dispatched near the town’s I-70 interchange on a single-vehicle.

Dispatch chatter indicated the car slid into a guard rail but that the 45-year-old male driver of a Nissan Xterra was uninjured and self-extricated himself.

“Cited for careless driving,” the State Patrol stated.

Another hour later, about 6:15 p.m., a Toyota Sequoia reportedly rolled over on westbound I-70 between Lady Bird Hill and Strasburg, but no reports of injury were received. Whether charges were being filed was unknown at press time.

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## East Adams, Arapahoe Co. state senator vacates seat

by **Sara Wilson**  
Colorado Newsline

Local Democratic Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, D-Commerce City, announced Feb. 10 that she will step down from the Colorado Senate.

“I always aspire to serve with joy, humility, and guided by the will of my constituents,” Michaelson Jenet said in a statement. “I am so thankful to the people of Senate District 21 for their trust, to my colleagues in the House and Senate for their partnership on legislation both big and small, and to my family for their perseverance and grace at every step of this journey.”

Michaelson Jenet represents Senate District 21, which includes all of eastern Arapahoe and Adams County. She is the Senate president pro tempore, meaning she fills in for Senate

President James Coleman when needed.

She was first appointed to the Senate in 2023 to replace Dominick Moreno and then won reelection in 2024. She was first elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2016.

During her tenure, Michaelson Jenet sponsored legislation to create the state’s I Matter program, which offers six free counseling sessions for Colorado children. She also ran the bill to set up Colorado’s free school breakfast and lunch program. She was one of the few Jewish lawmakers at the Legislature.



Michaelson Jenet

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

During this past weekend’s Colorado State Wrestling Championships at Ball Arena in Denver, Strasburg was represented by more than its nine qualifiers — above, Strasburg senior Emmory Owens, who is also a cheerleader, performed the National Anthem before the start of Friday morning’s action. With the help of Strasburg Athletic Director Rick Jacoby, Owens submitted an audition recording to the Colorado High School Activities Association, which selected the handful of Star Spangled Banner singers for the three-day event. For coverage of Thursday’s first two rounds of the state tournament, **SEE PAGE 11.**

## COMMUNITY CORRAL

## CALENDAR

**Bennett Town Hall locale of Feb. 27 Passport Fair**

BENNETT — The Town of Bennett will host a Passport Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, at Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way.

No appointment is necessary for this walk-in event.

Applicants, including children and infants, must apply in person. For minors under age 16, both parents are generally required to be present at the time of application. On-site passport photo services will be available.

Photo and Town of Bennett acceptance fees can be paid by card, cash or check. Passport application fees must be paid — without exception — by personal check, money order or cashier's check.

Applicants submitting a DS-11 form should visit the passports page at [www.bennettco.gov](http://www.bennettco.gov) prior to the fair.

If eligibility requirements are met, passports can be renewed at [travel.state.gov/renew](http://travel.state.gov/renew).

**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, 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.

**Indian students plan plunge into freezing Denver waters**

STRASBURG — Strasburg Tribe 26 is seeking donations for its participa-

**Rejuvenation key to new AdCo resolution**

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners Feb. 10 took the first step in establishing a County Revitalization Authority.

The resolution declares the board's initial finding that such an authority is needed, and it directs staff to prepare the required public hearing and notifications under state law.

"Creating a County Revitalization Authority is about investing in our people, our neighborhoods, and our future," said Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica. "This effort will spark economic growth, attract new opportunities, and ensure revitalization is driven by the community. It's about renewing pride in who we are and where we're headed."

tion in the Denver Polar Plunge & 5K from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday, March 1, at Washington Park in Denver.

Supporters can plunge, run or donate to support Special Olympics Colorado, which serves over 28,000 athletes across the state, promoting inclusion and empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Attendees should enter the park at Franklin Street and Mississippi Avenue.

The event is organized by the Special Olympics Colorado Law Enforcement Torch Run. For more information, call (720)359-3132, e-mail to [letcco@specialolympicsco.org](mailto:letcco@specialolympicsco.org), or visit the Forever Indians page on Facebook.

**Summer T-ball registration begins at 'Burg Rec District**

STRASBURG — Deadlines to register children ages 4-6 for summer T-ball are fast approaching.

Practices begin the week of April 20 and league games will be played most Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks from Tuesday, May 19, through Thursday, June 25.

Cost is \$85 with the soft deadline ending on Sunday, March 15, and the final deadline on Sunday, March 29.

Registration includes a jersey, hat, and end of season award. Age thresholds are based on April 30, 2026.

The County Revitalization Law, effective Aug. 7, 2024, created a process for establishing CRAs — a corporate body that can leverage Tax Increment Funding and private financing — to address underutilized or deteriorating areas within counties that need strategic economic investment.

"Adams County is committed to reinvesting in areas that have had obstacles to redevelopment in the past," said Jenni Hall with Community & Economic Development. "The CRA is another tool for us to foster revitalization, economic growth, and community investment in those targeted areas."

For additional information, visit [adamscountyco.gov/ced](http://adamscountyco.gov/ced).

For more information, visit [strasburgparks.org](http://strasburgparks.org) or call (303)622-4260.

**Animal shapes on the horizon for kids' watercolors session**

STRASBURG — A creative art class for students in kindergarten through the eighth grade is planned by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

Participants will work on animal silhouette watercolors.

Grades K-3 will paint from 10-10:45 a.m. while fourth- through eighth-graders will follow from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday, March 9, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

The cost is \$10 per player. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 5.

**Bennett Middle School site of AdCo Republican Caucus**

BENNETT — All registered Republican voters in Bennett and surrounding areas can attend the Adams County Republican Caucus.

Check-in time is 6:30 p.m. for the grassroots portion of the election process. The caucus will follow from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, at the Bennett Middle School cafeteria.

For more information, call Sheila Wadsworth at (303)908-6318.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 26**

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

**FFA Roshambo** ("rock, paper, scissors) assembly & **Farmhand Olympics.** Deer Trail School. No time yet.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 27**

Strasburg Singers presents "**Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.**" 7 p.m., Bennett High School auditorium.

**Masquerade Dance.** 9-11 p.m., Deer Trail School auditorium.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28**

Strasburg Singers presents "**Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.**" 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Bennett High School auditorium.

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**Byers Park & Recreation District Board.** 7 p.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Music & Movement:** Ages 2-6 can sing, dance and learn to play musical instruments. 10-10:30 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.

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

**Mid-Week Service & Study** with worship and Communion. All ages welcome. 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Livin,' call (303)622-4648 to RSVP.

**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 Recreation 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](http://arapahoelibraries.com). Click on "virtual events."

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## 'Burg Elementary group to perform 'Willy Wonka'

The Strasburg Elementary Singers will perform "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR." Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28 at the Bennett High School auditorium.

Cast B will showcase their acting skills at 7 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, while Cast A will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday.

This year's annual winter performance is the musical stage adaptation of the 1964 Roald Dahl children's classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door or in the Strasburg Elementary office.

# Church Directory

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Hemphill Middle School choir and drama students performed a collection of songs, skits and poetry, including original creations, during their Feb. 12 tribute to Valentine's Day in the school library. Clockwise from top left, Olivia Torres sings a solo during "Cups;" Kaleb Lefler preps to keep the stage lit with a spotlight; Lucille Garrett belts out "When He Sees Me;" and Julie Cardenas states her love for one of her daily helpers in "Ode to a Hair Tie."

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Fifteen members of Strasburg High School's FBLA chapter competed in their District V competition earlier this month at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Pictured, from left, are Ravette Lee, 3rd in Visual Design; Brielle Barnes, 1st in Intro to Public Speaking; Kristin Croft, 3rd in Business Communication; Sidnee Bomnskie, 1st in Customer Service; Katie Larsen, 2nd in Accounting; Megan Lay, and Leila Chistopherson, 4th in Hospitality & Event Management; Will Hauser, 2nd in Cybersecurity and 2nd in Computer Problem Solving; Tyler Allyn, 4th in Public Speaking; Max Dobransky, 1st in Computer Applications and 2nd in Job Interview; Noah Dobransky, Flynn Brundage and Zed Craig, 3rd in Computer Games Simulation; Parker Schuck, 3rd in Graphic Design; and Wynne Winter, 3rd in Public Administration. The FBLA chapter is advised by teacher Kim Harris. The State FBLA Conference is slated April 2-4 at Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Four Deer Trail High School students competed in the District V FBLA competition Feb. 5 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Pictured, from left, are Sebastian Sanchez-Neal, 17th in Real Estate and 11th in Public Speaking; Chauncy Gudenkauf, 9th in Public Speaking and 11th in Agribusiness; business teacher Krista Rector; Alex Samate, 3rd in Job Interview and 17th in Personal Finance; and Ayden Martinez, 8th in Sales Presentation and 8th in Securities & Investments. Samate qualified for the State FBLA competition in early April.

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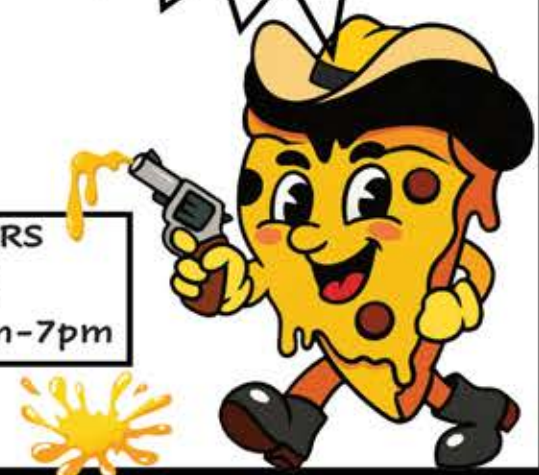
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**Flag Sojourn 250 honors U.S. legacy**

DENVER — The County Sheriffs of Colorado, representing all 64 sheriff's offices across Colorado, hosted the Flag Sojourn 250 at the Colorado State Capitol Jan. 12.

The National Sheriff's Association has assisted all sheriffs nationwide in taking the ceremonial event on a cross-country journey to commemorate 250th anniversary of the United States.

