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Arson suspect arrested in fire near 'Burg

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — A residential fire a few miles south of Strasburg last week has been deemed arson and a suspect is in custody.

At about 8 a.m. March 24, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Strasburg and Byers fire departments were dispatched to the southwest corner of

June's Country Gardens in the 1200 block of South County Road 157 on a report that a modular unit was on fire. Bennett, Deer Trail, Sable Altura and South Metro fire departments were also called to lend fire suppression support.

According to Strasburg Fire Chief Scott Smith, the blaze was mostly contained to the inside of the home and no neighboring structures were

threatened, but no more information on the inferno was made available because of the ensuing sheriff's investigation.

"Regarding the March 24 incident, the fire has been classified as arson," a sheriff's office spokesperson said March 27. "[Local fire jurisdictions] also responded; however, as this is a criminal case, our office is taking the lead. There is no ongoing threat to lo-

cal public safety."

Deputies arrested Sheryl Aceves, 45, on a charge of first-degree arson. According to a March 29 inmate search of the sheriff's office website, Aceves remains in custody on \$25,000 bond. Aceves was scheduled to appear March 30 in Courtroom 302 of Arapahoe County District Court.

The fire was extinguished quickly and the scene cleared by 12 p.m.

Trustees split but OK Kiowa-Bennett Road vote leading up to street bond question

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — With Bennett's municipal election, including its road construction bond question, to be contested Tuesday, April 7, trustees narrowly approved moving forward with design services for the pending reconstruction of Kiowa-Bennett Road despite a wide disparity in bids.

During the March 24 trustees meeting, the last one before residents cast their ballots, the board voted 4-3 to move forward with a design/engineering contract with Atkins Realis though the firm's bid was more than \$450,000 more than what opposing bidder Martin/Martin submitted. The winning bid was approximately \$590,000 with Martin/Martin's proposal was closer to \$135,000.

While Mayor Whitney Oakley and trustees Larry Vittum, Denice Smith and Steve Dambroski voted in favor of the contract, including roadway design, drainage improvements and safety and ride quality aspects of the thoroughfare, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden and trustees Donna Sus and Royce Pindell

dissented.

Barden, a longtime manager in the construction industry, took exception to the wide gap between the two bids that town staff received.

"First of all, very disappointing we didn't get more bids/response on this project," he said. "Second, I've had a lot of dealings with Martin/Martin and have never been treated wrong or unfairly or led astray. I'm fairly sure there's a happy medium that could be reached between the two bids we could come to. That difference is a heck of a lot of money."

Sus agreed with Barden, reiterating the need to gather up more bids for the project.

Pindell said the cost disparity was too much to overlook.

After originally stating his intent to vote against staff recommendation to move forward with the bid from Atkins Realis, Vittum did an about face after town engineer Dan Giroux stated that the preferred bid more fully met the scope of work that was stated

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Saiyah Bell, 4, helps spread out some of the 10,000 candy-filled eggs prior to the Mountain View Fellowship Easter Egg Hunt March 28. **SEE PAGE 6.**

Thrilling Night of Entertainment



Bennett Elementary specials teacher Madison Moody channels her inner Michael Jackson during her lip-sync version of "Thriller" during the schools Not So Talented: Teacher Talent Show Night fundraiser March 26. **SEE PAGE 7.**

Byers secondary principal named

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BYERS — Byers middle- and high-school students will have a new principal roaming the halls next school year but it will still be a familiar face to most of them.

During its March 26 meeting, the Byers School Board unanimously approved math teacher Corey Green as its new secondary principal for the 2026-27 school year.

"We had a nine-member hiring committee and interviews were conducted Feb. 24," said Byers Superintendent Tom Turrell, who has been serving as middle and high school principal since middle of the first semester this school year. "We ended up having two very good in-house candidates surface to the top and we decided, upon

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Byers secondary math teacher and new 2026-27 secondary principal Corey Green fires the T-shirt cannon during this past fall's Homecoming Week.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Presbyterians and Lutherans unite for Good Friday service

STRASBURG — A Good Friday Tenebrae service will begin at 7 p.m., Friday April 3, at Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 56635 E. Iowa Ave.

The service will feature special community choir music.

Saron Lutheran Church in Strasburg and Byers Community Church will also participate in the annual combined service.

Easter Sunday Bunny Delivery will benefit food pantry in DT

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail Food Bank believes it can make Easter morning magical for parents without moving a muscle.

Deer Trail Easter Bunny Delivery will occur from 4-6 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 5. The Easter Bunny will hop by and secretly hide 15 pre-filled plastic eggs in every customer's front yard. The cost for 15 eggs is \$20.

The event is for local residents only as spots are limited and payment is required to secure delivery.

All net proceeds benefit the Deer Trail Food Bank.

Calm doodling arts project slated for April 6 in 'Burg

STRASBURG — Kids in kindergarten through the eighth grade can dive into a variety of art mediums, from painting to clay at an upcoming creative arts class.

Calm doodling will occur from 10-10:45 a.m. for grades K-3 and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for grades 4-8, Monday, April 6, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 2. The cost is \$10 per child. To sign up, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Calm doodling is a versatile and beginner-friendly activity.

Holy Week plans announced for Byers Community Church

BYERS — Holy Week services will continue with worship at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday, April 2, when the

congregation at Byers Community Church gathers to remember the Last Supper.

Easter Sunday, April 5, begins with a potluck breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a traditional Easter worship celebration at 9:30 a.m.

Byers Community Church is located at 135 S. Sherman St. For more information, call (303)822-5717.

Ocean adventure scheduled with Princess Ariel April 18

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will welcome preschoolers and up for an under the sea adventure with Princess Ariel at a Princess Party from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

Guests will enjoy light refreshments, a special keepsake craft, and individual and group photo opportunities. Participants should wear their favorite princess costume.

The cost is \$40 per child fee with limited spots available. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 9. To sign up, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Free monthly lunch on tap for local veterans, seniors

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor military veterans and senior citizens age 65 and older can receive a free lunch on the second Friday of each month at the Bennett VFW Hall.

The next meal, served by a group of local volunteers, is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, April 10. Veterans and seniors from all along the I-70 Corridor are invited.

The meals are usually served on the second Friday of each month at the Bennett VFW Hall.

For more information, call Flora Goodnight at (303)549-2589.

Estate planning lawyer set for biz org's next gathering

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its April Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at May Farms, Byers.

The speaker and sponsor for lunch

will be attorney Shelley Thompson, who will discuss wills, trusts and estate plans.

The public is welcome to attend the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, April 10, to offici-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

ArapCo citizens can help plan their county's transit outlook

LITTLETON — Arapahoe County has begun a new transit study, and the community can attend upcoming occasions to learn more about it.

The ArapaGO: Transit Connections Plan is exploring future county-wide transportation options, including micro-transit and micro-mobility services. These services might include on-demand transit, bicycles, e-bikes and scooters.

Community members can share feedback with an online survey through March 31 or obtain more information and visit with project team members at these events:

ArapaGO presentation, 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 6, Aurora Commission for Older Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle.

ArapaGO presentation, 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 27, Centennial Senior Commission, 6972 S. Vine St., Suite 366.

For more information, e-mail to info@arapago.com, call (720)372-2123, or visit www.arapahoeco.gov.

Byers American Legion plans Family Play Day on April 25

BYERS — Alton Franz American Legion Post 160 is opening its doors to the community at-large for a special Legion Family Play Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at the Legion hall, 278 W. Front St., Byers.

Post members are challenging all local cooks to enter a chili cook-off for bragging rights. Participants should bring their soup in a slow cooker for others to sample and vote for the best chili.

During the event, guests can learn about Post 160 history, how it serves the community, and its programs for youth.

Corn hole competitions are planned for people of all ages and refreshments will be on hand.

