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The 25th anniversary of a plane crash that killed 10, including Oklahoma State University basketball and media members, east of Strasburg Jan. 27, 2001, took place last Tuesday. Left photo, Strasburg Fire Protection District Director Mike Donnellon stands silently over the marble headstones commemorating all 10 killed. Right photo, Karen Hancock, left, and daughter, Andie, give an emotional thank you to the Strasburg and Byers fire departments for their support the past 25 years since their husband and father, Will Hancock, died in the wreckage. Andie was 2 months old when the crash occurred.

## 'Remember the 10'

# 25 years later, OSU plane crash revisited



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Strasburg Fire Lt. Lance Shore plays a bagpipe version of "Amazing Grace" during a 25th anniversary remembrance of the Oklahoma State University plane crash a few miles east of Strasburg Jan. 27.

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — "Thank you" and "It Matters!"

Those were the two overwhelming themes from last Tuesday's remembrance gathering on the 25th anniversary of the Oklahoma State University men's basketball team plane that crashed a handful miles east of Strasburg Jan. 27, 2001.

After meeting at the Strasburg Firehouse about 4:30 p.m., approximately 50 family and friends of crash victims, Oklahoma State University officials, local law enforcement, and first responders from the Strasburg and Byers fire departments migrated to the crash's memorial site on the west side of Bradbury-Krebs Road about a mile north of County Road 2. After a pair of wreaths were laid on the memorial during a live bagpipe version of "Amazing Grace," a moment of silence to "Remember the 10" killed 25 years ago occurred.

"On the cold snowy evening of Jan. 27, 2001, at 5:37 p.m., one of three Oklahoma State University men's basketball team planes crashed in this pasture 1,000 feet to the west of here," said Strasburg Fire Protection District Board President Jeff Thain, who was Strasburg Fire Chief when the crash occurred. "It is an honor to remember these 10 men here tonight along with family, friends, first re-



sponders, communities of Strasburg, Byers and Oklahoma State University."

Laying the wreaths inside the memorial were crash victim family members Karen Hancock and Andie Hancock, mother and daughter of Will Hancock; Chad Weiberg, brother of Jared Weiberg; and Amy Lee, cousin of co-pilot Bjorn Fahlstrom.

Andie Hancock, who was 2 months old when her father died, thanked the Strasburg and Byers fire agencies for not only their response to the accident 25 years ago, but the efforts taken to keep the memories of her father and other nine crash victims alive.

"A lot of what I know about my dad comes from memories and stories from a lot of other people, and that includes all of you here because I never got to know him," a teary-eyed Andie Hancock said. "Can't tell you how much this means."

"It really means a lot what has been done here," Karen Hancock added. "It really does matter."

Will Hancock was the university's media relations coordinator.

Chad Weiberg, who is OSU's Athletic Director and older brother of Jared Weiberg, a student assistant for the basketball program, also thanked the

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## Bennett street construction bond ballot question a step away

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

BENNETT — The town of Bennett is one step away from placing a construction bond question for city streets on its spring municipal ballot.

During their Jan. 27 meeting, town trustees unanimously approved the

first reading of Ordinance 809-26 setting the ballot title and ballot issue for a proposed bond question on the April 7 municipal election that could help maintain and improve town roadways.

A second reading of the ordinance and a public hearing about the proposed ballot initiative is scheduled

during the next trustees meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Town finance director Danette Ruvalcaba said that more specifics of the proposed bond question will be available that night and that there will be a copy of the ballot initiative will be available at town hall for 30 days.

"If you have people approaching

you and they would like to address the board about the bond and the ballot issues, Feb. 10 is when they are invited to attend," Ruvalcaba told board members.

The preliminary bond question language asks Bennett voters to approve

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## COMMUNITY CORRAL

### Drawing slated for positions on Bennett municipal ballot

**BENNETT** — Candidates for three seats on the Bennett Board of Trustees will meet to determine their positions on the ballot at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Town Hall.

This meeting is a required step in the municipal election process. It provides an opportunity to observe an important part of local democracy in action. The drawing of ballot positions helps ensure a fair and transparent election.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact the Town Clerk Christina Hart at (303)644-3249 or [chart@bennett.co.us](mailto:chart@bennett.co.us).

### Dept. of Regulatory Agencies sets off phishing scam alarm

**DENVER** — The Department of Regulatory Agencies was notified Jan. 28 of an e-mail phishing scam designed to look as if a DORA employee sent it.

The subject line contains this verbiage "Re: Action Required - DORA Enforcement Notice #93742" and appears to be sent by a fabricated DORA employee, Cassy T. Sullivan.

Residents who receive the e-mail should not click on any links, report it as phishing. If trying to self-confirm a message, they should note that the suffix ends in "state.co.us" and the phishing message does not.

To report a suspicious e-mail from a state entity, call the relevant department using the telephone number listed on a state government website.

The Governor's Office of Information Technology is investigating.

### Noted shutterbug featured at Town of Deer Trail class

**DEER TRAIL** — The Town of Deer Trail will host a free photography class with local photographer Carl Steitz.

A Nikon class runs from 9-11 a.m. and a Canon class from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, at Sunny Brew Cafe, 618 First Ave., Deer Trail.

Event is open to all ages but children 16 and younger must be accom-

panied by an adult.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, e-mail to [deertrailevents@gmail.com](mailto:deertrailevents@gmail.com) or call (303)518-0113.

### 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. for 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](http://strasburgparks.org).

### 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.

### 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, including floriculture. A list of plants commonly considered specialty crops, as well as ineligible commodities, can be found at [www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov).

The purpose of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is to enhance the competitiveness of Colorado spe-

cialty crops in areas such as marketing, promotion, education, research, trade and nutrition.

The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 13.

### Public invited to help make Valentines for military folk

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Hemphill Middle School are partnering to make valentines for military personnel past and present.

The Valentines for Veterans Soldiers' Angels mission ensures that no one who serves the country feels unloved, especially on Valentine's Day.

Card-making supplies are available at the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. Cards must be returned for distribution by Feb. 5.

To provide the name of a soldier who would like to receive a Valentine, send their mailing address to [jessica@strasburgparks.org](mailto:jessica@strasburgparks.org).

### Studio environment offered thru I-70 arts organization

**STRASBURG** — The Corridor Creative Arts League will host a free "Open Create" session from 12-3 p.m., every other Sunday starting Feb. 8, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

"Open Create" is a studio environment where artists can work with different mediums. Instructors will not lead the sessions. Each artist must create on their own.

A variety of supplies will be on hand. Participants can also bring their own projects. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, visit [corridorcreativeartsleague.org](http://corridorcreativeartsleague.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](mailto:officei70ccoc@gmail.com) by Friday, Feb. 13. Space is limited.

### Art journaling, collage class planned by 'Burg Rec District

**STRASBURG** — Kids in grades K-8 can dive into a variety of mediums, from painting to clay, in a fun, inspiring environment hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

Students will learn about collage, composition and art journaling and will receive a list of prompts and ideas to go with their journals so they can continue to fill them at home.

The class runs from 10-10:45 a.m. for grades K-3 and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for grades 4-8, Monday, Feb. 9, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall. The theme surrounds art journaling.

The registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 5. A \$10 fee is required. To sign up, visit [strasburgparks.org](http://strasburgparks.org).

### 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 Sherman and Front streets.

### 'Burg Comanche VIP Seniors plan monthly potluck Jan. 20

**STRASBURG** — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, 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. For more information, call Iris Salladay Sirois at (303)822-5262.

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Structural repairs and roadway resurfacing on the flood-damaged Bijou Creek bridge over Arapahoe County Road 38 a few miles west of Deer Trail were completed last month. The roadway was fully reopened to both lanes of traffic Jan. 13, about 3½ months after the final stage of repairs to the bridge abutments and asphalt replacement commenced in October. The Deer Trail bridge was one of several waterway crossings throughout eastern Elbert, Arapahoe and Adams counties that were ravaged by floodwaters over about a two-week period in June 2023. Arapahoe County provided short-term repairs to the County Road 38 bridge to allow local traffic to navigate the area while waiting on federal grant funding to assist in permanent repairs. The project, which started last fall, cost \$1 million. One last phase of the project has yet to be completed but final reclamation of the creek channel in the spring shouldn't result in any traffic interruption. The above photos are from Jan. 13 when road crews completed the resurfacing of the bridge deck itself.

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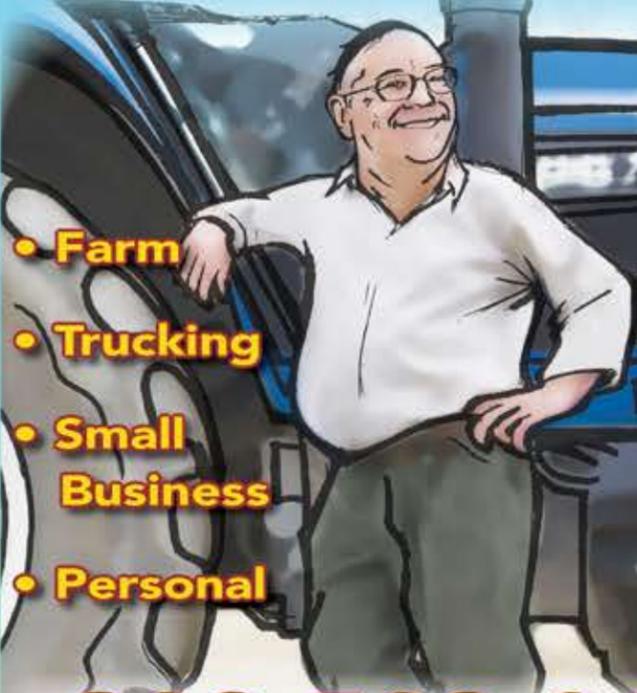






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## Notice:

Limited Clerk and Recorder's Office Services Feb. 17–18

All Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder branches will operate with limited capacity on **Tuesday, Feb. 17** and **Wednesday, Feb. 18**, as the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles upgrades its software system.