The Flag Sojourn 250 is a traveling tribute designed to unite communities in remembrance and reflection, honoring the nation's founding ideals, the sacrifices made to preserve freedom, and the enduring spirit of service that defines America. The Denver event included law enforcement, community members, and public officials in a solemn and patriotic observance at the seat of Colorado's government.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown, president of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, served as the presiding officer for the event.

"As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we remember the principles that unite us as Americans — service, sacrifice and dedication to some-



PHOTO COURTESY ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown presents the folded American flag during a helicopter ride to the Colorado State Capitol for a Flag Sojourn 250 ceremony Jan. 12.

thing greater than ourselves," Brown said.

The ceremonial program included a Call to Attention for all attendees, opening remarks by the presiding officer, and the entry and presentation of the flag detail. Participants joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, observed a moment of silence, and heard brief remarks honoring the occasion.

The ceremony concluded with the folding of the American flag, followed by a formal send-off and closing.

**SEN. RESIGNATION**

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"I have also been a proud representative and leader within Colorado's Jewish community, using my position to share and celebrate our identity, history, and faith," she said.

She plans to work as the director of the David and Laura Merage Foundation for Confronting Antisemitism, a local organization founded in 2024. A job posting lists the salary at \$150,000 to \$175,000.

"Dafna has been an incredible leader for the Coloradans she represents, both in the State House and State Senate, and has championed the issues that matter most to her con-

stituents," said Gov. Jared Polis in a statement. "From leading the way on mental health — especially for youth — through the creation of iMatter, school-based mental health screenings, inpatient and residential behavioral health services, and more, to her advocacy for comprehensive reproductive health care and support for healthy school meals for Colorado's students to her leadership on education and work against antisemitism."

Democrats in Senate District 21 will pick a replacement for the seat through the vacancy committee process.



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## Concerns for rural hospital funding expressed

Dear Editor:

There has been a great deal of discussion across Colorado regarding the Rural Hospital Transformation Program (RHTP) and what it could mean for rural communities. As CEO of Lincoln Health, I feel it is essential to provide clarity about both the opportunity and the concerns surrounding the state's recent actions.

Congress created the RHTP as a \$50 billion national fund intended to strengthen rural health care over the next five years. Colorado had to apply or risk forfeiting its share entirely. It was announced the state was awarded a little over \$200 million per year for the next five years — funding meant to support rural care statewide. There is no guarantee that any specific hospital, including in Eastern Colorado, will receive funding directly.

Our concern is not with the federal program. While we are grateful for the work done by the governor's office and by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF), we remain concerned about how the state proposes to manage the grant money.

HCPF's current proposal is to limit the number of representatives from Colorado's rural hospitals to four representatives on a 25-person committee. The recommendation suggests that six state employees from HCPF, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, and the Division of Insurance should be voting members of the committee. Additionally, HCPF suggests two representatives from insurance companies and up to five representatives from consumer groups, with the caveat that at least three must represent rural communities. We respectfully urge the governor's office and HCPF to ensure that true rural representatives are making decisions on this money. To do otherwise would be similar to assembling a committee to address inner-city issues and reserving the majority of seats for rural representatives.

The issue goes beyond committee composition. HCPF has indicated it intends to take \$30 million in "administrative costs" from the RHTP — funding Congress intended to support rural care. Distributed evenly, that money could mean more than \$750,000 per rural hospital — dollars that could stabilize services, support staff members, and keep local care available. Our fundamental concern, shared widely across rural Colorado, is that decisions affecting rural communities will once again be shaped by individuals far removed from the realities of distance, weather, transportation barriers, and the fragility of rural health infrastructure.

The path forward is simple:

- rural hospitals must have appropriate representation on the Advisory Committee;
- funding intended for rural communities must not be diverted for administrative overhead; and
- decisions about rural health care must reflect the lived realities of rural Colorado.

Lincoln Health's mission has always been to keep high-quality care close to home. We stand ready to work collaboratively with state leadership to ensure that the RHTP fulfills its purpose and strengthens — not jeopardizes — the future of health care across rural Eastern Colorado.

— Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Health, Hugo

## Permitting reform would help meet energy needs

Dear Editor:

We've read about the rapid growth of data centers supporting artificial intelligence and requiring vast amounts of electricity, which strain electrical grids and increase our bills. We need to add more supply to the grid and, to fight climate change, those sources should be clean energy — primarily solar and wind power. Unfortunately, the permitting process for such projects is slowed by cumbersome requirements, inter-agency coordination issues, and litigation risks.

The vast majority of proposed energy projects will provide clean energy because they're cheaper. In 2025 nearly 90% of newly-developed energy projects were solar or wind. We need to build clean energy projects more quickly for our health and to reduce blackouts, make energy more affordable, and help stop climate change.

E-mail your senators and representative in Congress or call them at (202)224-3121 to support permitting reform that protects the public and the environment.

— Gary Jump, volunteer, Citizens' Climate Lobby

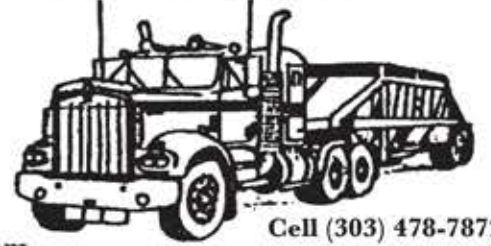
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**BB GUN**

**FROM PAGE 1**

Ray continued that, per district policy, the student's parents were immediately contacted and, after follow-up meetings with the parents and proper authorities, appropriate measures were taken. "The student has been held accountable according to district policy," Ray's letter said, but what discipline, if any, was levied was not disclosed. "Due process was followed for all students involved. The school remains a safe and secure learning environment, and established safety protocols were followed carefully and thoughtfully."

lease was significant with many parents up in arms that they weren't notified of the situation much earlier and that the announcement wasn't campus-wide.

"Why just the intermediate school?" one concerned mother told *The I-70 Scout*. "What about the families that have multiple students in other grades in other buildings? Doesn't make much sense."

Ray's letter added that, "Communication was not conducted during the investigation process to avoid compromising the investigation. Administration aims to balance timely communication with responsible,

fact-based updates."

Bennett Superintendent Robin Purdy added that, "Parents of students directly affected were notified and then, once the situation was investigated and it was clear there was a BB gun brought to school, the rest of the school's families were notified."

An Arapahoe County Sheriff's spokeswoman confirmed that the agency participated in the investigation.

In addition to deputy John Bartmann, a crime prevention specialist based out of the town of Bennett's Public Safety Office, Byers and Deer Trail School Resource Officer Drew

Matthews participated in the investigation.

Specifics of the sheriff's involvement in the matter were not available at press time.

Ray's letter asked parents to urge their students to be willing reporters.

"Families are encouraged to reinforce the importance of speaking up with their children," the letter concluded. "Students who report safety issues or take appropriate action to protect the school environment will be recognized for doing the right thing. Reporting a concern is not about getting someone in trouble — it is about keeping everyone safe."

**LOCAL CRASHES**

**FROM PAGE 1**

After about a 3½-hour reprieve, emergency dispatch again sent responders near Deer Trail on another single-vehicle crash.

"A Chevrolet Silverado on westbound I-70 at milepost 332," the State Patrol said. "There were no reports of injury. The 48-year-old female driver was cited for careless driving."

Icy conditions continued to be reported about an hour later further east with a couple of crashes closing down portions of Highway 40 in Elbert and Lincoln counties.

"Around 10:19 pm, we responded to a motorist assist involving a semi hauling a trailer on Highway 40 at milepost 417. It was reported that the semi slid into a ditch," the State Patrol report said. "The Colorado Department of Transportation closed the highway from Kit Carson to Limon in both directions around 11:01 p.m."

The 37-year-old male semi driver was again cited for careless driving.

The scene was reportedly cleared about 12:45 a.m. Saturday.

The State Patrol said last weekend serves as a strong reminder that winter is still not over and that treacherous driving conditions can still occur over the next few months.

According to CSP stats, troopers responded to 11,745 crashes statewide between November 2024 and March 2025. The agency added that more than 23,500 road-condition-related crashes occurred between 2021 and 2024 with more than 47% occurring between December and February and another 24% March through May.

"As anticipated, icy conditions were the most challenging road conditions, resulting in the high-



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Little is known about what led to this red Volvo being damaged and abandoned along the eastbound side of Highway 36/40 about two miles east of the I-70 overpass between Strasburg and Byers the morning of Feb. 22.

est number of crashes, followed by wet roads and then snow," a State Patrol statement said. "Road conditions can impact factors such as reduced traction, increased stopping distances, and challenges with control, including abrupt movements (steering, braking, and acceleration). Reducing speed and maintaining a greater distance between vehicles can allow the driver more time to avoid a crash."

Last weekend's storm east of the metro area lent credibility to the State Patrol's assertion that little snow or other precipitation is necessary to exacerbate winter driving threats. Friday's local snowfall accumulation mostly hovered around an inch with a few reports of up to 1.5 inches in western parts of the Corridor, particularly near Watkins.

**OTHER WEEKEND CRASHES**

The rest of the weekend saw law enforcement and emergency responders sent to at least two other crash scenes, but whether they were weather-related is unlikely.

Between 1:30-1:45 p.m. Saturday, troopers were dispatched to Monaghan Road and East Eighth Avenue where they found a pair of damaged vehicles.

"A Chevy Blazer was traveling westbound on Eighth Avenue, lost control and struck a parked Hyundai Kona," the State Patrol said. "The Blazer rolled onto its driver side."

The 30-year old male driver of the Blazer was transported to a hospital with undisclosed injuries. State Patrol said the driver was charged with careless driving.

Sunday morning, members of the Byers Fire Rescue reported a damaged red Volvo, including busted out back windows and significant roof damage, sitting perpendicular with the east side of Highway 36/40 about two miles east of the I-70 overpass.

"We've got nothing on the red Volvo [except] that Byers Fire drove by and saw the car in the ditch with no plates on it," an Arapahoe County Sheriff's spokeswoman said. "We advised State Patrol."

The CSP spokesperson reported nothing on file for the abandoned vehicle.

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# DNA: Did extinct hominin help primeval peoples endure Americas?

by Daniel Strain  
CU Boulder Today

Thousands of years ago, ancient humans undertook a treacherous journey, crossing hundreds of miles of ice over the Bering Strait to the unknown world of the Americas.