For more information, contact Adjutant Teresa Seggerman at (303)253-1475 or Byers160@outlook.com

Family military stories part of Byers July 4 celebration

BYERS — Alton Franz American Legion Post 160 wants to set up a display of military veterans for its Fourth of July celebration of America's 250th birthday, and participation is wanted.

Community members with veterans in their families are invited to contribute old photos, uniforms, awards, clippings and other memorabilia, along with stories of their veteran's service.

Assistance is available to people who need help telling their story.

To participate, call Post Commander Dale Ness at (303)594-6501; Adjutant Teresa Seggerman at (303)253-1475; or via e-mail at Byers160@outlook.com

Paper pop-up art creations focus of April 20 activities

STRASBURG — Kids in kindergarten through the eighth grade can dive into a variety of art mediums, from painting to clay at an upcoming creative arts class.

A paper pop-up art class will run from 10-10:45 a.m. for grades K-3 and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for grades 4-8, Monday, April 20, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall.

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 2. Cost is \$10 per child. Visit www.strasburgparks.org to sign up.

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Kindergarten Roundup

Who: Screenings will be completed on children registering for kindergarten that will be 5 years old on or before August 1st, 2026, and must reside in Strasburg School District. If your child has attended Strasburg Preschool, they do not need to attend.

When: April 6th, 2026 at 8am-3pm

Where: Strasburg Elementary School

Schedule your child's appointment by calling the school directly at 303-622-9211 ext. 604

More information will be emailed upon appointment sign up



APRIL Calendar Event

- 1st - JV Track at Eaton AND Girls Golf @ Cardinal Scramble
- 2nd - 4th - FBLA @ State Competition
- 3rd - Track @ Siver Knight Invite AND HMS Track @ Limon
- 3rd - 4th - Baseball @ Roaring Fork
- 4th - HMS Science Olympiad @ State
- 6th - Instructional Curriculum Committee @ 2:30pm AND HMS Track @ Wiggins AND Girls Golf @ Cardinal 2 Player Scramble AND Preschool/Kinder Round Up
- 7th - Baseball @ Valley HS
- 8th - JV Track @ Highland
- 9th - District Accountability Committee @ 4:45
- 10th - HMS Track @ Byers
- 11th - Track @ Terry Amundson Invite
- 13th - BOE Mtg @ 6pm AND Girls Golf @ Fort Morgan AND Baseball @ Weld Central
- 17th - HMS Track @ Twilight Relays
- 18th - Baseball @ Elizabeth AND Track @ Platte Valley
- 19th - Prom
- 21st - Baseball @ Liberty Commons
- 22nd - Girls Golf @ Sterling AND JV Track @ Platte Valley
- 23rd - Baseball vs. Fort Morgan AND HMS Track @ Elbert AND SES Spring Concert
- 24th - Harlem Wizards vs. UFC Fighters Basketball Game in Mundell Gymnasium
- 25 - Baseball @ Bennett AND Track @ Cowboy Invite
- 27 - Girls Golf @ Patriot League Championships
- 28 - Track @ Highland AND Baseball @ Byers
- 29 - Baseball @ Brush
- 30 - Baseball vs. Arvada AND Track @ University AND HMS Track @ I-70 Relays

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April is National Poetry Month, and Adams County Poet Laureate Aerik Francis is bringing exciting programming all month long. Scan the QR code below to learn about all the upcoming events or visit adamscountyco.gov/poet-laureate.



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LETTER TO EDITOR

Bennett residents urged to get out and vote

On Tuesday, April 7, an election will be held in Bennett to vote on three new trustees to replace three current individuals who are leaving the position. Our trustees are elected volunteers who receive minimum payment for their time in determining our town's future.

It is unfortunate that we did not have an opportunity to be introduced to these five candidates at an in-person "meet the candidate" event. I have lived in Bennett 25 years and know only one of these five people, and I imagine there are other residents in the same position. We are thankful that *The I-70 Scout* and Steven Vetter recently put together an article introducing us to four of the people on the ballot, but this doesn't replace meeting and hearing someone in person.

It is apparent that we have residents unhappy with recent decisions our current officials have been making. We have the right to attend and speak at the town's twice-a-month meetings (on Tuesday), expressing concerns, asking questions and just listening to what they are planning. These newly elected trustees will be there making these decisions on your behalf.

Take this opportunity. Who you vote for matters.

— Peg Mancuso, Bennett

BENNETT BOT

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in the formal request for proposal. Giroux particularly cited that Atkins Realis bid included in-depth review of drainage along town-owned portions of the thoroughfare and that Martin/Martin's bid package did not.

"It's a lot more than just resurfacing of the existing roadway," Giroux said. "A lot more underlying factors to take into consideration."

In addressing concerns about the low number of bids that were received, Public Works Director Oscar Ruvalcaba said that the town's desire to get as much of the work done as possible this year was likely the primary deterrent. Ruvalcaba also said that third-party, independent consultants said that the Atkins Realis proposal more closely met project requirements than the other proposal did and that Martin/Martin would likely come back with change orders requiring extra expense and time.

In discussing her vote to move forward with design/engineering of the project, Oakley said that Kiowa-Bennett Road is among the primary projects targeted for funding with road construction bonds, if residents vote in favor of them during the municipal election.

"The residents need to know we're serious about moving forward with this," she said.

A town statement the morning after said, "This work positions the town to move efficiently toward construction once funding and project priorities are aligned, supporting long-term infrastructure improvements."

On their ballots, Bennett voters are being asked whether to approve 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.

In addition to Bennett's portion of Kiowa-Bennett Road, bond funds could go towards Marketplace Drive and the town's portion of projected costs for I-70 Exit 304 bridge improvements.

MORE ELECTION ITEMS

For the first time in five election cycles residents can vote new trustees onto the board. Over the past decade, there has never been enough candidates running for vacant seats on the board.

This year, five candidates are vying for the three spots being vacated by Barden, Dambroski and Vittum.

Joshua Arbogast, James "Grider" Lee, Christopher Clemens, Bonnie Teachout and Kat Crow are the five running for the trio of trustee vacancies.

Voters will also be asked whether to convey the Joe Stemo Ball Field, 1050 Washington Way, from the town to the Bennett School District for \$1,500.

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

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

The ballot language also allows for other activities beyond school district games, practices and events, if the transfer arrangement is approved.

ELECTION TIME FRAME

Ballots were mailed to residents at the start of last week and must be returned by mail or placed in the official ballot drop box by 7 p.m. Election Day. A secure ballot box will be available at Town Hall for voters who wish to drop off their completed ballots in person.

Eligible residents can register to vote or update their registration online at www.govotecolorado.com.

For additional information, visit www.bennettco.gov.

CLEAN UP DAY PERK

The board unanimously approved a 50% reduction in home improvement permit fees during the Friday portion of its Spring Clean and Green event April 24-25 at the Community Safety Building, 365 Palmer Ave.

Dumpsters will be available to residents both days until full. Master gardeners will be on site Friday to provide gardening tips and free bushes. Paper shredding and electronic waste recycling will also be available Friday only.

Ag dept seeks candidates for soil health panel

BROOMFIELD — Parties interested in shaping the future of soil health and regenerative agriculture in the Colorado might want to apply for a seat on the Soil Health Advisory Committee.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture committee assists in the implementation of the Colorado Soil Health Program, a key program that

helps producers introduce or expand the use of water resilient agricultural practices. Specifically, seats are available for a dryland crop producer, irrigated producer, rancher and tribal nation representative.

The application period is open until Monday, April 6. To apply, visit ag.colorado.gov.