### Shovel snow for a neighbor in need

Help an older adult in need this winter by volunteering to shovel their walkways and driveway. When you sign up, you will be paired with someone within walking distance or a short drive from your home. Visit [arapahoeco.gov/volunteer](http://arapahoeco.gov/volunteer)

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WEEK OF FEB. 2

## 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](http://www.NoCoFoundation.org/Scholarships).

For more information, e-mail to [Scholarships@NoCoFoundation.org](mailto:Scholarships@NoCoFoundation.org).

Roy and Linda Funk are residents of Byers.

# Church Directory

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[www.spcusa.us](http://www.spcusa.us)  
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Nate Fleming



Will Hancock



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Bill Teegins



Jared Weiberg

COURTESY OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Oklahoma State University Athletic Director Chad Weiberg, left, and Amy Lee, center, speak about the support they've received since family members were killed in the OSU plane crash east of Strasburg Jan. 27, 2001. Weiberg's brother, Jared, was a student assistant to the university's men's basketball team while Lee's cousin Bjorn Fahlstrom was co-pilot of the aircraft. Right photos are of the 10 men who died in the crash that occurred about 1,000 feet west of Bradbury Krebs about a mile north of County Road 2.

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local communities for their long-standing support.

"To see you guys wearing those [orange "Remember the 10"] shirts and all the time that's been spent over the years speaking between us and everyone here and the upkeep on the memorial is so heartening and appreci-

ated, I don't think you can know how much," Chad Weiberg said.

Another member of the OSU family said that he regularly visits the memorial site near Strasburg on the anniversary of its occurrence and, every year, has seen a group of people there.

"I didn't ever want to bother them but [one time] I did go up to them and ask who they were and they replied, 'We are the first responders,'" the man said. "That hit me. You have become part of OSU."

Other victims of the crash were Kendall Durfey, television/radio en-

gineer; players Nathan Fleming and Daniel Lawson Jr.; trainer Brian Luinstra; co-pilot Denver Mills; Director of Basketball Operations Pat Noyes; and "Voice of the Cowboys" William Tietgens.

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Left, Oklahoma State University plane crash memorial attendees walk down to the crash site about 1,000 feet west of where the memorial sits along Bradbury Krebs Road. Right photo, the memorial itself has been adorned with new wreaths and other mementos.



# Cancer Fighters to the Rescue

THANK YOU!

Dear Cancer Fighters to the Rescue Family,  
From the bottom of our hearts, **Thank You** for making the 16th Cancer Fighters to the Rescue Toy Drive an unforgettable blessing.

This year, three incredible Senior Ambassadors stepped up and did an outstanding job. Rachel, Rachael, and Cam, we are so proud of each of you and wish you nothing but success as you begin your college and university journeys. Your leadership, compassion, and dedication truly made a difference. Because of all of you, we were able to donate more than 5,700 toys to the Children's Hospital – Oncology Department, in loving honor of my brother, Diego. This moment meant more than words can express.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing support of the I-70 community, friends, family, and our awesome partners: Strasburg School District, Bennett School District, Byers School District, John's Repair, Strasburg Parks & Rec, Byers General Store, Bennett Park and Rec, Salinas Mexican Food, The Gift Shop, Dulce Espresso & Bakery, Magnolia Salon & Spa, Maverick Mercantile, Latinas Salon, Napa Auto Parts, Salon Envy, Strasburg Fire Department, Adams County Sheriff Office, Eye Venue, Bret's Electric, Cookies, I-70 Scout, Kohrs Orthodontics, Colorado State Patrol, Aurora Public Schools, Outlets at Castle Rock, McDonald Automotive Group, and Mercedes-Benz.

We are incredibly grateful to all of you and hope to continue these partnerships, allowing us to continue bringing smiles, hope, and comfort to children fighting cancer.

The delivery day was truly amazing. A full procession of cars arrived loaded with toys, and the joy on the faces of the Child Life nurses was priceless. We filled every bin they had, and then some — so much that we had to leave toys in our own boxes as well. Watching everyone jump into action was such a blessing.

All pictures and videos from the delivery have been posted on the Cancer Fighters to the Rescue Facebook and Instagram pages, capturing these beautiful moments forever.

To everyone who donated, believed in us, and supported this toy drive — thank you. Your kindness, generosity, and love touched so many lives. Now, let's get ready for the 17th Cancer Fighters to the Rescue Toy Drive. We have 11 months to start preparing, dreaming bigger, and spreading even more joy.

**Daniel Alvarado**  
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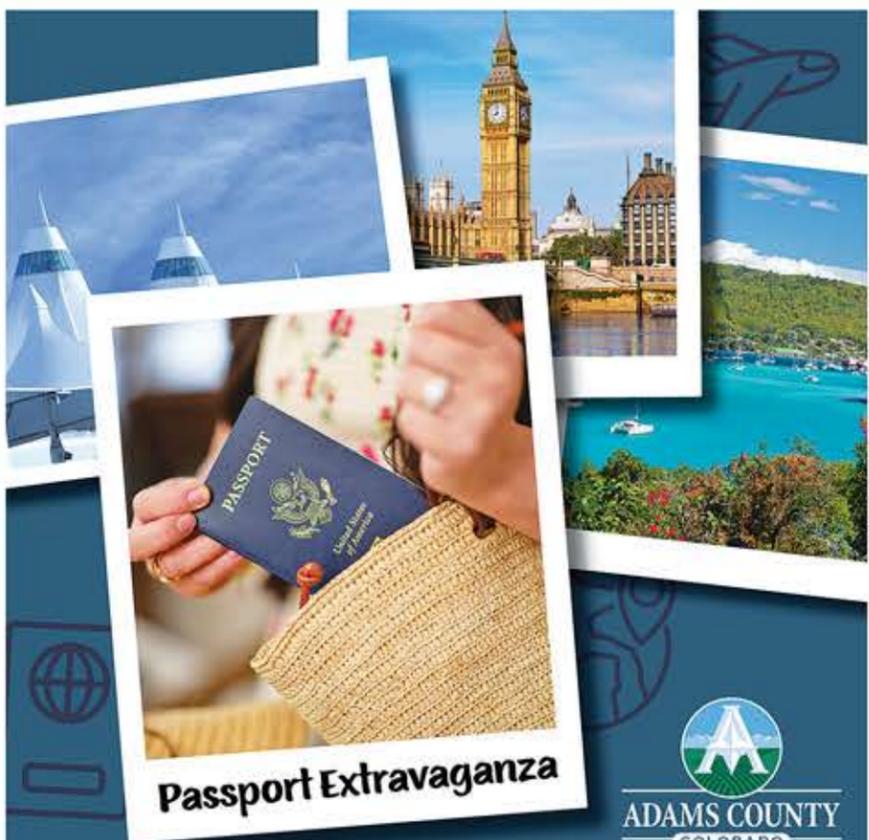



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During a Jan. 27 memorial service, Strasburg Fire Protection District Board President Jeff Thain, left, reads a passage remembering the 10 lives lost when a plane carrying OSU basketball team members and communications staff crashed east of Strasburg 25 years ago. Thain, who was Strasburg fire chief when the crash occurred Jan. 27, 2001, is joined by wife, Susan, and retired OSU Police Chief Leon Jones, who was among the first university officials on scene afterwards.

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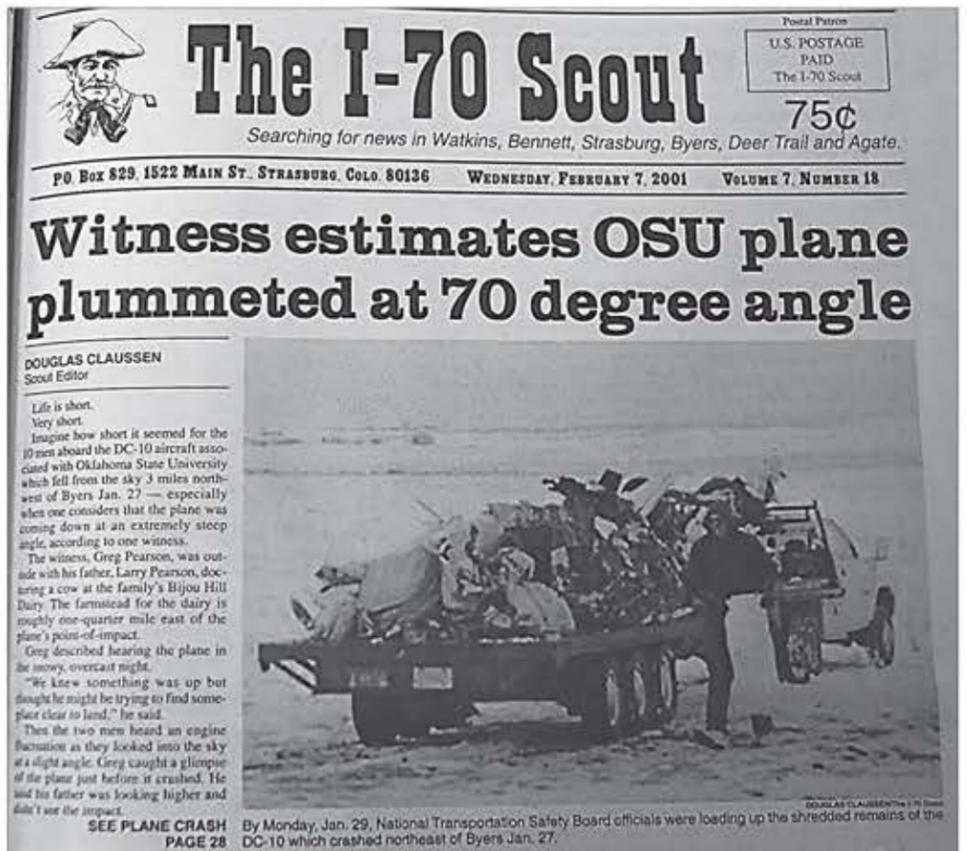
The plane was one of three OSU aircraft that were carrying basketball team members, athletic department officials, and university media staff returning to Stillwater, Okla., from a Big 12 Conference basketball game at the University of Colorado at Boulder earlier in the day.

The National Transportation Safety Board's post-accident investigation determined the probable cause of the accident to be "the pilot's spatial disorientation resulting from his failure to maintain positive manual control of the airplane with the available

flight instrumentation." Cold temperatures, snow and low-lying clouds were also prevalent in the area at the time the plane went down.

