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Bennett denies developer's debt request

Trustees vote 4-2 against Kiowa Creek Preserve's amended request for additional \$100M

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A proposed subdivision on the northeast edge of Bennett might have hit a significant snag after trustees voted last week to deny a service plan amendment to quadrupled the debt service for infrastructure development and regional improvements.

During their April 14 meeting, the Bennett Board of Trustees voted 4-2 against a resolution that would have increased the debt limit by almost \$100 million for "public improvements and regional improvements" through three Kiowa Creek Preserve metropolitan districts.

Originally, the service plan for Kiowa Creek Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3 of \$29 million was approved by the town board in October 2022. The amended service plan request last week was for a total of \$130 million.

When asked why the steep increase in debt funding was necessary, a developer consultant said the original proposal didn't include all necessary improvements.

"The previous engineers only accounted for the on-site collector road and ponds located off of said collector. Those were the only public improvements captured at the time," the new consultant said. "None of the in-tract development was involved. It did not take into account major infrastructure, such as sewer, sanitary lines, water, things like that are of benefit to the entire community."

The "whereas" portion of the proposed resolution added, "due to construction costs that have dramatically increased and an error in the list of public infrastructure prepared by a previous engineer, Kiowa Creek Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3 (collectively, the "Districts") determined that the total debt limit (as defined in the original service plan) needs to be increased to allow the districts to

adequately finance public infrastructure."

Votes against the request were cast by Mayor Whitney Oakley, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Barden and trustees Donna Sus and Larry Vittum. Voting in favor of the request were Royce Pindell and Steve Dambroski. Trustee Denice Smith was absent.

In his comments before the vote, Vittum said developments like Kiowa Creek Preserve and similar subdivisions will morph Bennett into "Aurora Junior."

"I realize it's not our debt we're taking on but do want to make sure we have a thriving development down the road and not one that is dilapidated and problematic," Oakley added.

When asked by Oakley what a failed vote might mean, the developer's consultant said, "If not approved, it impacts the business decision. Realistically, with the increase of construction costs over

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The High Plains Music Ensemble performed its "Flights of Fancy" concert and the Bennett High School auditorium April 11. The performance was preceded by a history of flight presentation by Colorado Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Lane McGhee. From left photo, director Kurt Elliott puts his group of local musicians through their paces during "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines," and Civil Air Patrol Cadet Maj. Shawn Nelson orates a portion of "High Flight."

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Area fire concerns remain high

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Despite this past Friday's quick-moving spring storm that dropped about a quarter-inch of moisture across much of the I-70 Corridor, wildfire concerns have not been allayed.

The two days following the April 17 precipitation event, I-70 Corridor fire departments were already back at it, responding to reports of grass fires.

Byers Fire personnel were dispatched to a confirmed vegetation fire in the 7500 block of South Arapahoe County Road 177 about 12 miles south of the community about 4:15 p.m. the following day. Later April 18, another outside fire was reported at about 10 p.m. on East 38th Avenue a couple miles north of town in Adams County.

Saturday afternoon's fire response required support from Deer Trail, Strasburg, Bennett, Sable Altura and Buckley fire depart-



Firefighters mop up hot spots from a grass fire that charred about 90 acres along East Stanford Place east of Price Road north of Deer Trail April 13.

ments. Approximately 20 apparatus were dispatched to the scene, but multiple units were canceled en route.

The blaze was reportedly contained before 5 p.m. with approximately one acre burned.

"No doubt the ground was still wet enough

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SUBMITTED MAP

The Colorado Department of Transportation has pushed back its start date for the new pedestrian bridge on the south edge of the Deer Trail School campus until the first week of next month. The project is expected to conclude before the end of June.

Take two: DT School reopens elementary principal search

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Hopes that a new Deer Trail Elementary principal might be known before the end of the school year appear unlikely after the first search proved to be unfruitful.

"We took four candidates through the application/hiring process — including interviews last week — and nothing panned out," said Deer Trail Superintendent Mike Jobman of the at the April 13 school board meeting. "Unfortunately, we need to go to a round two and, hopefully, we come up with that 'diamond in the rough' that didn't get their name in the first time. We're reposting the position this week and see how that goes."

The administration opening

occurred after Seandra Humbert tendered her resignation before the March 2 board meeting.

Humbert has been in charge of the elementary portion of the classroom wing since the district moved to the current two-principal setup a few years ago.

BRIDGE TIME FRAME UPDATE

After hearing for several months that construction of a new pedestrian bridge on the south edge of campus would start this month, the Colorado Department of Transportation has pushed back the project by roughly two weeks. The delay will allow Deer Trail to host a large secondary school track meet unimpeded on April 30.

According to the CDOT

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

EV chargers: New regulations approved by Arapahoe County

LITTLETON — New regulations have been adopted to streamline permitting for electric vehicle charging systems in unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the measure to align with Colorado House Bill 24-1173, which was signed into law in May 2024.

The new Land Development Code regulations provide clear guidelines for permitting and construction, including standards for setbacks, station and equipment design, screening, lighting and pavement marking and striping.

For more information, visit www.arapahoeco.gov/LDCamendments.

Summer volunteers sought for tours of ‘Burg Museum

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg is seeking volunteers to welcome guests and conduct tours one afternoon each week from Monday, June 1, through Monday, Aug. 31.

Interested parties are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society for coffee and pastries at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2, at the museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. through the summer. Special group tours are also accommodated.

For more information, call Dana at (303)622-9706.

Parks & Rec outing destined for Denver Aquarium April 23

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 23, on an excursion to the Denver Downtown Aquarium.

The trip, which costs \$35, is intended for adults only without age restrictions. A minimum of 10 passengers is required or the trip will be canceled.

Lunch is additional. Advanced reservations are required due to limited seating.

To RSVP, visit www.strasburgparks.org or call (303)622-4260.

Rain barrel of fun on tap April 24

STRASBURG — Participants in an upcoming workshop will receive a rain barrel provided they can take it home following the event.

The workshop will commence at 3 p.m., Friday, April 24, at the Strasburg firehouse, 56281 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

The event will include a presentation on rain barrels and instructions on how to build a rain barrel, a 55-gallon rain barrel, and a connector kit. Instructors will also provide an installation guide for connecting the rain barrel to a downspout.

Rain barrels cannot be stored, and enough barrels will be ordered to parties who register. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

The cost is \$42 if discount code CCC26 is entered at checkout.

Once registered, the participant will receive a confirmation e-mail with other details within 24 hours.

To sign up, visit www.colorado-raincatcher.com. Officials ask that only one person per household attend.

For more information, contact Lindy Cosgrove, I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce, at (303)257-5477 or lindy.cosgrove20@gmail.com; Lisa Knerr, Arapahoe County Environmental Program Manager at (720)874-6525 or LKnerr@arapahoegov.com; or Juliana Archuleta, Adams County Stormwater Administrator, at (303)853-7134 or mjarchuleta@adamscountyco.gov; or visit owsi.colostate.edu.

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.

Big address signs offered at cost by Strasburg FPD

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Fire Protection District is offering address signs at cost.

The price is \$40 for each reflective 6- by 30-inch sign. The signs are available in green or blue with 4-inch white numbers.

According to a release, the signs significantly help the emergency crews find an address in a faster and safer manner, especially at night when the addresses on the front of a house are not lit.

To have a sign made, contact the Strasburg Fire Protection District at (303)622-4444, ext. 1.

Credit cards are not accepted.

Application deadline looms for energy assistance bucks

DENVER — Colorado residents are urged to apply for Colorado’s Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) by Thursday, April 30, to access essential help with home heating bills, long-term energy savings, and emergency home heating repairs.

LEAP pays a portion of winter home heating costs, freeing up household budgets for other essentials like groceries and rent for people who need it. LEAP recipients are also eligible for secondary benefits, including weatherization services and emergency furnace repair or replacement.

Eligible families can expect to receive between \$200 and \$1,000 in energy assistance depending on the

type of heating fuel, household income and other factors.

For more information, go to cdhs.colorado.gov/leap; call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435); or visit the local county Department of Human Services office.

Archaeologist plans to bare past of ArapCo history site

LITTLETON — Rarely displayed artifacts from the archives will be unveiled for a fascinating look at the history and archaeological discoveries of one of Arapahoe County’s main historical sites.

A lecture by local archaeologist Dr. Gordon Tucker will run from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, at the 17 Mile House, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.

Tours of the house and its artifacts are slated from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Built in the mid-1800s as a rest stop for pioneers traveling the Smoky Hill-Cherokee Trail, the 17 Mile House property later became a dairy and cattle ranch before its preservation as a heritage park.

Tucker will share insights from archival research, surveys, geophysical studies, and excavations that reveal stories spanning thousands of years — from indigenous peoples to early settlers.

The event is free but space is limited. To register, visit arapahoeco.gov.

Area district attorney’s office plans May 8 citizens academy

BRIGHTON — Participants can learn about the inner workings of the 17th Judicial District Attorney’s Office and criminal justice system at a one-day DA Citizens Academy Program for residents of Adams and Broomfield counties.

The class, hosted by DA Brian Mason, will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, May 8, at the District Attorney’s Office, 1000 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton.

For more information and to apply, visit forms.office.com, scan the QR code, or contact chopper@dal7.state.co.us.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



Unused scene from finale of “Little House on the Prairie”

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Byers High School musical set for Friday

BYERS — Byers High School will host its annual spring play performance at 7 p.m., Friday, April 24, in the new gym.

This year's performance is the 1950s musical comedy "Rock Around the Block." Join the cast as they take the audience the trials and travails of Gracie Stanley, who has gotten herself into a self-imposed jam after she pledged to deliver her distant cousin, rock star Ziggy Springer, for the high school Hippity Hop. When it's unlikely Ziggy will be able to perform, a plot develops to have a replacement singer take his persona.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the door.