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— Douglas Claussen,
Publisher & Editor

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April is Child Abuse Awareness Month
Arapahoe County Human Services urges you to join the fight against child abuse
If you suspect child abuse, report it immediately to Arapahoe County at 303-636-1750


ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION


In-Person Watch Party: The Mind Diet, April 14, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Learn about this dietary pattern that may help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and cognitive decline. This is an in-person watch party. Register at: bit.ly/ACMindDiet

Resources for veteran in Eastern Arapahoe County
Arapahoe County is proud to expand resources for the veterans in the Eastern Plains for both Adams and Arapahoe County residents. Meet with a Veteran Services Officer at the Byers American Legion.
April 21, 2026
Appointments available from 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome
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Unable to attend? Call 303-738-8045 for other appointments.

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WEEK OF MARCH 30

Pre-holiday Easter egg hunts dot the I-70 Corridor



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

At least four Easter egg hunts accounting for approximately 20,000 treat-filled holiday orbs occurred along the I-70 Corridor March 28. The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District's annual Egg-Stravaganza, was relocated to the recently completed Community Park East across from the existing Community Park, softball field and rec district office. Mountain View Fellowship hosted its annual breakfast and egg hunt at its east of town, while the Byers Parks & Recreation District held its annual event at Centennial Park. A new egg hunt was hosted by Teens for Change Colorado and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Future Park in Antelope Hills. Clockwise from above left, 4-year-old Noah Silalahi enjoys a large mound of blue cotton candy after completing his egg hunting in Strasburg; 15-month-old River Nichols shows off his golden egg from the Strasburg event; 1-year-old Grace Mosely gladly sits in the Antelope Hills grass while filling up her basket; Copley Authier, 2, brings home a large candy stash from the Strasburg park; Tina Nogeira, 3, shows off one of her prizes from the Antelope Hills event; the Easter Bunny and 4-year-old Loretta Volta ham it up at Mountain View; and rec board member Wendy Hise busily places eggs around the Byers park.



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Bennett Elementary teachers and staff conducted a fundraising variety show highlighting a plethora of talents from singing, dancing and lip-synching to painting and the use of American Sign Language March 26. From top left, second-grade teacher Christine Weatherly shows off her signing talent, reciting the alphabet forwards and backwards; Denny Valentine sings a solo; specials teacher Alyssa Willis shows off her painting prowess; and students participate in a hula hoop relay.

PlainsGold wheat strains dominate CO fields

FORT COLLINS — Amplify SF was the most popular winter wheat variety planted in Colorado, according to the 2026 Colorado Winter Wheat Variety Survey released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service March 6.

This occurrence marks the second time Amplify SF has topped the survey, accounting for 10.5 percent of the state's winter wheat acreage.

Amplify SF, a semi-solid hard red winter wheat, was developed by the Colorado State University Wheat Breeding & Genetics Program and released by the Colorado Wheat Research Foundation in 2021 under its PlainsGold brand. Amplify SF carries a stem-solidness trait that helps defend against the wheat stem sawfly, an insect that is estimated to cause \$30 million in damages annually in Colorado.

"The survey highlights the diversity of wheat genetics required to meet the wide variety of conditions present on Colorado wheat farms," said Brad Erker, executive director of Colorado Wheat. "From semi-solid stemmed varieties that combat the wheat stem

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'Because I'm president:' Trump casts Fla. ballot via USPS

by Ashley Murray
Colorado Newswire

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump, who wants to ban mail-in voting, said he had the right to vote by mail-in ballot in Florida's special election March 24 "because I'm president of the United States."

The president's statement at his Cabinet meeting two days later comes as he aggressively pushes U.S. Senate Republicans to break the long-standing filibuster to pass a restrictive voting bill ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

The legislation, which would require a birth certificate and other documentation for voter registration, also would federally prohibit universal voting by mail without special approval, according to the Brennan Center and other sources.

"Because I'm president of the United States, and because of the fact that I'm president of the United States, I did a mail-in ballot for elections that took place in Florida because I felt I should be here instead of being in the beautiful sunshine," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"We have exceptions for mail in ballots. You do know that, right?" he said to the reporter who asked about his mail-in ballot. "So, if you're away, we have an exception. If you're in the military, we have an exception. If you're on a business trip, we have an exception. If you're disabled, we have an exception. And, if you're ill, if you're not feeling good. So I was away mostly in Washington, D.C., so I used a mail-in ballot."

The president regularly travels on Air Force One between the nation's capital and Florida, including taking a trip to his Palm Beach home this past weekend.

The White House declined to comment on whether someone other than the president requested, picked up and dropped off or mailed the president's mail-in ballot.

Florida election law states that only a person's



President Donald Trump speaks during a Cabinet meeting at the White House March 26.

immediate family member or legal guardian can do so.

"As President Trump has said, the SAVE America Act has commonsense exceptions for Americans to use mail-in ballots for illness, disability, military or travel — but universal mail-in voting should not be allowed because it's highly susceptible to fraud. As everyone knows, the president is a resident of Palm Beach and participates in Florida elections, but he obviously primarily lives at the White House in Washington, D.C. This is a non-story," White House spokesperson Olivia Wales said in a written statement.

Trump's statement also was made three days after conservative Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical that federal law allows states to accept mail-in ballots postmarked by Election Day but not received until after polls close, during a five-day grace period. While the case was out of Mississippi, 14 states — both red and blue — have similar laws.

2020 ELECTION REFRAIN

Discrediting mail-in voting has been a common refrain of Trump's since the 2020 presidential elec-

tion, which he lost but still falsely claims he won.

Roughly 30% of voters cast mail-in ballots in the 2024 election, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Eight states and Washington, D.C., allow all elections to be conducted entirely by mail, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. They are California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Nebraska and North Dakota permit counties to opt into conducting elections via mail.

Idaho, Minnesota, New Jersey and New Mexico allow mostly mail elections for certain small jurisdictions. A handful of other states permit mail voting for local elections.

SAVE AMERICA ACT AND FILIBUSTER

Writing on his social media platform early March 26, Trump said: "When is 'enough, enough' for our Republican Senators. There comes a time when you must do what should have been done a long time ago, and something which the Lunatic Democrats will do on day one, if they ever get the chance. TERMINATE THE FILIBUSTER, and get our airports, and everything else, moving again. Also, add the complete, all five items, SAVE AMERICA ACT items. Go for the Gold!!! President DJT"

Trump complicated negotiations March 23 when he said at an event in Memphis, Tenn., that he would not approve a deal to end the shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security, ongoing since mid-February, unless senators could find a way to also pass his voting bill, dubbed the SAVE America Act.

The filibuster requires nearly all legislation to receive 60 votes to advance to passage in the Senate. With all Democrats against the legislation, the bill would not garner enough support in the upper chamber, which is split 53-47.

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SPORTS



Byers dominates first four foes on diamond

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

Chemistry between the returning nucleus of two- and three-year starters and several newbies has been strong for the Byers Bulldogs on the baseball diamond as they won their first four contests of the new season by a combined 62-14.

"I figured we'd be fine with our older guys and we have had a lot of good leadership and production from those kids that have played the past two or three seasons," said Byers head coach D.J. Jackson. "I knew we had some good new talent coming in but had to put a few freshmen right into the fire and they've handled it really well."

After a 13-3 victory at Highland to open the spring March 17, the green-and-white swept Holyoke 22-7 and 15-2 on the road March 21, and opened up the home schedule March 26 with a 12-2 win against the fellow Bulldogs from Calhan.

Jackson's troops also defeated Union Pacific League rival Burlington 6-4 March 27, but specifics from that contest were unavailable at press time. For full coverage of it and Byers' March 30 trip to SkyView Academy, see the April 3 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*. The I-70 match-up



Byers senior Jack Earl slides in safely to third base during the green-and-white's home-opener against Calhan March 26.

between Byers and Limon was contested March 31.

@ HIGHLAND

In the season-opener against the 2A fifth-ranked Huskies, Byers jumped out 5-0 in the top of the first without the benefit of a hit; the visitors walked eight times to account for all their runs in the opening frame.