At the same time that the memorial service was held in Strasburg, similar remembrances went on at the OSU campus in Stillwater. There was also an hour-long, ads-free TV special on the crash and remembering the victims that was broadcast statewide starting 6:30 p.m. central time.

"Always 'Remember the 10,'" Chad Weiberg concluded.



The Oklahoma State University plane crash appears on the cover of the Feb. 7, 2001, edition of *The I-70 Scout*.

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# New SNAP waiver could cap purchases of sugary beverages starting April 30

by L.P. McKay  
Rocky Mountain Community Radio

Colorado's new Healthy Choice Waiver may restrict what people on food assistance can buy with SNAP benefits beginning April 30, eliminating the use of benefits for sugary and sweetened beverages — a change supporters call a public health step and critics call a restriction on personal choice.

The waiver still must be approved by the Colorado State Board of Human Services at its Feb. 6 meeting, meaning the changes are not yet final.

Under the waiver, SNAP recipients in Colorado would no longer be able to purchase "soft drinks" with benefits. That includes sodas, sweetened iced teas, energy drinks, sports drinks with natural or artificial sweeteners, and any beverage that contains less than 50% fruit or vegetable juice by volume. Allowed purchases will still include water, unsweetened seltzers, milk and milk alternatives, 100% fruit or vegetable juice, and all other food items normally allowed under SNAP.

The waiver stems from federal approval granted to Colorado by the U.S. Food & Nutrition Service in August 2025, part of a broader federal initiative allowing states to test limits on certain food and beverage purchases through SNAP.

Colorado was among six states — including Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas — receiving approval to ban sugary drinks and similar items as part of efforts to promote healthier eating.

Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, publicly supported the measure, saying the waiver is "a big step towards improving the health of Coloradans, and reducing obesity rates, diabetes, and tooth decay," and noted that healthier purchasing patterns could encourage retailers to stock more nutritious options.

But the policy has polarized reactions. Advocacy groups argue the waiver restricts personal choice by targeting what benefits recipients can use at the grocery store. Critics say it treats SNAP participants differently from other shoppers and could add stigma at checkout.

They point out that limiting access to beverages using SNAP benefits does not address deeper challenges like food access, affordability and retailer burdens.

Healthy Eating Research has found limited evidence that restricting SNAP purchases improves health outcomes, while evaluations of incentive programs like Double Up Food Bucks show increased fruit and vegetable consumption among participants.



L.P. MCKAY/rocky Mountain Community Radio

Sugar-sweetened and diet sodas are among the products that could be restricted under Colorado's proposed SNAP waiver if approved by state and federal officials.

## Public comment period concludes February 6

The ban, if approved, takes effect April 30 in Colorado.

Purchases of sugary and sweetened drinks with SNAP benefits will no be allowed.

All other foods and eligible beverages — including milk, unsweetened drinks, and 100% juice — can be purchased.

The change applies only to purchases made in Colorado; buying the same item with SNAP benefits in another state will follow that state's rules.

Community members are encouraged to learn more, reach out to SNAP offices, and stay informed about how the changes could impact grocery shopping and nutrition choices for families across the state.

A comment period is open for community members and SNAP recipients until Friday, Feb. 6.

Colorado's Healthy Choice waiver is part of a nationwide trend: 18 states have approved various SNAP food restriction waivers that will limit or bar purchases of sugary drinks, candy, processed snacks, or other non-nutritious items beginning in 2026, reflecting a larger debate over the balance between public health and personal freedom in food assistance programs.

As the April possible implementation date nears, SNAP recipients and community advocates continue to raise questions about how the policy will affect shopping behavior, retailer operations, and the dignity of food assistance participation. Retailers must update their Point of Sale systems and educate staff to comply with the new eligibility rules.

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**Sewing Drop-In:** All ages welcomed every first Thursday of the month for a fun, casual drop-in sewing workshop! Our sewing teacher will join us to help out with your everyday projects if needed. Sewing machines and some supplies will be provided. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5.

**Tech Takeaways:** Practical tips to spot and avoid online scams will be provided in a session geared toward adults. A question-and-answer session on scams and basic cybersecurity will follow the presentation. If possible, submit questions in advance. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit anythinklibraries.org. 6-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5.

**Open Create with CCAL:** Adult artists can collaborate at a gathering hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League (CCAL). They can bring their own projects and supplies or choose from a variety provided by the library. 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11.

**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.

**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.

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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, Feb. 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, Feb. 4.

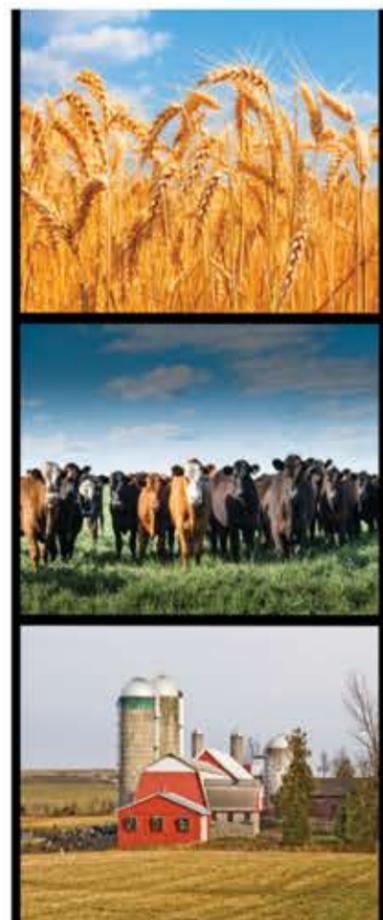
**Teen Volunteer Drop-In:** Teens in grades 7-12 can earn volunteer hours assisting with a variety of light prep tasks. They can stay for all or part of the session and should provide any required volunteer paperwork. 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5.

**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. 6.

**Tummy Time & Social Hour:** Parents and caregivers with infants can drop in for a relaxed program where babies can explore while parents and caregivers connect, share and learn. Quilts, toys and books are provided, and early childhood professionals will be on hand to answer questions. "Tummy time" helps babies increase motor function, core strength and early social and literacy skills. 1:30-3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6.

**Adult book club:** "The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding" by Jennifer Robson. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10.

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**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, Feb. 6.

**Teen Takeover:** Teens ages 12-18 will make their own goal boards to visualize their dreams. Snacks and materials provided. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11.

**'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.

## Dual classification for bison OK'd

STERLING — The Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission unanimously approved regulations giving bison a dual legal classification as both livestock and wildlife, following the direction of the Protect Wild Bison Act at its November meeting in Sterling.

Under the new regulations, privately owned and fenced bison herds will continue to be managed as livestock through the Colorado Department of Agriculture. However, free-ranging bison that naturally enter the state from neighboring jurisdictions will now be managed as a big-game species under Colorado Parks & Wildlife authority.

Colorado has no wild bison herds, though animals from Utah's Book Cliffs herd occasionally cross into the state. Wild bison in the state received legal protection beginning Jan. 1.

Proposed CPW regulations are designed to implement SB25-053. Parks & Wildlife is not proposing regular bison hunting seasons at this time.

"This dual classification recognizes both the cultural and ecological im-

portance of bison while providing the tools needed to manage wild bison as big game wildlife," said Parks & Wildlife Big Game Manager Andy Holland. "Colorado's last native wild bison were killed in the late 1800s but, as restoration efforts expand across the West, wild bison are moving into Colorado from the Book Cliffs herd."

Adding bison to the list of animals that CPW manages and protects as a big-game species requires several updates to existing regulations, including the addition of director-approved management licenses to be used on a case-by-case basis; for example, in the case of game damage, updates to definitions and the adoption of license fees.

"These regulations prepare Colorado for when wild bison once again roam here," Holland said. "Our goal is to ensure we have the management tools available while we are engaging stakeholders to create a Book Cliffs Bison Herd Management plan, which will establish the bison management area and population objectives."

## Drilling pad proposed; comment sought

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County is seeking public input on a proposed oil and gas facility south of I-70 between Manila and Brick-Center roads west of Bennett.

The operator, Bison IV Operating LLC, has submitted a complete application for the project, known as the Remora 6 Pad. It would sit on a specific parcel of land.

Public feedback will be accepted through an online comment form only at [www.arapahoeco.gov](http://www.arapahoeco.gov) until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The proposal includes up to 16 wells, along with production equipment, pipelines and an access road. The site sits in an area with agricultural and

rangeland uses, existing oil and gas development, and I-70. Access would occur from East County Road 6 and County Road 121.

Staff is reviewing the application under the new oil and gas regulations in Arapahoe Land Development Code. In 2023 and 2024, the county updated the regulations to strengthen requirements—now the most stringent in Colorado—related to setbacks, air and water quality monitoring, and other safeguards.

After thoroughly reviewing the application and considering all public comments, Director of Public Works & Development Bryan Weimer will approve or deny the proposal.

## AdCo elects officers for '26

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners Jan. 6 unanimously elected its new chair and vice chair to preside over board matters for 2026.

District 1 Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica was named chair and Kathy Henson vice chair for the year.

"As both someone who grew up in Adams County and is now raising my own family here, serving this community truly feels like serving home," Mullica said.

Mullica was elected as commissioner in 2024 and previously served on the Northglenn City Council and the Tri-County Board of Health. She is a lifelong Adams County resident and a graduate of Mapleton Public Schools and the University of Colorado.

Mullica brings her strong background in and passion for public health and evidence-based strategies to the BoCC, where she advocates for solutions to the biggest problems facing the county, such as affordable housing, child care, smart growth, transportation, and a safe and clean environment. She has three children with her husband, state Senator Kyle

Mullica, D-Thornton.

Commissioner Kathy Henson, representing District 2, was voted unanimously as vice chair. Henson was elected commissioner in 2024, following service on the Thornton City Council and Finance Audit Committee at Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Kathy's early career was spent in the performing arts, working as an actor, choreographer and director for more than two decades. Her priorities are to expand affordable housing, strengthen small businesses, protect the environment, enhance public safety, and foster vibrant arts and cultural opportunities.