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Maverik Duff, left, received Grand Prize honors while Sterling Bell was voted Best in Show during Deer Trail School's Agri-Science Fair March 30.



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project statement, contractor Myers & Sons Construction will commence with installation of a 100-foot prefabricated steel truss bridge and pouring concrete for a foundation and a sidewalk between the football stadium and neighboring Bijou Creek subdivision “the first week of May.” Weather pending, crews are scheduled to work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, which should have the project completed by the end of June.

“[The project] will improve pedestrian safety along U.S. 40 by building a new pedestrian bridge and connecting sidewalks. It will provide safe pedestrian access between the cul-de-sac on South Second Avenue and the Deer Trail School at 130 Second Ave.,” the CDOT statement said. “Second Avenue and U.S. 40 will remain open to local traffic, though minor. Delays may occur during material deliveries. The sidewalk at the end of the Second Avenue cul-de-sac will be closed for the duration of the project. Students and pedestrians will be restricted from the work area for safety.”

Over the past couple of years, concerns over the amount of students walking Highway 40 to get to and from school has escalated.

During the February school board meeting, president Patrick Duff mentioned, “I’ve seen dozens of kids walking along Highway 40 with a lot of traffic going by. This will eliminate that.”

The original April start date was deemed problematic by Jobman, who is also the Deer Trail athletic director, because it would have required the relocation of the throwing pits.

More information about the bridge project is available by contacting (651)587-8682 or mtolsma@myers-sons.com.

FFA UPDATE

During a presentation from a handful of Deer FFA members, advisor Amanda Clayton said the chapter has a membership of 43, 10% more than last year. The chapter has also received grant awards for a small plasma cutting table they currently have on campus and will be receiving a larger-scale plasma machine with wood and metal capabilities.

The chapter also was a recipient of an Innovations in CTE Grant for vet science.

Freshman Kendall Bryant will represent Deer Trail in the state creed speaking contest, which will be held during the Colorado State FFA Convention in Pueblo in June. After winning the chapter contest, Bryant also won the district creed speaking contest.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jobman announced the middle of the football field will be re-sodded once the April 30 track meet has occurred.
- “Basically, between the hash marks, which is where most of the game is played,” he said.
- This winter’s Heart Challenge fundraiser raised \$2,611.
- The board directed Jobman and Maintenance Manager Bryce Ashbaugh to price out temporary repairs and possible new equipment for the playground at the old football and baseball field.
- School was canceled for April 30 to accommodate the extra traffic and parking for the middle school track meet.
- The next school board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 4, in the Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room of Davies Library.



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From left, Kylie Bryant, Alex Samate and Itzel Marquez were among the handful of Deer Trail FFA members to present a chapter update to the school board April 13.

Short-term rentals: ArapCo bosses plan April 28 public forum

LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners is planning a public hearing on proposed short-term rental regulations for unincorporated areas.

The hearing opens at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, in the East Hearing Room at the Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

Comments can be made in person or virtually by calling 1-855-436-3656 and, when prompted, pressing *3 on the telephone keypad to be added to the speaking queue. The five-member board will then vote on adoption of the proposal.

If approved, property owners who have operated a short-term rental within six months prior to adoption of the regulations will be eligible for a legacy exemption.

Existing short-term rental owners would be required to apply for a short-term rental license within a 60-day window once the regulations take effect. Once the initial application window closes, legacy requests will no longer be accepted.

The proposed guidelines address common neighborhood concerns, which include a requirement that property owners carry insurance, limit large gatherings during a rental period, and limit the number of rental groups to one at a time.

KEY ELEMENTS

- Only a property owner or long-term lessee may apply for a short-term rental license, and the property must be the applicant's primary residence.
- Proof of primary residence would be required, such as a driver's license, vehicle or voter registration, tax return or utility bill.
- A 500-foot separation requirement would limit new short-term rentals from operating within 500 feet of an existing licensed rental.
- Multi-family structures (apartments, condos) will be capped at 100 licenses. A waitlist will be created once 100 licenses have been approved.
- Each license requires a designated agent who can be reached within 15 minutes by phone and, if needed, be on site within 60 minutes.
- Rules would apply for noise, parking and occupancy limits.
- All short-term rentals would be required to meet applicable building, fire and health codes, including working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- A \$200 application fee and a \$350 annual license fee are included.

For more information, visit www.arapahoeco.gov.

Neighborhoods: AdCo bosses schedule Strasburg town hall

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners will host an in-person town hall from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, April 27, at Hemphill Middle School, 2100 Wagner St., Strasburg.

The commissioners will discuss neighborhoods and quality of life, including code compliance, public works, parks and open space, and neighborhood services.

To RSVP to attend in-person, receive the livestream link, or submit questions, visit the Adams County Government Facebook page.



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While a livestock outbuilding was claimed during an April 13 grass fire on the northwest corner of the intersection of County Road 6 and Wolf Creek Road a couple miles southwest of Strasburg, other structures, including a house, miraculously avoided damage.

FIRE CONCERNS

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to keep the fire from spreading very fast, but the tips of the vegetation didn't take long to ignite because they had already dried out," one local firefighter said. "Especially if the wind and unseasonably warm temperatures return as anticipated, (it's) not going to be much relief in site. We'll be back to the way things were before the snow very quickly."

Leading up to the snow, a couple of homes near Deer Trail and Strasburg escaped damage from potentially devastating grass fires April 13. At about 11:45 a.m., the Deer Trail Volunteer Fire Department and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office were originally dispatched to Stanford Place east of Price Road a couple miles north of town. About 30 pieces of firefighting apparatus limited the blaze to 90 acres and protected a home from burning down.

A little before 3:55 p.m. the same day, area firefighters found themselves on the northeast corner of intersection of East County Road 6 and Wolf Creek Road two miles northwest of Strasburg.

A livestock lean-to was lost in the approximately 10-acre blaze, but the nearby home was saved.

The Deer Trail fire was reportedly human-caused as a spark from welding activity ignited the nearby grass. The cause of the Strasburg fire was unknown at press time.

"Extreme precautions should be taken when welding or doing outside work. Wet down the area, have sufficient water on hand, and have someone whose only job is to ensure a fire doesn't get going," a local fire district official said. "If the work doesn't need to be done now, please wait until conditions are more favorable."

Kaynette Gabrielle



"I will never forget her beautiful smile," people often said when remembering Kayannette Gabrielle, who passed away on March 24, 2026. Her smile, reflected through her captivating blue eyes, embodied the love and light she carried throughout her life.

Kayannette, born Kay Rybicka, on Oct. 31, 1949, grew up north of Bennett on a dryland farm with her father Courtland "Court" Rybicka, mother Alvira "Vi" Rybicka and older brother Roger Rybicka. One of the last to be schooled at the Sunnydale Schoolhouse, she later attended Strasburg High School, graduating as Salutatorian in 1967.

She married her high school sweetheart, Bruce Hanlon, in 1968 and they had three children — Brett, Jared, and Colette — while living in Strasburg. Following her divorce in 1982, she and her children moved to Littleton, where she was active in Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, serving as a choir member, Sunday school teacher, and Stephen Minister.

She supported her children's education and passions while working in various jobs, including in healthcare, as an Executive Assistant, and later as a legal assistant, before becoming self-employed. She also pursued studies in business and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Later in life, she followed her interest in the Healing Arts and lived in Cambria, Calif., working as an alternative medicine practitioner. After a period away from contact, she was found in Santa Barbara and returned to Colorado to focus on healing and reconnecting with family. She was later diagnosed with dementia and passed away in Fort Collins, Colo.

She is survived by her children, Brett (Lori) Hanlon, Jared (Thelma) Hanlon, and Colette (Kevin Fletcher) Hanlon; grandchildren Anthony (Sara) Hanlon, Jaden Hanlon, and Troy Hanlon; great-granddaughter Ramona Hanlon; her brother Roger Rybicka; and cousins John M. Hunt III and Sharon Grammer (widow of her late cousin Elizabeth Hunt).

Go to Kayannette.com to read the full obituary, view photos, and to share memories.

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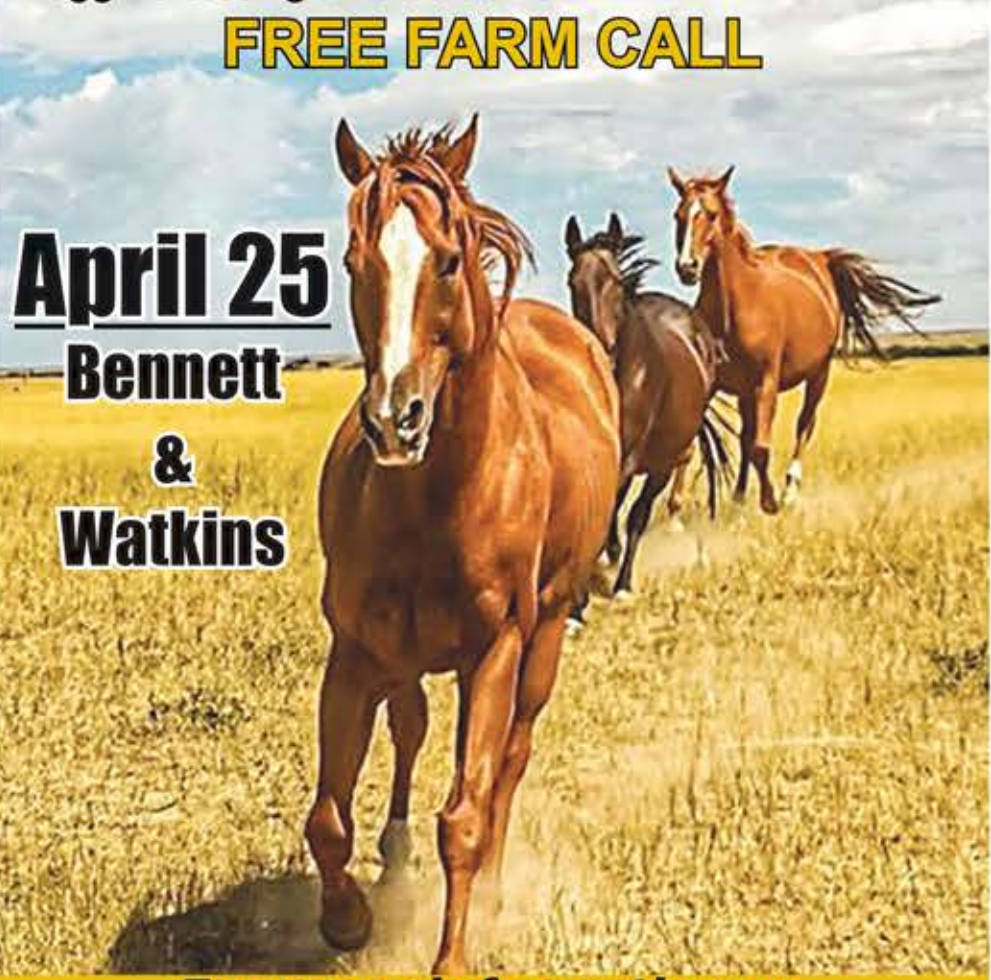
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AdCo gets \$2M grant to add geothermal to sheriff's substation in Commerce City