"Just a real strange start to say the least. [Highland pitchers] just couldn't find the strike zone and we were the beneficiary," Jackson said. "Just really strange, because not something you expect from a team

that is ranked pretty highly."

After the conclusion of the first inning, the score was 5-2.

Byers junior Kaden Bennett tripled to start the second and scored on a groundout by sophomore Wesley Butterfield to make the score 6-2. Highland tacked on its own run in the bottom of the frame to make the score 6-3 after two.

The Bulldogs went up 7-3 in the third after freshman Jack Long singled, advanced to third on a double by classmate Millio Guerue, and scored on an error on a ground ball from junior Gabe Price.

Byers' lead grew to 10-3 in the fifth thanks to a two-run triple off the bat of senior Jack Earl, who drove in Long and Price who both singled earlier in the inning; Earl cross home on an RBI groundout by Bennett.

In the top of the sixth, senior Parker Ebert reached on a dropped third strike, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored after a Highland balk. Byers entered the final frame up 11-3.

In the seventh, Price reached on an error, stole second and third, and scored on an Earl RBI single. Earl advanced to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch to conclude the scoring.

While Byers won the offensive battle eight hits to two and took advantage of three Husky errors and 11 free passes, the opening day pitching of Bennett and Earl dominated the afternoon. Bennett got the win, allowing 3 runs, 2 earned, on two hits while walking five and striking out nine. Earl closed out the last two innings, facing only seven batters, striking out two; the senior's lone blemish was a hit batsman in the sixth.

"Really pleased with how we pitched and fielded behind them,"

SEE BB BYERS
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All-State Honorees







The 3A state champion Strasburg Indians boasted multiple postseason honors including four individuals being named to the All-State Team last week. From left photo, Indian head coach Kyle Bollers was named 3A Coach of the Year, while junior Brody Hopwood was named to the All-State First Team; senior Nick Glatfelter to the Second Team; and senior Cade Hemphill Honorable Mention.

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From left photo, Byers freshman Jake Zufall fires a pitch during his complete-game, six-inning victory over Calhan last week, and leadoff hitter Gabe Price (0) watches the play in the field and he crosses home plate with one of the hosts' three first-inning runs.

CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

BB BYERS

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Jackson said. "We pretty much shut down a team that should be pretty good offensively this year. Good start to the season."

Offensively, Earl went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs. In addition to Long's two-hit game to start his high school career, Price, Bennett, Butterfield and Guerue all had base knock. The Bulldogs struck out 11 times.

"Still have to work on swinging at strikes and being better in hitter's counts, but it was the first game," Jackson said. "Still a pretty good start to the season."

Byers' history of aggressive base running was again evident to start this season as they recorded nine steals, led by Price with three and Earl and Ebert two apiece.

@ HOLYOKE

Against the Dragons, Jackson said the doubleheader sweep was another step in the right direction for his young, but developing, squad.

"Holyoke is better than they've been, so for us to get a pretty convincing pair of wins, we should be moving forward with quite a bit of confidence," Jackson said. "Kind of stalled out offensively in the middle of the second game, but kept fighting and finally put it out of reach late. Have a lot of young kids we are working to get in to get them some experience at this level."

GAME 1

Price opened the game with a double and was driven in on an RBI triple by Bennett, who then scored on a passed ball. Holyoke responded with its own pair of runs to tie the game 2-2 after one.

Byers took a 3-2 lead in the second as Long singled, stole second, ad-

vanced to third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI groundout by freshman Jake Zufall.

The green-and-white broke the game open with an 11-run third inning. After Price doubled, advanced the third on a passed ball, and scored on a wild pitch to open the frame, the Bulldogs were the recipients of five walks with multiple RBI base hits intermingled — a 2-run single by senior Chris Papaionopol, a single by sophomore Osiris Aldana, a 2-run double by Price, and a double by junior Dane Curry. Bennett added an RBI pop-fly.

The host Dragons continued to show fight, scoring 4 in the bottom of the third, but Byers responded with another half-dozen runs in the top of the next frame, including a five-batter stretch of a Zufall single, doubles for Aldana, Price and Earl, and a Bennett single that resulted in four consecutive tallies.

The game ended in five innings because of the mercy rule.

The Bulldog's 13-hit barrage was led by Price, who went 4-for-4 with all doubles and four RBIs from the leadoff spot. Bennett went 2-of-3 with three RBIs and Aldana was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Byers also had 10 free passes — eight walks and two hit batsmen — and were again active on the base paths with 11 stolen bases, including Bennett and Ebert with three apiece.

Earl toed the rubber and got the complete game victory, allowing 7 runs, 6 earned, on seven hits while walking seven and striking out four. Defensively, the Bulldogs were error-free.

GAME 2

In the second contest, Byers did most of its damage during a 5-run

second and 6-run seventh inning and rode the pitching arm of Bennett to victory.

Over his six innings of work, Bennett allowed one earned run in the fourth inning; he allowed two hits, while walking three and striking out 10 Dragons. Of his 84 pitches, Bennett recorded 57 strikes (67%). Zufall threw the seventh, allowing 1 earned run on one hit, while walking one and striking out two.

Offensively, the Bulldogs pounded out 14 hits, including a pair of two-RBI doubles by Earl and Bennett in the second frame, run-scoring base hits by Guerue and Zufall in the fifth, and RBI singles by Bennett and Guerue in the final frame. The Bulldogs were also the beneficiary of five walks and two hit batsmen in the seventh.

Bennett recorded a four-hit game with three RBIs, while Aldana and Guerue added two hits apiece. Bennett also paced the green-and-white with three stolen bases.

"We got a lot of our younger kids in," said Jackson, noting that Nos. 5-9 in the lineup were shaken up mid-game. "And a lot of them are replacing three freshmen [that have been] starting."

CALHAN

In the home-opener, Calhan drew first blood with a single tally in the top of the first inning, but Byers responded with 3 in the bottom of the frame and scored in every inning — 1 each in the second and third, 2 in the fourth and sixth and another trio of tallies in the fifth. The visitors recorded their only other run in the sixth. The game concluded a frame early because of the mercy rule.

Byers again won the hitting battle 14-3 with Earl and Aldana both having three hits, while Bennett and

Long added a pair apiece. Earl also drove in three runs to pace the victors. Calhan also committed a pair of errors which resulted in unearned runs for Byers.

Stolen bases again were a key piece for the hosts, who recorded 14 thefts, led by Earl with four, Price three, and Zufall and Bennett with two each.

Zufall recorded his first complete game victory in his high school career, allowing 2 runs, 1 earned, on three hits while walking one and striking out seven over six innings.

"With our freshmen coming in, I've got at least nine arms I can go to, but our top three have really looked good and we can work with our other guys in bullpen sessions while waiting for the season to get a lot busier."

In addition to the games on Monday and Tuesday, the Bulldogs end this week at the Denver Christian tournament, facing the host squad on Thursday and Monte Vista and Rangely Saturday.

"In addition to playing some better competition and teams we might not know as much about, it's five games in six days, so we should learn a lot about our kids, especially our new guys," Jackson said. "We'll need to see a lot of the younger guys step up, especially our pitching."

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Bennett greenhorns split first four contests of spring

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The youthful Bennett Tigers have started the 2026 baseball campaign 2-2, but their head coach hopes his squad can clean things up quickly as the season proceeds.

After falling 13-2 at home in the season-opener against Weld Central March 13, the orange-and-black bounced back with an 11-4 road victory over Platte Valley March 21, but lost 9-6 to visiting Valley March 24. In their Frontier League season-opener, the Tigers sank Englewood 15-3 on the road March 25.