Henson is a Colorado native. She lives in Thornton with her husband, Dennis. Both of their sons are graduates of Adams 12.

"Adams County has been my home for more than 20 years and to be a part of shaping the story of this extraordinary, vibrant place means the world to me," Henson said.

Henson assumes the vice chair role from Mullica, while the chair role passes to Mullica from Commissioner Lynn Baca, District 5.



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The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in different sports such as figure skating and skiing.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first Olympic competition was a \_\_\_\_\_, run barefoot.
- Modern winter or summer \_\_\_\_\_ are usually held every 2 years.
- Before the games start, runners carry the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ from Olympia, Greece to the place where the Olympics will be held.
- This year, the host city of the winter games is Milan, \_\_\_\_\_.
- More than 3,500 \_\_\_\_\_ from over 90 countries will go to Italy to compete.
- About two \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. athletes and over 150 Canadian athletes will attend the Winter Games.
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ during the games.
- They will compete in 116 events in 16 different \_\_\_\_\_.
- People all over the \_\_\_\_\_ watch and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Two of the most watched sports are expected to be figure \_\_\_\_\_ and ice hockey.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.

**The Olympic Motto**

Swifter, Higher, Stronger.

medals, athletes, world, Italy, scores, hundred, Greece, torch, sports, skating, France, village, games, youngest, footrace

The names in bold print are some athletes to watch!

### Which Olympic Sport Is It?

Athletes at the Winter Olympics are competing in 116 events in 16 sports to win and to earn Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. Read the clues to fill in my puzzle with the Olympic sports!

Speed skating, alpine skiing, figure skating, bobsleigh, skeleton, luge, biathlon, curling, ski jumping, ice hockey, freestyle skiing, snowboarding

**Sidney Crosby** Hockey (Canada)

**Eileen Gu** (China) Skiing

**Deanna Stellato-Dudek**  
**Maxime Deschamps** (Canada) Figure Skaters

**Mikaela Shiffrin** Alpine Skiing (U.S.A)

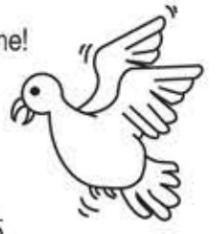
- average flight time is less than 10 seconds
- had a 5-year break before returning in 1992; a lot like shuffleboard
- started as a mix of skiing and acrobatics
- combination sport of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, skills first used by hunters and soldiers
- started in the Summer Olympics (1908), now: singles, pairs, ice dancing
- partly enclosed vehicle on steerable blades racing on iced tracks
- done in the Alps in Europe for many years; Olympic sport since 1936; includes the downhill event, which is the longest with highest speeds, and the slalom, which has the shortest course with the quickest turns
- special skates, tight racing suits to lower friction, helmet, eyewear
- Olympic-style toboggan: steering and speed are important
- flexible or stiff boards, boots, hard plastic helmets
- stick, skates, helmet, pucks, protective gloves, shin guards, jersey
- one of the fastest Olympic sports; athletes go up to 100 miles per hour

### Olympic World Wishes

The Olympic Committee is a group of people from all over the world who help to organize the Games. They are interested in how people live. They feel that developing the body, mind and spirit is important. Setting goals and being the best you can be is encouraged. When athletes join together in competitions they travel from many different countries. The people of these countries watch to see how their athletes perform. The Games help promote friendship, understanding and peace across the world. Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks.

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# SPORTS



## Lady Tigers continue to dominate league

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

The Bennett Lady Tigers' domination of the Frontier League continued last week as the orange-and-black sank visiting Englewood 62-5 Jan. 27 and mauled their hosts from Middle Park, 46-16, two nights later.

The troops of Bennett head coach Mike Rios ended January with an overall record of 12-3. In the conference, the Lady Tigers are 6-0 — winning by a combined 338-85 — including outscoring their first three 4A Frontier League foes — Alameda, Arrupe Jesuit and Englewood — 171-46.

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association's playoff determination rankings to end January, Bennett is No. 13 and appears safely in the 32-team bracket for 4A girls.

**@ MIDDLE PARK**

Thursday's road trip to Granby pitted the last two undefeated squads in the Frontier League against each other and, after both teams struggled in the first eight minutes — Bennett led 8-2 after the first quarter — the visitors took control. The Lady Tigers' defense controlled the rest of the game, holding the hosts to another 2-point quarter entering halftime and limiting

the Panthers to 6 points in each of the quarters following intermission. Conversely, Bennett reached double-digits in all three remaining quarters, extending its lead to 24-4 at halftime and 36-10 entering the fourth quarter.

"A complete team effort on both ends of the floor," Rios said. "Good balance, defensive intensity and unselfish play."

The Tigers scoring included 18 made field goals, including a half-dozen from behind the three-point line, and a 4-of-10 night from the free-throw line.

The guard-wing tandem of sophomore Josie Ladd and Emilee Venneberg continued to pace the Tigers' scoring with 19 and 12 points, respectively. Venneberg concluded a double-double with 10 rebounds, four on the offensive end.

Defensively, Rios lauded the effort of sophomore guard Mattie Robledo, who had the job of guarding Middle Park's most prolific scorer, and the undersized inside trio of junior Madelyn Bavouset, and seniors Mya Robledo and Emma Jordan.

"Mattie locked her down and proved a key defensive spark, in addition to the eight points she contributed

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Bennett's Josie Ladd races up the court with the dribble ahead of both Englewood defenders and teammates Emma Jordan (25) and Madelyn Bavouset.

## Bulldogs nipped by Simla late

by **Douglas Claussen**  
Publisher & Editor

Byers lost at defending state champion Simla in a battle of 2A powerhouses Jan. 27 with the Cubs coming out on top 69-63.

The game was close wire-to-wire with Byers ahead by 1 point with about 90 seconds to go. But the Cubs hit a three-pointer and Byers missed one, forcing the Bulldogs to foul late.

"It did show us that we could beat them," said Byers head coach Jeremy Kerns. "To have the lead throughout a good chunk of the game and to still be in it late ... at their place is a good sign."

The Bulldogs also traveled to Arickaree Jan. 28 where they ran the Bison off a cliff in a 68-27 victory.

Byers also defeated Burlington on the road Jan. 30 to go to 11-2 for the season. Watch *The I-70 Scout* for complete coverage.

At press time, Simla stood at 9-3 and Arickaree was 7-7.

**@ SIMLA**

No. 2 Byers got off to a good start against No. 1 Simla, leading by 9 points, 35-26, at halftime.

But the Cubs turned the ball over to junior sensation Tatum Kocerha, the reigning 2A Player of the Year, a 6-7 guard who is averaging 22.3 points and 11 boards per game. He put up 27 points against the Bulldogs, 18 in the second half.

"We had done a good job controlling him," Kerns said. "Their key at halftime was just to have him take over and, in the second half, he just tried to do everything."

"We didn't shoot quite as well in the second half either. We had a tough time getting to the line."

With about three minutes to go in

**SEE BB BYERS PAGE 14**

## Strasburg boys uprooted at Brush, no longer undefeated

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

BRUSH — The terms "letdown game" or "trap game" have become common in sports vernacular but seem apropos for last week's hardwood upset loss suffered by the previously top-ranked Strasburg Indians.

The red-and-black entered its Jan. 27 road game against Patriot League rival Brush undefeated but returned home 12-1 after a surprising 56-41 loss to the Beetdiggers, who improved to 7-7 overall, 3-2 in conference play.

The red-and-black troops of head coach Kyle Bollers had come off several weeks of high emotions between high-profile games and the death of longtime teacher, coach and player parent Kevin Hemphill earlier in the

month.

Strasburg recorded victories over league arch-rivals Windsor Charter Academy and Resurrection Christian the previous week. Resurrection Christian defeated the Indians three times last season including in the 3A title game.

At Brush, the hosts took a 20-14 lead after the first eight minutes and maintained their six-point advantage at halftime, 31-25. The usual offensive spurt of Bollers' troops never came to fruition as they could only muster 8 points each in the third and fourth quarters, while Brush added on 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Strasburg struggled to shoot, going 15-of-44 (34%) from the field,

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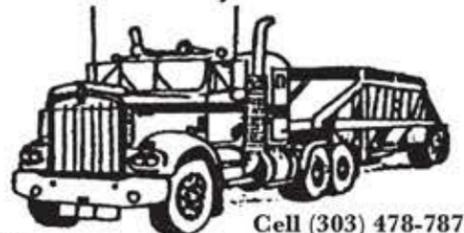
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## Byers boy among hoop shoot champs

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail Elks hosted their annual Hoop Shoot free-throw contest Jan. 18 at the Deer Trail School gym with the top winners advancing to the state competition in Aurora Feb. 7.

Twenty-four kids from Flagler, Big Sandy (Simla), Limon and Byers participated.

The competition is split into three girls and three boys divisions — ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Qualifying for the state competition this Saturday were Kamden Reed of Byers; Sterling Leland and Angela Soto from Simla; and Peyton Loutzenhiser, David Maranville,

and William Maranville from Limon, who won their respective divisions. Leland and William Maranville received medallions for making the most free throws on the day — Leland went 15-of-25 while Maranville was 18-of-25.

Other place-winners were:

- Byers: Julee Price, third;
- Flagler: Reese Andersen, Calista Bledsoe, Declan Brent and Deven Rush, all second, and Augustino Wallace, third;
- Simla: Jackson Sedlack and Tucker Sedlack both third; and
- Limon: Trexton Sandersfeld, second.

## Corridor youth diamond registration open

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

Prospective players from Watkins through Deer Trail can all register using the online form at strasburgparks.org.

Regular registration runs through March 1 with a late registration window available 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 tournament for the top four to six 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; and 18U (ages 14-18) \$210.

Late registration for the following three weeks ranges from \$190 to \$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 occur 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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## GB BENNETT

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offensively,” he said. “The girls inside, once again, did the dirty work, battling all night in the paint despite being undersized by nearly a foot. The effort on the boards and defensive rotations helped limit second-chance opportunities and keep Middle Park in check.”