BRIGHTON — The Colorado Energy Office has awarded Adams County a \$2 million grant through the Large Building Decarbonization Showcase Grant Program to install a new geothermal field at the Commerce City Sheriff's Office Substation.

The installation involves burying pipes that circulate a water-based solution deep enough into the ground to draw heat from the Earth in the winter and release heat back in the summer to reduce the building's reliance on traditional heating and cooling methods, lowering its overall energy use.

Specific to the substation, the geothermal field will be integrated with six-pipe water-to-water heat pumps, which will function as the central plant to simultaneously generate and distribute 135°F hot water and 40°F chilled water throughout the substation. This will eliminate the need for boilers, except on extremely cold days. Four aging rooftop units will be replaced by units with hot water and chilled water coils.

The Large Building Decarbonization grants are awarded to implement high-impact, cost-effective solutions that reduce large commercial build-

ing emissions through improved energy efficiency.

"By investing in cost-effective, innovative technologies, we are moving closer to meeting our climate goals and saving Coloradans money on energy bills," said Gov. Jared Polis in a statement. "Helping Colorado buildings reduce pollution protects our air, strengthens businesses, and saves money on energy."

The improvement will help the state meet its goal of cutting emissions from large buildings by 20% by 2030, according to a release.

Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica, chair of the Adams County Board of Commissioners, said the grant will also help meet the objectives of the Adams County Sustainability Plan 2030.

"This grant will allow us to keep moving forward on our goals," she said.

The application for the sheriff's substation geothermal field was one of five awarded across the state.

For more information, visit adamscountyco.gov or energyoffice.colorado.gov.

The Commerce City Substation is located at 4201 E. 72nd Ave.

ArapCo: Mighty machine moniker wanted

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Public Works & Development is inviting all Arapahoe County elementary school students to help name one of the biggest, coolest machines in the Road & Bridge fleet, a motor grader. Based in the Eastern Service Center in Bennett, the big yellow machine helps keep roads safe and smooth.

Participants should submit their entry name by May 27 through an online form at www.arapahoeco.gov to possibly make history. The

winner will receive a gift card, a custom traffic sign with the winning name, and a shout-out on county social media.

The Arapahoe County fleet already includes legendary names, including Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, as well as Bob Ross the Paint Boss, a paint truck; Orange Crush, a pavement roller; and Bessie the Green Machine, a paver.

The winner will be announced at the county's annual Play Date from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, June 5, at Dove Valley Regional Park, 7900 S. Potomac St., Centennial.

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PROPOSAL: The applicant, Kinder Morgan, conducting business as Colorado Interstate Gas Company, LLC ("CIG"), proposes to install a meter station to deliver up to 44,000 mcf per day to Canyon Peak Power LLC, via the CIG natural gas pipeline right-of-way located at 2150 S. County Road 29 (Brick Center Road) in Bennett. The project area, located on the east side of Brick Center Road across from E. Iliff Trail, encompasses approximately 3,500 square feet and is currently zoned as A-1, Agricultural-One (AIN No. 1981-00-0-00-492). The meter station will be installed with measurement equipment and related appurtenances to deliver gas volumes at the at the Iliff Trail Meter Delivery Station.

Per Arapahoe County's Regulations Governing Areas and Activities of State Interest in Arapahoe County (1041 Regulations), a Level of Determination of the impact of the proposed project is required. The County has conducted a review and evaluation of the proposed project under the Level of Determination criteria and has determined that there is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). No further land use approvals pursuant to the 1041 Regulations are necessary.

More information about this proposal is available at the offices of the Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, Planning Division, 6924 S Lima St., Centennial CO 80112 (please call ahead to schedule an appointment if you plan to walk-in), by calling 720-874-6650, or by emailing planning@arapahoegov.com during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Joan Lopez, Clerk to the Board



From left photo, Bennett High School music director Valerie White and Peter Thomas play their horn parts of “Kitty Hawk, 1903 (The Dream of Flight)” during the High Plain Music Ensemble’s “Flights of Fancy” concert April 11; Colorado Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Lane McGhee gives an overview of the history of flight and his organization; and George Taylor and Dan Bertram play the euphonium and Tuba, respectively.



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Workers at major meatpacking plant win wage increases in deal with JBS

by Jessica Hill
Associated Press

Workers at one of the nation's largest meatpacking plants who staged a multi-week strike have reached an agreement with plant owner JBS USA, the company and labor union representatives announced April 12.

The Swift Beef Co. plant in Greeley immediately returned to normal operations after weeks of uncertainty, JBS USA said in a statement.

The agreement comes after thousands of workers at the meat processing plant led a three-week strike with the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 7 Union in a bid for higher wages and better health care. The strike ended April 4 after JBS USA said it would resume negotiations.

Workers and JBS USA agreed to wage increases over the next two years and a \$750 one-time bonus. The tentative agreement represents a contract with "all gains, countless improvements, and not a single concession," the union said.

The contract requires the company to pay for personal protective equipment and defends workers against increases in health care costs, according to the union.

Local union president Kim Cordova said workers picketed through extreme weather "because they knew their worth and refused to be disrespected. Today, that sacrifice has

been rewarded."

"This is what union power looks like," Cordova said in the statement.

The union did not immediately respond to Associated Press requests for further details.

JBS USA said it is pleased an agreement has been reached but expressed disappointment that union leadership chose to eliminate pension benefits negotiated last year. The company said the pension was designed to strengthen long-term retirement security and argued the union chose to shift those dollars into short-term wage increases rather than long-term financial security.

The union will also withdraw seven alleged unfair labor practice charges, according to JBS USA.

"With the agreement now finalized, JBS USA looks forward to restoring stability, supporting its work force, and continuing to invest in the Greeley facility for the future," the company said in its statement.

The strike at Greeley was the first strike at a U.S. slaughterhouse since workers walked out at a Hormel plant in Minnesota in 1985. That strike lasted more than a year and was marked by violent confrontations between police and protesters.

JBS is the world's largest meatpacking company with a market capitalization of \$17 billion. The company is the top employer in Greeley, which has a population of about 114,000 people.



Employees walk in front of the entrance to the JBS meat processing plant in Greeley in 2021.

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Hearing Location: Adams County Government Center, 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton, CO 80601

Request: Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) to change the zoning designation from Agricultural-3 to Industrial-1 on approximately 39 acres.

Location: Southeast of the Intersection at East Colfax Avenue & Cavanaugh Road.

Parcel Number: 0181734200002

Case Manager: David DeBoskey, ddeboskey@adamscounty-co.gov, 720-523-6847

Applicant: D & K Limited Liability Company, 550 E 58th Ave. Ste. E5, Thornton, CO 80229

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Hopes are for the Bennett Civic Center ball field complex immediately west of town hall and the Bennett Rec Center to be opened sometime this spring/summer to accommodate practices and games.

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the past several years, it would be very difficult to move this project forward. My best guess is it would probably be shelved until the market and economy got to a point where you can offset development construction development cost with purchase price power. As of 2022, interest rates have been up and home values have slightly been down. Absorption is not as strong as back to 2020-2021. Without having the ability to finance the public improvements, there is a strong chance this property would remain stagnant for the foreseeable future until there was something else that was a driving factor to make it make sense financially.”

Before the vote was taken, the developer representative indicated that the original 915 dwelling units originally proposed has been reduced closer to 700. He also said that the project wouldn’t be completed for over a decade.

“Timeline for this size of a community, realistically, is probably a 10-plus year project. If amendment gets approved, developer would come in for an FTP — at least nine months — so that’s a year out. Land development it’s more like 2 to 2½ years until you see a home of any type. To sell through 700 units, that is a big community that’s going to take time, probably 10-15 years to get build-out.”

CIVIC PARK RECREATION UPDATE

Discussion on a second amendment to the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the town and Bennett Park & Recreation District concerning the lease and operation of the new Civic Center Park ball fields and water park turned into several board requests that all efforts be taken to get the facility opened sooner than later.

The board request followed public comment and questions earlier in the evening, particularly from the mother of a local Little Leaguer, asking why the delay in getting the diamonds open for baseball and softball practices and games.

Barden, who received a recent tour of the facilities, said he shares the public’s desire to get things open as quickly as possible.