"Just a lot of inexperience right now, so we're having a lot of guys getting their reps in during game situations," said Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz, who is trying to replace more than two-thirds of last year's state-qualifying roster. "Still trying to figure out what positions a lot of guys can play and, in some cases, have guys that probably need to play multiple places. Just a lot of things to clean up."

WELD CENTRAL

In the season-opener against the neighboring Rebels, the score was 3-2 after the first inning but, with two outs in the top of second, the visitors tallied seven runs. Bennett never recovered from the outburst, and the visitors added 3 more runs in the fifth to end the game two frames early.

"Even for the first game of the season, way too many strikeouts and errors," said Ortiz, noting his squad's 10 strikeouts and seven defensive miscues. "(We) let them continue innings when we should have made plays to get out of them. Our pitchers threw strikes but we let them down."

Junior starter Owen Hawes deserved a better fate as only 2 of the 10 runs scored over his 1²/₃ innings were earned; he allowed 10 hits while walking one and striking out two. Senior Cougar Cronk threw the final 3¹/₃ innings, giving up 3 runs, 2 earned, on five hits while striking out one.

Offensively, all three Tiger hits occurred in the opening frame — a single by junior leadoff hitter Avant Dickens, an RBI double by junior Brayden Werner, and a run-scoring single by Cronk.

"After how we started in the first



Tiger Trenton Neade, left photo, attempts to tag a Valley base runner diving back into first base, and Victor Herrera collects a pop-fly at third base.



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inning, very disappointing that we couldn't sustain anything at the plate after that," Ortiz said.

@ PLATTE VALLEY

In their first road outing of the spring, Bennett found itself down 4-1 entering the sixth inning, but a pair of 5-run frames catapulted the Tigers to victory.

In the sixth inning, junior Evan Garner doubled, Werner singled and junior Trenton Neade walked to load the bases. After two walks forced runs across the plate, freshman Trapper Cronk cleared the bases with a three-run triple.

In the final frame, two singles and a walk loaded the bases again for Trapper Cronk, who rapped a two-run single followed by run-scoring base hits from sophomore Esteban Madera and junior Inri Plata.

"Had some inexperienced, first-year guys that stepped up when we needed them to," Ortiz said. "Just need to see that more consistently."

Of Bennett's 15 hits, Cougar Cronk had a team-high four, followed by Werner with three and Garner, Plata and Trapper Cronk with two apiece. But strikeouts were again a concern.

"Even in the win, we had 12 strikeouts," Ortiz said. "Against the better teams on our schedule, we've got to be better at making contact."

Garner got the victory, allowing 4

runs, 1 earned, on six hits, two walks and five strikeouts over five innings. Hawes threw the final two innings, striking out all six Bronco batters he faced.

Defensively, Bennett committed three errors.

"Still have to work on making the plays to get us out of innings," Ortiz said.

VALLEY

Against the nonconference Vikings, Bennett found itself down 5-0 after the top of the fifth before tallying 3 in the bottom of the frame. But Ortiz stated his displeasure with a base running gaffe that likely kept the Tigers from scoring at least another run in the fifth.

"Pretty frustrating because got caught stealing on the first pitch when we were at second," he said. "Again, some of that inexperience coming into play, but it's just a matter of playing a little bit smarter."

Both teams added 3 runs in the sixth inning to account for the final score. An RBI double by Garner and a two-run error on a Werner pop fly accounted for the Tigers final runs.

Bennett outhit the visitors 7-6 but again reached double-digits in strikeouts. Cougar Cronk and Garner both had two hits. Garner recorded three RBIs.

Dickens threw the first 1²/₃ innings,

allowing 5 runs, 4 earned, on one hit while walking four and striking out two. Hawes finished the second and went through the sixth frame, giving up 4 runs, 1 earned, on five hits while walking two and striking out four. Sophomore Cooper Klausner threw a scoreless seventh, allowing one walk.

"Left a lot of opportunities on the field against Valley," Ortiz said. "Disappointing both at the plate and behind our pitchers."

@ ENGLEWOOD

In their first conference game of the season, Bennett scored crooked numbers in all five innings en route to the mercy rule victory.

In the opening frame, Garner and Dickens both singled and scored on an error on a ground ball off the bat of Werner.

In the second inning, Bennett added 2 more runs as Madera reached on an error and scored on another Pirate miscue and Garner walked and circled the bases on steals and a passed ball.

Bennett's six-run third frame was highlighted by a two-run single by freshman Victor Herrera and a three-run double by Werner.

A pair of unearned runs in both the fourth and fifth innings concluded the Tiger scoring.

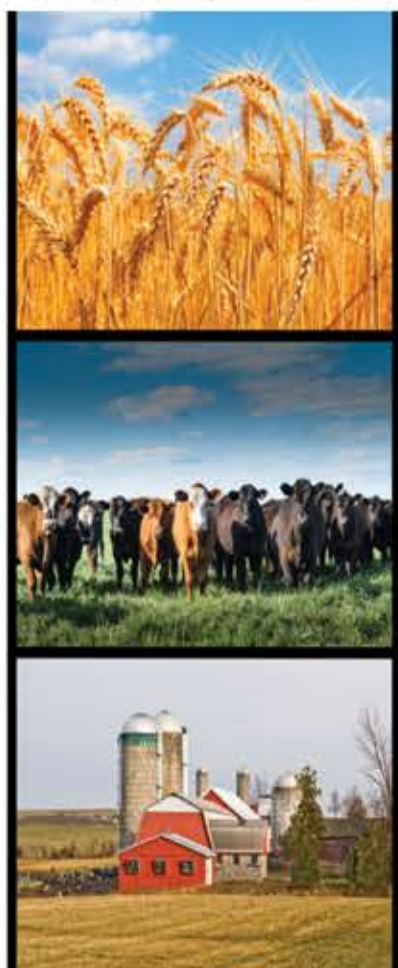
The host Pirates tallied a run in the first inning and added 2 in the third.

"Did what we should have offensively against that team but still a lot of things we need to clean up, especially in the field," said Ortiz, lamenting his squad's six errors. "Got to figure things out when it comes to helping our pitchers, who are mostly doing what we are asking of them."

Cougar Cronk and Klausner teamed up to throw a five-inning no-hitter. All three Pirate runs were unearned. Cronk allowed one unearned run, walking one and striking out three over two innings. Klausner walked two and struck out five over his three innings of work.

Offensively, Bennett racked up 12 hits, walked seven times, and had one batter hit by pitch.

Garner had a two-hit game and scored three runs to pace the Tigers.



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April 6: @ Alameda

April 9: Platte Canyon

April 11: @ Elizabeth

April 13: @ Arvada

April 16: @ Middle Park

April 18: Sterling



PHOTOS BY ALYSSA STEMPO/For The Scout

Lady Tiger attackers Nathalie Gonzalez, left, and Luz Lobatos battle with Frontier Academy defenders March 23.

Local soccer girls start 2-1

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

The Bennett girls soccer team is off to a good start to its season with two wins in its first three games, and a solid effort in the one loss.

The Lady Tigers beat DSST: Green Valley Ranch in their season opener March 13 and Lake County at home March 26 but lost to perennial powerhouse Frontier Academy March 23.

"I think we're off to a great start," said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson. "We might even be ahead of where I was hoping that we would be."

At press time, the Tigers remained at 2-1 while Frontier Academy was 3-1-1 and Lake County 1-3.

Bennett also traveled to Fort Lupton Monday. Further information was not available at press time. It takes on Jefferson at home Friday.

@ DSST: GREEN VALLEY RANCH

DENVER — The Lady Tigers got off to their successful start March 13 with a solid 3-2 victory over DSST: Green Valley Ranch.

"In general, the team was reading the field very well," Torgerson said. "They were working together, a lot of good passing, a lot of good communication, and really overall resilient."