As a team, Bennett corralled 28 rebounds, half on the offensive end, and forced Middle Park into 25-plus turnovers, including 15 steals. Ladd led the Tigers with six thefts.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Bennett	8	16	12	10	46
Middle Park	2	2	6	6	16

### BENNETT @ MIDDLE PARK

**Points (46):** Josie Ladd 19; Emilee Venneberg 12; Mattie Robledo 8; Aileen Duran 5; Madelyn Bavouset 2.  
**Rebounds (28):** Bavouset 6; Venneberg 10; Emma Jordan 4; Mya Robledo 3; Ladd 3; Duran 2.  
**Assists (4):** Duran 2; Ma. Robledo 1; Venneberg 1.  
**Steals (15):** Ladd 6; Ma. Robledo 3; Venneberg 2; Duran 2; Jordan 1; Bavouset 1.  
**Blocks (4):** Bavouset 3; Ladd 1.

### ENGLEWOOD

The visiting Pirates found themselves swimming against heavy currents early as Bennett took the first eight minutes 19-2 and recorded a 24-0 second-quarter shutout for a 43-2 halftime advantage. The second half went quickly because of the running clock under the mercy rule. Bennett won the third quarter 6-2 and the final period 13-1.

The Tigers shot 38% from the field, including 7-of-19 behind the three-point arc, and were 7-of-15 at the free-throw line.

Ten Tigers got playing time and eight scratched the stat sheet in one way or the other.

Ladd and Venneberg again dominated the scoring with 26 and 14 points, respectively, as Mattie Robledo and fellow sophomore Aileen Duran added 9 and 8, respectively. Ladd and Venneberg both completed unconventional double-doubles with 13 and 11 steals, respectively.

“Relentless defensive pressure. Mattie Robledo also drew the assignment of Englewood’s leading scorer and held her to just three points on the night,” Rios said. “Inside, Mya Robledo, Madelyn Bavouset, and Emma Jordan controlled the paint — limited second chances defensively and created multiple extra possessions on the offensive glass.”

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Englewood	2	0	2	1	5
Bennett	19	24	6	13	62

### ENGLEWOOD @ BENNETT

**Points (62):** Duran 8; Ma. Robledo 9; Beatrix Burck 2; Bavouset 3; Ladd 26; Venneberg 14.  
**Rebounds (27):** Duran 3; Ma. Robledo 3; Mya Robledo 1; Jordan 2; Bavouset 5; Ladd 6; Venneberg 7.  
**Assists (16):** Duran 1; Ma. Robledo 2; Burck 1; Mya Robledo 3; Bavouset 1; Ladd 3; Venneberg 5.  
**Steals (41):** Duran 6; Ma. Robledo 4; Burck 1; Mya Robledo 3; Jordan 1; Bavouset 2; Ladd 13; Venneberg 11.

### COMING UP

- Feb. 5:** @ Platte Canyon
- Feb. 9:** Peak to Peak
- Feb. 10:** Lake County
- Feb. 14:** Highland
- Feb. 17:** @ Fort Lupton
- Feb. 26:** St. Mary’s Academy



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Lady Tiger Mattie Robledo scores 2 of her 9 points on a layup against Englewood Jan. 27.

The Tigers continue league play to start February. After hosting Arvada Feb. 2, they travel to Bailey to face Platte Canyon.

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# Lady Indians fall twice but still have postseason hopes

by Douglas Claussen  
Publisher & Editor

Strasburg lost to No. 13 Resurrection Christian on the road Jan. 23 and to Brush at home Jan. 27 in local girls basketball action.

The Lady Indians rebounded to win at Liberty Common 45-32 Jan. 30 and Skyview 40-23 at home Jan. 31. Watch the *Eastern Colorado News* for complete coverage of last weekend.

Strasburg now stands at just 6-8 overall and 2-4 in the Patriot League but remains in the hunt for one of 32 Class 3A playoff spots because of the strength of its conference. The Indians were ranked 25th through Jan. 29.

## @ RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN

The Lady Indians played solid defense early but faded as the game progressed in a 54-30 loss at No. 13 Resurrection Christian Jan. 23 in 3A girls basketball.

Strasburg actually led 7-4 after one quarter but the Lady Cougars turned on the jets in a 16-3 second to lead 20-10 at halftime.

"We felt we came out and had a good showing in the first half defensively and were able to stay within reach until early fourth," said Strasburg head coach Merci Ames. "Rez was able to capitalize on some transition offense and forced some key turnovers."

Junior Wynne Winter paced the Indians with 10 points, and she, ju-



From left photo, Lady Indian Taryn LaForce puts up a shot over a Brush defender, and Tatijana Rojahn and Addi Kent try to turn over a Lady Beetdigger ball handler.

nior Addi Kent, and freshman McKenna Garcia all dished out three assists. Kent added four thefts to lead Strasburg in that department, and senior Taryn LaForce grabbed nine rebounds and blocked two shots.

"We look to continue to improve and put a whole game together," Ames added.

## STRASBURG @ RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN

Points (30): Winter 10; LaForce 8; Kent 4; Garcia 3; Rojahn 3; Fields 2.



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Rebounds (28): LaForce 9; Tiffany 5; Rojahn 5; Kent 4; Garcia 3; Winter 1; Fields 1.  
Assists (12): Kent 3; Winter 3; Garcia 3; Blaise 2; Tiffany 1.  
Steals (9): Kent 4; Winter 3; Rojahn 2.  
Blocks (0): LaForce 2; Tiffany 1.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Strasburg	7	3	9	11	30
Resurrection Christian	4	16	10	24	54

## BRUSH

The Indians looked good through

three quarters. They trailed just 15-13 after one quarter but held advantages of 28-22 and 35-34 after the second and third, respectively.

But the Lady Beetdiggers clamped down in the fourth, holding Strasburg scoreless while tacking on 8 points for the victory.

"In the fourth, we had some trouble taking care of the ball and got into some foul trouble," Ames said.

She added the Beetdiggers made their free throws, finishing 3-of-13 from the stripe, and that Brush sophomore Sidney Miller hurt her team with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Team highs included 16 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks by LaForce, seven dimes by Kent, and three steals apiece by Winter and Rojahn.

## BRUSH @ STRASBURG

Points (35): LaForce 16; Rojahn 8; Winter 5; Kent 2; Tiffany 2; Friedrich 2.

Rebounds (22): LaForce 11; Rojahn 6; Kent 3; Tiffany 1; Friedrich 1.

Assists (7): Kent 7.

Steals (10): Winter 3; Rojahn 3; LaForce 2; Kent 1; Fields 1.

Blocks (3): LaForce 3.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Brush	15	7	12	8	42
Strasburg	13	15	7	0	35

## COMING UP

Feb. 6: @ Highland.

Feb. 7: @ Platte Canyon.

Feb. 10: Yuma.

Feb. 14: @ Forge Christian.

# Bennett boys in emergency mode after pair of Frontier defeats

by Steven Vetter  
Managing Editor

Postseason hopes for the Bennett Tigers aren't entirely dashed but must bounce back from last week's pair of setbacks and accumulate a bunch of wins over the last seven games on the schedule.

The orange-and-black fell at home to Englewood 56-46 Jan. 27 before traveling to Granby two days later and returning from Middle Park with a 70-39 defeat.

The losses dropped first-year head coach Andrew Thornton's troops to 7-9 overall and down to No. 40 on the Colorado High School Activities Association's 4A rankings to determine the 32-team playoff bracket.

"Just have to win as many games as possible at this point," he said. "Not totally out of the realm of possibility but really can't afford any slip-ups."

## ENGLEWOOD

The Tigers carried a 19-15 lead after the first quarter but a sputtering offense in the second allowed the visitors to take a lead that ballooned to 31-23 at halftime.

Bennett pulled the game within 35-34 midway through the third but were outscored 8-2 to go into the final frame down 43-36. The Tigers could get no closer than four over the final eight minutes.

"Couldn't buy a bucket and we didn't help ourselves with turnovers in the second quarter. Lost energy that quarter and could never quite rejuvenate it," Thornton said. "Couldn't sustain our run long enough in the third but were still in good position to get something done in the fourth, but couldn't get any back-to-back buckets to pull us closer. Instead of getting a stop and going the other way when we



From left to right, Tiger Avant Dickens pokes the ball away from an Englewood ball handler and Tigers Juan Santoyo (10) and Austin Stiers pressure a pair of Pirates.

needed to, it became a game that [Englewood] won at the free-throw line late."

Bennett shot 16-of-43 (37%) from the field, including 7-of-19 from the three-point line and 3-of-9 from the free-throw line. While Englewood's shooting stats were unavailable, Thornton said they went 14-of-19 from the charity stripe.

"The way their defense was situated, it opened us up for a few more threes," Thornton said. "We shot better early and, I think, started to settle a bit more at the end."

Junior guard Owen Hawes led the Tigers with 13 points, followed by senior backcourt mate Juan Santoyo with 9 and senior forward Alfredo Duran with 8.

Offensively, Bennett committed 28 turnovers.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Englewood	15	16	12	13	56
Bennett	19	4	13	10	46



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## ENGLEWOOD @ BENNETT

Points (46): Austin Stiers 4; Avant Dickens 5; Juan Santoyo 9; Owen Hawes 13; Alfredo Duran 8; Brayden Schmalz 3.

Rebounds (26): Stiers 8; Santoyo 4; Hawes 5; Duran 2; Schmalz 6; Elias Pulido 1.

Assists (11): Stiers 4; Santoyo 1; Hawes 2; Duran 3; Schmalz 1.

Steals (6): Stiers 2; Dickens 2; Santoyo 1; Hawes 1.

## @ MIDDLE PARK

Thursday's trip to Granby was nightmarish for the Tigers, who were unexpectedly shot out of the Panther gym.

A 16-13 Middle Park lead after the first quarter ballooned to a 39-20 advantage at halftime and the hosts never looked back, outscoring Bennett 16-10 and 15-9 over the last two quarters, respectively.

"There was nothing we saw prior to this game that would have let us know that they could shoot the ball very well but, that night, it turned into a shooting exhibition for them," said Thornton, noting the Panthers shot 50% from the field, including 11-of-21 from behind the three-point line. "When they got to shooting like that, they were hard to defend. We had great energy in the first quarter but, when they started to make those

shots, pretty hard to overcome."

