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Boebert requests \$5M for Bennett bridge

by **Steven Vetter**
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EATON — A quickly deteriorating interchange at the I-70 Corridor's fastest growing community appears to firmly on the federal government's radar for possible funding next year.

In an April 3 announcement, Republican District 4 Rep. Lauren Boebert said that she has requested \$5 million in 2027 federal funding to help with the proposed I-70 Connecting Bridge Replacement at Bennett.

"This bridge is essential to public safety operations in Bennett and the surrounding rural areas. It

provides direct access to Interstate 70 and connectivity to U.S. Highway 36 and Highway 79, allowing deputies, fire personnel and emergency medical services to respond quickly across a community that is physically divided by major transportation

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Area Naval veteran Mark Hintgen was one of four local veterans to receive a Quilt of Valor during the March 28 meeting of the local Silver Spike Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. **SEE PAGE 7.**

Second chance for 'Burg mining site on the table

by **Steven Vetter**
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STRASBURG — After violations of state mining and Arapahoe County zoning regulations last year, a property owner south of Strasburg is seeking a second chance at shipping materials throughout the region.

Local public comment is wanted, and residents from Strasburg and throughout the I-70 Corridor can attend a neighborhood outreach meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, April 20, at Anythink Bennett library, 495 Seventh St. They will receive information and comment on a use by special review request for the proposed Strasburg Borrow Pit at 56505 E. County Road 26, about four miles south of Strasburg.

According to a March 21

letter sent to neighbors of the site near the intersection of county roads 157 and 26, the intent of the project to extract sand and gravel to be delivered off site to area "public highway construction projects."

The correspondence from the applicant's land use consultant further said, "The proposed mining operation is expected to occur during daytime hours, currently anticipated to be between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., subject to [Arapahoe County] approval and any applicable permit conditions. The operation may involve up to 150 truckloads of material leaving the site each day. Nearby property owners may experience increased truck traffic on area roads, as well as dust and noise associated

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Semi crashes on Strasburg ramp

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STRASBURG — A semi crash on the westbound on-ramp at Strasburg forced commuters leaving the community last Thursday to use Highway 36 to make their way towards Bennett or the metro area.

Just before 9 a.m. April 2, the Colorado State Patrol, Strasburg Fire Rescue, and local sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the mile marker 310 interchange on report of a rolled semi.

Upon arrival, the semi pulling a pair of FedEx trailers was found still upright but one of the units it was pulling was on its side down the inside embankment of the westbound on-ramp.

"It was reported the semi hit a guardrail and the end trailer flipped," a State Patrol spokeswoman said. "Approximately 15 yards of guardrail, three trees, and a delineator post were damaged. Once coming to rest, the rig blocked the entire westbound on-ramp of I-70."

The rig reportedly lost about 25 gallons of fluid that leaked from the



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A FedEx trailer that slid down an embankment and tipped on its side after the semi pulling it crashed into a guardrail on the westbound on-ramp of I-70 at the Strasburg April 2 was upright about five hours after the accident happened.

semi, but no widespread contamination was indicated.

The westbound on-ramp was closed about five hours, reopening just before 1 p.m. Thursday.

While the investigation, cleanup and extrication of semi and trailers was happening, commuters heading west from Strasburg proper had to use Highway 36 (Colfax Avenue) to

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Siblings Barrett, 7, and Brynn Houston, 6, perform inventory on their treat-filled holiday orbs to determine whether they are among the numerous prize-winners during the Easter egg hunt co-hosted by the Deer Trail Rodeo Jockeyettes and the town of Deer Trail at the rodeo grounds April 4. **SEE PAGE 8.**