Bennett never trailed, leading 2-0 at halftime. The teams traded goals in the second half to account for the final score.

Torgerson said he didn't go deep into his bench against the Lady Raptors.

"They just didn't quit," he said of the Raptors. "They were a very good team, a well-coached team, and they did not quit."

The first-year coach said his defense led well and that his daughter, sophomore goalkeeper Whitney Torgerson, had a good game.

"Ten saves on 12 shots? I'll take over 80% every time," the elder Torgerson said.

That DSST: GV had only 12 shots on goal was also a positive.

"Twelve was exactly what I wanted," the coach said.

The Lady Tigers, on the other hand, had 19 shots on goal in addition to their three scores.

LAKE COUNTY

BENNETT — Bennett topped the Lady Panthers 3-0.

"It could have very easily been 10-0, but one of my strikers just couldn't seem to get the ball in the back of the net," Torgerson said.

That striker, junior Reese West, had 13 shots on goal of the team's 24 attempts but did not score.

"They were either just wide or a little tall, or they were right at the goalie," Torgerson added. "She was a little frustrated but, hey, at least she had

shots."

Sophomore Meagan Green led Bennett with two goals, both in the first half, on four shots for a 2-0 lead. Sophomore Paloma Rodriguez added one on a free kick in the second half to go with five steals.

West had one assist and sophomore Emma Fazcak had one assist and four steals and West added an assist. The Tigers finished with 21 thefts as a team.

Sophomore goalie Whitney Torgerson recorded six saves.

"We're on track, the girls are working hard, and all of us coaches are super proud of where we're at and the progress we've made so far," Torgerson concluded.

FRONTIER ACADEMY

BENNETT — Albeit a 6-1 loss, the contest with the Lady Wolverines showed distinct improvement from a year ago.

"We got embarrassed 10-0 by [the Wolverines] and the game was over by the first 10 minutes of the second half last year," Torgerson said.

The score was 2-0 at halftime. West had the Tigers only goal on an assist by Fazcak in the second half.

Despite the loss, Torgerson still feels his team can make the playoffs "especially the way they played tonight. I mean, Frontier Academy is a perennial playoff team."

Green had two shots on goal and Fazcak and senior Grace Foose had five and four steals, respectively.

BENNETT SOCCER SCHEDULE

April 3: Jefferson

April 6: @ Weld Central

SPORTS BRIEFS

Deadlines approach quickly for 'Burg gymnastics classes

STRASBURG — The soft deadline to register for the second quarter of Twisters Gymnastics at the Strasburg Recreation Center is approaching quickly.

The registration deadline is Saturday, April 4.

Programs run from April 6 through June 27.

Programs begin at age 1 and continue through high school. The aim of Twisters Gymnastics is to provide a safe, effective environment in which the members participate in gymnastics under the guidance of appropriately qualified coaches. Each class is carefully constructed to motivate children in a fun and progressive environment.

For times, fees and class descriptions, visit www.strasburgparks.org.

Peewee T-ball competition for ages 2-4 begins May 19

STRASBURG — Registration for peewee T-ball for ages 2-4 is underway, and the deadline is nearing quickly.

The Strasburg Parks & Recreation District will register children until Sunday, April 19. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for six weeks starting at 5:30 p.m. May 19 in Strasburg.

The \$50 fee includes a shirt and an award.

Practices are not part of the district's peewee programs, which introduce small children to team play, sharing and physical activity.



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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO APRIL 4, 2006

The Watkins Board of Trustees approved, by a vote of 3-2, the town's first Comprehensive Plan during its March 29 meeting at the Foxidge Mobile Home Park Community Center.

A capacity-crowd was on hand to debate the plan and ask questions of the board, especially about the proposed residential densities and a perceived lack of planning concerning water availability.

Under the plan, Watkins is expected to grow from a town of 1,900 people currently to about 24,500 by 2025. Several areas of the town are expected to house developments with a density of 7-12 dwelling units (DUs) or 12-18 DUs per acre. Households are expected to increase from approximately 555 today to 9,055 by 2025.

Watkins resident Larry Miller said he had a problem with the plan because it grows the community too fast.

"At 700 new homes a year, the town's population will double the first year, triple the second year, and quadruple in three years," said Miller, who is a candidate for the at-large seat on the town board.

"That is simply too much too fast, and I don't think this has been thought out enough," Michael Ermisch, principal in Nuszer Kopatz Urban Design Associates, is head of the planning team and said town residents are taking the plan too literally.

"The comp plan is merely a guide and a collection of suggestions and recommendations," he said. "The plan is not a static document. Growth will not happen tomorrow but further in the future. This is just a set of possible guidelines to follow."

15 YEARS AGO APRIL 5, 2011

Corridor residents known to have been negatively impacted by a string of credit/debit card thievery over the last six months has not quite reached 200, but the total continues to grow.

Between Feb. 18 and March 31, Adams County Sheriff Plains Division deputies have recorded 115 complaints of unauthorized transactions on residents' credit or debit cards. Through March, residents in Arapahoe County between Watkins and Deer Trail have called in 70 similar reports.

While no dollar figure of total losses has been reported in Arapahoe County, Adams County Undersheriff Roger Engelsman said about \$50,000 in unauthorized purchases have occurred.

"We sure think we are through the bulk of complaints but, unfortun-

nately, there is a possibility they may continue to trickle in for a while," Engelsman said. "It's a matter of when the victims become aware that something wrong is going on. Who knows how long it could be between numbers being stolen and them actually being used."

Investigators from both counties continue to work together to come up with commonalities in a majority of the thefts, including where the card numbers were stolen from or the location of unauthorized transactions.

"All I know, is everything is still with the detectives in this case," Engelsman said. Some victims indicated they started seeing unknown transactions or being contacted by their banks between 1-3 days after using their cards at a local restaurant or gas pumps along the Corridor.

10 YEARS AGO APRIL 5, 2016

AGATE — It's not the desired direction of the board or administration, but consolidation of the state's smallest school district could be on the radar if a proposed change to school funding rules comes to fruition.

Agate Superintendent Kendra Ewing and school board members both said March 31 that they are moving ahead with business as usual but that passage of a new school funding bill recently proposed by the Colorado House of Representative could result in a merger with a neighbor.

HB16-1422, the annual School Finance Act, was introduced by Reps. Millie Hammer, D-Dillon, and Bob Rankin, D-Carbondale, March 28 with language that would significantly reduce the amount of state revenue to Colorado's smallest school districts. Currently, any districts with enrollment under 50 receive revenue from the state for a funded student count of 50 but, under the new bill, that bottom range is banded with schools between 0-19 students being funded at 25 students; 20-35 students funded at 40; and 35-50 students funded at 50. Under the state formulation for funded pupil count, Agate's enrollment has been in the low- 20s for enrollment — between its eight in-house kindergarten through fifth-grader students and tuition agreements with Byers for mostly secondary students — but projections indicate the district could fall to 19 or fewer for 2016-17. The resulting funding cut compared to the past few years is expected to be approximately \$150,000.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 1, the 91st day of 2026. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II. (U.S. forces succeeded in capturing the Japanese island on June 22 after a battle in which more than 240,000

died, including as many as 150,000 Okinawan civilians.)

ALSO ON THIS DATE:

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich. (Hitler would serve just nine months of the sentence, during which time he completed the first volume of "Mein Kampf.")

In 1946, a magnitude 8.6 earth-

quake centered near Alaska's Aleutian Islands triggered a tsunami that pounded the Hawaiian Islands with waves up to 55 feet (17 meters) tall, killing 159.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television beginning in January 1971.

In 1976, Apple Computer was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.

In 1984, singer Marvin Gaye was shot and killed by his father after Gaye intervened in an argument between his parents at their home.

In 2001, the Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage.