Now, a new study led by the University of Colorado at Boulder suggests that these nomads carried something surprising with them — a chunk of DNA inherited from a now-extinct species of hominin, which may have helped humans adapt to the challenges of their new home.

The researchers published their results in the journal *Science* in August. “In terms of evolution, this is an incredible leap,” said Fernando Villanea, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at CU Boulder. “It shows an amount of adaptation and resilience within a population that is simply amazing.”

The research takes a new look at a species known as Denisovans. These ancient relatives of humans lived from what is today Russia south to Oceania and west to the Tibetan Plateau. The Denisovans likely went extinct tens of thousands of years ago. Their existence, however, remains poorly understood: Scientists identified the first known Denisovan just 15 years ago from the DNA in a fragment of bone found in a cave in Russia. Like Neanderthals, Denisovans may have had prominent brows and lack chins.

“We know more about their genomes and how their body chemistry behaves than we do about what they looked like,” Villanea said.

A growing body of research has shown that Denisovans interbred with both Neanderthals and humans, profoundly shaping the biology of people living today.

To explore those connections, Villa-

nea and his colleagues including co-lead author David Peede from Brown University, examined the genomes of humans from across the globe.

In particular, the team set its sights on a gene called MUC19, which plays an important role in the immune system.

The group discovered that humans with indigenous American ancestry are more likely than other populations to carry a variant of this gene that came from Denisovans. In other words, this ancient genetic heritage may have helped humans survive in the completely new ecosystems of North and South America.

### A LITTLE-KNOWN GENE

Villanea added that MUC19’s function in the human body is about as mysterious as Denisovans themselves. One of 22 genes in mammals that produce mucins, MUC19 proteins make mucus, which, among other functions, can protect tissues from pathogens.

“It seems like MUC19 has a lot of functional consequences for health, but we’re only starting to understand these genes,” he said.

Previous research has shown that Denisovans carried their own variant of the MUC19 gene, with a unique series of mutations, which was passed down to some humans. That kind of

admixture was common in the ancient world: Most humans alive today carry some Neanderthal DNA, whereas Denisovan DNA makes up as much as 5% of the genomes of people from some populations in Oceania.

In the current study, Villanea and colleagues wanted to learn more about how these genetic time capsules shaped evolution. The group pored through already published data on the genomes of modern humans from Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico and Colombia where indigenous American ancestry and DNA is common.

They discovered that one in three modern people of Mexican ancestry carry a copy of the Denisovan variant of MUC19 — and particularly in portions of their genome that come from indigenous American heritage. That’s in contrast to people of Central European ancestry, only 1% of whom carry the variant.

The researchers also discovered that, in humans, the Denisovan gene variant seems to be surrounded by DNA from Neanderthals. “This DNA is like an Oreo, with a Denisovan center and Neanderthal cookies,” Villanea said.

### A NEW WORLD

Here’s what Villanea and his col-

leagues suspect happened: Before humans crossed the Bering Strait, Denisovans interbred with Neanderthals, passing the Denisovan MUC19 to their offspring. Then, in a game of genetic telephone, Neanderthals bred with humans, sharing some Denisovan DNA.

This instance is the first time scientists have identified of DNA jumping from Denisovans to Neanderthals and then humans.

Later, humans migrated to the Americas where natural selection favored the spread of the borrowed MUC19.

Why the Denisovan variant became so common in North and South America but not in other parts of the world isn’t yet clear. Villanea noted that the first people who lived in the Americas likely encountered conditions unlike anything else in human history, including new kinds of food and disease. Denisovan DNA may have given them additional tools to contend with such challenges.

“All of a sudden, people had to find new ways to hunt, new ways to farm, and they developed really cool technology in response to those challenges,” he said. “But, over 20,000 years, their bodies were also adapting at a biological level.”

To build the picture, the anthropologist plans to study how different MUC19 gene variants affect the health of humans today.

For now, Villanea said the study is a testament to the power of human evolution.

“What indigenous American populations did was really incredible,” Villanea said. “They went from a common ancestor living around the Bering Strait to adapting biologically and culturally to this new continent that has every single type of biome in the world.”



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**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, March 4.

**Artificial Intelligence:** Adults will receive practical tips on identifying Artificial Intelligence and using AI to make everyday tasks easier. Participants should submit their questions about scams or basic cybersecurity in advance. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 6-7 p.m., Thursday, March 5.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:** The Adams County Health Department will present Youth Mental Health First Aid (MFHA), a blended learning course that teaches adults to recognize, understand and respond to signs of mental health challenges in youth. The training starts with 1-2 hours of self-paced online learning through the MHFA Connect platform, then join an engaging eight-hour, in-person session of discussions, videos and hands-on group activities. After completing all components and the online post-test, participants will earn certification as Youth Mental Health First Aiders. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10.

**Sewing Drop-In:** All ages welcomed every first Thursday of the month for a fun, casual drop-in sewing workshop. A sewing teacher will help out with special and everyday projects. Sewing machines provided. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, March 5.

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**Learning on the Go:** Toddlers ages 18 months to 5 years old can enjoy storytime and songs, then take home free books and activities to continue learning at home. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 4.

**Tea at 2:** Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 4.

**Journaling Workshop:** Adults manifest their greatest desires at this journaling workshop by Rachel Freed, founder of the Denver-based INLUMA journaling collective. Attendees will learn prompts for inward reflection, trauma release and self-discovery. Journals provided. Space limited; registration required. Call (303)822-9392 or visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 11.

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**Wacky Wednesday:** Kids and tweens can drop in for snacks, games, cool tech and creative crafts. New activity each month. Ages 5-12. 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, March 4.

**Puzzles & Pie:** Tweens and teens can relax with hands-on fun and treats. This month, attendees can assemble 3D wooden puzzles — then reward their hard work by making their own mini pies. The low-key event offers a variety of activities and treats. 12-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 11.

**Tea at 2:** Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, March 6.





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# SPORTS



## Indian boys take regular season Patriot title

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

GREELEY — The Strasburg Indians entered the Patriot League Tournament on a positive note as they dominated conference foe Frontier Academy 74-36 in their regular-season finale Feb. 17.

The red-and-black entered last Friday's league tournament quarterfinal with a record of 18-2, 9-1 against 3A Patriot teams in the regular season. The Indians torched visiting 4A University, 70-44, in the first-round league tournament match-up Feb. 20 and hosts Windsor Charter Academy at 6 p.m. today. Championship Saturday takes place at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley Feb. 28; the Indians will either play in the 4:30 p.m. third-place game or the championship contest at approximately 7:30 p.m.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Strasburg Indians celebrate their 3A Patriot League title after defeating conference rival Frontier Academy 74-36 in their regular-season finale Feb. 17 in Greeley. Pictured, from left, assistant coach Josh Holloway, head coach Kyle Bollers, Jayden Miller, Dalton Velasco, Cade Hemphill, Brody Hopwood, Ayden Dodge, Gideon Milner, Colton Holloway, Nick Glatfelter, Levi Hart, Cam Manahan, Froy Morales, Koby Muehlhausen, Eli Carbajal and assistant coaches Dave Glatfelter and Jerry Ryan. The Indians are the top seed in this week's Patriot League Tournament.

Regardless of the league tournament results, Strasburg will be among the eight regional host sites for the 3A boys playoffs. As of Feb. 22, the Indians had bounced back to No. 1 in the Colorado High School Activities Associ-

ation's playoff seeding index after Banning Lewis Academy suffered its first loss against Colorado Springs Christian and Forge Christian lost its second game to Kent Denver. Sunday's rankings showed Strasburg first; Forge Chris-

tian second; Yuma third; Banning Lewis fourth; Windsor Charter at fifth; Peyton sixth; Resurrection Christian seventh; and Roaring Fork eighth. State playoff pairings will be announced by CHSAA on

Sunday, March 1. Regional tournaments take place March 6-7.

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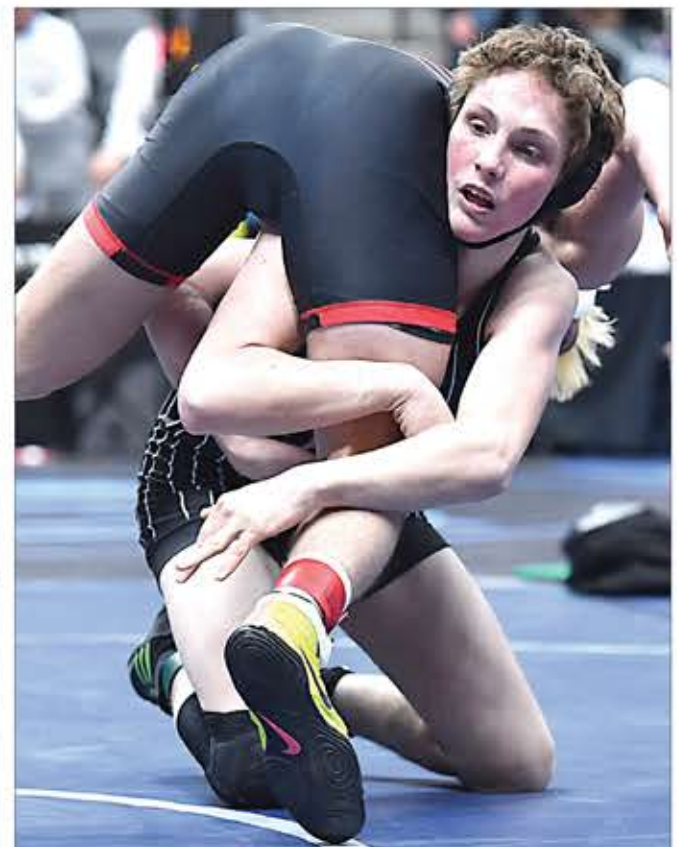
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## State Wrestling — Day 1