While Middle Park was shooting lights out in their home confines, Bennett went 16-of-53 (30%), including a 1-of-14 performance from three-point land and 6-of-13 at the free-throw line.

While nine Tigers scored, only junior Avant Dickens reached double-digits with 10.

The original Feb. 3 date for Bennett's home game with Arvada was moved up to Feb. 2. For complete coverage, see the Feb. 6 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Bennett	13	7	10	9	39
Middle Park	16	23	16	15	70

## BENNETT @ MIDDLE PARK

Points (39): Stiers 3; Dickens 10; Santoyo 3; Hawes 9; Evan Garner 4; Daniel Rodriguez 1; Duran 2; Schmalz 6; Pulido 1.

Rebounds (21): Stiers 3; Carter Jarman 5; Dickens 4; Santoyo 1; Hawes 3; Rodriguez 1; Duran 1; Schmalz 1; Pulido 2.

Assists (9): Stiers 1; Dickens 2; Santoyo 3; Hawes 1; Duran 1; Schmalz 1.

Steals (9): Stiers 1; Dickens 3; Santoyo 1; Hawes 3; Schmalz 1.

## COMING UP

Feb. 5: @ Platte Canyon

Feb. 10: Lake County

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the third quarter, the foul count was 13-1 in favor of Simla.

The Bulldogs ended up making four of eight free throws overall, but that was “just too little too late,” Kerns added.

Byers was paced by junior James Maes, who had team highs of 22 points, five rebounds and four steals. Senior Quincy Eacret and sophomore Conrad Cichos both added 11 points, and Eacret led the Bulldogs with four assists.

Kerns was happy with his team’s effort.

“I don’t think we did a great job, per se, on the boards in the second half. But I did think we continued to play hard,” he concluded. “When you have a lead and you fall behind, sometimes it can get away from you, especially when you’re playing that talented of a team on the road.”

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	11	24	16	12	63
Simla	11	15	25	18	69

### BYERS @ SIMLA

**Points** (63): Maes 22; C. Cichos 11; Eacret 11; Linnebur 6; M. Cichos 4; Mohatt 4; Price 3; Ebert 2.  
**Rebounds** (22): Ebert 0; Eacret 0; M. Cichos 0; C. Cichos 0; Mohatt 0; Papaianopol 0; Price 0; Linnebur 0; Gerhardt 0; Long 0; Cary 0; Curry 0.  
**Assists** (16): C. Cichos 0; Eacret 0; Linnebur 0; Price 0; Long 0; M. Cichos 0; Papaianopol 0; Maes 0.  
**Steals** (8): C. Cichos 0; Maes 0; Price 0; Long 0; M. Cichos 0; Ebert 0; Papaianopol 0.  
**Blocks** (3): Maes 1; C. Cichos 1; M. Cichos 1.

### @ ARICKAREE

Byers slaughtered the Bison in a vicious display of power that ended with forcing Arickaree, formerly known as the Indians, to the reservation in humiliating defeat.

The Bulldogs led 22-5, 46-10 and 58-18 after each of the first three quarters.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Byers	22	24	12	10	68
Arickaree	5	5	8	9	27

### BYERS @ ARICKAREE

**Points** (68): Maes 15; C. Cichos 13; M. Cichos 9; Eacret 8; Long 5; Mohatt 3; Linnebur 2; Price 2; Cary 2.  
**Rebounds** (0): Ebert 0; Eacret 0; C. Cichos 0; Mohatt 0; Papaianopol 0; Price 0; Linnebur 0; Gerhardt 0; Long 0; Cary 0; Curry 0.  
**Assists** (0): C. Cichos 0; Eacret 0; Linnebur 0; Price 0; Long 0; M. Cichos 0; Papaianopol 0; Maes 0.  
**Steals** (0): C. Cichos 0; Maes 0; Price 0; Long 0; M. Cichos 0; Ebert 0; Papaianopol 0.  
**Blocks** (0): Maes 0; Linnebur 0; M. Cichos 0.

### BYERS SCHEDULE

Feb. 6: @ Akron.  
 Feb. 7: Stratton.  
 Feb. 10: Deer Trail.  
 Feb. 13: @ Limon.

## BB STRASBURG FROM PAGE 11

including 4-of-17 behind the three-point arc, while making 7-of-14 from the free-throw line. Conversely, the Beetdiggers rode a 52% shooting performance, including 8-of-18 from deep, to the victory. Brush also went 14-of-20 from the free-throw line.

The Indians’ 41 points was 30 points under their average production so far this season and the program’s lowest point total since the 2024-25 Patriot League semifinals when they mustered only 34 against Resurrection Christian. The previous low output this season was the 61 points in their nine-point win at Resurrection Christian.

While senior Nick Glatfelter paced the Indians with 15 points and classmate Cade Hemphill added 9, no other Strasburg player recorded more than 6. Junior leading scorer Brody Hopwood struggled, scoring only 3 compared to his 19-point average for the season.

Defensively, Strasburg toiled to stop Beetdigger freshman Donovan Bauer-Reeves, who had a game-high 20 points, 5 points more than his previous average.

Following Tuesday’s disappointing outcome, the Indians got back on the proverbial horse for a home game with conference foe Liberty Common.

Strasburg recorded a 59-46 victory, but particulars of the night were unavailable at press time. For complete coverage, see the Feb. 6 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

The 13-1 Indians only dropped one spot, to No. 2, in the Colorado High School Activities Association’s playoff seeding index last weekend, trailing only undefeated Banning Lewis Academy.

In the league standings, Strasburg is currently second behind Yuma, who is 5-0 in conference action and 14-1 overall. While the Indians and Windsor Charter Academy both have only one loss in the league, Strasburg has the tie-breaker because of their 74-56 win over the Firebirds Jan. 20.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
Strasburg	14	11	8	8	41
Brush	20	11	13	12	56

### STRASBURG @ BRUSH

**Points** (41): Jayden Miller 6; Brody Hopwood 3; Nick Glatfelter 15; Cade Hemphill 9; Cam Manahan 2; Colton Holloway 2; Gideon Miller 4.  
**Rebounds** (26): Ayden Dodge 1; Miller 5; Hopwood 3; Glatfelter 8; Froy Morales 2; Manahan 2; Holloway 4; Miller 1.  
**Assists** (9): Miller 1; Hopwood 2; Glatfelter 3; Hemphill 1; Holloway 2.  
**Steals** (15): Miller 1; Hopwood 2; Glatfelter 6; Hemphill 2; Manahan 3; Holloway 1.

### COMING UP

Feb. 6: @ Highland  
 Feb. 7: @ Platte Canyon  
 Feb. 10: Yuma  
 Feb. 14: @ Forge Christian.



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The Deer Trail Lady Eagles fell twice at home last week — 49-15 to Kiowa Jan. 27 and 41-30 to Weldon Valley two nights later. While the losses dropped the Eagles to 7-6 overall, the red-and-white still remained in the top 32 of the Colorado High School Activities Association's 1A Selection & Seeding Index for playoff determination. From left photo, Lady Eagles Jeanette Rodriguez, Megan Donovan and Kylie Bryant work around the basket against Weldon Valley.



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

From left, Eagle Hunter Meredith pushes the ball up the court via a pass and Chauncy Gudenkauf gets to the bucket against Weldon Valley Jan. 29.

## Eagles fall after losing late lead

by **Steven Vetter**  
Managing Editor

**DEER TRAIL** — The Deer Trail Eagles remained without a hardwood win last week but they had their closest sniff to a victory since the opening game of the season.

The red-and-white were in the unfamiliar position of leading at halftime and after the third quarter before falling 50-42 to visiting Kiowa Jan. 27.

After trailing 11-9 after the first eight minutes, the Eagles rallied 14-6 in the second to head into the locker rooms up 23-17. After a 12-12 third quarter, Kiowa finally scrapped back to tie the game at 35 with six minutes left and, 30 seconds later, took a 37-35 lead. The hosts fought back to tie the game at 40-40 with four minutes left on the clock but were outscored 10-2 the rest of the way.

Deer Trail shot 12-of-25 (48%) from the field, including 5-of-10 from three-point range, and went 13-of-21 from the free-throw line. For the visiting victors, they 15-of-67 (22%) from the field and went 16-of-48 at the free-throw line.

Junior Chauncy Gudenkauf paced the hosts with a game-high 22 points

with sophomore Carlos Pena adding 8.

Kiowa had seven players score, including three between 10 and 16.

The closest Deer Trail had been to a victory was its 38-36 loss to Bethune during the Eagle Classic to open the season.

The Eagles also hosted Weldon Valley Jan. 29 but were unable to reach double-digits in any quarter during a 57-23 loss.

Statistics were unavailable at press time.

Leading up to last weekend's home contest with Limon, Deer Trail was 0-13. Results of the Jan. 31 contest with Limon were unavailable at press time.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

	1	2	3	4	F
Kiowa	11	6	12	21	50
Deer Trail	9	14	12	7	42

**KIOWA @ DEER TRAIL**

Points (42): Dmitri Gonzalez 2; Chauncy Gudenkauf 22; Nevyn Mussen 1; Carlos Pena 8; Tyson Haight 5; Reed Guinand 3; Hunter Meredith 1.

**COMING UP**

**Feb. 5:** @ Cripple Creek-Victor.

**Feb. 10:** @ Byers.

**Feb. 12:** @ Hi-Plains.



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The NRHA ends its season with 3-5 qualifying shows, for which CT Reyn Mann qualified in five classes: Limited non-pro, intermediate, and non-pro with owner Guernsey showing the horse, and intermediate open and open with trainer Terry Wegener of Bennett showing. CT Reyn Mann qualified for the North American Affiliate Championships, held during the Futurity and North American Affiliate Championships, with a top four finish in Salt Lake City in the Limited non-pro class.

"It was a great experience to get that far. It takes a lot of work to get there, but it was a good time," Guernsey said.

The team was in Oklahoma City for five days, but failed to score in the championship, much less place against the top 1,000-plus entries from around the world.