In 2003, American troops raided a hospital in Nasiriyah (nah-sih-REE'uh), Iraq, and rescued Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who had been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed by

Iraqi forces on March 23.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Ali MacGraw is 87. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 76. Actor Annette O'Toole is 74. Filmmaker Barry Sonnenfeld is 73. Singer Susan Boyle is 65. Hockey Hall of Famer Scott Stevens is 62. Actor David Oyelowo is 50. Comedian-actor Taran Killam is 44. Actor Asa Butterfield is 29.

— Associated Press

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ACROSS

1. Double's trick
6. Pick
9. Marching band member
13. North one or South one, in Asia
14. Morse Code dash
15. Root of iris
16. Indian black tea
17. Mother lode stuff
18. Disinclined
19. "Mad as a ___"
21. "Fit as a ___"
23. Pilgrimage to Mecca
24. "___ A Sketch"
25. R&R destination
28. Table, in Mexico
30. Aerie baby
35. Otter's den
37. "___ as a button"
39. Type of union
40. Axillary, in biology
41. "Bored to ___"
43. Fit of shivering
44. Treated with calcium hydroxide
46. Recipe amt.
47. Not fiction
48. "Lawrence and DiCaprio movie "Don't ___"
50. Like some hard times
52. "To the ___ degree"
53. Not less
55. "Hi-___ graphics"
57. "Fly off the ___"
60. "Storm in a ___"
63. Louisiana swamp
64. "___ whiz!"
66. Did like a lunatic
68. Mr. T and friends
69. "Am is to I a ___ is to we"
70. Certain pudding ingredient
71. Mosquito net, e.g.
72. Local area network
73. Leavening agent

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1. Reggae's cousin
2. Silly talk
3. Minor one in the sky
4. Not o'er
5. Type of gong instrument
6. "___-Eaters"
7. "___ for the course"
8. "Grand ___ Auto"
9. Walked on
10. Caspian Sea feeder
11. "___ Take a ___ Out of Crime"
12. Type of tree
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CROSSWORD

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20. Tape deck button
22. "Break the ___"
24. Palatable
25. "___ we dance?"
26. President Franklin Roosevelt's diagnosis
27. "Remember the ___!"
29. Cooking grease
31. Tennis' Steffi
32. Flotsam and jetsam alternative
33. Something educed
34. "By the skin of your ___"
36. Hiker's journey
38. Gaelic language
42. "___ tire"
45. Lollipop brand
49. D.C. mover and shaker
51. Not very far
54. Fit for a king
56. Go "Boo!"
57. "A ___-hate relationship"
58. Pirates' affirmatives
59. Famous flood survivor
60. "Nirvana's "Smells Like ___ Spirit"
61. Iris holder
62. "Three ___ in a pod"
63. "Kapow!"
65. Pitcher's stat
67. Banned insecticide, acr.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

The Fool Wears Pink

It's a triple-layered day of fools, with the full moon giving a pinky promise of renewal. April Fool's Day plays with illusion and perception, reminding us that things aren't always as they seem. Passover honors the courage to step into freedom. Under the Pink Moon, these themes weave beautifully: awakening, questioning appearances and stepping into liberation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's wonderful to be foolish about starting things because beginnings rarely arrive with perfect timing or certainty. Many worthwhile ventures begin simply because someone decided the idea deserved a chance to exist in the world. You also have follow-through, and it's gold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's wonderful to be foolish about delight because the smallest pleasures rarely announce themselves as important. A shared joke, an unexpected kindness — these are the moments that blossom into truly magical experiences and bonds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's wonderful to be foolish about friendship because true companions are not chosen by spreadsheets of compatibility. They arrive through shared laughter, odd timing and a series of small moments that slowly prove someone belongs in your circle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's wonderful to be foolish with encouragement because a few well-placed words can change the direction of someone's day or even their life. People often rise to expectations they never knew someone had for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's wonderful to be foolish when investing in your own creativity because seeing things that don't exist and then building them to match your vision is among the highest privileges of human experience. You'll create something that helps others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's wonderful to be foolish about hope because optimism has a practical magic. When people believe good outcomes are possible, they attempt things others would never try, and those attempts often create the very opportunities they imagined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's wonderful to be foolish in love because intense infatuation doesn't happen all that often in a typical lifetime. For you, being foolish in love includes radical honesty, whimsical plans and giving much more than you intend to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's wonderful to be foolish with curiosity about strangers because genuine interest is magnetic. People open up, stories appear, and suddenly, you're known as someone who makes every room feel a little more alive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's wonderful to be foolish about adventure because the best stories rarely begin with careful planning. They begin with curiosity, a wrong turn, an open afternoon and the willingness to follow a hunch just to see where it leads.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's wonderful to be foolish about believing in people because humans often rise to the level of the trust placed in them. The one who believes first has vision and leadership and can be the catalyst for remarkable effort and loyalty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's wonderful to be foolish with your generous spirit because it changes the world. Some people would never get a chance if it weren't for those who gave when they didn't have to, when it hurt or when they knew they'd never be repaid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's wonderful to be foolish about learning because the mind grows strongest when it wanders into subjects it may never master. Curiosity that serves no obvious purpose often becomes the doorway to what the world needs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). Welcome to your Year of Inspired Mischief, when wit, originality and a dash of rebellion improve nearly every situation. You'll discover that the playful approach often brings the most practical rewards. More highlights: A clever investment or business idea delivers satisfying profits. Relationships sparkle through humor, surprises, grand gestures and fresh scenes. You'll host a legendary gathering. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 25, 37, 10 and 6.

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cided, upon [board] approval, to move Mr. Green up from his math teaching position.”

Green will continue to teach two college-level math classes but will relinquish all other classroom duties.

Previous secondary principal Kelly Boren had his contract bought out by the district at the beginning of this school year. The reasons for his departure were never unveiled and protected under personnel privacy policy.

In addition to the hiring of Green, Turrell’s recommendation to extend the contract of Elementary Principal Machaela Eymann was unanimously approved by the board of directors. Eymann is completing her second year in the position after replacing longtime predecessor Gloria Mitchell for the 2024-25 school year.

“I can’t recommend her enough for this contract extension,” Turrell said about Eymann, particularly focusing on her desire to help in the transition of her oldest students into middle school. “She is so cognitive of everything in her building and across the entire campus. She’s high quality in everything she does for all aspects of our district but students and staff come first for her.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Turrell said that work on the campus greenhouse continues.

Plans to tour the new ag and science facility before the meeting were put on hold as the facility was locked with the electrical contractor’s equipment and supplies inside.

“Turned out to be a tour of the outside,” quipped board member Matt Eymann.

Turrell said that recycled asphalt and/or crusher rock continues to be installed across the site.

In terms of funding for the project, Turrell added that a federal grant ap-

plication to help cover some of the costs was in the process of being re-submitted by the end of the week.

“We were turned down last year but it sounded like we got pretty close, so we are resubmitting it this spring,” he said. “We knew we had made the first cut last year but, come to find out, we made it past round two and all the way to the selection committee of 9-10 U.S. senators. We are focused on some of the shortcomings that were cited in the end, so hopefully that helps.”

Turrell said this year’s application is also including some aspects of the campus-wide trail including installation of elevated garden and pollinator boxes.

Turrell also said that the district’s Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant application for the upcoming cycle received preliminary approval and that he received a recommendation from a district consultant to move forward with purchasing the new campus-wide fire alarm system.

“Getting our down payment put together has been permitted,” he said.

Additional personnel discussion morphed into Turrell reporting a bleak outlook when it comes to state education funding for the next school year; however, he said that prudent fiscal responsibility by the previous board of education should pay off.

“Upcoming funding from the Capitol looks bleak but the board’s forethought last year that it would not be a good year should be in our favor,” Turrell said. “We were able to pay a 1.5% salary increase this year along with a much bigger Christmas bonus and still have enough dollars probably in place for a 1.5% increase next year.”