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

Of the six I-70 Corridor grapplers who won two matches on Day 1 of the Colorado State Wrestling Championships Feb. 19 at Ball Arena in downtown Denver, four made it all the way to Championship Saturday two days later with three girls winning their second consecutive state titles and a senior Tiger boy falling short in the final match of his high school career. First-day matches included, clockwise from top left, Strasburg senior Vivienne Gitke (140 lbs) pinning Eevee Trevallee of Severance in the first round of 4A girls; sophomore Gitke sister, Madi (155), controlling of Olathe's Illeana Diaz during a 7-3 quarterfinal decision; Bennett's Caycen Scholz (132) taking a single-leg shot on Gunnison's Cody Casebolt during a 12-3 major decision in the quarterfinals; and Bennett's lone Lady Tiger, sophomore Emma Faczak, putting the squeeze on County Line's Tylee Collins for a 56-second pin win in the opening round. Four other local wrestlers reached the podium. For complete state tournament coverage, see the Feb. 27 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



### BOYS BASKETBALL

Higher seed will be the "home" team and will wear white.

| Patriot Pool Play            |                                       |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
|                              | Pool A                                | Pool B                                 | Pool C                                     |
| Thursday, Feb 19             | 63-37<br>(9) Highland @ (15) Sterling | 59-43<br>(10) Fort Morgan @ (14) Way   | 61-68<br>(13) Frontier @ (17) Weld Central |
| Saturday, Feb 21             | 41-69<br>(15) Sterling @ (12) Brush   | 69-60<br>(14) Way @ (11) Platte Valley | 47-76<br>(17) Weld Central @ (16) Valley   |
| Tuesday, Feb 24              | (12) Brush @ (9) Highland             | (11) Platte Valley @ (10) Fort Morgan  | (16) Valley @ (13) Frontier                |
| Friday, Feb 27 @ UNC         |                                       |  |  |
| 10:30 - Pool C 2 vs Pool A 3 | 7:30 - Pool C 1 vs Pool B 3           | 4:30 - Pool A 2 vs Pool B 2            | 7:30 - Pool A 1 vs Pool B 1                |

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Higher seed will be the "home" team and will wear white.

| Patriot Pool Play           |  |   |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
|                             | Pool A                                 | Pool B  | Pool C  |
| Thursday, Feb 19            | 50-38<br>(9) Brush @ (15) Weld Central | 65-40<br>(10) Highland @ (14) Liberty Common  | 28-60<br>(16) Frontier @ (13) Windsor Charter |
| Saturday, Feb 21            | 38-52<br>(12) Fort Morgan @ (9) Brush  | 37-29<br>(14) Liberty Common @ (11) Strasburg | 46-26<br>(13) Windsor Charter @ (17) Valley   |
| Tuesday, Feb 24             | (15) Weld Central @ (12) Fort Morgan   | (11) Strasburg @ (10) Highland                | (17) Valley @ (16) Frontier                   |
| Friday, Feb 27 @ UNC        |  |   |   |
| 9:00 - Pool C 2 vs Pool A 3 | 12:00 - Pool C 1 vs Pool B 3           | 3:00 - Pool A 2 vs Pool B 2                   | 6:00 - Pool A 1 vs Pool B 1                   |

SUBMITTED BRACKETS

The Patriot League Tournament, which started late last week with the Strasburg boys the top seed and the Lady Indians seeded 11th, continues this week with the final two days at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley on Friday and Saturday. The Indian boys won their quarterfinal match-up against 4A University by 26 on Friday night, while the Lady Indians lost their first of two Pool B games against Liberty Common the following afternoon. The Indian girls played at Highland Tuesday night and will compete at UNC on Friday afternoon with the time still to be determined. The boys face fourth-seeded Windsor Charter Academy in a rematch at home tonight and will play on Saturday at either 4:30 p.m. for third place or at 7:30 p.m. for the championship game.

## BB STRASBURG

FROM PAGE 11

Strasburg dominated the first half, taking a 17-9 lead after the opening stanza and extending the advantage to an insurmountable 50-17 at half-time.

Most of the second half was played under a running clock.

"Hitting our early outside shots has usually been a pretty good omen for us and, that night, we hit four of our first five threes and really got our transition game going," said Strasburg head coach Kyle Bollers. "Made a concerted effort to work on our offense, got really good shots, and got our young guys a lot of good time, which could be important coming up here."

The victors shot 52% from the field, including 20-of-32 (63%) from two-point range, and went 13-of-17 at the free-throw line. The Indians dished out 18 assists on 27 made buckets.

Bollers troops concluded the evening 7-of-20 behind the arc but the early success opened up the lane for Hopwood and Glatfelter to get easy looks at the bucket.

"And we finished for the most part," Bollers concluded.

Ten Indians scored, led by a quar-

ter in double-digits — junior Brody Hopwood with 17 and seniors Nick Glatfelter, Cade Hemphill and Gideon Milner with 12, 12 and 11, respectively. Junior Colton Holloway dished out six assists.

The red-and-black also dominated the boards, corraling 43 rebounds. Glatfelter completed a double-double with 13 boards.

Defensively, Strasburg was active with its hands and feet en route to 14 steals, led by Glatfelter's three. The Strasburg senior forward also blocked three Wolverine shots.

#### Strasburg @ Frontier Academy

**Points** (74): Ayden Dodge 5; Jayden Miller 2; Brody Hopwood 17; Nick Glatfelter 12; Cade Hemphill 12; Froy Morales 2; Levi Hart 2; Cam mManahan 8; Colton Holloway 3; Gideon Milner 11.

**Rebounds** (43): Dodge 2; Miller 2; Hopwood 5; Glatfelter 13; Hemphill 1; Morales 3; Hart 2; Manahan 6; Holloway 2; Eli Carbajal 1; Milner 3; Dalton Velasco 3.

**Assists** (18): Miller 1; Hopwood 4; Glatfelter 4; Morales 1; Manahan 1; Holloway 6; Milner 1.

**Steals** (14): Dodge 1; Miller 1; Hopwood 2; Glatfelter 3; Hemphill 1; Koby Muehlhausen 2; Manahan 1; Holloway 1; Carbajal 1.

**Blocks** (5): Glatfelter 3; Hart 1; Velasco 1.

#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|                  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | F  |
|------------------|----|----|----|---|----|
| Strasburg        | 17 | 33 | 20 | 4 | 74 |
| Frontier Academy | 9  | 8  | 12 | 7 | 36 |

## 'Burg girls 1-1 to end regular season

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

The Lady Indians rebounded from a tough loss at Forge Christian Feb. 14 to defeat Frontier Academy at home in the regular-season finale Feb. 17.

Missing several varsity players to sickness, Strasburg fell to Forge Christian 66-38.

"Illness hit us pretty hard. Our younger kids really stepped up and competed," said Strasburg head coach Merci Ames. "Everyone that was there really worked hard and I was super proud of our effort and competitiveness."

Strasburg was led by senior Taryn LaForce with 19 points, including an 11-of-14 performance from the charity stripe, and 12 rebounds. Four Lady Indians had two steals each.

#### STRASBURG @ FORGE CHRISTIAN

|                 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Strasburg       | 11 | 9  | 5  | 13 | 38 |
| Forge Christian | 18 | 26 | 13 | 9  | 66 |

#### STRASBURG BOX SCORE

**Points** (38): LaForce 19; Garcia 6; Cardenas 5; Rodriguez 4; Winter 3; Rojahn 1.

**Rebounds** (30): LaForce 12; Rojahn 5; Rodriguez 5; Lena Young 4; Winter 2; Young 1; Andrews 1.

**Assists** (3): Rojahn 1; Garcia 1; Rodriguez 1.

**Steals** (8): Winter 2; Rodriguez 2; Rojahn 2; Garcia 2.

**Blocks** (1): LaForce 1.

#### FRONTIER ACADEMY

Frontier Academy also had several players missing when it visited Strasburg, where the Lady Wolverines were beaten 47-13.

"We were able to take advantage and work on some aspects of our game," Ames said. "We were able to work multiple rotations and multiple looks on offense. Overall, as a team, a fairly decent performance."

LaForce was again dominating with 24 points, 17 rebounds and four steals. Sophomore Paloma Rodriguez dished out four assists.

The Strasburg girls lost to Liberty Common 37-29 in consolation pool play of the Patriot League Tourna-



SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

ment Feb. 21 to fall to 9-12 for the season. Watch the Feb. 27 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News* for complete coverage.

The red-and-black played at Highland Tuesday and will play at University of Northern Colorado in Greeley on Friday.

#### FRONTIER ACADEMY @ STRASBURG

|                  | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4 | F  |
|------------------|----|----|---|---|----|
| Frontier Academy | 5  | 2  | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Strasburg        | 16 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 47 |

#### BOX SCORE

**Points** (47): Blaise 2; Winter 4; Friedrich 4; Garcia 2; Kent 5; LaForce 24; Tiffany 4; Cardenas 2.

**Rebounds** (44): Winter 4; Friedrich 3; Fields 2; Rodriguez 4; Kent 3; Young 2; LaForce 13; Rojahn 5; Tiffany 6; Cardenas 2.