“I don’t know if that’s in the form of a soft opening to at least get some practices going or what direction that might be,” he said. “We need to keep in mind this is all about the kids. It’s a pretty impressive, top-notch facility.”

Sus stated concerns about the \$10-per-year lease agreement with the rec district, saying that it needed to “put more skin in the game.” She was also concerned that there was no stated person in charge of the youth ball programs that would play on the fields. After originally stating she would not vote in favor of the agreement until a program manager and business plan was submitted by the rec district, Sus’ stance softened with

Barden’s statement about keeping the kids in mind first.

The revised IGA passed 6-0.

The amendment establishes a 10-year lease allowing the recreation district to operate and program the ball field complex.

Public Works Director Oscar Ruvalcaba indicated that the ball field complex and adjoining water park are almost finished and that the opening of the facilities, particularly the ball fields, in the fairly near future is likely.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board received a formal request from the Bennett-Watkins Fire District asking the town to entertain the idea of donating municipal property at 38th Avenue and Highway 79 for the immediate purpose of fire district administrative facilities.

“The town has determined that this parcel is no longer needed for its originally planned water utility infrastructure and has no current plans for its municipal use. This presents a unique and timely opportunity for the property to be repurposed in a manner that directly benefits the community through enhanced public safety services,” said the letter penned by Bennett-Watkins Assistant Fire Chief Caleb Connor. “[We currently own] the adjacent parcel, and acquisition of this additional property would allow the district to strategically expand its footprint to meet the needs of our rapidly growing service area. The combined parcels would provide adequate space for a modern fire station, administrative offices, and future operational needs, ensuring we are well-positioned to serve both current residents and future development.”

Connor specified that most pressing need is to construct administrative facilities as the district has outgrown the former Bennett Town Hall on Fourth Street.

The board approved the revised purchase of a CAT 914 loader from Wagner Equipment Co., including an additional \$64,000 in funding to proceed with procurement. The updated equipment replaces a loader purchased in November that was later determined to not have the capabilities to meet town requirements.

According to Ruvalcaba and public works employee Mark Wilson, the new loader offers much more flexibility, including the ability to load the town’s snow plow and trucks without the assistance of a ramp.

“It will meet the needs of our current equipment and we can expand what equipment we are able to get,” Wilson said.

The town is also receiving a trade-in for the returned piece of equipment.

The board issued a pair of proclamations for this month for Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month and National Autism Acceptance Month.

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- Lincoln County (Genoa-Hugo, Karval & Limon Schools)
- Yuma County (Idalia & Liberty Schools)
- Kit Carson County (Arriba-Flagler, Bethune, Burlington, Stratton, & Hi-Plains Schools)
- Arapahoe County (Byers, Deer Trail, Strasburg & Bennett Schools)
- Washington County (Arickee & Woodlin Schools)
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All 5 through 21 year-old concerns should be directed to the local school district administrator, special education teacher, East Central BOCES (719) 775-2342, ext. 101.

The East Central BOCES member schools are: Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail, Agate, Woodlin, Arickaree, Limon, Genoa-Hugo, Karval, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Cheyenne Wells, Arriba-Flagler, Hi-Plains, Stratton, Bethune, Burlington, Liberty, and Idalia.

References: IDEA, Part B, Section 300.125
ECEA CCR 301-8 2220-R-4.01-4.04(4)
East Central BOCES Comprehensive Plan Section III Process of Identifying

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SPORTS



The Indian quartet of Sam Gasca, left, Emery Waggoner, Ayden Dodge and Cade Hemphill are side-by-side as they chase after James Irwin's Dominik Brown, far right, during the 200-meter dash at the Dave Spiller Invitational at Strasburg April 15. Brown won the event, followed by Hemphill in second, Dodge third, Waggoner sixth and Gasca in 11th.

Strasburg streaks way to Spiller team titles



In addition to placing seventh in the 100-meter hurdles at the Spiller Invitational April 15, Strasburg freshman McKenna Garcia won the long jump with a new school record.

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — For the second time in five days at I-70 Corridor track meets, the Strasburg boys and girls both ran away with the team titles at the Indians' own Dave Spiller Invitational April 15 at Winter Field.

While the Lady Indians finished with 169 points, 102 ahead of second-place James Irwin, the red-and-black boys' 255 points was more than three times the second-place total of 71, also from James Irwin. The Byers girls finished third while Deer Trail ladies were 11th. In the boys, Deer Trail continued its strongest season in recent memory with a sixth-place finish while a shorthanded group of Bulldogs finished eighth.

The Strasburg meet is named after former long-time Strasburg coach David Spiller, who died in 2018.

GIRLS MEET

On the girls side, Strasburg recorded eight event championships — junior Maura Kramer in the 1,600 meters; senior Megan Lay in the 3,200 meters; freshman McKenna Garcia in the long jump; senior thrower Taryn LaForce in both



Indian Mason Dickens continues to be among the state's leading 3A throwers, winning both the shot put and discus at the Spiller Invitational at Strasburg April 15.

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Tiger 9 bares claws against 2 Frontier foes on the road

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

The Bennett Tigers went 2-1 in road diamond games April 11-16 including two dominating in-league performances.

After falling 15-2 in five innings at nonconference Elizabeth on Saturday, the orange-and-black smacked Frontier League foes Arvada 11-0 April 13 and Middle Park 24-4 in Granby the following Thursday.

CONFERENCE WINS

In the six-inning shutout at Arvada, Tiger sophomore Cooper Klausner got the call on the mound and threw all half-dozen frames, allowing four hits, while walking four, hitting one batter, and striking out eight.

"We've had to ask a lot of

our freshman and first-year sophomores and juniors," said Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz. "Been a little sporadic at times but had some bright spots too. Good night on Monday."

The orange-and-black scored in all innings except the first.

After a pair of 2-run innings in the second and third, Bennett tacked on single runs in each of the next two frames. With the score still 6-0 entering the sixth, Bennett scored 5 two-out runs in the top of the frame and, again, held the Bulldogs scoreless to end the game an inning early.

Of the Tigers' 13 hits, four were for extra bases — a triple by junior Evan Garner and doubles from junior Avant Dickens, sophomore Cooper Schoff and freshman Trevor

Evans. Bennett also received eight free passes — four walks and four hit batsmen.

Evans and senior Cougar Cronk both had two hits and two runs batted in. Garner and junior Trenton Neade also had two-hit nights.

Thursday's couple-hour road trip to Granby didn't seem to bother the Tigers, who dominated from the start with 8 runs each in the first and second innings, another 7 in the third and 1 for good measure in the fourth. The host Panthers scored 1 in the second and 3 in the third but were unable extend the game past the fourth frame.

Eleven Tigers accounted for 23 hits, three walks and three hit batsmen. Ten of Bennett hits were for extra bases — Dickens and Neade with home runs; a Trapper Cronk

triple; and five with doubles, including Garner with a pair.

Evans paced the orange-and-black attack going 4-of-5, including a double, an RBI and four runs scored. Three-hit games were recorded by Garner, junior Brayden Werner and freshman Victor Herrera, who also had five RBIs. Cougar Cronk, junior Owen Hawes and sophomore Cooper Schiff had two hits apiece. Neade and sophomore Esteban Madera added a hit each with three RBIs.

Cougar Cronk got the win with a solid four innings, allowing 4 runs, 3 earned, on six hits while striking out six.

@ ELIZABETH

Despite getting on the board first with a run-scoring error and an RBI single by Herrera in the top of the first, the rest

of the game was dominated by the host Cardinals, who rattled off 7 in the bottom of the first, 2 in the second, 4 in the third and 2 in the fourth. The game ended in the middle of the fifth via the 10-run mercy rule.

While the hitting battle was close, 9-8 in favor of the victors, Elizabeth benefited from erratic Tiger pitching, which allowed 10 walks and hit three batters.

The Tigers' April 18 home game against Sterling was postponed because of inclement weather and rescheduled for May 2.

Entering its April 20 home game against Yuma, Bennett was 6-8 overall, 5-1 in league.

BENNETT BASEBALL SCHEDULE
April 25: Strasburg
April 28: Yuma
April 30: @ Lamar



The second of two annual local high school track meets took place April 15 as Strasburg hosted the Dave Spiller Invitational. In addition to the hosts, 13 other schools attended, including Byers and Deer Trail. Both the Strasburg girls and boys won their respective team titles. Clockwise from top left, in addition to placing fifth in the shot put, Eagle Alfonso Quezada was second in the discus; Indian Brody Hopwood sails in the air during the long jump; in his first time high jumping this season, Indian Jayden Miller wins the event; Byers' Sydney Smith and Bella Hagan and Strasburg's Addi Kent all chase after Cheyenne Wells senior and nine-time 1A state sprinting champion Roxy Unruh in the 100-meter dash; Olivia Eastwood arches her back to get over the high jump bar; Deer Trail's Chauncy Gudenkauf takes the baton from Nevin Musser in the 4x100-meter relay; Miller runs alongside Indian teammate Konner Casebeer in the final head of the 400-meter dash; Lady Bulldog Shelby Fricke clears one of the obstacles in the 300-meter hurdles; Lady Indian Lacey Dittenhauser receives the baton from Hailey Hawkins in the 4x800 relay; Lady Bulldog Kaci Harris not only whips the discus but has just as impressive of a hair whip during one of her throws; Byers' Devin Mohatt receives the baton from James Maes alongside the Strasburg duo of Hopwood and Levi Hart in the 4x100 relay; Lady Eagle Fatuma Hussein tries to clear the high jump bar with a more unique approach; Deer Trail's Jayden Mingee takes the baton from Tytiz Tabor in the 4x400 relay, which was the last event of the evening; and Indian Jorge Parra heaves the shot put.