### 15 YEARS AGO FEB. 8, 2011

STRASBURG - Rumors of a wide-ranging counterfeit money ring along the I-70 Corridor are exaggerated, but at least one fake bill was recently turned over to local law enforcement officials.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's officials confirmed that a counterfeit \$20 bill was used at Becca's Espresso in Strasburg Jan. 21, but added that no other reports have been confirmed.

"We did take one bill into our custody and it did turn out to be fake," said Chief Bruce Williamson with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department. "We were told that a second suspect \$20 bill was likely received by another business owner in the same building, but it was reportedly thrown away so we can't confirm it was fake."

Initial reports that the person passing off the fake money was a female well-known to the business owners has since been refuted and Williamson said efforts to track down suspects has slowed to a crawl.

Adams County Sheriff's officials indicated rumors of several gas sta-

tions and restaurants in Strasburg and Bennett receiving fake \$20 and \$50 bills have not been confirmed.

"We've yet to even have a call for service concerning counterfeit bills," said Adams County Undersheriff Roger Englesman, referring to his department's Plains Section. According to federal currency officials, business owners, employees and residents can prevent the proliferation of counterfeit money by understanding the differences between genuine and fake bills.

### 10 YEARS AGO FEB. 9, 2016

BRIGHTON - A Bennett woman who recently had her 2016 Adams County Fair Queen crown stripped from her says that, while her release was unwarranted, she has no plans to fight to regain her title.

At the same time, 19-year-old Haley Ward says she wants to lend a voice to previous royalty who had similar experiences and prevent future queens and ladies-in-waiting from enduring an uncomfortable two-year reign.

"Unfortunately, I didn't have a voice come this final stage," Ward told The I-70 Scout Feb. 5, referring to Adams County's decision late last month to remove her as the 2015 Adams County Fair Lady-In-Waiting and upcoming fair queen.

"This isn't to get back my title but in the best interest of both future and past queens. I know of at least one previous [queen] that wishes they would have been stripped of the title and there are others that probably should have lost their titles but did not. This is more about the county taking responsibility."

A Feb. 2 statement from the county said, "The Adams County Fair has ended its relationship with Lady in Waiting Haley Ward. Although Adams County is confident that the decision to terminate this relationship was made for good reasons, it would not be appropriate to discuss those issues with the public. As is standard in the county's personnel process, management will not disclose any additional information or details regarding this matter."

Adams County Attorney Heidi Miller added, "Ms. Ward was informed of the county's decision to remove her from the royalty program in a formal meeting with her family present on Friday, Jan. 29;" however, Ward said she was asked to tender her resignation because of "school and work" and when she refused, county officials said they would take a different direction.

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In 1801, John Marshall took office as chief justice of the United States, a position he would hold for 34 years.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in California by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army. Hearst was caught on camera participating in a bank robbery with the extremist group that April and subsequently found guilty of bank robbery and sentenced to seven years in prison. (President Jimmy Carter commuted her sentence, and she was later pardoned.)

In 1976, more than 23,000 people

died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5.

In 2004, Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "TheFacebook."

In 2013, British scientists announced that skeletal remains they had discovered during an excavation beneath a Leicester, England parking lot were, beyond reasonable doubt, the remains of 15th century monarch King Richard III.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Rock singer Alice Cooper is 78. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell is 73. Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor is 67. Country singer Clint Black is 64. Boxing Hall of Famer Oscar De La Hoya is 53. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 51. Rapper Cam'ron is 50. Singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw is 49. Olympic gymnastics gold medalist Carly Patterson is 38. Actor Edwin Ryding is 23.

— Associated Press

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  - a.k.a. tangelos
  - Ladder crosspiece
  - Rigatoni relative
  - Earth tremor
  - \*Buchanan's or Lincoln's birth place (2 words)
  - Odds' partners
  - Completely dedicated (2 words)
  - Street in France
  - \*The Era of Good Feelings president
  - Ground red peppers spice
  - Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.
  - Talking pet
  - Flock's affirmation
  - Phonograph media
  - It doesn't mix with water
  - Key, in Spanish
  - Letter before kappa
  - Conjured
  - Bathub hooch
  - "You don't bring me flowers \_\_\_\_"
  - Silvery-white, in heraldry
  - The night before
  - Add something extra (2 words)
  - Eye rakishly
  - \*Millard's last name
  - Unwelcome software message
  - Double reed woodwind
  - Actress Sorvino
  - Carell on "The Office"
  - Falling out
  - Grand in scale
  - \*Buchanan who ran for president in 1992 and 1996
  - Dental school alternative to MCAT
  - Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.

- DOWN**
- Variable, abbr.
  - Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
  - \*Attorney General under Bill Clinton
  - Panhandler
  - "My wife can vouch for me," e.g.
  - Ancient Romans' language
  - Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
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  - Deplete (2 words)



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- \*Eisenhower or Grant, pre-presidency
  - Horse hoof sounds
  - One in Dean Martin's pack?
  - Means of mass communication
  - Belted starman
  - Highly unpleasant
  - \*Between Tyler and Taylor
  - Visual representation
  - Macaulay Culkin's famous character
  - Beside, archaic
  - \*Karl \_\_\_\_, "The Architect" of George W. Bush's campaigns
  - Grande or Bravo, e.g.
  - \*Nickname for Kennedy's presidency
  - Read-only memory device
  - Before, old-fashioned
  - Aerie baby
  - Blatant
  - Mythological garden guardians
  - Fibula's partner
  - Marriott hotel brand
  - "Blackfish" (2013) subject
  - Small cave
  - \*Model T namesake or U.S. President
  - Ready for picking
  - Lake north of Cleveland
  - Clairvoyance
  - Acronym, abbr.

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## HOROSCOPE

### No Consolation

Is "consolation prize" an oxymoron? You're not consoled by a prize that you didn't win. And to you, showing up isn't something that needs an external reward because it's the very baseline of what we're supposed to do. That's life. This industrious Virgo moon is a return to intrinsic motivation, which is enough. As for the big prize, it's only fun to get when it's earned.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your ambition is a feature, not a flaw. It's a form of optimism that calls a meeting with your strategic mind, your discipline, abilities and tenacious attitude. The gathering culminates in confidence and, ultimately, success.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Could someone else do your job or fill your role in a relationship? Maybe. But no one has your voice, style, timing or appetites. It's what you want that matters today. The more you follow these cravings, the more original you'll be.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You want to know you've made a difference. Today's endeavor might just be the answer because it's an opportunity to serve people what they need. The job may pay you, but it's not about the money.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** As much as you wish people would understand you in real time, it will probably take a beat. Expect the lag and know the right audience will catch up to you eventually.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When the world gets noisy, you get quiet — not aloof, not superior, just grounded. You won't feel compelled to fix anything or defend anyone. People will be who they are. It doesn't have to destabilize your own footing.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You can hear confessions, complaints or even jabs without flinching at all because you know that information is simply information. What others say is usually more about them than you. You have strong emotional boundaries and social maturity.

**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).** You value social integrity and will leave interactions clean. No regrets for oversharing, no silent resentments and no replaying conversations wondering what was right or wrong. You simply observe, register what matters and move on.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You won't catch everything the first time around, and this is a good thing. If you did, there would be no reason to return. The return visit, the afterthought, the follow-up — that's where it all starts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** To some, "nirvana" suggests bliss. More literally, it refers to the extinguishing of the mental fires that cause suffering. Today's happiness comes from loosening your grip on an unhappy idea.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Doing your favorite activities with talented people is a sweet treat, but you could make it a regular fixture in your life. Making your self-development and joy a top priority in whatever way you can will.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're chasing something fast and wild, which makes you incredibly hard to pin down. People would love to have your attention, your work, your commitment and more, but this just isn't the time. You need spontaneity and freedom.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 4).** Welcome to your Year of Mesmerizing Charm. Since you're sure to attract admirers, followers and customers, your first order of business is to focus on what's worth adding to your life and keep flowing your attention toward the enriching, uplifting and truly interesting pursuits. More highlights: higher learning, intellectual connections, a joining of assets and investments that hit a tipping point. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 9, 27, 6 and 8.

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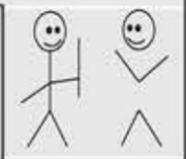
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**Kindergarten Experience set for local elementary school**

**BENNETT** — A Kindergarten Experience will run from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, at Bennett Elementary School, 462 Eighth St. Visitors will receive a warm, hands-on tour of the school's kindergarten classrooms and facilities, meet teachers, and explore learning spaces. Parents should prepare questions about transportation, meals, schedules, registration requirements, and other matters. To attend kindergarten at Bennett, children must age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2026. For additional information or to RSVP, call (720)499-1078 or visit www.bsd29j.com.

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**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 5**  
**Kindergarten Experience** for 2026-27 school year. 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, Bennett Elementary School, 462 Eighth St. For information or to RSVP, call (720)499-1078 or visit www.bsd29j.com.  
**Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board.** 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 8**  
**Open Create session**, a studio environment where artists work with different mediums and without instructors. 12-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.

**MONDAY, FEB. 9**  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.  
**Strasburg School Board.** 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.  
**Bingo.** 7 p.m., Byers American Legion Hall.  
**Byers Water & Sanitation District Board.** 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.  
**Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board.** 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 10**  
**Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry.** 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.  
**Daughters of the American Revolution Silver Spike Chapter.** 6:30 p.m., TBK Bank Committee Room, Strasburg.  
**Bennett Board of Trustees.** Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.  
**Deer Trail Town Board.** Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11**  
**Deer Trail Conservation District Board.** 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.  
**Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board.** 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.  
**Bennett School Board.** 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit bsd29j.com for a Zoom link.

**LUNCH MENUS**

**BYERS**  
 Thursday, Feb 5: Barbecue chicken sandwich, potato wedges, mixed fruit.  
 Friday, Feb 6: Spaghetti, dinner roll, mixed vegetables.  
 Monday, Feb 9: Chicken tenders, biscuit, orange wedges.  
 Tuesday, Feb 10: Chili, cinnamon roll.  
 Wednesday, Feb 11: Pulled pork sandwich, cucumber rings, pears.