**Assists** (13): Blaise 2; Winter 1; Rodriguez 4; Kent 2; LaForce 1; Rojahn 1; Tiffany 1; Cardenas 1.

**Steals** (15): Winter 2; Rodriguez 1; Garcia 1; Kent 3; LaForce 4; Tiffany 2; Cardenas 2.

**Blocks** (6): Kent 1; LaForce 4; Cardenas 1.

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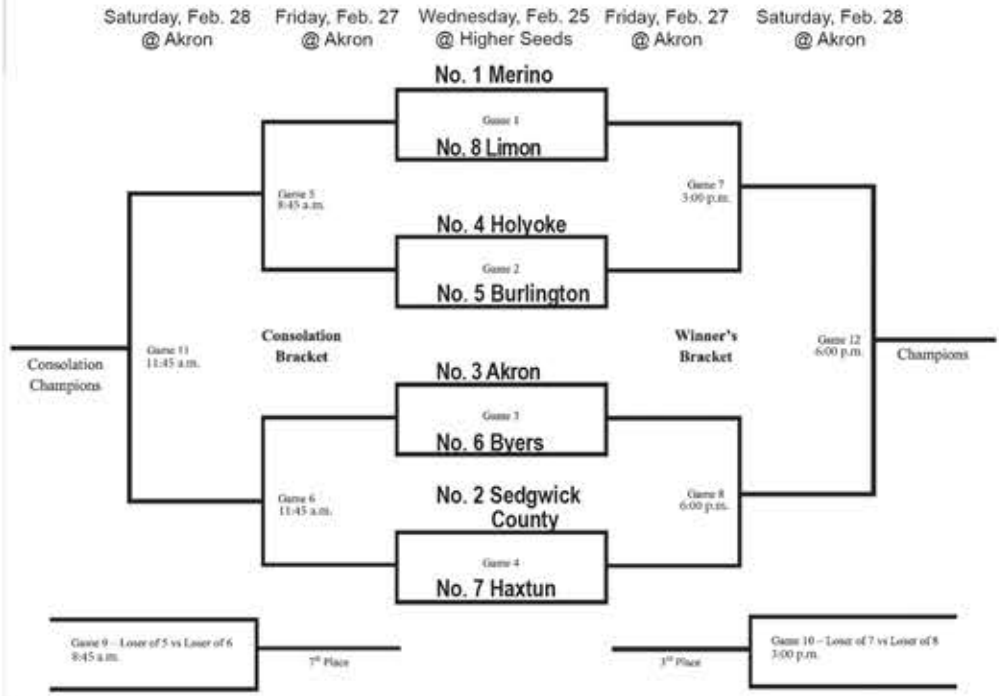
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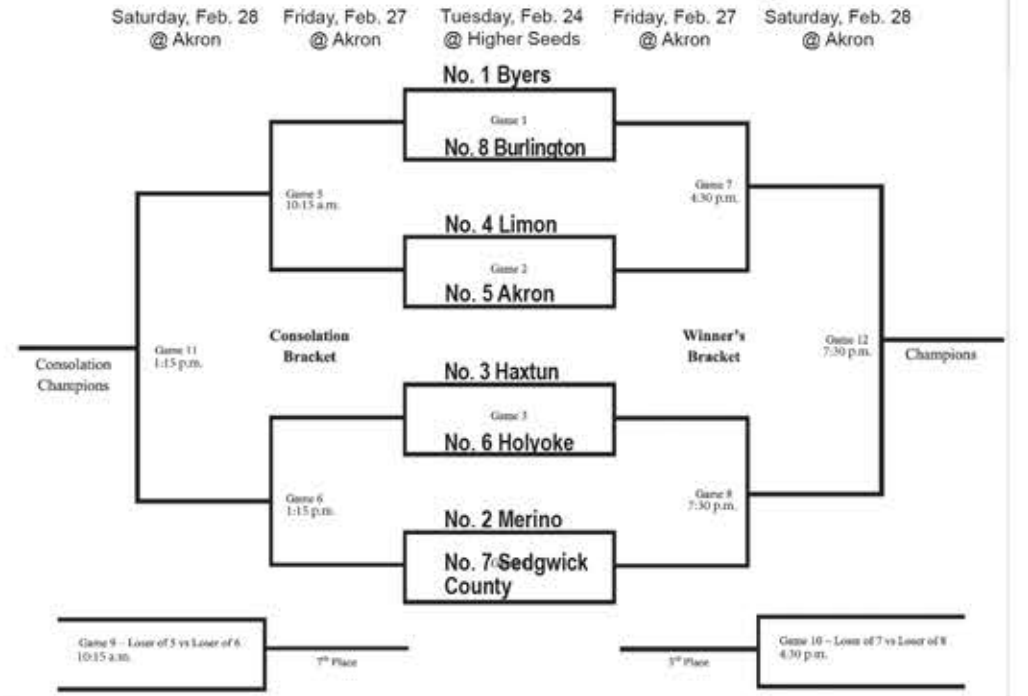
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### 2A Union Pacific/Lower Platte End-of-Season Girls Tournament



### 2A Union Pacific/Lower Platte End-of-Season Boys Tournament



SUBMITTED BRACKETS

This week marks the conclusion of the high school basketball regular season and the start of the second joint tournament between the 2A schools of the Union Pacific and Lower Platte leagues. The No. 6 Lady Bulldogs travels to third-seeded Akron tonight while the top-seeded Byers boys hosted No. 8 Burlington Tuesday. Results were unavailable at press time. The semifinal and championship rounds are both at Akron Friday and Saturday. The regional level of state playoffs occurs March 6-7 at the top eight-seeded teams for both girls and boys. The Colorado High School Activities Association is expected to release the state playoff pairings for 1A through 4A boys and girls on Sunday.

## Bulldog girls sink Hugo at home

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

BYERS — A strong middle two quarters catapulted the Byers Lady Bulldogs to a 51-36 victory over visiting Genoa-Hugo/Karval Feb. 17 and, in the process, to a .500 record to conclude Union Pacific League play.

The game was rescheduled from last month because of inclement driving conditions for Hugo.

The hosts extended a 9-7 first-quarter advantage to 23-11 at halftime and, by the end of the third quarter, the lead was 34-19. Both teams tallied 17 over the final eight minutes.

Despite losing the turnover battle and allowing the Pirates about twice as many field goal attempts, Byers made seven three-pointers compared to Hugo's four, sank one more two-point shot, and made four more free-throws.

Junior Taiya Eymann had her coming out party for the victors with a game- and career-high 19 points, making all but one of the Bulldogs three-pointers on eight attempts. Eymann's previous high was 12 points earlier this season; her scoring average bumped from about 3.5 points per game to almost 5 for the season.

Senior Abi Green provided the inside muscle for the hosts, adding 10 points — 3-of-3 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line — and a team-high eight rebounds.

The victory lifted Byers to 10-9 overall, 3-3 in conference play.

The Lady Bulldogs lost their regular-season finale 56-41 to nonconference Heritage Christian Feb. 21, but specifics were unavailable at press time. For coverage, see the Feb. 28 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

Byers is the sixth seed in this week's joint tournament between the Union



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Byers' Abi Green battles for a rebound with a Genoa-Hugo/Karval player during the Lady Bulldogs' final Union Pacific League game Feb.

Pacific and Lower Platte leagues. After going to third-seeded Akron for the first round today, the green-and-white will make the trip back to Akron for second-round action on Friday and the championship day Saturday.

**Genoa-Hugo/Karval @ Byers**

**Points** (51): Madilee Olsen 4; Grace Shelley 4; Kaci Harris 3; Abi Green 10; Leyla Saylor 7; Sydney Smith 4; Taiya Eymann 19.

**Rebounds** (25): Olsen 6; Shelley 1; Dancia Lancaster 1; Green 8; Saylor 3; Smith 2; Cossette Kerns 2; Eymann 2.

**Assists** (8): Olsen 3; Lancaster 1; Green 2; Kerns 2.

**Steals** (11): Olsen 2; Green 3; Saylor 2; Smith 1; Kerns 1; Eymann 2.

**Blocks** (4): Lancaster 1; Green 1; Smith 2.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

|                   | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|-------------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Genoa-Hugo/Karval | 7 | 4  | 8  | 17 | 36 |
| Byers             | 9 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 51 |

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# Lady Tigers earn fourth consecutive Frontier title

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

The multi-year trend of Frontier League domination but struggling with their nonconference competition continued for the Bennett Lady Tigers, who fell 61-30 to visiting Highland Feb. 14 but bounced back for a 73-21 road victory at conference foe Fort Lupton Feb. 17.

The orange-and-black entered its last two games of the regular season this week 17-4, 7-0 in league play, and ranked No. 16 in the state seeding index for the 32-team 4A bracket. In addition to hosting St. Mary's Academy on Monday, the Tigers traveled to 2A No. 2-ranked Simla today for a last-minute addition to the schedule. The Frontier League does not play a conference tournament.

State playoff pairings, including where Bennett will travel, will occur Sunday, March 1.



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Lady Tiger Mya Robledo tries to extricate herself from a Highland double-team Feb. 14.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|             | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Bennett     | 20 | 22 | 19 | 12 | 73 |
| Fort Lupton | 10 | 4  | 4  | 3  | 21 |

### HIGHLAND

Against the Patriot League Huskies, Bennett couldn't muster a double-digit scoring quarter, finding itself down 12-4 after the first quarter, 36-13 at halftime, 51-21 entering the fourth quarter. The final eight minutes was played under the mercy-rule running clock.

Both teams hovered around the 30% shooting mark from the field, but the Huskies recorded 14 of-25 rebounds on the offensive end and forced almost 40 Tiger turnovers, which accounted for a 60-32 discrepancy in field goal attempts. Conversely, Bennett forced the visitors into 13 turnovers.

Venneberg was the lone double-digit scorer for the hosts with 10.

### Highland @ Bennett

**Points** (30): Aileen Duran 6; Mattie Robledo 1; Beatrix Burck 1; Madelyn Bavouset 4; Josie Ladd 8; Emilee Venneberg 10  
**Rebounds** (26): Duran 7; Robledo 1; Burck 2; Mya Robledo 4; Emma Jordan 1; Bavouset 4; Ladd 2; Venneberg 5.  
**Assists** (6): Duran 1; Mat. Robledo 1; My. Robledo 2; Bavouset 1; Venneberg 1.  
**Steals** (10): Duran 1; Ma. Robledo 1; My. Robledo 3; Bavouset 1; Venneberg 4.  
**Blocks** (1): Venneberg 1.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Highland | 12 | 24 | 15 | 10 | 61 |
| Bennett  | 4  | 9  | 8  | 9  | 30 |

### COMING UP

**Feb. 26:** St. Mary's Academy

### @ FORT LUPTON

After doubling up the hosts 20-10 over the first quarter, the visitors held the Lady Bluedevils to 4 points in the second and third quarters and 3 over the final eight minutes, while tallying 22, 19 and 12 points, respectively.

"This game shows that our success is built on teamwork, discipline, and effort — hallmarks of a program that continues to set a high bar in league play," said Bennett head coach Mike Rios. "It helped us secure the league championship for the fourth consecutive year."

The stat sheet was as lopsided as the score with Bennett making 32 field-goals to the hosts' 10 and forcing 30-plus turnovers while only committing 10 of their own.

The starting five scored all of the Tigers' points, including sophomore Josie Ladd with 21, sophomore Aileen Duran with a season-high 20, and junior Emilee Venneberg with 15. The Tigers also assisted on 18 of their made buckets, led by Venneberg with nine.