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the discus and shot put; and the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400-meter relay teams.

Garcia's winning jump of 17' 5" set a new school record, according to head coach Brandi Marrero.

Of the handful of runner-up finishes for the Lady Indians, junior Addi Kent was denied the meet record in the 100-meter dash as she finished second to Cheyenne Wells senior Roxy Unruh, a nine-time 1A state champion, including sweeps of the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes each of the past two state track meets. Other second-place finishes went to

Kent in the 300-meter hurdles, freshman Emelie Cardenas in the 400-meter dash and triple jump, and sophomore Laci Zimmerman in the high jump. Sophomore Calleygh Hougland recorded third-place finishes in the 300-meter hurdles and high jump. The Lady Indians also had 11 finishes between fourth and eighth that accumulated team points.

The Lady Bulldogs, who didn't run their long-distance runners, recorded 15 (top eight) podium finishes on the day with sophomore Sydney Smith recording their lone event victory in the 200-meter dash; Smith also fin-

ished third in the 100-meter dash. The green-and-white's other multiple place-winner was freshman Andie Pelton, who finished fourth in both the 200- and 400-meter dashes.

The Lady Eagles recorded four point-getting performances, led by freshmen Khloe Mason-Howard, who was third in the 3,200-meter run, and Riley Williams, fifth in the triple jump.

BOYS MEET

During the boys meet, Strasburg recorded a baker's dozen of first-place finishes, including a trio of multiple event champions — senior Will Hauser in both hurdle events and triple jump; junior Noah Dobransky in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs; and junior thrower Mason Dickens in the shot put and discus. Senior Jeremiah Redd won the 800 meters; juniors Jayden Miller and Ayden Dodge took titles in the high jump and long jump, respectively; and the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relay quartets all ran to victory.

Senior Konner Casebeer broke his previous 400-meter school record and, similar to Kent in the girls 100-meter dash, his 49.62 would have been a meet record but it was second behind the 48.92 ran by James Irwin senior Dominik Brown. Senior Cade Hemphill continued his breakout campaign in the sprints with second-place finishes in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, while also finishing runner-up behind Dodge in the long jump; Dodge also finished second in the high jump. Other second-place finishes came from seniors Israel James and Jorge Parra in the 3,200 meters and 110-meter hurdles, respectively, and the 4x800-meter relay team.

The Indians added another 21 third-through eighth-place finishes to run away from the other squads.

Deer Trail's bounce-back season continued with nine podium-placers, led by senior Jayden Mingee in the 1,600-meter run; classmate Nevin Musser, who was fifth in the 100-meter dash; and sophomore Tytiz Tabor, who was eighth in the 200-meter dash with a new school record and seventh in the 400 meters. Senior thrower Al-

fonsa Quezada also placed twice, second in the discus and fifth in the shot put. The Eagles' 4x400 relay finished fourth.

Byers didn't run their top two standout sprinters — junior Ben McPherson and senior Quincy Eccret, who normally account for 30-40 points themselves — and finished with eight top-eight finishes. Seniors Ben Gerhardt and Samuel Shelley finished third in the 800-meter run and triple jump, respectively.

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10. Clear Creek 24
11. Deer Trail 13
12. Skyview 11
12. Wiley 8

STRASBURG GIRLS RESULTS

100-meter dash (winning time 12.40): Addison Kent, 12.83, 2nd; Abbygail Ryan, 13.83, 9th; Bailey Connell, 15.40, 26th; Estefania Saucedo, 15.99, 29th
200-meter dash (27.84): Ryan, 29.23, 6th; Laci Zimmerman, 30.24, 11th; Saucedo, 32.57, 18th; Connell, 33.33, 19th; Elisa Fedrigo, 40.16, 28th
400-meter dash (1:03.70): Emelie Cardenas, 1:05.06, 2nd; Wynne Winter, 1:07.03, 5th
800-meter run (2:34.40): Lacey Dittenhauser, 3:10.37, 11th; Mya Hounshell, 3:13.96, 13th; Brielle Barnes, 3:43.45, 19th; Kasianna Christiansan, 4:02.44, 21st
1,600-meter run (6:01.81): Maura Kramer, 6:01.81, 1st; Hounshell, 6:53.08, 4th; Lacey, 6:57.78, 5th
3,200-meter run (14:39.18): Megan Lay, 14:39.18, 1st; Mikayla Friedrich, 18:26.81, 4th
100-meter hurdles (17.61): McKenna Garcia, 20.19, 7th
300-meter hurdles (50.33): Addison, 50.62, 2nd; Calleygh Hougland, 51.15, 3rd; Hailey Hawkins, 56.72, 7th
4x100 relay (52.62): Winter, Hougland, Kent, Cardenas, 1st
4x200 relay (1:48.99): Winter, Hougland, Cardenas, Kent, 1:48.99, 1st
4x800 relay (11:40.44): Kramer, Hawkins, Dittenhauser and Lay, 1st
High jump (5-02.00): Zimmerman, 5-02.00, 2nd; Hougland, 5-00.00, 3rd
Long jump (17-05.00): Garcia, first; Zimmerman, 15-07.50, 4th; Winter 14-07.00, 8th; Connell, 11-00.00, 31st
Triple jump (34-03.50): Cardenas, 32-09.00, 2nd
Shot put (35-11.00): Taryn LaForce, 1st; Elizabeth Zobel 29-02.50, 5th; Jazmin Nonie, 25-06.00, 13th; Morgan Sharif, 22-00.00, 24th; Kylee Andrews, 21-11.00, 25th
Discus (116-00): LaForce, 1st; Zobel, 88-00, 7th; Monie, 80-06.50, 11th; Sharif, 69-00, 16th; Andrews 67-10, 17th

BYERS GIRLS RESULTS

100-meter dash: Sydney Smith, 13.25, 3rd; Bella Hagan, 14.00, 11th; Allison Foose, 14.44, 18th
200-meter dash: Smith, 27.84, 1st; Hagan, 28.42, 3rd; Andie Pelton, 28.71, 4th
400-meter dash: Pelton, 1:05.33, 4th; Meagan Seibold, 1:09.13, 6th; Taiya Eymann, 1:11.58, 10th
800-meter run: Caroline Casey, 2:47.36, 5th
100-meter hurdles: Kiera Hilbert, 21.51, 9th; Shelby Fricke, 23.73, 11th
300-meter hurdles: Hilbert, 1:04.65, 13th; Fricke, 1:08.19, 14th
4x100 relay: Olivia Eastwood, Grace Thomas, Emma Palmer, Foose, 58.97, 4th
4x200 relay: Eymann, Zoie Murphy, Karley Linnebur, Seibold, 2:00.54, 5th
High jump: Grace Shelley, 4-08.00, 7th; Smith, 4-06.00, 8th; Eastwood, 4-02.00, 12th
Long jump: Linnebur, 15-3.50, 5th; Tina Cichos, 14-8.50, 7th; Palmer, 12-4.00, 23rd
Triple jump: Shelley, 30-08.50, 4th; Murphy, 27-11.00, 8th; Lily Green, 26-07.00, 10th
Discus: Kaci Harris, 80-04.00, 12th; Hilbert, 66-07.00, 19th; Green, 65-07.00, 20th
Shot put: Green, 28-0.00, 9th; Hilbert, 24-5.00, 17th; Kaci Harris, 23-8.00, 20th

DEER TRAIL GIRLS RESULTS

100-meter dash: Fatuma Hussein, 14.09, 13th; Riley Williams, 14.28, 16th
200-meter dash: Hussein, 29.54, 7th; Williams, 30.36, 13th
400-meter dash: Madison Nielsen, 1:10.64, 9th
800-meter run: Nielsen, 3:11.29, 12th
1,600-meter run: Khloe Malson-Howard, 7:25.59, 8th
3,200-meter run: Malson-Howard, 15:59.36, 3rd
High jump: Hussein, 4-02.00, 14th
Long jump: Kyann Kitzman, 14-01.00, 10th; Williams, 14-00.50, 11th
Triple jump: Williams, 30-02.25, 5th
Shot put: Crystal Sotelo de la Torre, 24-08.00, 16th; AnaCecilia Rodriguez, 23-11.50, 19th
Discus: Hussein, 53-05, 25th; Sotelo de la Torre, 47-06, 31st

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Strasburg 255
2. James Irwin 71
3. Wiley High 64
4. Clear Creek 57
5. Cheyenne Wells 41
6. Deer Trail 36
7. Skyview 30
8. Byers 27
9. Miami-Yoder 25
10. Kiowa 20
11. Kit Carson 8
12. Heritage Christian 7
13. Hi-Plains 6
14. Edison 5

STRASBURG BOYS RESULTS

100-meter dash (winning time 11.25): Cade Hemphill, 11.26, 2nd; Emery Waggoner, 11.85, 4th; Levi Hart, 11.97, 6th; Xavier Pearson, 11.97, 6th; Samuel Gasca, 11.99, 8th; Colton Holloway, 12.05, 12th; Gideon Milner, 12.56, 20th; Jaxon Penland, 13.20, 28th; Cadence Pearson, 13.22, 30th; Fallon Waggoner, 16.25, 43rd; Karliito Beattie, 18.54, 44th
200-meter dash (21.86): Hemphill, 22.96, 2nd; Ayden Dodge, 23.46, 3rd; E. Waggoner, 24.16, 6th; Hart, 24.58, 10th; Gasca, 24.77, 11th; Milner, 26.36, 19th; Tyler Wilkerson, 27.38, 22nd; Pearson, 27.65, 24th; Penland, 27.70, 26th