**DEER TRAIL**  
 Thursday, Feb 5: Pizza stick, salad.  
 Monday, Feb 9: Teriyaki chicken and rice, green beans, mixed fruit.  
 Tuesday, Feb 10: Chili, cinnamon rolls, corn.  
 Wednesday, Feb 11: Chicken sandwich, fries, grapes.

**STRASBURG**  
 Thursday, Feb 5: Sweet and sour meatballs, rice with steamed vegetables  
 Friday, Feb 6: Barbecue pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw.  
 Tuesday, Feb 10: Beef nachos, refried beans.  
 Wednesday, Feb 11: Chicken alfredo tortellini, garlic bread, salad.

**AGATE**  
 Thursday, Feb 5: Chicken noodle soup, dinner roll.  
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**Byers School District 32-J** is now accepting applications for **2026-27 School Year:**

- **JH/HS Principal** •

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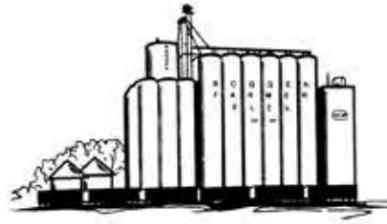
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

Notice is hereby given that final payment will be made on or after the 21st day of February, 2026, on a contract dated October 10, 2024 between the Byers Water and Sanitation District (Owner) and Global Underground Corporation (Contractor) for the Water System Improvements – 2023, Schedule 1: General Water System Improvements (Schedule 1 Base Bid minus noted quantity adjustments in Change Order No. One (1)) project.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The town of Bennett hosted an Engage. Shape. Build. open house for residents Jan. 21 at the Bennett Rec Center. Among the subjects addressed was the proposed road bond ballot initiative that is under consideration by the board of trustees. The first reading of the ordinance setting the ballot question and its language was approved Jan. 27 with a second reading and public hearing on whether to move forward scheduled for the Feb. 10 board meeting. The Bennett Municipal Election is set for Tuesday, April 7. Above, Bennett Finance Director Danette Ruvalcaba explains the road bond process to a resident.

**BENNETT BOT**

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up to a \$20 million increase in debt to be earmarked for “the purpose of financing the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, expansion, acquisition, rehabilitation and renovation of existing and planned streets and other street related capital improvements within the town as determined by the board of trustees, ...” Town officials have reiterated that the ballot question will not raise taxes for its residents.

“The town’s existing 1% sales tax already generates significant and consistent revenue that could be used to repay bonds if the measure is approved by voters,” a town statement said. “In recent years, the sales tax has generated between \$1.0 million and \$1.6 million per year.”

According to Bennett’s financial department, issuance of approximately \$14 million in bonds would result in an estimated annual payment of approximately \$830,000 with the full \$20 million resulting in a likely yearly payback of \$1.185 million.

While a project schedule is not part of the ballot language, town officials have indicated that full reconstruction of the town’s portion of Kiowa-Bennett Road and improvements to Marketplace Drive are likely to be among the top priorities if the bond question is passed. There is also a likelihood that any efforts to shore up

the I-70 Exit 304 bridge will require the town to help cover part of project costs, which bond money could help meet.

**BALL FIELD BALLOT QUESTION**

Trustees also unanimously approved moving forward with adding a Bennett School District ballot question to have the Joe Stemo Ball Field, 1050 Washington Way, conveyed from the town to the school district for \$1,500.

The agreed upon price was part of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the two entities back in 2011.

While the baseball diamond has been owned by the town, many of the activities on it are school district activities.

Bennett Mayor Whitney Oakley said it’s her understanding that the school district is planning repairs and improvements to the ball field and that “it makes more sense if they’re doing that as the owner and not the lessee.”

The ballot language also allows for other activities beyond school district games, practices and events.

**OTHER ELECTION NOTE**

There are three four-year terms up for grabs on the Board of Trustees. The petition filing deadline for interested candidates was Feb. 2.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

In December, members of Bennett town staff, board of trustees, the Colorado Department of Transportation and other partners cut the ribbon on Segment 1 of the Kiowa Bennett TIP Trail in the center of town along Highway 79. The north segment of the project connects pedestrians and cyclists from the Kiowa Creek North Open Space to parts of town. CDOT Transportation Improvement Program grant monies and Adams County Open Space dollars have funded the project. Pictured, from left, are, Cotter Madden, Bennett Public Works; Caroline Draper, Theorm Design Group; Daniel Pershing, Bennett Capital Projects & Utilities Director; Dan Giroux, Town Engineer; Trish Stiles, Town Manager; Mayor Whitney Oakley; Andy Stratton and Angie Drumm from CDOT; Cameron Greer and Jordan Greer, HCG Construction; and Drew Mohatt, Bennett Public Works.

# CHUCK WAGON

## Fish Cakes

with Birmingham Greens Salad

by **Marcus Samuelsson**  
Voracious

The green salad in this recipe calls for two types of greens, turnip and mustard. A mess of greens, whether they be turnip, collard or mustard, have been staples in the homes of African Americans for hundreds of years.

Collard leaves are large; mustards have a slightly peppery taste; and turnips are a little bitter.

Mashama Bailey, executive chef and partner at The Grey in Savannah, Ga., is one of the most important chefs in the country.

This dish is similar to the one she made for Harlem EatUp!, where her salad was the star of the show. Later that night, she was the star of the dance floor too.

This recipe is featured in my cookbook "The Rise."

**FISH CAKES**  
WITH BIRMINGHAM GREENS SALAD  
Serves 4

**TOMATO SAUCE INGREDIENTS**

- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes

**FISH CAKES INGREDIENTS**

- 1 medium potato, peeled, halved
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 12 ounces salt cod, soaked, drained, coarsely chopped
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- grated zest
- juice of 1 lemon
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

**BIRMINGHAM GREENS SALAD INGREDIENTS**

- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons minced shallot
- 2 teaspoons sorghum
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups tender young mustard greens, washed and spun dry
- 2 cups tender young turnip greens, washed and spun dry
- 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped pecans

**DIRECTIONS**

**Make tomato sauce:** Heat olive oil in small saucepan over medium heat. When it simmers, add onion, garlic, salt. Cook until onions are translucent, 4-5 minutes.

Add tomatoes, decrease heat to low, and cover. Cook for 30-40 minutes, until the sauce has slightly reduced and no longer has a raw flavor.

Taste and season with additional salt as needed. Set aside and keep warm.

**Make fish cakes:** Place potato in small saucepan, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil over high heat. Boil until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and pass potato through ricer or fine mesh strainer.



Set aside.  
Heat 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in a medium saute pan over medium-high heat. When it simmers, add the onion, garlic, salt, curry powder. Cook until onion is translucent, 4-5 minutes.

Add salt cod and continue to cook until the liquid has dissipated, 2-3 minutes.

Transfer mixture to medium-sized mixing bowl and add potato, Worcestershire, lemon zest, juice, egg yolks and mayonnaise.

Stir to combine. Refrigerate mixture for 1 hour.

Shape cod mixture into four patties. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in medium skillet set over medium-high heat.

When it simmers, gently add cod cakes and cook for 4-5 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked through.

Set aside and keep warm until ready to serve.

**Make salad:** Combine the olive oil, vinegar, shallot, sorghum, mustard, salt, pepper in small glass jar with lid.

Cover and shake to combine.

Place greens and pecans in medium bowl, pour over vinaigrette, and toss to combine.

**To serve:** Spoon tomato sauce over the fish cakes and serve with side of greens salad.

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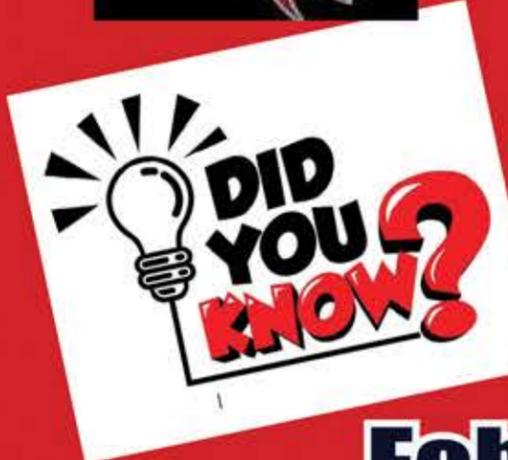


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Strasburg School District's has a 3-5 year Strategic Plan! It is a community-driven roadmap focused on inspiring community partnerships, abundant student pathways, future-ready learners and exceptional staff commitment. Our next big push is creating more post-secondary and career pathways for students, and we need community partners. If you're skilled in a trade, career, or hobby and would like to partner with the district, please reach out to Superintendent Kelle Bongard to help turn this vision into reality!

## February Dates of Note!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> - Student Music Recitals 6pm - Boys and Girls Basketball @ Home	<b>4</b> - SES Glow and Grow Night @ 4:30pm - PIE Night at 6pm	<b>5</b> - DAC Mtg @ 4:45 - Vaping Prevention Community Night @ 6pm - HMS Girls Basketball @ Byers - FBLA District Competition	<b>6</b> - HMS Wrestling @ Brush - Boys and Girls Basketball @ Highland - Wrestling @ Home	<b>7</b> - Cheer @ Sweetheart Blast - Knowledge Bowl Regionals - HMS Wrestling @ Bennett - Boys and Girls Bball @ Platte Canyon - Boys b-ball C team @ Byers
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> - HMS Wrestling @ Sterling - HMS Girls bball @ Bennett - BOE mtg @ 6pm	<b>10</b> - SHS boys and girls bball @ home vs. Yuma	<b>11</b> - HMS girls bball @ home - 1st and 2nd Grade Academic @ 4:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> - Sweetheart Dance - Boys and Girls Wrestling Regionals - HOSA State Conference	<b>14</b> - Boys and girls bball @ Forge Christian - HMS girls bball @ Gilpin Regionals: 13 - 14 13 - 15
<b>15</b> - HOSA State Conference 13 - 15	<b>16</b> - HMS Wrestling @ Limon	<b>17</b> - Boys bball @ Frontier Academy - Girls bball @ Home	<b>18</b> - 100th day of school	<b>19</b> - HMS girls bball @ Fitzsimmons - State Wrestling Tournament	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 19 - 21
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> - SES Musical	<b>28</b> Willy Wonka