Defensively, Duran had nine of the Tigers' 23 steals.

### Bennett @ Fort Lupton

**Points** (73): Aileen Duran 20; Mya Robledo 8; Madelyn Bavouset 9; Josie Ladd 21; Emilee Venneberg 15.  
**Rebounds** (16): Duran 3; Robledo 3; Emma Jordan 6; Bavouset 6; Ladd 8; Venneberg 9.  
**Assists** (23): Duran 1; Robledo 4; Jordan 6; Bavouset 8; Ladd 5; Venneberg 9.  
**Steals** (23): Duran 9; Robledo 2; Jordan 1; Bavouset 2; Ladd 3; Venneberg 6.  
**Blocks** (6): Beatrix Burck 1; Jordan 1; Bavouset 3; Venneberg 1.

# Bennett boys drop three straight; playoff hopes remain slim

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

A recent three-game losing streak has dropped the Bennett Tigers to 10-12 overall, 2-3 in the 4A Frontier League, so they remain on the outside looking in for 4A postseason play.

The orange-and-black fell to visiting Highland 72-54 Feb. 14 before losing at conference foes Fort Lupton 72-59 and Arrupe Jesuit 66-56 on Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, respectively.

In all three contests, a couple of quarter-long lapses spelled doom for the Tigers.

"Still looking to put together four full quarters consistently," said Bennett head coach Andrew Thornton. "Usually play two pretty good quarters but it's anybody's guess what happens over the other two."



Bennett's Brayden Schmalz, left, and Austin Stiers put up contested layups against visiting nonconference Highland Feb. 14.



ALYSSA STEMOFOR THE SCOUT

### @ ARRUPPE JESUIT

In a game that was rescheduled after postponement because of a power outage at the Generals' home court, Bennett tied the game at 16 after the first quarter and were only down 30-26 at halftime; however, the orange-and-black was unable to overcome a 20-10 Arrupe outburst in the third quarter.

While Bennett outshot the Generals from two-point range, 19 buckets to 12, the hosts made a dozen three-pointers compared to only four by the Tigers. Both teams made six free throws — Bennett on 13 attempts and the victors on nine trips to the charity stripe.

The hosts also dominated the glass, 37-24, including 13-5 of the offensive variety that helped lead to an extra nine field goal attempts.

Stiers and Arrupe sophomore Manuel Lola tied for the game-high in points with 21. Duran added 12 and junior Avant Dickens 10 for the Tigers.

The Tigers will likely conclude their season with a home contest against Prospect Ridge Academy on Friday. In the Feb. 22 seeding index released by the Colorado High School Activities Association, Bennett was No. 39, seven spots out of a postseason berth.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Bennett       | 16 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 56 |
| Arrupe Jesuit | 16 | 14 | 20 | 16 | 66 |

### BENNETT @ ARRUPPE JESUIT

**Points** (56): Austin Stiers 21; Avant Dickens 10; Juan Santoyo 4; Owen Hawes 5; Alfredo Duran 12; Elias Pulido 4.  
**Rebounds** (24): Stiers 6; Carter Jarman 4; Dickens 4; Santoyo 3; Daniel Rodriguez 3; Duran 1; Pulido 3.  
**Assists** (10): Stiers 1; Santoyo 4; Hawes 4; Duran 1; Brayden Schmalz 1.  
**Steals** (8): Dickens 2; Santoyo 2; Hawes 1; Mac Forman 1; Rodriguez 2.  
**Blocks** (2): Dickens 2.

### COMING UP

**Feb. 27:** Prospect Ridge Academy

### HIGHLAND

Against the Huskies and former coach Wesley Burke, who led the Tigers to the second round of the 4A playoffs last season, Bennett was within shouting distance, 19-13, after the first quarter but trailed 40-26 at halftime. After intermission, the visitors won the third quarter 20-16 with both teams adding a dozen each over the final eight minutes.

The Huskies won the shooting battle — 25-of-46 (45%) compared to Bennett's 19-of-54 (35%) from the field — and went 14-of-25 from the free-throw line compared to 10-of-16 for the Tigers.

While Bennett's offense was more perimeter-based, led by senior guard Austin Stiers with a game-high 27 points, including four three-pointers, Highland was paced by senior center Brogan Palmer, who had 25 points on 10-of-13 shooting from the field. Highland had two other double-digit scorers, while Tiger junior Brayden Schmalz added 11 for Bennett with no one else having more than 7.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Highland | 19 | 21 | 20 | 12 | 72 |
| Bennett  | 13 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 54 |

### Highland @ Bennett

**Points** (54): Austin Stiers 27; Avant Dickens 2; Juan Santoyo 2; Owen Hayes 7; Daniel Rodriguez 2; Brayden Schmalz 11; Elias Pulido 3.  
**Rebounds** (31): Stiers 6; Carter Jarman 4; Dickens 3; Santoyo 2; Hawes 4; Rodriguez 3; Duran 2; Schmalz 4.  
**Assists** (8): Stiers 1; Jarman 1; Dickens 1; Santoyo 2; Hawes 1; Schmalz 2.  
**Steals** (6): Stiers 1; Dickens 1; Evan Garner 1; Mac Forman 1; Rodriguez 1; Duran 1.  
**Blocks** (1): Rodriguez 1.

### @ FORT LUPTON

With the game knotted up at 45 after three quarters, the host Bluedevils dominated the final period 27-14, but the game was tied at 52 with five minutes left. The hosts scored 14 of the next 20 points over the next three minutes of play.

"Things just kind of snowballed late," Thornton said.

The Tigers had one of their better

shooting nights from the field, going 24-of-46 (52%), but they were only 6-of-14 at the free-throw line.

While junior Owen Hawes and senior Alfredo Duran reached double-digits for the Tigers with 16 and 11 points, respectively, the Fort Lupton defense held Stiers down to 7 points, about 10 under his season average.

On the glass, junior Elias Pulido stepped up to corral 11 of the Tigers' 33 rebounds.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|             | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Bennett     | 19 | 10 | 16 | 14 | 59 |
| Fort Lupton | 16 | 19 | 10 | 27 | 72 |

### Bennett @ Fort Lupton

**Points** (59): Austin Stiers 7; Juan Santoyo 5; Owen Hawes 16; Daniel Rodriguez 6; Alfredo Duran 11; Brayden Schmalz 5; Elias Pulido 9.  
**Rebounds** (33): Stiers 4; Jarman 2; Santoyo 1; Hawes 7; Rodriguez 1; Duran 4; Schmalz 3; Pulido 11.  
**Assists** (15): Stiers 2; Jarman 1; Santoyo 3; Hawes 1; Duran 2; Schmalz 4; Pulido 2.  
**Steals** (8): Stiers 3; Jarman 1; Santoyo 1; Hawes 2; Schmalz 1.  
**Blocks** (2): Hawes 2.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

After last week, the Deer Trail Lady Eagles have lost five straight contests, including home setbacks of 32-28 against Pikes Peak Christian Feb. 17 and 60-22 against 2A Union Pacific League rival Burlington two days later. Early Feb. 22, the 9-12 red-and-white was two spots outside of the Colorado High School Activities Association's rankings for postseason play at No. 34. Whether a win against visiting 4-18 Manzanola would elevate them into the top 32 is uncertain. Playoff pairings are expected to be announced by Colorado High School Activities Association on Sunday, March 1. From left photo, Lady Eagle Fatuma Hussein drives to the bucket while teammate KyAnn Kitzman tries to hold off a Pikes Peak Christian defender from behind, and Megan Donovan puts up a contested shot as Jeanette Rodriguez breaks to the basket in anticipation of a rebound.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

The Deer Trail Eagles remained without a win on the 2025-26 season after falling 72-33 against Pikes Peak Christian and 69-21 against Burlington at home Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, respectively. The red-and-white conclude its season Thursday, Feb. 26, with a home contest against Manzanola. Clockwise from top left, Eagle Nevin Musser drives the baseline against a Pikes Peak Christian defender, Hernesto Anguiano battles for a board, and Chauncy Gudenkauf puts up an off-balance, contested jumper.



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## THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

### 20 YEARS AGO FEB. 28, 2006

Bennett Mayor Karen Grossaint tendered her letter of resignation with town staff Feb. 24.

Grossaint said her decision was effective immediately, and town administrator Matt Reay said the process of determining her successor will be part of the Feb. 28 Bennett Board of Trustees meeting.

Grossaint was a five-year member of the town board and was beginning the third year of her four-year term as mayor. Prior to that she served one year on the town's Planning & Zoning Commission.

"It wasn't any one specific thing, but an accumulation of everything [that led to this decision]," she said. "To some extent, I don't know how to play this game politics. I don't necessarily fit the mold and I'm tired of struggling. As mayor, I was too restricted."

Grossaint was quoted in the Feb. 24 Denver Post saying, "Over the last couple of weeks, I've considered hitting the road. I don't know if I can handle this kind of stuff much longer. It's silliness," referring to the situation regarding Bennett music teacher Tresa Waggoner. Waggoner was put on paid administrative leave by the school district in late January after a few parents displayed outrage with the showing of an opera-teaching video that highlighted the opera "Faust," which is a story of a man who sold his soul to the Devil for eternal youth.

When asked about that quote, Grossaint said she has contemplated moving out of the area, but said that isn't something she really wants to do.

### 15 YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 2011

WATKINS — A local airport is getting state and federal help in developing into a viable economic driver for the I-70 Corridor.

Most recently, Front Range Airport was awarded almost \$400,000 in state aviation fuel tax revenues by Colorado Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics. In addition, Front Range is the recipient of over \$150,000 in local funding and another \$4.55 million in federal monies for 2011. In total, Front Range has approximately \$5.1 million in ongoing projects.

"We must have an accessible airport system if Colorado is going to continue as a world-class, year-round destination," said Gov. John Hickenlooper last month.

"These airports are vital to the state's economic development, quality of life, recreational access and our overall mobility. Combining the state aviation fuel taxes with local and federal funding will fund much-needed projects that might not otherwise have been possible."

According to Front Range Assistant Director of Aviation Ken Lawson, the monies will be used on three projects, including runway rehabilitation that is being partially funded by federal funds.