400-meter dash (48.28): Konner Casebeer, 49.62, 2nd; Dodge, 51.57, 3rd; Jayden Miller, 52.87, 4th; Wilkerson, 1:00.68, 15th; Nathan Alonzi, 1:08.59, 23rd
800-meter run (2:03.95): Jeremiah Redd, 1st; Jacob Breiding, 2:33.23, 11th; Alonzi, 2:45.45, 14th; Flynn Brundage, 2:56.07, 23rd
1,600-meter run (4:58.75): Noah Dobransky, 4:58.75, 1st; Breiding, 5:33.39, 6th; Brundage, 6:19.33, 13th
3,200-meter run (10:58.00): Dobransky, 10:58.00, 1st; Israel James, 11:07.87, 2nd; Miles Nelson, 11:50.86, 3rd
110-meter hurdles (16.53): Will Hauser, 1st; Jorge Parra, 17.86, 2nd; Joseph Martinez, 20.28, 6th
300-meter hurdles (42.47): Hauser, 42.47, 1st; Jaime Sacristain, 49.85, 7th
4x100 relay (45.93): Hart, Brody Hopwood, Pearson, Gasca, 1st; Holloway, E. Waggoner, Ryder Canaday, Sacristain, 46.57, 2nd
4x200 relay (1:34.98): Hemphill, Redd, Holloway, E. Waggoner, 1st
4x400 relay (3:33.23): Holloway, Redd, Casebeer, Miller, 1st
4x800 relay (9:19.52): Breiding, Nelson, Sacristain, James, 9:40.19, 2nd
High jump (6-01.00): Miller, 1st; Dodge, 5-08.00, 2nd; Hopwood, 5-04.00, 7th; Pearson, 5-04.00, 8th
Long jump (22-01.25): Dodge, 1st; Hemphill, 20-07.25, 2nd; Parra, 20-06.50, 3rd; Hopwood, 19-04.50, 7th; Milner, 16-06.75, 21st; Penland, 14-00.00, 30th; F. Waggoner, 9-08.00, 35th; Beattie, 8-08.00, 36th
Triple jump (39-09.00): Hauser, 1st; Hopwood, 37-09.00, 5th
Shot put (50-06.00): Mason Dickens, 1st; Jeremie Nonie, 36-05.00, 6th; Parra, 32-05.00, 12th; Nathaniel Goble, 31-04.00, 14th; Tyler Moler, 30-04.50, 16th; Tyson Harrington 30-04.00, 18th; Kevin Murga, 29-11.00, 19th
Discus (141-02): Dickens, 1st; Parra, 107-08, 6th; Goble, 104-04, 8th; Murga 94-04, 11th; Nonie, 81-07, 19th; Harrington, 77-11, 24th; Moler, 66-09.50, 26th

100-meter dash: Gus Malcolm, 12.05, 11th; James Maes, 12.13, 13th; Liam Hilbert, 15.16, 40th; Gerry Gaetani, 15.30, 41st
200-meter dash: Malcolm, 24.32, 7th; Devin Mohatt, 24.51, 9th; Maes, 24-08, 13th
400-meter dash: Jon Brnak, 1:06.62, 22nd; Gaetani, 1:09.51, 24th
800-meter run: Ben Gerhardt, 2:13.22, 3rd
1,600-meter run: Matthew Wardall, 6:14.41, 12th
300-meter hurdles: Hayden Riemenschneider, 48.06, 6th
4x100 relay: Caleb Eastwood, Maes, Malcolm, Mohatt, 48.92, 8th
4x200 relay: Malcolm, Maes, Riemenschneider, Eastwood, 1:39.02, 5th
Long jump: Samuel Shelley, 17-1.00, 19th; Gaetani, 11-3.50, 34th
Triple jump: Shelley, 38-07.00, 3rd; Riemenschneider, 36-09, 8th
Discus: Mohatt, 91-03.50, 14th; Gerhardt, 90-08.50, 15th; Hilbert, 89-00, 16th
Shot put: Hilbert, 35-9.00, 7th

DEER TRAIL BOYS RESULTS

100-meter dash: Nevin Musser, 11.91, 5th; Ben Brotherton, 12.86, 23rd; Jayden Mingee, 12.98, 25th; Ayden Martine, 13.65, 35th

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Anguiano, 31-00.00, 15th; Martinez, 29-08.50, 20th
Discus: Quezada, 117-09, 2nd; Anguiano, 93-00, 13th; Jackson Burdick, 74-04, 25th

STRASBURG TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

April 28: Highland Twilight Invitational @ Ault

2026 BYERS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 25: Cougar Classic @ Colorado Springs

April 28: Highland Twilight Meet @ Ault

May 1: Burlington Invitational

May 8: Union Pacific League Meet @ Limon

May 9: Roosevelt Last Chance Meet @ Johnstown

DEER TRAIL TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

April 25: Tom Meyer Invitational @ Akron

May 1: @ Burlington Invitational

May 8: Union Pacific League Meet @ Limon

May 9: 1A/2A Last Chance Invitational @ Limon

May 14-16: State Track Meet @ JeffCo Stadium

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The Byers Bulldogs had a tough stretch of home games, falling three consecutive times April 10-16. The green-and-white lost 10-3 to Dayspring Christian to start the stretch on Friday, were defeated 5-2 by Wiggins April 14 and were outlasted by Stratton in a 17-15 scoring fest two days later. The Bulldogs also lost 2-1 at Lyons April 18 to fall to 7-8 overall on the season. This week's action includes a Thursday home doubleheader against Yuma and a Saturday road trip to Evangel Christian Academy in Colorado Springs. The annual Corridor rivalry contest against Strasburg is April 28 on the Bulldogs' home diamond. From left photo, catcher Parker Ebert blocks a ball from getting to the backstop against Dayspring Christian, and Osiris Aldana makes a sliding catch in center field against Stratton. For complete coverage of recent Bulldog games, see the April 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



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The Strasburg Indians' home game against Patriot League rival Resurrection Christian was moved up from April 17 to April 16 because of the weather forecast. The visitors took care of the red-and-black 23-3 in five innings. The loss dropped the Indians to 6-4 overall, 0-3 in conference play. Halfway through their schedule, the Indians are No. 18 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index to determine the 3A 32-team state playoff bracket. From left, first baseman Aiden Bongard records an out on a foul pop fly against the fence; second baseman Houston Broskie receives a throw as a Cougar base runner slides in safely; and center fielder R.J. Weaver records an out on a pop-fly. This week's schedule of four games concludes with the annual six-mile rivalry against Bennett on the Tigers' home field April 25. The other Corridor rivalry with the Bulldogs occurs April 28 on the Byers home diamond.



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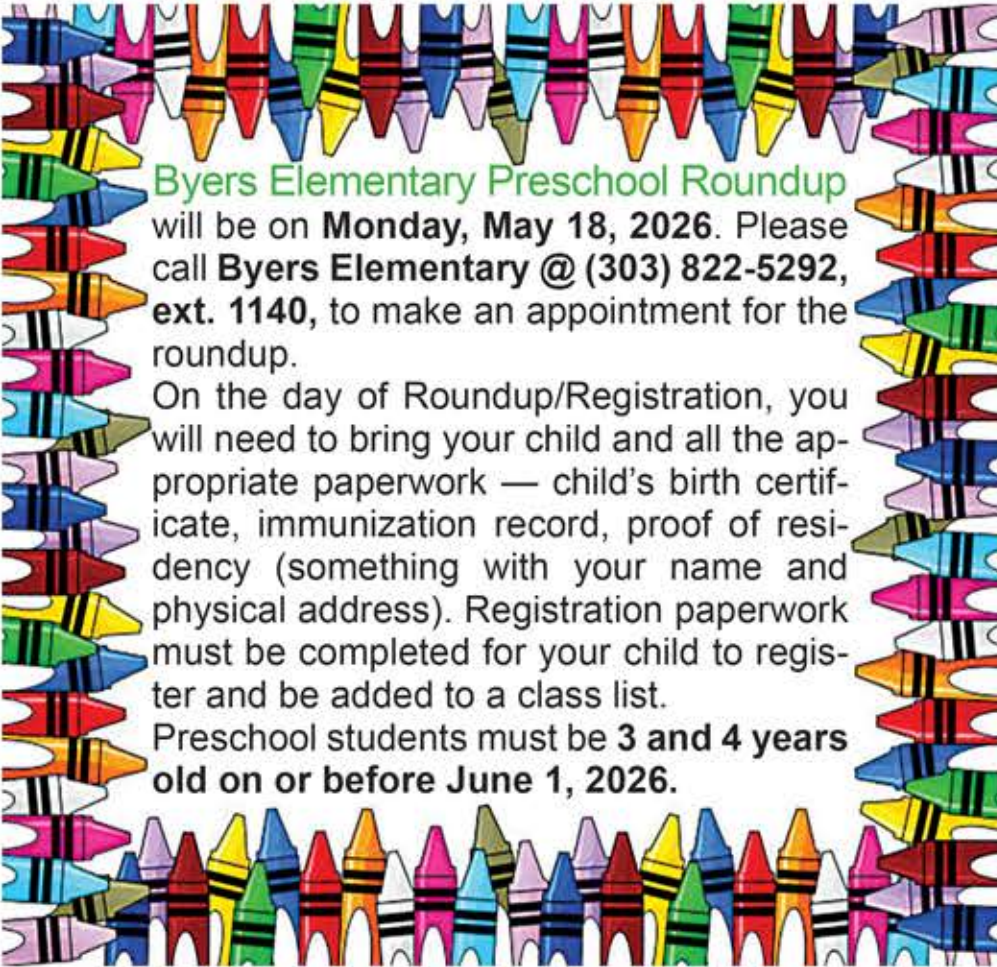


Lady Bulldogs battle with Murphy Creek



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

A quartet of Lady Bulldog seniors tackled the tough Murphy Creek Golf Course as part of the Cardinal Varsity Invitational hosted by Elizabeth April 14. The green-and-white finished 13th in the 16-team field. Clockwise from top left, Maggie Messer blasts her way out of a sand trap; Jenah Bequette lightly chips onto the green; last year's state qualifier Gemini Johnsrud hits an approach from the fairway; and Jordan Cridlebaugh, who recorded her team's best round of 111 strokes (+39), throws up a pitch shot over a bunker. For full updated season coverage of both Byers and Strasburg golf teams, see the April 24 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.