The next school board meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the high school conference room.

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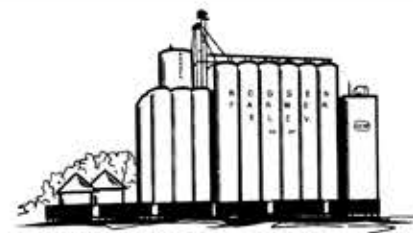
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Open Create with CCAL: Adult artists can collaborate at a gathering hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League (CCAL). They can bring their own projects and supplies or choose from a variety provided by the library. 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 8.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Easter egg hunt. 10 a.m., Deer Trail arena. Age groups for 4 and under, 5-7, 8-10 and 11 and over.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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CSU Extension Specialists in the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition will present practical tips for eating foods that help support brain health.

Attendees will discuss the diet and taste a Mind Diet-friendly snack. Participants should bring a lunch for more than a snack. Handouts and recipes are included.

The event is free but registration closes on April 10. To sign up, visit www.arapahoeco.gov. For more information, e-mail to Sheila Gains at sgains@arapahoegov.com.

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Use frozen meatballs to recreate a flavorful childhood favorite wrapped in fluffy biscuit dough and served with marinara.

CHEESY MEATBALL POCKETS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs, thawed, thinly sliced
- 1 (16.3-ounce) can refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- 1 cup diced tomatoes, drained
- 1½ cups shredded Italian blend cheese, divided
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- Marinara or Alfredo sauce (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. On a lightly floured surface, roll each biscuit into a

6-inch disc (about ⅛-inch thick).

Divide meatball slices and place evenly in centers of discs. Top with 2 tablespoons each marinara, tomatoes and cheese. Fold dough over filling, pressing with fork to seal.

Cook's tip: Brush edge of dough with water to help with sealing.

Place pockets on greased, shallow-rimmed baking sheet. Cut slits in dough to vent. Sprinkle tops with remaining cheese and Italian seasoning. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Serve with additional marinara or Alfredo sauce, as desired.

Alternate cooking method: Preheat pizza oven to 500°F. Bake 3-5 minutes or until puffed and bottoms are firm and browned.

— Recipe courtesy Colorado Beef Council

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8:00 AM: Potluck breakfast

9:00 AM: Easter egg hunt

10:00 AM: Normal service

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APRIL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE:

- April 1: HS Girls Golf @ Spring Hill 11:00 am
- April 2: HS Baseball @ Denver Christian 4:30
- April 3: JH Track @ Limon 10:00 am
- April 4: HS Track @ Limon 9:00 am
- April 4: HS Baseball vs. Monte Vista & Rangely (@ Denver Christian) 9 am
- April 6: HS Girls Golf @ Meadow Hills 10:00 am
- April 6: HS Track @ Yuma 9:00 am
- April 7: Spring Sports Pictures
- April 8: JV Girls Golf @ Spring Hill TBD
- April 9: HS Baseball @ Peyton 3:30
- April 10: HS Baseball vs. Dayspring Christian 3:30
- April 10: JH Track Byers Meet 10:00 am
- April 10: HS Girls Golf @ Stratton/Burlington 9:30 am
- April 11: HS Track Amundson Invitational in Byers 9:00 am
- April 13: JH Track @ Strasburg 1:00
- April 14: HS Baseball vs. Wiggins 3:00
- April 14: HS Girls Golf @ Murphy Creek 11:00 am
- April 15: HS Track @ Strasburg 9:00 am
- April 16: HS Baseball vs. Stratton 3:30
- April 17: HS Girls Golf @ Yuma 10:00 am
- April 17: JH Track @ Burlington 10:00 am
- April 18: HS Baseball @ Lyons 10:00 am
- April 18: HS Track @ Platte Valley 9:30 am
- April 20: HS Girls Golf @ Ft. Collins 9:00 am
- April 22: HS Girls Golf @ Sterling 9:00 am
- April 23: HS Baseball vs. Yuma (DH) 3:00
- April 25: HS Track @ Colorado Springs 9:00 am
- April 25: HS Baseball @ ECA 11:00 am
- April 28: HS Baseball vs. Strasburg 3:30
- April 28: HS Track @ Highland 1:00 pm
- April 28: HS Girls Golf @ Aurora Hills Noon
- April 30: JH Track I-70 Relays @ Deer Trail 10:00 am
- April 30: HS Girls Golf @ Burlington/Stratton 9:30 am

OTHER SECONDARY ACTIVITIES:

- April 17 - Knowledge Bowl vs the Community 5-9 - Cafeteria
- April 24 - Spring Play, 7 pm
- May 2 - Prom



ELEMENTARY CALENDAR EVENTS

- April 3 - NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- April 6 - NO SCHOOL
- April 8-10 - CMAS Assessment 3rd Grade, 6th grade ELA & 5th Grade Science
- April 14-16 - CMAS Assessment 3rd - 6th Math

FBLA District Conference Winners!



Back Row from left: Ainsley Sauer (BAA Capstone Completer, Parliamentary Procedures Team, 1st Place), Hayden Riemenschneider (Parliamentary Procedures Team, 3rd Place), Liam Hilbert (Healthcare Administration, 3rd Place), Torin Wardall (Impromptu Speaking, 3rd Place), Nick Papaianopol (Healthcare Administration, 2nd Place), Peyton Riemenschneider, (Parliamentary Procedures Team, 3rd Place), Wesley Butterfield (Chapter Voting Delegate), Middle Row from left: Zoie Murphy (BAA Capstone Completer), Molly Barber (Future Business Leader, 1st Place), Meagan Seibold (Chapter Voting Delegate), Maggie Messer (BAA Capstone Completer), Danica Lancaster (Parliamentary Procedures Team, 3rd Place), Aden Davis (Parliamentary Procedures Team, 3rd Place), Bella Hagan (Introduction to FBLA, 2nd Place), Morgan Borders (Agribusiness, 3rd Place), Front Row from left: Andie Pelton (BAA Capstone Completer), Makenna Terry (Introduction to FBLA, 1st Place), Kaci Harris (BAA Capstone Completer, Parliamentary Procedure Team, 1st Place), Quincy Bowling (Parliamentary Procedure Team, 1st Place), Abi Green (BAA Capstone Completer, Securities & Investments, 1st Place), Cossette Kerns (BAA Capstone Completer), Eli Cary (Future Business Leader, 2nd Place), Bella Rains (BAA Capstone Completer), Kiera Hilbert (Introduction to Public Speaking, 4th Place). Not Pictured: Krayton Ebert (Parliamentary Procedure Team, 1st Place), Quincy Eacret (Parliamentary Procedure Team, 1st Place), Reese West (Parliamentary Procedure Team, 3rd Place).

Congratulations to the following FFA members for their efforts at the NJC Regional CDE Contest

- **Ag Mechanics:** Morgan Borders, Devin Mohatt, Keaton Hamacher -1st Place District 11/7th Overall
- **Horse Evaluation:** Dani Seibold, Meagan Seibold, Matthew Wardall - 2nd Place District 11
- **Livestock Evaluation:** Emma Palmer, Allison Foose, McCrae MacLennan, Zoie Murphy - 1st Place District 11
- **Milk Quality and Products:** Aden Davis, Wes Butterfield, Peyton Riemenschneider, Jack Long 1st Place District 11
- **Vet Science:** Hayden Riemenschneider, Kaci Harris, Ainsley Sauer - 1st Place District 11/8th Overall

Parents, staff, and community members are invited to attend the first meeting of the BYERS SCHOOL WELLNESS COMMITTEE to support student health, nutrition, and wellness initiatives.
April 7, 2026 | 3:45 | Mr. Pelton's room,
Byers Elementary
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