### 10 YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 2016

BENNETT — The transition to collecting more revenue hasn't gone without a hiccup or two for the I-70 Corridor town that passed a tax increase ballot question this past November.

Bennett business owners claim delays in collecting the additional 1 percent in sales tax was because of the lack of governmental communication, but town officials say they are not legally required to notify or remind businesses of collecting taxes.

Cindy Carroll, co-owner of Bennett Marketplace Liquors, told town trustees Feb.

23 that her family and many other business owners throughout town have paid for multiple weeks' worth of the additional sales tax out of their own pockets because it wasn't collected at the register. According to Carroll, no notification of the Jan. 1 effective date for the new sales tax formula was ever received from the town of Bennett.

"We were not given notification by the town on when the new collection was to start taking place," she said. "I'm requesting reimbursement from the town to myself and other Bennett business owners that had to pay."

According to Town Administrator Trish Stiles, because Bennett is a statutory town, the state is in charge of sales tax collection, and is not required to notify businesses of their sales tax collection obligations.

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**SOLUTION ON PAGE 19**

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2026. There are 309 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali won his first heavyweight title, beating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

### ALSO ON THIS DATE:

In 1870, Republican Hiram R.

Revels of Mississippi was sworn in as a U.S. senator, becoming the first African American member of either house of Congress.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita

Khrushchev railed for hours against the brutality and "cult of personality" of his late predecessor, dictator Josef Stalin, in a speech to a Communist Party congress.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; opposition leader Corazon Aquino — the first woman to lead the country — assumed the presi-

dency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 American soldiers were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank during the Islamic holy month

of Ramadan, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

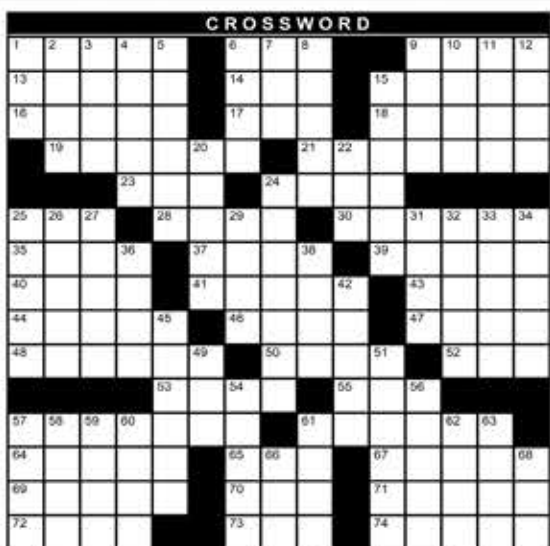
### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Comedian Carrot Top is 61. Actor Tea Leoni is 60. Comedian-actor Chelsea Handler is 51. FBI Director Kash Patel is 46. Denver Broncos quarterback Bo Nix is 26.

— Associated Press

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- ACROSS**
- Traction aid
  - Freddy's street
  - Reach a high
  - Italian bowling
  - Entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk's alias, Gary \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jolly good one
  - Parallel grooves
  - Many, many moons
  - "Take it back!"
  - "Song Sung Blue" Best Actress nominee
  - Movie with most 2026 Oscar nominations
  - Make a seam
  - Vampire's tooth
  - Tai's partner
  - South American monkey
  - Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
  - Pilot's stunt
  - Forbidden, to a baby
  - Vampire of Greek mythology
  - Italian wine region
  - Not Astroturf
  - Alpine lift
  - Sports figures, e.g.
  - Cantina pot
  - Email folder
  - Not vivid and bright
  - Nessie's abode
  - Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
  - Eagle's nest
  - Unreliable newspaper
  - \*2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
  - \*Chloë Zhao's nominee
  - Newton or Stern
  - Romanian money
  - Star-crossed one
  - To the point
  - a.k.a sodium hydroxide
  - Novelist Zola
  - Formerly, formerly
  - Aye-aye
  - "He \_\_\_\_\_ it like it is"



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  - Reluctant
  - Pantyhose hue
  - DNA and RNA, e.g.
  - Cups and saucers
  - 20-20, e.g.
  - \*"One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
  - High IQ society
  - \*#7's nominated co-star
  - "Anything \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - Wing-shaped
  - K to Romans, pl.
  - Like athlete's foot
  - Behind on rent, e.g.
  - Night spot
  - At last
  - Necklace fastener
  - Popular garden perennial
  - I to Greeks, pl.
  - \*2026 nominated Benicio del \_\_\_\_\_
  - Benatar and Morita
  - Fly in \_\_\_\_\_, or a reminder of the past
  - Tarzan's swing rope
  - \*Fictional table tennis champ
  - \*Nominated "F1" star
  - Nobel Peace Prize capital
  - Sacrum, pl.
  - Communicating with spirits event
  - Hawaiian flower garland
  - \*Inspiration for #61 Across
  - Pep gathering
  - Lawn ornament
  - Angler's hope
  - \_\_\_\_-friendly
  - Needlefish, pl.
  - Brewer's kiln
  - Color wheel elements
  - Like fairytale stepmothers?
  - Be a snitch
  - Payment for an eye
  - Hi-\_\_\_\_\_ graphics

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

## HOROSCOPE

### Mercury Retrograde

The turn of Mercury brings an awareness of shifting contexts, nuanced meanings and timely semiotics. Communication skills require constant updates, as the times never stop a-changin'. What falls into the category? Language, certainly, but also fashion, music, hairstyles and more, all communicating something about identity, culture and ideology.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You do have high expectations today, but it's appropriate because you are ready for the challenge. You've done the preparation, and now it's just a matter of surrendering to action. You can trust yourself, and the universe, implicitly.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It is not worth spending time fixing problems that you will not even have once you do things correctly from the beginning. A do-over is your new teacher. A different recipe, plan or relationship has great potential.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Stars encourage an active expansion of your social circle. Listening to different voices keeps you from getting stuck in your own head or in a single narrative. Uplifting relationships balance your perspective and mood.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're getting validation, and it feels good. The feedback is positive, the responses are what you aimed for, and the outcome is what you'd hoped. Now ask, does it actually solve the problem? And what's the responsible next move?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Most people are too focused on their own journey to judge yours, and that's a good thing. The ones who care will be supportive. So there's no need to overpolice your every step. Do it like nobody's watching.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll be in a position to take charge. For you, leadership is cultivation. You want to help others, not control them or make them dependent on you. You'll clear a path, show the way and teach what you know.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You play many

roles: friend, worker, helper, leader and partner. Each one asks for certain behaviors, but none of them captures your whole self. They're expressions, not definitions. A role is something you do, not someone you are.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The option on the table today is not the only one that will be offered and taking it could alter your course. Things may work on paper, but that doesn't mean they really fit. The ideal arrangement? Try before you buy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Don't bend for someone who will take advantage of your good nature. You can show said good nature by good-naturedly saying, "Ha! No way." It's the swift timing, lightness and the gleam in your eye that sells it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The stressful situation will pass, the problem will be solved and the transaction finalized. It's all coming together very soon, too, so proceed as though you know this is going your way.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Today's issue is a snowball rolling down a mountain. You might be able to stop it at the top while it's tiny, but once it gets near the bottom, it's a fast-moving, giant wrecking ball.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Talent plus merit is the golden ticket. But if you could only choose one, merit always wins out. With work, the job is learned. The real talent is a desire to put in the work it takes to be good.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25).** Step into your Year of Whispered Intuition, when incredible timing and subtle influence guide you to wonderful places. Your insight and generosity will be cherished and make a difference in the lives of those you love and those you don't even know. More highlights: You'll experience an unexpected windfall, you'll acquire a lucrative skill, and you'll give dozens of lauded performances. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 22, 37, 10 and 41.

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The Tiger Tones of Bennett Intermediate School performed their version of "Finding Nemo KIDS ... The Musical" three times Feb. 19-20 at the high school auditorium. Two casts shared the spotlight during a Thursday night performances and a matinee and evening performance on Friday. The musical version of the Disney • Pixar classic movie followed the travels of the title character, a juvenile clownfish, after he leaves his home in the Great Barrier Reef to explore the world. The third- through fifth-grade musical troupe is under the direction of primary musical director Lauren Paschoalini. Clockwise from top photo, Nemo, Gill, and the Tank Gang work together on a plan to escape the tank into the "big ol' blue." From left to right, Lena Garrison as Peach, Austin Klausner as Gill, Alex Harrison as Nemo, an unidentified student as Gurgle, Jacky Toledo as Bloat, and Baily Lewis as Bubbles; Braidyn Peyton crosses the ocean floor as a happy crab; and sharks Bruce (Allison Krieger), left, and Anchor (Kordelia Sutliff) remember that "fish are friends, not food."

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Strong wind can blow a flying bird off its course, so I like to stay on the ground and have fun on days when there are powerful wind gusts.



I like wind. Gentle breezes cool us and carry sounds of laughter. Ocean breezes smell so good! Picnic breezes lift our kites high into the air. When strong storm winds blow, they howl and shake the house.

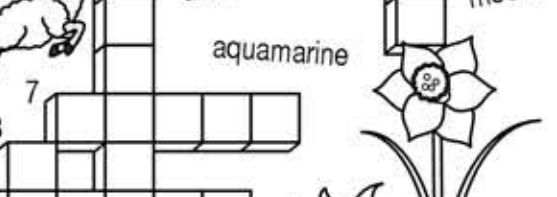
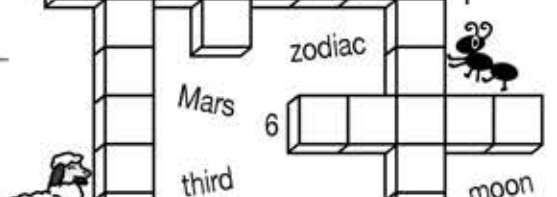
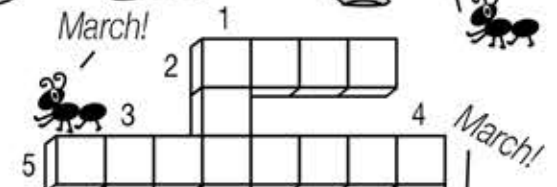
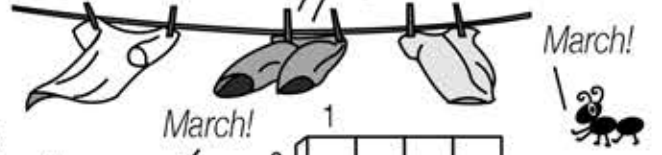
But, while the winds wrap around homes, people curl up with good books and families slow down to play board games together. Have you ever heard the saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb? That means that the month starts off windy, but at the end it is calm. Let's see if you can do my windy puzzles!