Byers Elementary Preschool Roundup will be on **Monday, May 18, 2026**. Please call **Byers Elementary @ (303) 822-5292, ext. 1140**, to make an appointment for the roundup.

On the day of Roundup/Registration, you will need to bring your child and all the appropriate paperwork — child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of residency (something with your name and physical address). Registration paperwork must be completed for your child to register and be added to a class list.

Preschool students must be **3 and 4 years old on or before June 1, 2026**.

Tiger tracksters competitive at Mullen

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

What a different a week made for Bennett on the track, runway and field pits, faring much better at the Mullen Invitational April 11 compared to the Altitude Invitational in Fort Collins the Saturday prior.

The highlight of the second week-end included the Lady Tiger quartet of senior Tayla Counce, junior Kaurlie Voorhies, sophomore Mattie Robledo and freshman Giuliana Statkiewicz taking second in the 4x200 relay and third in the 4x100 relay. Voorhies was also third in the triple jump and sophomore Adeline Cranwill was seventh in the high jump.

For the boys, junior Karim "Enzo" Lomri was third in the triple jump, while classmate Connor Ranalls was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles and seventh in the 110-meter hurdles.

At the Altitude meet, Bennett recorded no podium finishes.

MULLEN INVITATIONAL
BENNETT GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time 13.13): Addyson Travis, 14.85, 37th; Jagoda Gutowska, 15.44, 43rd; Jasmine Soriano Wilson, 15.64, 47th; Liberty Larson, 21.70, 1st
200-meter dash (26.05): Giuliana Statkiewicz, 29.23, 15th; Natalie Galdamez, 29.65, 18th
1,600-meter run (5:30.02): Ashley Roman Silva, 7:21.33, 27th
4x100-meter relay (49.06): Kaurlie Voorhies, Mattie Robledo, Tayla Counce, Statkiewicz, 51.90, 3rd
4x200 Meter Relay (1:46.44): Voorhies, Robledo, Counce, Statkiewicz, 1:52.48, 2nd
High jump (5-4.00): Adeline Cranwill, 4-6.00, 7th
Long jump (15-11.00): Gutowska, 12-0.00, 26th; Soriano Wilson, 11-8.00, 29th
Triple jump (32-11.00): Voorhies, 31-10.00, 3rd; Gutowska, 29-9.50, 11th
Discus (123-1.00): Larson, 19-9.50, 26th
Shot put (37-11.50): Soriano Wilson, 19-5.50, 28th

BENNETT BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash (11.43): Lane Davis, 12.03, 30th; Caden Vann-Pierson, 13.58, 60th; Kameron Gow, 17.71, 1st (unified race)

200-meter dash (22.11): Davis, 23.55, 15th; Vann-Pierson, 28.10, 53rd
400-meter dash (49.25): Vann-Pierson, 1:02.03, 37th
800-meter run (2:02.12): Jacoby Badolato, 2:23.65, 30th
1,600-meter run (4:33.59): Chance Humiston, 5:16.54, 30th; Nathan Baker, 5:55.05, 44th; Benjamin Boice, 8:16.78, 49th
3,200-meter run (10:00.14): Baker, 13:04.47, 19th; Joseph Harris, 14:32.23, 22nd
110-meter hurdles (15. 48): Connor Ranalls, 18.72, 7th
300-meter hurdles (40.63): Ranalls, 46.88, 6th
Triple Jump (42-5.25): Karim Lomri, 39-1.00, 3rd
Discus (147-9.00): Lane Spies, 62-0.00, 36th
Shot Put 44-7.00): Spies, 26-10.50, 37th; Humiston, 18-0.00, 41st; Gow, 14-6.00, 42nd

ALTITUDE INVITATIONAL
BENNETT GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash (12.42): Counce, 13.53, 16th; Statkiewicz, 14.22, 33rd
200-meter dash (24.55): Kayden Bevan, 30.73, 46th; Travis, 31.43, 51st
400-meter dash (56. 26): Bevan, 1:09.47, 35th
1,600-meter run: Roman Silva, 7:11.91, 44th
4x100-meter relay (46.90): 53.31, 13th
Long jump (18-7.25): Voorhies, 14-6.00, 22nd; Soriano Wilson, 11-2.50, 39th
Triple jump (36-3.00): Gutowska, 29-10.25, 29th
Discus (120-11.00): Larson, 22-6.00, 38th
Shot put (35-3.50): Soriano Wilson, 18-2.50, 37th

BENNETT BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash (11.09): K. Lomri, 11.85, 22nd; Davis, 12.02, 31st
200-meter dash (21.14): Davis, 23.31, 14th; K. Lomri, 23.78 21st
800-meter run (1:53.63): Badolato, 2:25.37, 42nd
1,600-meter run (4:12.35): Travis Spence, 5:36.71, 51st
3,200-meter run (9:43.13): Harris, 14:48.31, 40th; Boice, 17:28.57, 42nd
110-meter hurdles (13.83): Ranalls, 18.54, 27th; S. Lomri, 20.76 33rd
300-meter hurdles (38.96): Ranalls, 47.47, 26th; S. Lomri, 48.45, 30th
4x200-meter relay (1:31.15): 1:37.24, 16th
Long jump (22-8.25): K. Lomri, 18-3.75, 27th; Spies, 13-2.75, 44th
Discus (159-6.00): Spies, 50-7.00, 37th; Gow, 33-7, 39th
Shot put (52.1.75): Humiston, 19-2.25, 39th; Gow, 14-5, 40th

BENNETT TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE
April 25: Coronado Cougar Classic Invitational, Colorado Springs, CO
April 28: Frontier League Championships, JeffCo Stadium, Lakewood



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20 YEARS AGO
APRIL 25, 2006

Construction at the Bennett School complex continues to be ahead of or on schedule, depending on what project is discussed. To stay on time with all renovations, the Bennett School Board April 20 approved moving up the last day of school for students by half-a-day to May 26 and moving the last day for teachers and staff up two days to May 29. The summer renovations include demolition of the vo-ag building and relocation the program to the high school; relocation the weight room to the one-story addition; adding a student drop-off area and expanding the parking lots; and improving drainage and adding landscaping in front of the high school and two-story addition.

Chuck Derrflinger, representative for Gerald H. Phipps Construction, said the two-story addition is a week to week-and-a-half ahead of schedule and the new auditorium is on schedule.

15 YEARS AGO
APRIL 26, 2011

BENNETT — In a time when school districts are in budget-slashing mode, including staff and program cuts, Bennett is contemplating growing its teacher pool by at least one full-time educator. In an effort to give elementary teachers a more appropriate amount of daily planning time, Bennett Board of Education members are entertaining the idea of hiring a full-time music teacher. Currently, elementary teachers have less than 20 minutes planning time. During an April 21 board meeting, Superintendent Richard Coleman originally suggested adding a part-time elementary art teach and shifting high school music teacher duties to the elementary part of the day.

“Currently, our elementary school teachers have 30 minutes less planning time per day than the lowest other school we have compared to,” he said. “This would give us 48 minutes of planning time a day, which is still probably less than ideal, around 54 minutes.” During discussion, board member Del Moler requested the district look into the cost for bringing in another full-time teacher, a direction agreed with by the rest of the board, high school principal Mark Purslow, and high school band teacher JaLee Daniel. “My concern is that high school students aren’t going get the necessary [arts elective] credits for graduation,” Daniel said.

10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 26, 2016

BENNETT — The Bennett School District appears set to meet most of its technology demands for the next several years but the same can’t be said for its immediate teaching needs. School board members April 21 unanimously approved a list of capital reserve projects, among them a \$258,000 five-year technology lease that includes 340 computers, a sever, camera and camera server, an automated back system, laptop carts for the secondary school buildings, and a projector. According to finance director Keith Yaich, the district will save more than \$41,000 on the original \$191,000 purchase price of the computers themselves and that \$40,000 of the camera equipment is covered by grant monies. He also said the approximately \$50,000 annual payment is below the district’s annual technology allocation. While the district has its computer needs filled for the near future, the teaching staff is incomplete especially for the secondary levels and in technology.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 22, the 112th day of 2026. There are 253 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims to nearly 1.9 million acres (770,000 hectares) of

land that was formerly part of Indian Territory. By the end of the day, the cities of Oklahoma City and Guthrie were established with as many as 10,000 settlers each.

ALSO ON THIS DATE
In 1915, German forces unleashed their first full-scale use

of chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium during World War I. Thousands of Allied soldiers are believed to have died from the poison gas attacks. In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began,

probing Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy's allegations of communist influence within the federal government, the U.S. Army and other spheres of American life. In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States and the first to resign from office, died at a New York

hospital four days after suffering a stroke. He was 81.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Actor Jack Nicholson is 89. Basketball Hall of Famer Spencer Haywood is 77. Singer Peter Frampton is 76. Actor-comedian Ryan Stiles is 67.

—Associated Press

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 - 52. *#33 Down Oscar winner
 - 56. Lie in wait
 - 57. Place one's stake
 - 58. Skin woe
 - 59. "Roots" by Alex ____
 - 60. House of Lords member
 - 61. Chalupa alternative
 - 62. Hoopla
 - 63. "Right" coast time
 - 64. "The Barbara ____ Show"
- DOWN
- 1. Deli side
 - 2. * __ lamp, 1960s invention popular in 1970s
 - 3. Newton, e.g.
 - 4. Echo
 - 5. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
 - 6. __ Tooty Fresh 'n Fruity
 - 7. Cathedral part
 - 8. *1976 Summer Olympics location
 - 9. Caribbean color
 - 10. Boot-wearing cat
 - 11. "Johnny Nash's "I Can ____ Clearly Now"
 - 13. Spinning toy (2 words)

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- 14. Make a logical connection (2 words)
 - 19. 4 x 4 race
 - 22. Dead one or Black one, e.g.
 - 23. Ottoman Empire bigwig
 - 24. Teamsters, e.g.
 - 25. Consumed
 - 26. *"Sanford and Son" star
 - 27. "That's all she ____"
 - 28. Buenos follower
 - 29. *Eric Clapton's 1970 hit
 - 32. Not ever, contraction
 - 33. *1975 movie "____ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
 - 36. *Kung Fu movie star (2 words)
 - 38. Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El ____
 - 40. Away's partner
 - 41. Old master print maker
 - 44. Scrawny
 - 46. Feel sympathy
 - 48. Common hops
 - 49. Eight performers
 - 50. No problem
 - 51. Cheap reads
 - 52. Back of neck
 - 53. a.k.a. horse mackerel
 - 54. *Jacqueline Susann's best-seller "____ Is Not Enough"
 - 55. Noble gas
 - 56. "Zip it!"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

Flags of Earth Day

The lunar squares arriving fast and furious on Earth Day could read as red flags: straighten up or else. Or maybe they're white flags: I surrender. Love, your Earth. A conjunction to Jupiter suggests another possibility entirely: checkered flags at the start of a race. Go. Do your best. There are more laps ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your role as an earthling is to be a steady, grounding presence even through the changes — of season, weather, power, relationship and of self. What makes you feel like a natural being? Touching the earth with your bare feet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your role as an earthling is to notice, name and share what's happening in real time, translating so others can understand it, too. What makes you feel like a natural being? Talking under an open sky.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your role is to tend the spaces where life is nurtured, creating safety where growth can happen and where others can return when they need care. What makes you feel like a natural being? Cooking and feeding people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your role as an earthling is to radiate warmth and creative fire, energizing the atmosphere so others remember their own light and feel invited to shine it. What makes you feel like a natural being? Standing in the sun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your role as an earthling is to refine, restore and make things work better, honoring the details that keep systems healthy and life running smoothly. What makes you feel like a natural being? Putting something in order.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your role as an earthling is to create balance and beauty in shared spaces, bringing harmony to what could easily tip into discord. What makes you feel like a natural being? Arranging something until it feels just right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your role as an earthling is to face what others avoid, transforming what is hidden or stagnant

into something vital and alive again. What makes you feel like a natural being? Sitting with truth, no matter how intense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your role as an earthling is to explore, expand and keep the horizon open, reminding others there is always more to discover. What makes you feel like a natural being? Exploring without a destination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your role as an earthling is to build something enduring, shaping the raw material of life into structures that support growth over time. What makes you feel like a natural being? Climbing toward a goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your role as an earthling is to think beyond the present moment, imagining better systems and helping move humanity in that direction. What makes you feel like a natural being? Thinking your way through hypotheticals and then building the real thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your role as an earthling is to dissolve boundaries and remind everyone of their connection to each other and to the whole living world. What makes you feel like a natural being? Floating, swimming, bathing and boating.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your role as an earthling is to be the vital force that reminds everyone, including yourself, "We are alive -- act like it!" What makes you feel like a natural being? Gathering with friends around a fire.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April. 22). This is your Year of Love All Around. It starts with giving more time to yourself and the things that make you feel big-hearted and continues with sharing your fulfilled heart and being embraced and adored. More highlights: Tough relationships get easier, and easy relationships become more of your social life, which effervesces with fun, generosity and exploration. You'll win money from doubling down on what you're best at. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 21, 51 and 15.

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Also, a special Thanks to Love Funeral Home and James Shelley for the wonderful words and thoughts; also, to Carole Mills, Patti Lindsay, Ann Hasenbalg and Heather Magee for organizing the delicious meal and the many people who donated food.
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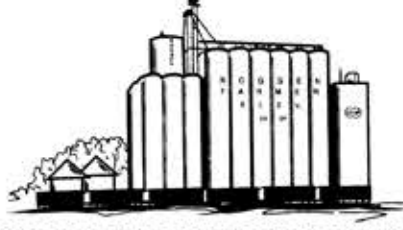
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Adult book club: “The Bookclub for Troublesome Women” by Marie Bostwick. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, April 24.

Saturday Storytime: A cheerful morning of stories, songs, rhymes and hands-on activities that spark imagination and learning — perfect for toddlers and preschoolers ages 2-6 — will occur at an external venue. 10-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, KB Home, 47369 Magnolia Ave., Bennett.

Teen Hangout: Teens ages 13-18 can hang out, play games, and enjoy snacks. Gaming consoles, board games, crafts and other activities will be available. 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 28.

Kid’s Day Party: Celebrate the beloved Mexican tradition of Día del Niño — Kids’ Day — with activities, performances and treats for all ages — starting with a Mariachi Las Dahlias performance at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30. Families can create their own piñata (one per family, as supplies allow) filled with candy from 4:30-6 p.m., and Ballet Folklórico will perform from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Other activities will include face painting and balloon art. Food and supplies available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.

World Cup Soccer workshop: Kids ages 10 and up will practice footwork, learn new tricks and run drills to build confidence on the field — just like a World Cup pro — with Coach Adn Jay. Participants will meet outside after school. Snacks and water provided. No advanced registration necessary. 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5.

Skateboarding 101 at Trupp Park: Kids ages 10 and up can roll into a fun, energetic session of skateboarding at Trupp Park in Bennett to learn the basics or sharpen skills with support from Carve Your Own Path. No experience necessary. Participants should bring their own board and protective gear. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12.

The Culinary Science of Butter and Toast: Kids ages 12 and up can get hands-on

in the kitchen with 4-H to make butter and toast from scratch. Explore the science behind churning butter and learn about the Maillard reaction that gives toast its delicious flavor. Both dairy and gluten options will be discussed. 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, May 13.

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Citizenship study group: Adult advanced English learners can learn about the citizenship process and prepare for interviews. They will explore free civics resources and increase their reading and writing skills. 1:30-3 p.m., Thursday, April 23.

Toddler ‘Play & Learn’: In this four-part program, toddlers ages 1-3 can play and explore while their caregivers chat with an early childhood professional (e.g. child behavior specialist, music teacher, nutritionist, speech therapist) in an informal setting. Drop-ins welcome as space allows. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, April 24.

Teen Volunteer Drop-in: Teens in grades 7-12 can earn volunteer hours by assisting with light prep tasks. They can stay for all or part of the session. Volunteer paperwork required. 3-5 p.m., Friday, April 24.

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Tummy Time & Social Hour: Drop in for a welcoming program where babies can explore while parents and caregivers connect, share and learn. Quilts, toys and books provided. Early childhood professionals 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, April 24.

60th birthday celebration: All ages are invited to celebrate Arapahoe Libraries’ 60th birthday at Davies Library. Community members can drop in for birthday-themed fun, including bingo, cake, crafts and trivia. The event will celebrate six decades of library service and the community where it started. 2-4 p.m., Thursday, April 30.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Call Diane, (303)644-3717, for meeting ID.
Strasburg Elementary Concert for first and third grades and Strasburg Singers. 6 and 7 p.m., Mountain View Fellowship.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
West Arapahoe Conservation District Board. 5 p.m. Virtual meeting at westarapahoeconservationdistrict.wordpress.com.
Agate School Board. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Senior citizen game day. 1-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.
Bennett Board of Trustees. Outgoing trustees reception 6 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

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Preschool story time: Hear a story, sing a song, and spend time together to promote literacy for preschoolers. 10-10:15 a.m., arapahoelibraries.com. Click on “virtual events.”

EVERY SUNDAY
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EVERY MONDAY
Storytime: Children up to ages 2-5 listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy activities that promote early literacy. 10-10:30 a.m., Anythink Bennett library.
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicdirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.

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Barbecue Beef & Cheese Quesadillas

This quesadilla recipe features sliced barbecue beef and melted cheese in a tortilla.

BARBECUE BEEF & CHEESE QUESADILLAS

- INGREDIENTS
- 1/2 package (2-pound size) fully-cooked sliced beef in barbecue sauce (approximately 2 cups)
 - 8 (6- to 7-inch) flour tortillas
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses
 - 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
 - 1/4 cup chopped onion

DIRECTIONS
Heat oven to 400°F. Lightly spray

2 large baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.
Place 4 tortillas on each baking sheet.
Sprinkle 3 tablespoons cheese evenly over each tortilla.
Combine beef, bell pepper and onion in medium bowl.
Spoon about 1/4 cup beef mixture onto each tortilla.
Fold tortillas in half to close.
Lightly spray tops with cooking spray.
Bake 10 minutes or until tortillas are lightly browned.

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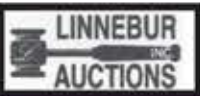
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Dear Community:

Publication of the *Eastern Colorado News* will cease with the May 29, 2026, edition.

Thank you to all of our subscribers and advertisers over the past 25 years I have owned the *ECN*, which was founded in 1916 and is 110 years old. I regret having to close it for the obvious reasons, but two newspapers in a community this size are simply one too many in this day and age.

On the brighter side, we look forward to using the resources from the *ECN* to build a bigger, better *I-70 Scout* and make improvements to www.i-70scout.com.

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Again, thank you for your support.

— Douglas Claussen, Publisher & Editor