## March Winds Blow!

### March:

1. the month named after \_\_\_\_\_, the Roman God of war
2. may have more than one full \_\_\_\_\_
3. birthstone
4. is when the \_\_\_\_\_ season begins
5. Saint \_\_\_\_\_ Day is on the seventeenth
6. is the \_\_\_\_\_ month of the year
7. a month of breezy or \_\_\_\_\_ days
8. Pisces and Aries are the \_\_\_\_\_ signs
9. jonquils and daffodils are its special \_\_\_\_\_
10. has thirty-one \_\_\_\_\_

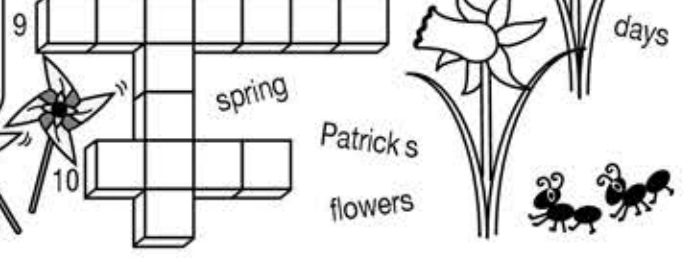
The wind **ROARS** into March!



**March**  
In like a lion,  
out like a lamb!



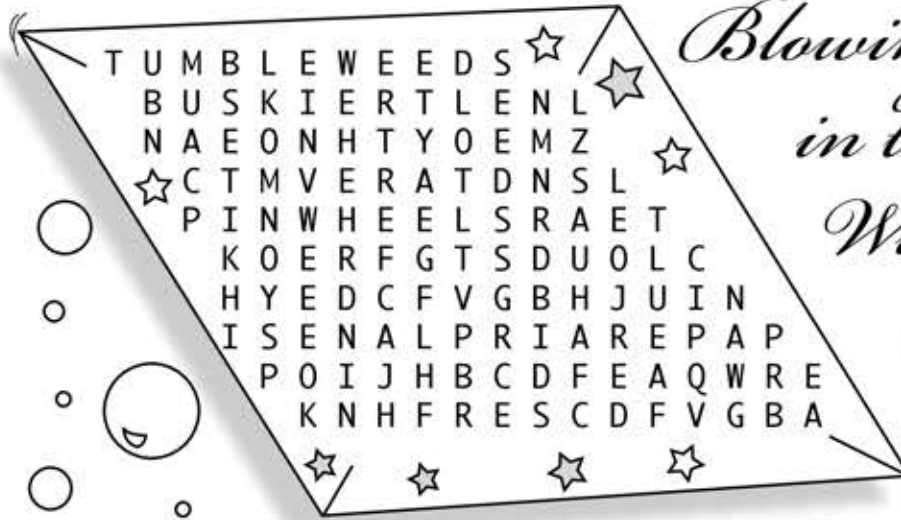
Often, March starts off blustery and a bit chilly, then ends in calm and warmth.



### Match these expressions to what they mean:

1. in the wind
2. get wind of
3. take the wind out of one's sails
4. throw caution to the wind
5. gone with the wind

- A. is gone forever
- B. make a risky move
- C. is about to happen
- D. to find out about something secret
- E. to surprise someone by doing something better than them or by finding they made a mistake



## Blowing in the Wind

Here are twelve things that blow in the wind. Only six of these are hidden in the puzzle. Can you find and circle them?

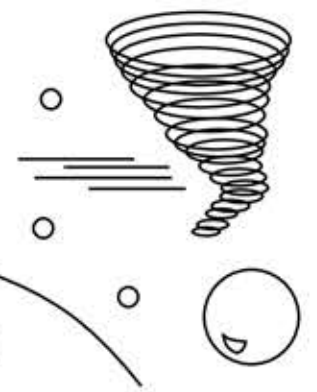
- pinwheels
- windsocks
- ocean waves
- tumbleweeds
- drying clothes
- paper airplanes
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- bubbles
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- clouds
- chimes
- seeds

In 1806, a Rear Admiral in the Royal Navy, Sir Francis Beaufort, created a table of wind speeds and how they would affect ocean waves and the use of a ship's sails. The **Beaufort Wind Scale** is a table of wind speed. It has been changed a little bit over the years, but is still the table that weather forecasters and sailors use today.

### Match the wind speed to the effect it has:

1. calm day (0 up to 1 mph)
  2. light breeze (4-7 mph)
  3. near gale (32-38 mph)
  4. violent storm (64-72 mph)
  5. hurricane (72-82 mph)
- A. leaves rustle
  - B. smoke rises straight up
  - C. widespread damage
  - D. extreme damage
  - E. whole trees in motion

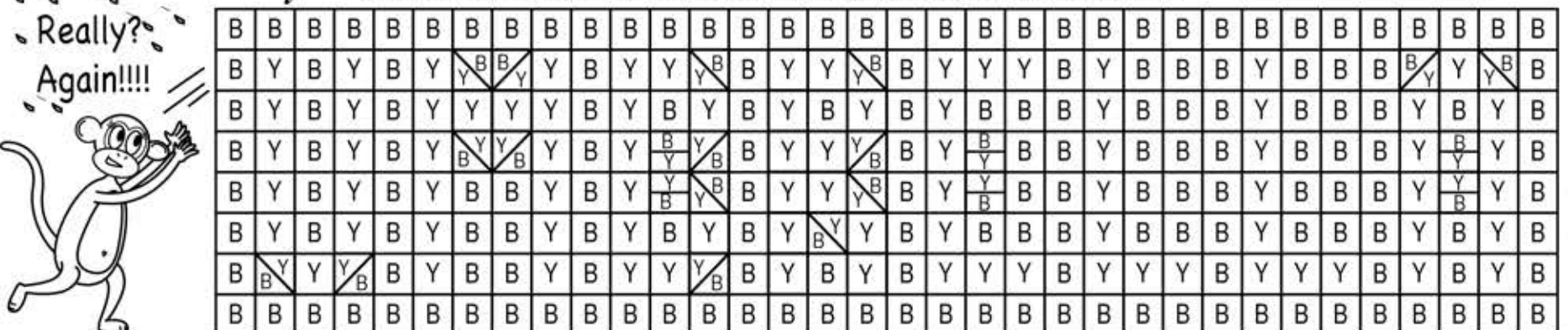
Tornadoes are the most violent storms. Their whirling winds can reach 200-300 mph!



## Blow Away!

The rain was blowing sideways in strong gusts of wind as Chatter was walking home. Follow the color key to see what the wind collapsed and blew out of her hands:

B = Blue Y = Yellow



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### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound boneless pork loin or pork cutlets, sliced into 8 mini medallions (2-3 ounces each, 1/4 inch thick)
- salt and black pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup plain breadcrumbs (or panko for extra crunch)
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne (optional for a kick)
- vegetable oil for pan-frying
- 8 mini slider buns or brioche bread
- 1/2 cup shredded lettuce or arugula
- 8 slices of tomato or pickle (optional)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise or garlic aioli
- 1 tablespoon Dijon or grainy mustard (optional)
- squeeze of lemon (for serving)

### DIRECTIONS

#### PREP THE PORK

If necessary, pound the pork slices between plastic wrap to 1/4-inch thickness for even cooking. Season both sides of each piece with salt and pepper to taste.

### BREADING SET-UP

In three shallow bowls:  
 Bowl 1: flour  
 Bowl 2: beaten eggs  
 Bowl 3: breadcrumbs, paprika, garlic powder, cayenne  
 Dredge each pork piece in flour, dip in egg, then coat thoroughly in breadcrumb mixture.

### COOK THE SCHNITZEL

In a large skillet, heat 1/4 inch of vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Fry the schnitzels in batches, 2-3 minutes per side, until golden brown and internal temperature reaches 145°F. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and rest 3 minutes.

### TOAST THE BUNS

Lightly butter and toast the slider buns in a skillet or oven until golden.

### ASSEMBLE THE SLIDERS

Spread mayonnaise and mustard on buns. Layer with lettuce, tomato, pickle and pork schnitzel. Optional: Squeeze fresh lemon juice on the pork before topping with the bun.

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### 25-26



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March 25, 2026 | 3:45 | Mr. Pelton's room, Byers Elementary  
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March 6 - Regional Basketball at TBD

March 7 - Regional Basketball at TBD

March 11 - HS Girls Golf at Cattail Creek - 10:00

March 12 - State Basketball at Colorado State University in Fort Collins

March 13 - State Basketball at Colorado State University in Fort Collins

March 14 - State Basketball at Colorado State University in Fort Collins

March 17 - HS Baseball at Highland - 3:30 pm

March 19 - UPL All-League Basketball Games in Hugo - 5:30 pm

March 21 - HS Baseball at Holyoke (Double Header) - 10:00 am & 12:30 pm

March 26 HS Baseball vs. Calhan - 3:30 pm

March 26 - JH Track at Strasburg - 1:00 pm

March 26 - HS Girls Golf at Holyoke - 10:00 am

March 27 - HS Baseball at Burlington 3:00 pm

March 28 - HS Track at UNC Greeley 8:00 am

March 28 - JV Track at Limon (Kiowa Meet) 9:00 am

March 30 - HS Baseball at Skyview Academy 3:30 pm

March 31 - HS Baseball at Limon 3:30 pm

March 31 - JH Track at Limon Noon

#### Elementary Events for March:

Tuesday, March 3rd—Elementary Class Picture Day

Wednesday, March 11th—Parent Teacher Conferences - 5:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, March 12th—Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:45-6:15 pm

Friday, March 13th—No School (Compensation Day)

Monday, March 16—Friday, March 20th SPRING BREAK